

Displaced Miracle

WASHINGTON THIS could be the story of a miracle. It could be the story of how, miraculously at the last hour, Congress related and agreed to fund the displaced persons...

But the chances for this miracle are not high. It can be called off. In the final reckoning, the weak and wavering members...

To the rest of the world, it is a sign that we are unwilling to play still in the game of fear and suspicion. It is a confession that the great past, it was brought out...

LIVING IN PURGATORY

As a result of the folly of British politics, the displaced persons are now the center of an increasingly bitter struggle...

Actually, of course, there is little difference between failure and success. The desperate, harassed Jews seeking admission to what they call the "land of milk and honey"...

To begin with, most Congressmen have about as much knowledge of displaced persons...

Joseph & Stewart Also Tourniquet Timetable

WASHINGTON AN unnecessary mystery has been made of the Administration's plans for the Marshall plan for Europe...

In brief, there will be no prolonged special session unless the State Department is able to complete the sea and the quickest American route is still a foregone conclusion...

There is no special reason for the Administration's air-aimlessness and uncertainty about the special session...

It is this done, in turn, the committee will then be ready to report out an amended, completed bill as soon as Congress meets...

COMPLETING STUDIES The State Department's planning section is now working on its studies of the political aspects of the problem...

Thus by Oct. 1 all the data needed for action will at long last be available. At that time or shortly thereafter, there is good reason to expect that Senator Vandenberg...

DECISION PENDING The final decision as to whether to adopt this novel expedient has not yet been taken...

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Communists And A Third Party

IT now seems to be an established fact that the Communist Party, USA, is actively supporting the third party movement...

In the first place, a third party headed by Henry Wallace would be the greatest threat to the ranks of Democracy...

There is also another aspect of this business that does not seem to have occurred to either Democratic or Republican leaders...

Since Uncle Joe Stalin is a pretty tall practical joker, it is not surprising that he knows as well as Bob Hannegan...

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Editor, The News: I had that letter published in The News the other day concerning immortality. I have received several personal letters and seen some in The News concerning it...

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It's Soap Box Derby Day Again

TO ONE who has never seen a soap box derby, it seems incredible that the sight of dozens of kids rolling down hill in home-made racing cars as exciting as his. It is the annual Soap Box Derby held in Akron, Ohio...

There are two reasons why the Derby Day is organized with loving care and given the standard trappings of the annual racing classic at Indianapolis. This news and the various forms and individuals who are so concerned in starting the Derby Day are organized with loving care...

But more important is the enthusiasm and seriousness with which the youthful participants approach the final event. This is communicated to the most blasé...

There's Something About A Soldier

MOST Marines have read a threat of oblivion in the proposed merger of the armed services, and early rays of protest have filled the hearts of the men in blue. One of the reasons he suspects, is that the Corps itself has abandoned many of its special titles to simplify machine record procedures...

The hard truth, Lt.-Col. John Corbin, USMC, writes in the current issues of The Marine Corps Gazette, is that the Marines have been reduced to the status of common soldiers. The sailor flavor of their speech is passing; ancient, barnacle-crustered traditions are crumbling...

Colonel Corbin reports that he has heard Marines use "ship over" for "ship over," "hitch" for "crucify," "yes, sir" for "aye, yes, sir," and, most horrible of all, he has even heard members of the Corps referring to themselves as "GIs." He also notes that it is clear that merger has no terrors for him...

Another Voice

THE politician holds stoutly and cheerfully to the idea that chickens are not to be counted before they are hatched. And small wonder. The feuds and invectives of yesterday have a way of becoming mellowed in the light of today's new circumstances and purposes...

It seems only yesterday, indeed, that A. F. Whitney, president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, was venturing defiantly to the intention of spending millions of dollars if necessary to beat Harry Truman for re-election. And now arises Mr. Whitney's choice for 1948...

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Practical Labor Politics

Hartley and all their political kin on one hand; on the other, denying aid and comfort to the enemy of 1946. Mr. Whitney, however, is just as obviously a practical man. He has no illusions about the Taft-Hartley Act and to smite its supporters. It is admitted that there would be little smiling done, but rather a virtual guarantee of triumph for the Republicans if there is even a moderate substantial third party...

Mr. Whitney wants an issue plainly drawn, a job done. And by his veto of the bill, however unsuccessful, Mr. Truman showed where he stands. This is in itself not surprising. The Taft-Hartley Act, with its Republican identification, had flowered in the meanwhile...

In an age of electronics and jet propulsion, members of the Italian Assembly revert to hurling innuendos as missiles, thus turning the clock back to the early Renaissance.

A Kansas City election is stolen (cheers); then the evidence is stolen (laughter); finally it is announced that out-of-town state crackers must have done it. It is a far cry from the "Order" (by the chair).

WASHINGTON BULL-HEADS WAYS & Means Chairman Harold Knutson, who has the habit of acting first and consulting afterwards, recently stepped out too far without a word to the committee or authorization from anyone, he appointed a special fact-finding group, largely composed of Wall Street lobbyists, and generally promised that the Government would pay for their expenses...

It exceeded my authority," he blurted. "I apologize to the committee." Then he asked the Committee to approve resolutions authorizing both the appointments to the fact-finding group, and \$25,000 for their expenses. A few stubborn Democrats, however, long annoyed over Knutson's arbitrary method, balked.

"By what authority did you appoint this advisory committee?" pressed Rhode Island's Alme Ford. "I acted too hastily. I didn't have any," Knutson defended. "I acted too hastily," he added weakly, "of the old saw, better late than never." Well, Knutson, it looks like you're going to have to dig out your own jeans, needed another Democrat.

WASHINGTON Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round: Knutson Begg Colleagues For \$25,000. After the discussion simmered down, Knutson turned to the committee and spoke humbly: "It's up to you. I want you fellows to get it passed."

Here are some of the tax advisers for whom the taxpayers will now pay \$25,000 for advice on future tax law: Roswell Magill, Wall Street tax lawyer; John L. Connolly, counsel for the Minnesota Mining & Manufacturing Co.; Chester Cowdin, chairman of University of Wisconsin continental Air Transport; Carson Duncan, the American Association of Railroad; John Hanes, director of Pan American Airways; Sperry Gyroscopic; John MacArthur, L. L. Bankers Trust, and American Superpower.

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