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DUTCH DYNAMITE

It is understandable that the Dutch... are a race of practical, business-like people... should want to retain their traditional sphere of influence in the East Indies... their latest resort to "policy action" unfortunately places them in the spotlight of world condemnation.

development would mean that the Soviet Union might soon be proclaimed as the savior of the Orient... free democracies of the West... under the leadership of the United States... find the world's land colossus, Russia, lining up the vast populations of the Orient...

CHRISTMAS FOR ALL

It could have been a bleak Christmas for many hundreds in Charlotte and Mecklenburg County... Thanks to the generosity of the people and the love work of the various social agencies, club civics and other organizations, it wasn't.

to the Empty Stocking Fund, gave help to 692 families including 9,774 individuals... The Salvation Army aided 278 families in addition to other Christmas activities, the Lions Club 38 families, Eagle Club 15, KiKa Club 24, and Sunday Schools 11, all of whom were registered...

FAITHFUL PUBLIC SERVANT

Those who were privileged to know and work with W. E. Vest admitted him for many things... He was highly skilled in his profession... He was a public servant in the finest Christian tradition, and is peculiarly a basic part of the true Christmas spirit.

after his death, to the contribution Mr. Vest made to Charlotte... He was superintendent of the Water Department... responsible for the careful planning and constant anticipation of future demand which has enabled the vital water supply to keep abreast of the city's growth.

OPPORTUNIST AT WORK

ROBERT STRIPLING, chief prosecutor for the House Un-American Activities Committee... is an opportunist with a flair for publicity and convenient code of ethics... Mr. Stripling has written a series of newspaper articles about his experience with the committee...

larly objectionable in the case of Mr. Stripling... who has been made privy to the private affairs of a lot of individuals and who is now hawking his knowledge in the public market... Unfortunately, there is no flat rule which will apply to all cases.

DEBTS AND INCOME

IF AN honest and honorable individual owned six times his annual income, he would be trying to figure out ways and means of narrowing the gap between outgoing and income with a view to getting on a sounder financial basis... Our Government is neither dishonest nor dishonorable, of course, yet its debts amount to around six years of income at current rates and it isn't trying to do anything about it.

and a high rate of national income the Government is following a spending policy which would be regarded as disastrous for an individual or a business concern... There is one safe standard for individuals and business enterprises and another for Government? Maybe so, but in the past generations have had the nation placed in some sound ideas into their fiscal practices.

People's Platform New Year's Resolution

CHARLOTTE... news you have provided describing their varied activities... Each published item contributes greatly to the success of such activities and may be considered to be cherished by each Club and its members... We extend to your entire organization best wishes for a successful and happy year.

NEW ORLEANS, LA... JUST read the anniversary number (60th anniversary edition) of The Charlotte News... I liked it a great deal... In the same issue I noticed your amusing editorial on Censor Binford of Memphis...

'Church-Goers'

CHARLOTTE... THERE'S an old hymn I've heard in a long time—it's called "He's Looking On You"... "He's looking on you, He's looking on you, He's looking on you, He's looking on you..."

Quote, Unquote

Miami police have concluded that a man found dead in Biscayne Bay with his throat cut was stabbed to death by a woman... "How many gorillas are there in the United States and where are they located?" inquires a regular of the Washington Star...

Note of Appreciation

CHARLOTTE... WITH the old year fast drawing to a close, the Club Scouts of Pack No. 8, Hawthorne, Lanna Meitling and I extend their "thanks" to you and The News for the many fine items of contribution...

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

THESE world's greatest deliberative body at Washington... the latest new Senators in years when it convenes Monday... The chances are its President Pro Tem will be a Roosevelt appointee... Administration as the National Association of Manufacturers...

Republican Leaders Differ

WHILE the Democrats battle over their Senate leaders tomorrow, the Republicans caucus over their leaders tomorrow... Several GOP liberals want to elect the conservative Michigan's elder-statesman in favor of Milliken... "I think we need a change of faces..."

WASHINGTON... PRESIDENT TRUMAN apparently is determined to stick to the course he has laid out for the next year... The President's advisers believe he will stand firm... The question of controls areas because everything this nation does abroad has its effects at home... The Army, Navy and Air Force would speed up the program...

Marquis Childs

WHILE the steamroller of reform is being rolled across the rebels among both Democrats and Republicans in the new Congress... The Democratic majority to the House... The President and his advisers... The demand for goods of the European recovery program...

Yeast of Rebellion

WASHINGTON... Speaking in Cincinnati before the Association of American Law Schools, that perennially conservative Wayne Morse of Oregon, went all out for demoralizing the rules of Congress... The Democratic rebels have made considerable headway... The rock-bottom minimum the reformers expect is the abolition of the Rules Committee...