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## Senator Hoey Speaks For Peace

SENATOR CLYDE R. HOEY of North Carolina has made an enlightened and forceful statement for the European Recovery Program in his speech on the Senate floor, in which he declares that adoption of the Marshall Plan offers the "best immediate means" to advance the cause of peace.

In his calm approach to the international problem, in his optimistic outlook and in his expression of faith in the democratic cause, North Carolina's senior Senator sets a heartening example for Congress, the Administration, and the people. Alarm and gloom have been much too evident in the Washington picture in recent days as a consequence of further Russian gains in the "cold war" between the powers.

The Senator accurately states the problem of the hour when he says:

> The trouble with Russia is that she is suspicious of the United States and is not assured of herself. She knows of our might and power, of our wealth and resources, and our prestige and capacity to produce, and she knows that we could dominate the earth. Russia knows only too well that if she had what the United States has she would undertake to subjugate the world and she cannot understand why we do not have the same ambition.
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> It may be added that Russia will never understand that America does not have ambitions for world domination until more American leaders see the problem in the same clear light as Senator Hoey and define our proper course with equal conviction. There have been too many Americans, both in and out of the Government, who have said and done things indicating that they think America has the power to rule the world and intends to do so.

On the one hand, Henry Wallace goes before Congress with a statement that the Marshall Plan is part of a gigantic conspiracy to force America's economic and political views on the world and eliminate the Soviet through war. On the other hand, a group of Republican Senators proposes an amendment to the Marshall Plan which calls for such a program.

These are but two of the more recent and glaring examples of the contradiction in the American position. Senator Vandenberg, the Republican who is chairman of the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee, has hastened to condemn the warlike formula of the group that would revise the Marshall Plan overnight, but the American political fight over the European Recovery Program still is unsettled. In view of the conflict and confusion in Washington, it is not to be wondered that many American citizens and many Europeans other than Russians are not convinced that the United States seeks only reconstruction and peace.

As Senator Hoey observes, the Marshall Plan as originally formulated offers the most practical immediate means of demonstrating America's peaceful and democratic intentions before all the world. There can be no guarantee that this program will eventually change Russia's attitude and lead to a settlement, but it represents a great step in the only way in which there is a chance to avoid war. If it does nothing else, the Marshall Plan will serve to rally the non-Communist peoples of the world more firmly in our cause. As Senator Hoey says, it is well worth the effort in every way.

## A Good Time In Charlotte

CHARLOTTE is on the march. There's a new determination in the air, and a new hope. Any citizen who has failed to notice it is one who has not bothered to stir out of his easy chair or read his newspaper, which daily is filled with reports of new businesses opening, new people coming to town, new undertakings by City or County Governments, private individuals, concerns and civic organizations. Stories of things planned or things accomplished. The world may be in a sad state but Charlotte hasn't time to pause for worry about that detail.

An example of the 1948 enterprise is given by the quick manner in which the Junior Chamber of Commerce tackled and solved the problem of introducing a program here for the special instruction of mentally retarded children. It has voted to set aside $2,400 to pay the expenses of the clinic for exceptional children in its first year. The money will come from proceeds of the Southeast Championship Rodeo and the Jaycees Jollies which the Junior Chamber is sponsoring. It thus contributes to both the community's social progress and the public entertainment in a way that should inspire other organizations to look for projects that will advance the Charlotte cause.

The senior Chamber this week approved in principle an ambitious development program drafted by its new manager, Floyd K. Kay, a program suited to the quickening pace of commercial, industrial and financial operations in this center of the Piedmont Carolinas. The Chamber voted to make the Christmas Festival, introduced last year, an annual affair. Thanks to Chamber initiative, the city is assured of another elaborate spectacle in May and June, when the symphonic drama of Mecklenburg will be presented.

This week the city made a start on smoke control when the City Council authorized immediate employment of a smoke abatement engineer. The City's new traffic engineer initiated a long-range study of our traffic problem. City Manager Yancey and the City Council devoted more attention to plans for extending services to the outlying areas which are to be brought within the City next January. The School Board wrestled with plans for a large building expansion program.

These are but some of the items that stand out in a scanning of the news in Charlotte for one day. They are among the signs of progress that have multiplied at an increasing rate in recent months. It is a movement that is producing growing talk, ideas, plans and agitation for parks and recreation facilities, for a new auditorium and a larger stadium, for slum clearance, for a new Southern Railway station, and other projects. It's the coming of age of the Charlotte envisioned in the Master Plan which has been drawn up by Chairman Frank Thies and his associates on the Planning Board. Any citizen who has not noticed it, and has failed to join some civic organization that is doing things, is missing a part in a dramatic enterprise.

## A Contest For Thurmond Chatham

A CONTEST for the Democratic Congressional nomination in the Fifth District is assured with the entry of Bob Duncan, 35-year-old Stokes County publisher, who has announced in opposition to Thurmond Chatham, chairman of the board of the Chatham Manufacturing Company. The seat sought by Messrs. Duncan and Chatham, and possibly other candidates, is now held by retiring Representative John H. Folger, of Mt. Airy.

Unless there is further change in the political picture in the Fifth District, it seems likely that Mr. Chatham will represent the district in the 81st Congress. The Winston-Salem industrialist nearly defeated Rep. Folger in the 1946 battle; indeed he led the incumbent in the first primary. Surely this formidable support has not disintegrated within the past two years.

Citizens of the Fifth District have become accustomed to able representation in the National House through the service of Rep. John Folger and his brother, the late Rep. Lon Folger. While it cannot be denied that the political philosophies of the

*From The Atlanta Journal*

## Hard Work Pays Off

THERE IS an interesting commentary on the operation of our system of free enterprise in business in figures assembled by the School of Commerce at the University of Wisconsin. As reported in the *Milwaukee Journal*, they indicate that the young man who wants to get ahead would do well to stick to one company.

The figures disclose that more than half of the executives of Wisconsin manufacturing companies have been with their firms more than 24 years and that, in the great majority of cases, executives pick their successors from the ranks of the company. Only about 15 per cent of the present executives of such plants in that state were hired from "outside." Of those chosen for executive jobs from the ranks, about 89 per cent were selected on the basis of their record with the company, the study shows.

And if you are hoping to become an executive, you would be wise to obtain a broad general background of your company and its operations, the school's analysis indicates. "The very nature of executive work," the study concludes, "demands a versatile man with a working knowledge of all phases of the business."

This survey certainly tends to bear out the contention that hard work and honest application will bear fruit in the form of promotion, and that you don't necessarily have to have "pull" or cater to the whims of the boss to get ahead in the American economy.

## 'Aren't There Certain Risks Involved In Boating?'

*Herblock in Washington Post*

*People's Platform*

## Protest On Dr. Frank Graham

CHARLOTTE

Editors, THE NEWS:

FOLLOWING is the text of a letter which I have addressed to Senator Clyde R. Hoey:

Honorable Clyde R. Hoey,
Washington, D. C.
Dear Sir:

Thank you for your letter of Feb. 17. We believe you are fighting the things you spoke of, but what the people of this state want to know is why a man who is at present (according to the Associated Press), Honorary ?? President of an organization which the Un-American Activities Committee, the FBI, and, I believe Attorney General Clark's office declared "subversive," and yet also president of our State University? Also, why is such a man on a committee to change our way of life in these United States? This "Un-American" Committee said last June 14 (printed by AP on June 15), that this organization was "perhaps the most deviously camouflaged Communist front organization" known.

Earl Browder in a radio address over WOL in Washington on Nov. 27, 1938, admitted this organization was one of the party's (Communist) "transmission belts". Still quoting this article, "Graham urged the freedom of Earl Browder, sponsored a dinner which the publication, 'Soviet Russia Today,' held to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Red Army," etc. This one organization is only used as an example of those associated with Graham's name. There are many others, the FBI, Attorney General Clark, and others can give you the names of them, as well as the Associated Press.

Of course we know there are many things being done by our so-called "leaders", of which we know little, but these did are so glaring as very hard to understand. We do not believe we should be made to pay a man to offer communistic rules, ways of life, etc., to our immature minds of the boys in the State University. I think every thinking American, be he from the North, South, East or West, should feel a resentment of such an outrage. Don't you? Even the CIO in Miami, Fla., last week "pulled" the card of their leader because he was guilty of having dinner with a representative of the Communist Party who was there to solicit funds for "alien" Communists who were being deported. Even the CIO won't stand for such, and yet we have to live in a state where this so-called "great" leader stuffs this rotten thing down our throats, so to speak, and we are supposed to like it? Why?

We think our Governor should explain this to the people who pay this man. Don't you? We also think our other "leaders" should be interested to the extent that they want to know why also.

Couldn't the press relieve the minds of some of us on such matters if the officials are in position to clarify these questions?

—CLYDE M. SCOTT.

### Crying Need Of The Hour

CHARLOTTE

Editors, THE NEWS:

THERE is a heavy burden on my heart tonight as I think of the multiplied thousands of precious young boys and girls who are hitting the highways of hell at a speed that would make our fastest airplane look like it was standing still!

Has it ever occurred to you mothers and dads to "go slumming" some night to the various roadside inns, dance halls, night clubs, cafes and grills, and see the moral corruption and free-lovism that is practiced in the booths, the dance floors and the parked automobiles where some of your girls and boys are riotously living, without fear of God, and making a mock of sin?

Today, political, social and religious corruption fills the earth. "Men of renown" teach us to dance, to stamp out infantile paralysis! To smoke the little "white coffin nails", to keep our heart in good trim! To drink ourselves drunk in order to pay our taxes! To become lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God.

America's greatest peril is the disastrous decay of religion. America is sick because it has forgotten God. No nation which disregards the love of God and flouts the claim of the Man of Galilee, can long survive. The crying need of the hour is to restore God back to the homes and you parents are the only ones who can do that. Start back the family altar and train your child up like he should go. You will be held accountable to God for the outcome of your children.

We have forgotten our boys who died on the battlefield; also the voice of the Lord, in our pleasure-mad, money-grabbing spree. God help us to return before it is too late. A Heaven-sent, God-inspired, sin-killing national religious revival is desperately needed today.

—WARREN W. WOODS.

### Serving All At Mint Museum

CHARLOTTE

Editors, THE NEWS:

ON behalf of the Mint Museum of Art may I express appreciation to THE NEWS for the co-operation given to the Museum in the successful effort to provide more adequate bus service to the Museum.

The coverage of the Museum's appeal to the City Council by THE NEWS through news items and the publication of my letter stating the need for improved service contributed much to establish awareness of the need and stimulate active public interest and expression in support of the request.

The Mint Museum belongs to the people of Charlotte, and is the only institution devoted to fostering appreciation, enjoyment and creation of the visual arts which is open to the public without charge. The action of the Duke Power Co., City officials and Council in approving the routing of the No. 9 Fairover bus past the Museum will assist the Museum in its effort to serve youth and adult, rich and poor by providing opportunity for all to increase their familiarity and acquaintance with the visual arts of the past and present.

I am confident that when the actual rerouting is accomplished and the service commenced, use of this facility will justify the wisdom of this action.

—JOSEPH SHIELDS HUTCHISON,
Director.

### A Social Failure

FLORENCE, S. C.

Editors, THE NEWS:

THE Ross child case is a blot on the State of North Carolina.

—G. B. ANDERSON.

### Political Facts

CHARLOTTE

Editors, THE NEWS:

YOUR editorial in THE NEWS, Feb. 28, "Truman, Wallace, Roosevelt," is one of the most condensed compendiums of political facts I have had the pleasure to read, especially from the Democratic standpoint.

—J. E. BEAM.

*Marquis Childs*

## Case Of Dr. Condon

WASHINGTON

THE CURRENT loyalty witch-hunt is shown in its shabbiest and meanest form in the attack on Dr. Edward U. Condon by a subcommittee of the House Un-American Activities Committee. The subcommittee's report is about as un-American as anything could be.

It relies almost entirely on guilt by association. Because Dr. Condon, head of the National Bureau of Standards, talked to the wife of the Polish Ambassador and to two or three employees of the Soviet and satellite embassies, the committee demands his discharge.

"It is known," said a letter quoted by the committee and purportedly from the FBI, "that in February, 1947, Zlotowski (former counselor of the Polish Embassy) purchased 270 books on atomic energy which had been published by the Department of Commerce."

The childishness of this would be funny if it were not so tragic. Repeatedly scientists have said that, with publication of the Smyth Report on atomic fission five days after the atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima, the essential "secret" of a smic energy was released to the world. That report was published on the specific authorization of Maj. Gen. Leslie R. Groves, wartime head of the atomic bomb project. Most recently, Chancellor Robert Hutchins of the University of Chicago, in an article in the American Magazine, said that after the Smyth Report even a set of bomb-making blueprints would be of little additional help.

The Smyth Report has been on sale in every book store for two years. So much for the childish assumption that there is a "secret" which an American scientist could hand to a foreign scientist.

In connection with Dr. Condon's personal loyalty, some background is revealing. His record was carefully and thoroughly examined by the loyalty board created in the Department of Commerce under President Truman's executive order on the loyalty of Government employees.

Chairman of that three-man board was Adrian S. Fisher, who was then Solicitor of the Commerce Department. The board had all the material available to the House committee, including the FBI reports on Dr. Condon's and his wife's associates.

But unlike the House committee, which never once gave Condon a chance to answer the vague accusations made against him, the board let him appear on his own behalf. Condon presented evidence bearing on his background and on the associations held against him.

That was last September. After detailed consideration of all the evidence, the board found no question concerning Dr. Condon's loyalty.

This meant that they found he was not in thrall to any alien ideology or any foreign power. In other words, he is an American with a belief in the basic principles of the American Government.

The board found, in the course of its inquiry, that Dr. Condon is a thorough-going maverick. That is to say, he thinks for himself. His mind even though the opinion he expresses may not be popular or in accord with the views of the majority at the moment. Often he has spoken bluntly, with what many would consider indiscretion, in a time of insecurity and hysteria such as the present—not about scientific matters but about his political beliefs, which are certainly not those of Rep. J. Parnell Thomas, chairman of the Un-American Activities Committee. His wife has also spoken freely and sometimes, by current interpretation, indiscreetly.

This raises a pretty basic question. Is an American citizen, whether in government or out, to be denied the right to any views other than those of the most narrow orthodoxy? To answer yes is to go against the broadest and deepest tradition of American freedom.

A postscript of the Commerce Department loyalty check is significant. Fisher, chairman of the loyalty board, was brought into the Department to be Solicitor by the present Secretary, W. Averell Harriman. A week ago, Fisher resigned that post to become general counsel of the Atomic Energy Commission. Approval for the latter position implies a most searching FBI examination, which is a further assurance of the validity of the report clearing Condon which was prepared by Fisher. To fair-minded Americans it will seem clear that Condon is being persecuted because he was appointed head of the Bureau of Standards by Henry Wallace when Wallace was Secretary of Commerce. A second reason is the smear campaign conducted against him in a small section of the press.

The Thomas report leans on the word of a "self-confessed Soviet espionage agent." This is a dubious source since self-confession seems to be a sure way to gain acceptance. To make such vague and tenuous accusations without giving the victim a chance to state his own case is to make ourselves into the enemy we profess to despise.

*Samuel Grafton*

## More Definitions

NEW YORK

PRACTICAL POLITICS: The art of computing how many county chairmen are on your side, at a time when the voters obviously want an Eisenhower or someone else who wouldn't know a county chairman if he saw one.

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The Healthy Society: We are told, by those who dislike us very much, that American society is sick, deep in the later stages of bourgeois decadence. A healthy society, we are informed, is a daring society, one which runs risks and takes chances. But it would be hard to find any other society which has taken greater risks than we have, as for example, in asking for inflation, by killing price control at a time when we were doing so well. The cool inaccuracy of that choice will be preserved and hardihood displayed, are almost unmatched in the annals of audacity. Then, too, there is the fact that we have quite willingly lived through three years of the world's worst crisis, with only Mr. Truman between ourselves and the fearful face of fate. In later years they will perhaps exclaim over us, and say intrepid we were. We do have guts. Of course, there are some who say we should go further, and starting next year, name someone like the rightwing Mr. Taft as the man to set an unhappy world aright. But there are more sober heads who feel we have already proved our courage sufficiently, and that additional gestures are uncalled for.

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Secret diplomacy: A process under which great questions are negotiated between nations in closed meetings, while the reporters stay outside.

Open diplomacy: A process under which the President stays outside with the reporters, and there aren't any meetings.

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Deflation: The downbeat of a major economic cycle. On the way up, which is called inflation, the moment you scrape together ten thousand dollars to buy a house, the price rises to fifteen. When, by stopping the children's allowances, switching to a pipe and eating chop meat, you manage to accumulate fifteen grand, the price goes to twenty. During deflation, contrariwise, when the price drops to fifteen you find you only have ten left, and when it hits ten you only have five. This ballet-like forward and backward movement of youth and age, of success and need, ever and forever out of reach, is one of the most graceful motions in nature, and has been compared to the ebb and flow of the tides, only the way up, during inflation, it is customary to pray that production will rise to a level sufficient to meet demand, and thus force prices down. When this happens however, a curious form of displeasure breaks out among the producers who have been predicting this outcome. Every decline in prices is greeted with groans, as if the producers never did think to look for more shortages, and to predict with great satisfaction that they will continue. Some authorities believe this to be a survival of primitive magic, an effort to deceive the evil eye about the existence of plenty, by talking volubly about our lacks. Other authorities discount the magic theory and consider that the whole attitude is based on a vulgar desire to make money.

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Vindication at the polls: That which you get from the voters because your principles are right, your candidate is attractive and the other side is split.

While President Truman is calling merry hell throughout the South for his 10-point civil rights program, it is well that Democrats remember the Republican party offers no safe harbor. The Republican party has been offering "the Truman story" for the past 50 years. Democrats in the South have two courses, either to take a strong part in writing the platform, or walk out of the convention. There is nothing to be gained from whooping-it-up for a third party.—Decatur (Ala.) Daily.

*Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round*

## Keefe Crusades For Better U. S. Health

WASHINGTON

CONGRESSMAN FRANK KEEFE of Wisconsin won fame a couple of years ago when he scowled from under shaggy eyebrows at Pearl Harbor witnesses and fired searching questions regarding the real guilt for our greatest naval disaster.

Those who heard Congressman Keefe browbeat admirals never would have dreamed that he could be equally demanding when it came to a humane subject like public health but ever since the tides of political fate put Keefe in charge of the subcommittee which votes funds for hospitals, universities and medical research, he has become a crusader for better health.

Believe it or not, while other GOP congressmen were pinching pennies, Keefe actually scolded U. S. Public Health officials for asking insufficient money to publicize a miraculous new means of preserving children's teeth.

At a cost of 80 cents per child, Congressman Keefe discovered, children's teeth can be treated with sodium fluoride, thereby preventing dental decay in about 50 per cent of the cases.

Public health officials testifying before Keefe's committee told him that sodium fluoride could be mixed in a solution and painted on children's teeth; four times in their lives between the ages of three and thirteen—after which most of them could virtually forget about going to the dentist.

### Shortage Of Dentists

The Congressman was flabbergasted. He wanted to know why the treatment had not been given to the public.

"The number of dentists is too few," replied U. S. Public Health Director Dr. Thomas Parran, "and they are so busy dealing with emergency conditions, especially among adults, that they just do not have the time. We do not have the dental manpower to do this job for the whole child population."

"A dentist's assistant would be able to apply this sodium fluoride to the child's teeth," observed Congressman Keefe.

"Yes," replied Dr. Parran, "but we are terribly short even in the number of dental assistants."

"It looks to me," said Keefe, "as though an advertising program would disseminate this information to the people of the country until there would be an overwhelming demand upon the public health services to make this available to the children.

"You have only a small outfit here in Washington," Keefe continued, referring to the Central Public Health Service. "Only eight people are asked for under this appropriation."

Dr. Parran explained that he was trying to use a nucleus of dental hygienists who, in turn, would train others, but the Congressman from Wisconsin wasn't satisfied.

"You are asking here for $1,500,000—a very small amount for administrative expenses," he observed, referring to the entire public health appropriation. Keefe then asked how much of this would be used for dental education.

### Treatment Simple, Inexpensive

THE Public Health officials were not able to give a definite answer, but they did explain how simple the sodium fluoride treatment was.

"Our schedule requires application four times during a child's life—at the ages of three, seven, ten and thirteen years," explained Dr. J. W. Mountin. "The whole thing does not take more than a minute except the cleaning of the teeth, and many of the teeth need not be cleaned."

"What does the sodium fluorid cost?" asked Keefe. "Is it very expensive?"

"A gallon of solution can be made for a cost of approximately five cents."

"A gallon of it would take care of pretty nearly the whole school population of a normal sized community, would it not?" asked the Congressman.

"Yes, indeed."

Keefe went on to point out that if the new revolutionary dental program were left merely to dentists, its progress would be much too slow. Therefore he urged that a nationwide educational campaign by Public Health officials said they would consider the matter.

### Health Merry-Go-Round

THINGS you didn't know about the health of your country: The U. S. A. now has the lowest death rate in history. In 1946 only ten people died out of every 1,000. The baby death rate is also the lowest in our history—35.1 per 1,000. . . . highest birth rate is in the U. S. A. with Canada next where 21.2 babies die for every 1,000 among the Spanish population. If you're born in Arkansas you have the best chance of living. Its infant mortality is lowest—26.4 per 1,000. . . . Fifty years ago TB caused the second largest number of deaths in the U. S. A. Today it's only the seventh deadliest disease. Heart disease remains the chief killer of the American people. . . . Virus diseases are getting worst, though the medics think they've isolated at least one virus which causes the common cold. . . . Polio is on the increase and its cause remains a mystery. . . . Typhoid is also increasing. . . . General Eisenhower's perfect teeth are attributed to the sodium fluoride in the water where he once lived in Texas.

Some areas in the Dakotas and the Southwest have too much fluoride in the water which makes teeth enamel mottled. . . . The Public Health Service is experimenting with means of putting the right amount of sodium fluoride in city water supplies, in order to preserve teeth. They believe this can be done in areas which have a central water supply. . . . More and more city water supplies are becoming polluted and dangerous. About 100,000,000 people (U. S. population is only 140,000,000) live in communities which need $8,000,000 spent to improve their water supply and sewage disposal.