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## Earle's Solution Is Folly

OF ALL the simple solutions offered by would-be saviors in this time of crisis and hysteria, the one advanced by George H. Earle of Pennsylvania takes our prize for foolishness.

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Mr. Earle served a term as Governor of Pennsylvania and was assigned to diplomatic service in Bulgaria and Austria before he emerged as a crusader against Communism, in which fole he appeared on a visit in North Carolina this week. As usual, he presented his sovereign remedy for Communism — bombing Russia and her astellities out of exhizence.

satellites out of existence.

Mr. Earle served a turn in the Navy as a leutenant-commander but he obviously knows very little about military science or he would not advance the proposal to bomb Russia with such confidence. On practical grounds alone, it rates in the class of highly dubious undertakings.

There is a large question whether we could obtain and hold the bases needed for sustained I on g-range operations against the Soviet Union.

There is an even larger question whether our airplanes could penetrate the Soviet air defenses in sufficient number to carry out their objectives.

In the Second World War, our bombers were handicapped in many instances by lack of accurate maps. Our maps of Russia

may be presumed to be less accurate than the Italian and German maps we used in World War II. Mr. Earle would get around this problem by saturation bombing of all Russia, leaving nothing—an operation so enormous as to place his whole suggestion in the realm of the utterly fantastic. But granting that we could overcome all the technical, logistical and sirrategis one of the control of the contr the barricades for revolutionary sessures or power. It is reasonable to suppose that they would succeed in taking control in many instances. Would we then proceed to pulverize Italy, or France, or possibly Great Britain in turn? If we did not do so, we would find that we had not bombed Com-munism out or existence but merely had scattered and inflamed it.

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For purposes of argument, let's concede, that the whole Earle atomic operation succeeded and that Russia and a large part of Rurope were reduced to lashes. Would that end the Communist threat? Would that simplify the problems of economic disorder, want, misery, fear and hatred, the breakdown of law and moral order, out of which Communism grows? The question answers itself.

### A Turning Point In Italy

IN ITALY, we have rounded a big corner in the struggle for restoration in the post-war world and the road ahead looks less forbidding than at any time since the East-West competition entered its major phase more than two years ago.

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It is too early to assess all the consequences of the Italian election, which went declavively against the Communist-dominated Popular Front, but already we can hail this result as the heaviest setback yet suffered by the Cominform and the Kremlin in their movement for world revolution singe the war einded. The democratic victory rates as that important singly on the total properties of the properties of the

If the Communist parties had won con-trol of Parliament, the world would now be in the midst of a new international crisis instead of contemplating the possi-bility of a less critical period in the days

ahead.

There are many reasons even now for regarding the Italian test as the turning point in the so-called "cold war" — the point at which America and democracy make the stand which will successfully contain Communism and open the way to a peaceful settlement.

The main question all along has not been whether America could meet the Russian challengs but whether we had the will and the determination to throw our-full weight into the European rivalry. In Italy particularly, we have given a notable demonstration of our intentior to back the non-Communist states to the limit. The Italian people have responded with a great wor of confidence in our capacity to full hard threat upon us.

The "cold war" is far from over, and the road sheed givel is full formation of the proportion of the good proportion.

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# Raising The Freight Rates Rates rates are boosted 10 per cent in the East and only 5 per cent elsewhere. The fight of the Southern Governors' Conference, in which North Carolina had a part, for;more equitable "class" rates as compared with the East is immediately brought to mind. About a year ago the ICC after much pressure from the South increased "class" rates —on manufactured or processed freight— 10 per cent in the East and lowered such rates 10 per cent in the South, putting Southern distributors on a Souting mor e equitable with that for Eastern shippers. That the former action was only a portion of a fair adjustment seems to be acknowledged in the differential in the increases granted this week. North Carolina Attorney General Harry McMullan, in a telephone conversation with a representation probably is a tacit recognition of the principle involved in the Southern Governors' fight At the most, however, this is only a step in the right direction. The South has no reason to relax in its long battle for over-all revision of a freight rate structure which discriminates in favor of the industrial East and North to the disadvantage of the South and West.

THE Interstate Commerce Commission, rain another temporary grant of freight rate increases pending final action on the railroads' perition for long-term increases averaging 30 per cent over schedules of mid-1947, has authorized a boost of 10 per cent in the East and 3 per cent in the South.

South.

\*\*Dispatches do not specify what kinds of freight are involved in the higher charges, which will add more than \$300 million as year to the shippers' bill. Presumably the boost extends to all class and commody rates but there may be many exceptions in both categories.

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The 5 per cent increase also applies in I ow a, northern Missouri, southeastern Minnesota and most of Wisconsin. Elsewhere west of the Mississippi rates are to be held at present levels on traffic strictly within the territory, but on freight moving between that territory and the South and East a 5 per cent advance is approved. East a 5 per cent advance is approved, which was expected, moves rates generally up to all but the last 5 per cent of the 30 per cent increase sought in the railroads' pettion in 1947.

Noteworthy in the action is the fact that

From The Petersburg (Va.) Progress-Index

#### The 'Continuous' Miner

NEWS STORIES tell of a "continuous miner" which promises to mechanize the mining of coal to a much greater extent than at present. Supposedly the complicated processes of drilling, culting, blasting, and loading as now followed would give way to a mechanical process which would take care of these several functions in one operation. Mining would be a simpler and safer occupation, which would to cost of mining coal, would decrease considerably.

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No extrawagant claims are made for lower fuel prices as a result of general use of
the "continuous miner." It stands to reason
lower costs would follow, but miners would
still be needed and presumably customers
would still be to some extent at the mercy
of John L. Lewis or his kind. However,
safety in the mines has ecommanded a
great deal of attention, and the new magreat deal of attention, and the new conthe likelihood of reducing the need for,
manpower, this is probably less a case of
technological employment with its disad-

If you are going to do any plain writing you have got to do some plain thinking first. If you don't do your plain thinking first, it is just awfully tempting to conceal fuzziness of mind in fuzzy writing.—Birminahum Neusz.

The list of people who think they can run a newspaper better than the man who is doing it is the fastest growing thing in the world. Faster than the list of those who do not like Truman any more. — Early County (Ga.) Netes.



#### Warning From Bogota

## Pan-Americanism In Jeopardy

By SUMNER WELLES
Former Undernecretary of State
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A STATE DEPARTMENT pokesman has just declared that the inter-American system "is a stronger". system than it was at the end of the war." Now such a flagrant misstatement of fact as this not only misleads public opinion but alto causes this Government's good faith to be questioned in Latin America.

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On the very day of this statement, one of the most widely respected statemen of Latin America add to me: "Ball as it is, the revoil at Bogota may prove to be a blessing in disquise." It will postage the provide the property of the property of the provided by the provide

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pitfully low. It the people of the United States want to preserve the inter-American system they must wake up to realities. It is only going to survive if we show our neighbors that we have learned that the welfare of the other Americas is essential to the welfare of the United States.

#### People's Platform

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Plaint Time a low words of thanks for your editorial, "We Have Nothing to Fear", in Mondays

April 12th News.

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#### Marquis Childs

## **Danger At Home**

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#### Samuel Grafton

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# Drew Pearson's: Rep. Vinson Engineered Air Force Vote

No legislative battle in recent years has witnessed so much backstage, wirepulling and so much retimen on one Cabinet member's face as the row over whether the U. S. A. should be defended by 0 air grows and the state of the st

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had been close allies in fighting for a powerful, two-ocean navy, and Forestal hoped to appeal to Vinneys dol Navy 1979. But the leathery Georgian was in no mood to back down. He went to see Forestal, but he blooght along two close thread—Congression Lyndon Johnson and Faul Killer and Congression Lyndon Johnson and Faul Killer and Congression Lyndon Johnson and Faul Killer and Congression Lyndon Lyndon and Faul Killer and Lyndon Lyndon Lyndon Lyndon and Faul Killer and Lyndon Lynd

#### Soft-Soaping Taber

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