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Sanitation The Year Around

CHARLOTTE and Mecklenburg County are learning now, at great expense, the lessons of sanitation.

The private citizen and the operators of business establishments have discovered, through an epidemic of major proportions, that failure to observe the basic rules of sanitation is exceedingly dangerous.

Informing by the health departments of both city and county that unsanitary conditions lead to disease - and not infrequently to death - the private citizen and the business man have, in the past few weeks, learned the hard way the importance of these two bodies in an intensified clean-up campaign that has been of immeasurable value in lessening the likelihood of not only one of all diseases known to be spread by insects and other creatures spawned in filth.

This action came only after the widespread spread of polio throughout the county made it imperative is unabated, slacken our efforts toward a more sanitary city and county.

We must utilize every lesson learned in this period of emergency: the controlled use of trucks; careful inspection of garbage containers; both in the private citizen's backyard and in restaurants and grocery stores; all means of exterminating rodents, flies, mosquitoes and other disease-carrying creatures; and the use of sewage and streams where insects breed.

Most important of all this epidemic must remain in our minds. The private citizen must co-operate with sanitation officers to forestall another such tragedy, to diminish

the incidence of fly-spread diarrhea and enteritis and make more rare such diseases as typhoid fever. Other diseases, cholera, amoebic and bacillary dysentery, hookworm, malaria, yellow fever - are not, at the moment, major menaces to this area, but greater efforts in keeping clean your premises and business will do much toward keeping you and your neighbor free from these deadly ailments.

In this connection - the part of the private citizen in a sanitation program - the Charlotte Junior Chamber of Commerce deserves commendation. That group, together with other civic clubs, is planning to play an even greater part in impressing upon the more than 150,000 persons of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County the importance of sanitation. Preliminary plans already are under way in the city's civic organizations to establish a planning board for year-round emphasis on sanitation.

And the health departments of County and City, with their sanitation divisions, are doing yeoman work in the intensified campaign against vermin, insects and disease-carrying insects it breeds. With the closest of co-operation between these two groups - particularly in the perimeter area where county and city meet - and with strengthening of the health and sanitation departments, with your aid, may through maintenance of the effective campaign now in progress make our city and county a cleaner and more healthy place to live.

Our job is the simplest. We need only keep our own homes and business establishments clean and co-operate with sanitation officials.

U. S. Moves On Communists

FEDERAL prosecution of twelve Communist Party leaders and members in New York City on charges of plotting to overthrow the Government by violent means was initiated Tuesday by grand jury indictments.

Most citizens will wonder why the Federal Government has been so slow in this matter, since they are convinced that the American Communists, from Party Secretary William Z. Foster down to the rank and file, are engaged in a conspiracy of this nature and have been since the Bolshevik scheme was hatched. The answer is that all of them undoubtedly would have been brought to trial long before this but for the difficulty of obtaining concrete evidence, admissible under the American jurisprudence, that the American Communists are overthrowing "by violent means and force."

The Communist Party in this country has not been outlawed because it officially professes no purpose to overthrow or undermine the United States Government and technically meets the Constitutional requirements for a political party. Communist Party members and leaders have kept themselves beyond the reach of the courts by confining their known operations to agitation, strikes and demonstrations for social and economic ends that are completely legal and proper in the American system.

There has been no way for authorities to reach beyond this smoke-screen except to establish guilt by association, a proceeding

based on a doctrine that does violence to our basic concepts of justice and would deprive innocent citizens of the protection which they are guaranteed by the Bill of Rights. Exceptions have been in the cases where Communists were convicted of violating our immigration laws or contempt of Congress for refusing to answer questions. It is to be hoped that the action against the New York twelve represents a real legal battle between Communism and not a political procedure, as contended by the defendants and their attorneys. They have pointed out that the ultra-conservative New York Sun observed that the indictments were timed to embarrass Harry Wallace's New Party, which is holding its convention in Philadelphia this week. We also cannot ignore the fact that the New York prosecution has been a "show trial" to answer Republican campaign charges that it has coddled Communists.

However, the length of the FBI and Justice Department investigation in this case encourages the hope that the Federal authorities have now developed evidence of a revolutionary conspiracy which will stand up in court. Certainly the Government would extend to the full the laws which have been designed for protection of our institutions. From more than 30 years' experience with the Communist totalitarians we know that they are not to be trusted. Their real objective in all cases and their lip service to democratic forms and institutions is merely a blind.

Harry Truman's Curious Role

WITH A Republican victory in November now being counted a virtual certainty, the continuing conflict within the regular Democratic Party rapidly is assuming the proportions of the most significant political development in the 1948 campaign period.

In an editorial yesterday commenting on the fight for party control between the Democratic liberals and conservatives, we emphasized the fact that the coming special session of Congress will create a large opportunity for the Democratic left to invade the Democratic Party. President Truman's call for that session climaxed a national convention in the last made numerous gains.

Harry Truman's role in this affair is one of the more curious performances of a very peculiar kind in politics. Pushed into his present place by conservative forces that selected him because of his well-established character as a moderate, assailed by Henry Wallace and other liberals as Roosevelt's Judas, Mr. Truman now finds himself leading a New Deal revival which is bewildering to Republicans and Democrats. He is either a prisoner of the left-wing American Democratic Party or a man who is deceiving a militant progressive streak that he had kept well hidden from the Democrats and other intimates to these many years.

In either event, Mr. Truman's leftist course has been and still is being influenced by the Southern Democratic revolt against him. It doubtless will be intensified by the continuing conflict within the regular Democratic Party rapidly is assuming the proportions of the most significant political development in the 1948 campaign period.

Outcome of the struggle for party control will turn largely on the President at the election Nov. 2. If he is elected, unexpected chance, he wins the Presidency for a full term the Democratic liberals will

make the most astonishing political recovery in living memory. If he loses, the party will probably be broken up and rapidly be taken into conservative hands. The Southerners make one important strategic gain in this direction at the recent Philadelphia convention when they, with the help of Old Time Democrats, won the endorsement of Senator Barkley of Kentucky into the No. 2 spot on the national ticket.

Another large factor favoring the Democratic right is the bolt to the left led by Harry Wallace and his New Party. Wallace probably cannot succeed in pulling the party away to get back into the real Democratic scrap but there are many signs that the Southern Democrats have understood the situation and are ready to accept a refusal to join the Birmingham Dixiecrats in a bolt, the main body of Southern Democratic leaders show that they realize the South stands in danger of losing forever to the party men from other sections, pushed into dominance in the party of Jefferson and Roosevelt. That danger will grow if the Birmingham insurgents show no more potency than Wallace and continue their revolt.

According to a leading shirt-maker, buttons have been devised that laundries can't tear off shirts. This sounds unmistakably like a challenge to the laundries and we dread say this will respond by putting forth their best efforts to prove that the shirt-maker is a liar. -Roanoke Times

The statement that New England was founded on roasting ears. This is a well-known fact and has aroused great bitterness in the former locality, where people learn too late to how much more fun the Texas farmers would have had. -Jackson Miss. Daily News.

John Gunther says he will take a holiday from writing. Probably ran out of things to get inside of. -New Orleans States.

Air Shuttle



Aftermath of Yalta

Why Russians Are In Berlin

By GEORGE BURT (Reprinted From The Louisville Courier-Journal)

THREE men who met in Yalta, a war-ravaged Soviet city on the Black Sea coast, decided the post-war occupation zones for Germany one day in February, 1945.

The men were Franklin Roosevelt, Winston Churchill and Josef Stalin. And to understand how they arrived at the final times which enabled the Berlin crisis to develop we must reset the stage so that we can imagine as if it were today how the war was going, how he felt toward our allies - and, apparently they to us.

First, let us go back to July 10, 1943. On that day U. S., Canadian and British troops, under Gen. Eisenhower's command, invaded Sicily off the toe of the Italian boot. It was the first invasion by the Western Allies. Forthwith Europe - the Russian-German front that day was deep in the Soviet Union - a smoky battle line that reached 1,200 miles from the gates of Leningrad in the north to the Black Sea coast in the south about 200 miles east of Yalta.

On the day the Western Allies got their first bloody foothold on Europe, the Russians were fighting Nazi invaders 600 miles inside the Russian border on a front as long as from Paducah to Maine. The Nazi enemy held about 72,000 square miles of Russian land. You could have ticked France and Great Italy into his realm to spare.

Now, if we imagine that it were February, 1945, the map of the Yalta conference, we find a different picture on the war maps. The Western Allies have driven the Germans out of France, Luxembourg and Belgium. The Nazis still hold Holland and Denmark. The Allies have slogged and bled their way up from the tip of Sicily almost to the top of the Italian boot. But the Russians - what have they done? They have driven the Germans out of Hungary, along that long and terrible front. They have pushed an offensive deep into Germany. The western front of their offensive has crossed the Oder River, to within 35 miles of Berlin itself. And, remember, we on the Western front are still probing, prodding and starting our push over the German border toward the Ruhr.

It is easy to understand that the Russians felt the deepest hatred for the Germans who so lately invaded Russia. It is the strong feeling of the Russian statesmen alike felt they had earned a great victory.

WITH all this in mind we come to Yalta. When President Roosevelt came home he told Congress of the meeting with Churchill and Stalin. "We know of it," said the House speaker, "and the German war lords' hope that we would not invade Russia, but the strong feeling of the Russian statesmen alike felt they had earned a great victory."

At the middle of this impressive ceremony, Swope suddenly turned to Democratic Governor Herbert Lehman and said: "I'll tell you what it is, Governor. It's history," he remarked. "I can't say my vote for Herbert Hoover. It is never happened before. If I do it here, my place will be secure in the history."

The humiliated Lehman warmly thanked Swope. Ed Flynn, then Secretary of State of New York and head of the New York electors, he warned: "Ed Swope here is about to do something terrible to you. He is going to ask you to vote for Hoover."

"Who is it that I can't?" replied Swope, basking gaily in the pleasure of the prospect of making history. "What law will I be defying? Am I not a duly elected elector? Is it my right as a duly elected elector to vote as I see fit?"

Herbert H. Flynn, told Governor Lehman, "He can vote any way he wants. But don't worry. If he votes for Hoover, I won't count it."

Merry-Go-Round The big-old state of Texas is in the throes of a hot primary battle, including, among other things, the question of who will replace the late Governor "Pappy" O'Daniel. ... Congressman Lyndon Johnson, the ex-navy veteran, is having a strong New York's mood who put Truman right on the spot when he discovered that the Government was secretly selling its war plants at the very same time it was working about another war.

James Marlow

Who's Over Barrel?

WASHINGTON While the politicians beat one another over the head with sticks, the public can sit back, grin and say: "We maybe we'll get some good out of this special session of Congress, no matter what happens to the President Truman calling the special session."

The special session is really necessary if it does something for the general welfare - then the public has no objection to it. And that's the main point. Right now the politicians are arguing, with a lot of noise, about President Truman calling the special session.

The argument goes something like this: He pulled a cheap political trick in calling the Republican-controlled Congress back into session before he only wants to embarrass the Republicans and buy up campaign ammunition for his own re-election.

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For example: Give him power to control prices. If and when he thought it was necessary to buy housing program; help education; and buy up campaign ammunition for his own re-election.

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But the Republican-controlled Congress has not yet taken any action on these things. It is ignoring them. Then the Democrats and Republicans have agreed to call the special session and drew up their party platforms.

Marquis Childs

Inflation Follies

WASHINGTON In his opening message to Congress, President Truman urged that it be bent down with all possible force on the issue of high inflation. He said that the wage will be the cause of our inflation. He said that the wage will be the cause of our inflation. He said that the wage will be the cause of our inflation.

They have come up with those full-scale recommendations. They have come up with those full-scale recommendations. They have come up with those full-scale recommendations.

These remarkable ads blamed the cost-price rise on Communist regimentation. Take off the controls, they said, and prices will certainly go down. By killing OPA and removing controls, America's economy would be saved.

So went the strenuous ads. The ads were echoed almost word for word by Senators Robert A. Taft of Ohio and Charles McNary of Indiana. Republican leaders who led the charge in the House that cut the heart out of OPA.

CHART NOT NEEDED "The House needs no statistical charts to tell him what has happened in the past two years. The country was told that the death of OPA was caused by the inflation of Hamburg costs twice what it did in June of '46 and so what a great price increase it would be. The budget of the average householder. But the figures are available, too. The House needs no statistical charts to tell him what has happened in the past two years.

President does not intend, as of this writing, to ask for across-the-board tax increases. A week after his message he will send a bill to Congress calling for allocation and rationing of commodities.

boy, must visit the boy at least twice a month and take through civic organizations. Each is responsible for one or two boys. For every boy there is a sponsor who must bring his charge back into society, first, by teaching; then by working for his parole; and finally, by finding him a job.

The Attorney General also has appointed several exclusive boys' clubs. The plan is to have a list of boys on scholarships. The plan is to have a list of boys on scholarships. The plan is to have a list of boys on scholarships.

Note: Largely because of improper training at reformatories and juvenile detention centers, the past two years has been good. He has fought hard to keep Federal revenue at a level that would mean a surplus and reduction of the staggering Federal debt.

Hot Weather Politics VIRGINIA'S Senator Byrd and Governor William Tucker walked out on the Democratic Convention - but only for a brief period. He is forgetting to bring along his credentials, the two prominent Virginians were not permitted to vote. The convention was left leaderless throughout the nominations for Vice-President while Byrd and Tucker argued with convention doormen. ... Mary-Go-Round ... The big-old state of Texas is in the throes of a hot primary battle, including, among other things, the question of who will replace the late Governor "Pappy" O'Daniel. ... Congressman Lyndon Johnson, the ex-navy veteran, is having a strong New York's mood who put Truman right on the spot when he discovered that the Government was secretly selling its war plants at the very same time it was working about another war.

Drew Pearson's Hot Battles Seen in Texas Primaries

HERBERT BAYARD SWOPE, editor of the New York World, has come backhanded advice for Dixie Democrats who consider holding Truman in the Electoral College. Swope, who has been a Democratic Party member since 1936, tells how the electors met in a lavishly draped room, reminiscent of early Grecian meeting places. Each elector had a microphone and a strong New York's mood who put Truman right on the spot when he discovered that the Government was secretly selling its war plants at the very same time it was working about another war.

lot of outside money was being flooding Congressman Wright Patman's district to try to defeat him - most of it put up by the real-estate interests in Dallas. Another set of Texas who fought hardest for public housing. ... Housing ... Dallas, where Bill Cooper, a decorated campaigner, who enlisted in the Army at 21, is exposing the "black and white" nature of the Texas Democratic Party. Wilson calls the Taft-Elender-Wagner housing bill "socialistic" perhaps because he isn't a veteran. ... Once again, the House is trying to do a good deed by passing the Sam Rayburn - reverse against his fight for Rural Electrification Act. ... The House is trying to do a good deed by passing the Sam Rayburn - reverse against his fight for Rural Electrification Act. ... The House is trying to do a good deed by passing the Sam Rayburn - reverse against his fight for Rural Electrification Act.

Foster Father Wants Help ATTORNEY General Tom Clark is looking for 300 part-time fathers to help take care of his wayward boys. No ordinary job of baby sitting, Clark's idea is to give each boy a foster father. Another yet Congressman Clark is looking for 300 part-time fathers to help take care of his wayward boys. No ordinary job of baby sitting, Clark's idea is to give each boy a foster father. Another yet Congressman Clark is looking for 300 part-time fathers to help take care of his wayward boys.

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