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Prelude To Russia's Retreat

A MERICAN-SOVIET relations have been greatly embittered in recent days but there is one aspect of this international ruckus which inspires more hope than

There have been increasing signs that the Soviet Union needs and wants an early settlement of the "cold war" at the same time that the Russians have been making themselves as unpleasant as possible. It is notable that the Moscow talks for a gennotable that the Moscow talks for a gen-eral conference on the German question between Russia and the Western powers went forward even while the Russians were giving the Allies the hot foot in Berlin, riding roughando ever the Western repre-sentatives at the Danubian conference in Beigrade and protesting angrily to Wash-ington over the handling of the straying Russian school teachers in New York.

Russian school teachers in New York. Even if the Moscow talks should prove sterile, the Western nations may still find that their position with relation to Russia has improved during these days of negotia-tion behind closed doors and bickering on the public stage. Despite the fact that the Western envoys made the trip to Moscow hat in hand, so to speak, the significant development of to speak the significant development of the defensive all along the line—in the satellite countries behind the Iron Curtain as well as in Western Europe. The Soviet blockade in Berlin, which was instituted in blockade in Berlin, which was instituted in retaliation to the Allied effort to set up a

buffer state in Western Germany, was and is a defensive operation.

Moscow's resort to tougher tactics is a sure sign that the Soviet leaders recognize the fact that their ideological offensive has lost its potency and they must depend on sheer power to carry their points. That means that the word struggle has entered a new phase—and a hopeful one for the property of the service of the political penetration has run its course, as this change in Russian tactics indicates, then the democratic world has good reason to feel that it has turned back the chief Communist threat.

In the new stage of the "cold war", the Soviet strategy is clearly indicated in the course of recent events. On the one hand, she will seek to hold the door open to a settlement while, on the other hand, she uses bluster and pressure at every conceivable point to increase Western desire for can, and doubtless will keep the world in a state of tension for weeks and months in an affort to pain the Western ations into an appeasement mood.

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This game of bluff will end when the Western nations convinee the Russians that they cannot be intimidated by the war scare, and the day for that demonstration is swiftly approaching. The advantage in this test of power lies so clearly on the side of the United States and her Allies that we may count on Stalin to call off his dogs before long.

Dewey Runs From The GOP

COMMENTING on the curious aspects of the Presidential campaign. Emo Roper remarks in his Fortume Survey that at Thomas E. Dewey is running "against Truman and away from the Republican Congress." That piece of campaign strategy has been devised to keep the voters from holding the GOP nominee responsible for the Republican record in the 50th Conference of the Septiment of the Congress."

his main talking point. This is a difficult trick but Thomas E. Dewey is the man who can do it if it can be done, we are convinced. His record as a Governor of New York and his perform-ance thus far in the 1946 campaign show he is fast and flexible in the business of stealing Democratic thunder and, depart-ing from the traditional Orand Old Party-line.

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Indeed, the signs grow that Mr. Dewey is sprinting so hard to keep ahead of the GOP Concress that he is running away from the Republican Party. We have had finpressive evidence of this trend in recent days in reports that the Governor will propose some changes in the Taft-Hartiey Labor Law, chief product of the Republican Congress, and the announcement that he will come out squarely for the farm price support policy, one of the major innovations of the Democratic Administration of Franklin D. Roosevelt which has been continued by President Truman. If Mr. Dewey makes either one or both of these departures, he will run smade against that genius of the Republican Congress, Senator Robert A. Taft; co-author of the new labor law and a leading voice in agitation for curtailment or early abandonment of Government price supports for

farm products, Senator Taft, and his Big Business following certainly will raise merry oid Ned over this deviation from the true Republican faths, and they doubtless will insist that Mr. Dewey leave plenty of Isosholes in his commitments.

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Isosholes in heed to pleate the tabor and farm vote grows more pressing hourly, so we expect to see another historical modification in the Republican Party philosophy before long.

Mr. Dewey's run from the Republican Congreas reminds us that his reputation as a good and efficient Governor of New York—his chief stock in trade as a candidate—his based largely on his work in continuing the political and the system established by those Al Smith. Profice D. Rossevil and Herbert H. Lehman. New York has fourteen standing State governmental commissions. That machinery runs like a clock and not even the Legislature cang do anything about removing any of the established commissions. Al Smith. Profice D. Rossevil and Herbert H. Lehman. New York has fourteen standing State governmental commissions. That machinery runs like a clock and not even the Legislature cang do anything about removing any of the established commissions. Al Smith introduced, a series of reforms which served as a pattern for the New Deal of President Rossevelt. Governor Dewey has done no tamoerins with the efficient system devised by the New York Democratic reformers.

Earlier in this grown of California, the Republican Vice-Presidential nominee, is actually a "good Democratic reformers." He based that Observation on Warren's new dealth record in California and his popularity with the Democratic voters of that state. Before this campaign is core. Mr. Truman may decide to include Mr. Dewey in the same classification.

North Carolina's Mountaineers

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TOURISTS IN their own state, thdusands
roll defined the control of the control of Piedmont and Eastern Tar Heels
rolled this Summer over the highwars of
North Carolina's Western mountains feeding their eyes on the long sweep of deep,
green valleys and the lagged, picket-fence
line of peaks.
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and of the forest surrounding it, made of the
trees and the stones nearby.
And more infrequently they saw the
owners of the cabins, Perhaps the woman,
of the house, strong and big-boned, rockting, on the porch, her long cotton skirt
brushing the floor. Or her husband, a man
in overalls with his his grown long, windling water from a well or carrying two
wurning palls oil if from the spring.
Cocasionals mountains, strong people rich in tradition. Unpretentious—but decendants of
perhaps the hardiest folk ever to set foot
on the North American continent, ploneers,
who in the eighteenth century, began the
push westward, away from the lary tidelands, over the barren sandhills (whose
later productivity they could not imagine),
through the pleasant rolling Piedmont and
on to meet the challenge of the high ridge
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on the mountain folk a little condecending
at times, but giways aware that these are
people who gave the state vigor and
strength, the people who propped their
long rifles over their shoulders and walked
alone down toward Kings Mountain, meeting oftens on the quiet trails until they became an army strong enough to slaughter
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The Tartification of the control of the cont a powerful cand of British redcoats in one of the decisive battles of the Revolution. The mountain folk have kept alive, too, the traditions of their homeland: England It is not uncommon to find an old man

still using language that was the style in Britain of the mid-eighteenth century. And the sons they sing—the ballads of the days of chivairy, beautiful but gory lyrics of 'unrequited love, songs that drift with the music of the dulclimer over the hills; fo tell the rouch land of great trage-des that took place on the moors of England.

land.

The Dutch and Germans, too, contribute to the hardy stock of the North Carolina mountains, adding their skill and training to the raw energy of the earlier settlers. This month the secole of the mountains receive a triville from Holiday Magazins. The magazine story declares that it is the people of the fills and not the rugsed natmountains attractive to visitors. And there is certainly much in what it says.

The rise in liability insurance rates on automobiles will hit a lot more people than would have been the case a few years ago. Marylard now has a financial responsibility law under which motorists who fall to pay the cost of an excident may be deprived of their driving licenses. This law makes the carrying of liability insurance much more of a necessity than it used to be.—Baltimore Evening Sun.

These are the heated pre-election days when next-door neighbors who have been life-long frends become life-long enguise through quarreling over candidates they have never seen and who will not give a tinker's expletive for either of them after they have roved, — Oklahoma City Daily Oklahoma.

Seems there's a new device that picks up boxcars and shakes out wheat. There is an ancient pair of devices that you can pick up and shake out boxcars.—Memphis Con-mercial Appeal



People's Platform

Good Work By Highway Patrol

CHARLOTTE CHICAGO THE NEWS:

ETPON reading a letter in the People's Platform several days ago edited by Mr. Carlin of Charlotte, and the comments made on same by Mr. Long of Lincolton. I am reminded of what an old arresting a man large in stature that the defendant sunailly humble, admits he is wrong and appreciates the officer some first that he resent the arrest and is ready to just up a light both look and in speech. And so it is with people who are arrest and is ready to just up a light both look and in speech. And so it is with people who are faster as the series of the comment of the county or state a better place to live and who also pays up it is minimum, amount of the comment of

hund.

It is true that the State Highway Patrol does not have 448 perfect men in their employ. If this were true they would go under a different name and would not ride in shiny Bucks but would have country lane. And would also have anowy white wings to use on their day off. But they do have 426 of the highest type men the State can secure under the present set-up of working conditions and rate of pay.

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-D. L. FUNDERBURKE, Rt. 2, Box 259.

Mr. Pearson On The Grill CHARLOTTE

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Challenge For Big Man

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Never try to do a man a favor he docen't ask for. He will wonder what you have up your sleeve. —Richmond News Leader. —New Leader. —New

Drew Pearson's Tobin-Beck Showdown May Come Soon Merry-Go-Round

Merry-Lo-Round

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They are Dan Tobin, Ta-year-old long-time national
president, and Dave Beck toought head better storage and the

Best of the settling feud is Beck's chafing yen for

Tobin's job. Beck thought he had it will also to become

No. I teamster at last vear's convention. He was wrong,

would be smart to throw his younger rival a 50p. Tobin

had the teamster constitution amended empowering him to

effected vice-presidents. This new official was to be the

direct assistant to the president. Beck got the job, although

he into senior vice-president.

This washing washing the service of the service of

But Beck, apparently, wasn't satisfied. The burly title laborite didn't want to wait until Tobin stepped out. stlessly ambitious, Beck decided to build a labor empire

Union Grabber

union measurement of the other continuing against another union. Blice last April 1,2000 mechanists have been on strike at the huge Boeing bomber plant in Seattle. The strikers are members of the International Machinists Association, an indecendent union long on good terms with the teamstern. During a teamster's trike in Hartford, Conn., the mechanists contributed thousands of collars and did picket during the contribution of the contribution

duty.

Notwithstanding this, in May, Beck sent his teamsters through the Boeing picket line, and the following month began, organizing Boeing mechanics. Beck claimed jurisdiction over half the plant's employees.

The outreged machinist yelled bloody murder. With

Tobin's hearty approval, places Brown, head of the maring Beck and asking their support for the atribe.

The Washington State Federathm of Labor also took a
husky alam at Beck, it adopted a resolution condemning
strike-breaking and union-grabbins. The Exercit, Wash,
with recruiting high-school students as Booing strike-breakers, the council sent a resolutions to Gov. Mon Wallgren deman last week, the AFL international Cierks went time
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of the clerks, went to Seattle and took over folls of Fockst

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business agent—all Beck appointers. None of the locals
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Open War

Uu To this point, Tobin had done all his countering indirectly through others. But in the latest issue of his official mouthpiece. The International Teamster, he squared off, himself.

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Tobbin served binnt potice that he is boss and intends to remain so. He also laid the ground for firing Beck as executed to the helpful to the general president in sever year possible. The executive vice-president is appointed time of the recent of the helpful to the general president in every say possible. The executive vice-president is appointed time if his services and actions are not assistately to the general president. It would be entirely impractical to have anyone as executive vice-president who did not carry but the general president either now or in the future. The next move is up to Beck. Insiders are predicting it will be in the political field.

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President's campaigns. But Tobin has been cool to Truman.

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