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THE 'BOLD, NEW PLAN'

As LONG as the President himself does not know quite what his "bold, new plam" for world rehabilitation would en-tail, or how it would operate, it is impos-able to say whether or not the plan is workable.

It does not follow, however, that the American people must wait for the details of the plan before examining its underly-ing principles and motives.

Ing principles and motives.

Not since, Secretary Marshall first sketched the European Recovery Program at Harvard in June, 1947, has the pulse of the world been so stirred by a vision of better things. In Washington, in London, in Paris, in Bombay, in Nanking — the President's words were front page news and set both little people and important people to wondering just what they mean.

people to wondering just what they meant. They knew what he said: the U. S. will embark upon "a bold, new program for making the benefits of our scientific and industrial progress available for the improvement and growth of under-developed areas" of the world.

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But what did he mean? Was this imperialism with a new look? Was it merely a new weapon against Communiam? Would it entail U. S. Government projects, or those of U. S. private capital?

It will be some time before these and other questions will be answered, But it was some time before Woodrow Wilson's famed right of self-determination for small nations, before Franklin Rooseveit's

Four Freedoms, before Secretary Marshall's European Recovery Plan began to take definite form.

Some of the answers are gradually emerging, This week, for instance, Secretary of State Acheson emphasized that they Presiden's program envisioned the use of private capital, Acheson added that, given the proper conditions, the reservoir of private capital is tremendous, more than enough to do the job.

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It was also revealed this week that the Economic Recovery Administration already has on file numerous requests from foreign nations for the services of U. S. technical experts in rebuilding shattered industries and finding new ways to improve a form of the services. In terms of dollars and cents, the stakes are tremendous. It has been said that a relatively small increase in the standard of living of the peoples of Asia slone would create a demand for goods and services which would keep the wheels of world industry spinning for many years.

But over and above the potential increase in foreign trade is another horder with the services of the servi

JUDGE FINDS THE TARGET Higher qualifications, including a basic knowledge and understanding of the 1r legal jurisdiction, should be required. The fee system should be abolished, and magisfrates placed on a straight salary basis so that they would not have to find a defendant guilty to collect compensation for the time spent on the case. The number of magisfrates should be reduced. (Theoretically, the law would allow more than 120 magistrates in Charlotte and the Governor could appoint as many more as he liked.)

THERE is little likelihood that the judical blast leveled against the magistrate system by Judge Charles L. Cogsin will echo very loudly by the time it reaches the halls of the General Assembly, for the N. C. Legislature hasbeen notably reluctant in the past to improve the archaic system or abolish it in favor of something better. Not until the people of the state and their newspapers be come sufficiently aroused about the faults of the system can we expect the Legislature to act. But that day is surely approaching, and its arrival will be hurried along by such expoures as that of the activities of Magistrate J. S. Turner.

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The facts of the Turner case are old stuff—the midnight "kangaroo court" at which Negroes were convicted for gambling, even though Turner had no jurisdiction; the failure to report fines and costs promptly; the questionable lislaion between the Magistrate and a group of constables. They merely focus attention on the faults of the system. Judge Cogin was not very specific in his recommendation that the Legislature remedy them, but there are bertain things which could be done within the present constitutional authorization for magistrates.

WHO'S A CRACKPOT?

WAS the "Cosmic Kid" a crackpol or are we all off our rockers?

Many a newspaper subscriber, we would wager, pondered that question after reading of the death of Hubert William Shaw, "5-year-old sophox orator and member of the Chicago Druidical Society.

Shaw, the "Cosmic Kid", was one of a vainthing breed which we like to think of as curbstone philosophers. He was poor, worked as a messenger and he was getting old, but 'tll the time of his death he would climb up on his soapbox in Chicago's "Bughouse Square" and sound off on anything and everything. It kept him happy, we understand.

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It kept his friends happy, too — his fel-low members in the Druidical Society. One of them, who was orator at the "Cosmic Kid's" wake, said, "When he opened his mouth wisdom came out."

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About his we don't know. But it seems belief to assume that he thought about it hat he said. That is, he thought about it

so much he had to tell someone about it. By telling someone, maybe he relieved the pressure within himself and added to that someone's knowledge.

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someone's knowledge.

Maybe the "Cosmic Kid" was a crackpot,
Maybe the outsiders who happened to
stroll by "Baphouse Square" laughed at
the old fellow, But the story of the "Kid"
makes us think of another ragged old man
who wandered around Athens 2,500 years
ago, shooting off his mouth, as you might
say.

Folks laughed at the man of Athens, too.
Eventually they did away with him with a
dose of hemlock. But educated men not
look back on the ragged philosopher —
Scorates, by name — and read every word
he is purported to have said.

We don't mean to imply that the "Cos-mic Kid" was another Socrates. Chances are he wasn't. But it gives pause, makes us wonder whether the "Kid" was really a

From The Raleigh News & Observer

WRONG ON THIS STATE

FT IB not surprising that an Associated Press survey finds little likelihood of adoption of the proposed amendment to the Constitution limiting the President to two terms by the necessary 36 states. So far only 21 states have ratified.

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Practically all of the Republican Legislatures have already adopted the amendment. There is now little indication that many, if any, Democratic Legislatures will join Mississippi and Virginia, the only two Democratic states which have ratified the amendment. Mississippi led the Disieral movement and the dominant Byrd machine in Virginia opposed the third term election of Franklin D. Roosevelt, which the amendment proposes to repudiate. But it is surprising to find the Associated Press reporting more sentiment for the amendment in North Carolina than in other Democratic states (The news agency asys of this state: "The amendment, if and when it comes up, probably will win strong support."

Even that cautiously worded and care-fully hedged prediction is an overstate-

velt in 1940, and far from repudiating that action, confirmed it in both the 1944 and 1948 elections.

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It is true that North Carolina limits a Governor to one term. The theory of that limitation is what an econgans of a high office aboutd not be allowed to seek re-election while in office. That theory is not involved in the pending amendment, which would limit a President to two terms, not one. When the one-term theory is abandoned, the nimber of terms becomes a matter of discretion. The people themselves are as qualified to exercise discretion as are the Congress and the General Assembly. Assembly.

North Carolina will not give the amend-ment "strong support".

What constitutes a "first class drouth"? The editor of the Hollis News defines it as being so dry that even Johnson grass cambeling to the Hollis News that series of condition one."—Oklahoma City Daily Oklahoman.

It's probably a good thing men don't un-

'Gad! He Wants To Improve Conditions Over Here Too!'



People's Platform

Can Russian Problem Be Solved?

one or more of them a casus belli-which isn'l likely, are now engaged in armine cunkers and other secolet on whom we believe we can depend to help us contain or fight Russia and her supposeers. It is to be hoped that this belief will, in all instankers, be justified; but many of us find it hards, to fixed the question of the property of the question of the property of the propert

What must Russia do to satisfy us? Some will say the answer is simple: "Quit trying to dominate Europe."

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-LEWIS AYER SMITH.

Spending And Taxes

HAMLET

Editors. The News:

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the fact that the schools are inadequate and the teachers notoriously underpaid and the roads are interrible condition.

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-ROBERT E. LILES

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far more charming. Who is King George, anyway?

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— JOSEPH SELBY

Savices Appreciated.

DELRAY BEACH, PLA.

Filion. Ter. News.

THANK you for your telegram. I was very glad to
I receive it it was a great help to mee it was
through your paper I read about the college at Davidson, N. C., for my son, Charles, It happened that it
couldn't locate it.

You certainly have splondid papers and we have
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—MRS. OGDEN SABIN.

Marquis Childs

Why They're There

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UP TO CONGRESS

James Marlow

Red Reactionaries

Reactionary means going back, not forward. It's a return to the old way of doing things, says the

dictionary.

And in its handling of people—disregard for the freedom of the individual — Communism has turned the clock back a thousand years.

Radical, in the dictionary, means a sweeping change in laws or government.

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The communities of the communities in the 1817 revolution which put them in power, certainly made sweeping changes in Russia.

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people, not the people to the govern-ment, and that all men are free and equal.

Western society developed to its highest point the idea that each hu-

WASHINGTON
SECRETARY of State Dean Acheon calls Communian resttionHe said it at a news conference,
and he was right. But why was
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more perfect. Then came the B
aince so many people think of Commultim as "radical"?

When the Bolhevitz, now cathe Communiant, seited power

Drew Pearson's Senators Angered At State Department Merry-Go-Round

Dutch in Indonesia.
The incident is extremely significant. It may indicate is some diplomats have suspected, that the State Dept. talking loud about forcing the Dutch to pipe down in nesla, while playing footse with the Dutch under the

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Total't recall' observed Ed Johnson of Colorado. 'that the Serate has abditated its right to ratify treaties and play its constitutional part in foreign policy.'

NOTE—Other Senators who signed the resolution is included: Illia and Spartman of Alabaman Magnuon of Wash-ington; Oillette of Iowa; Kilgors and Neeby of West Virgania, Murray of Mouthan, Malone of Nerdad (Rep.).

How Dutch Finance War

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A SIGNIFICANT conversation has been taking place in

Europe. The Dutch have told Field Marshall Montgomery
that, they can't afford to assume their proportionate responsibility under the Defense Pact because of the heavy cost of
military operations in Indonesis one; year cost, the Dutch
\$48,000,000. During that same year, the Dutch, received
\$47,000,000 of Marshall Plan money from us. In other words,
the USA really is paying for the war in_Indonesis, yet the
Dutch claim they can't afford to pay their share of the

NOTE—Inside reason with young State Dept. officials are
jittery about pushing the Dutch to far in Indonesis is for
fear they'll pull out of the Defense Pact. If ao, point out
realistic diplomats, where the can the Dutch p—into the
could not be the propulation vigorously anti-Russian?

Electricity Famine

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PRESIDENT TRUMAN was talking to Senator Magnuson
and Representative Hugh Mitchell of Washington about
a proposed deal with Canada for water storage in British
Columbia, from which the Pacific Morthwest could draw
told the President, was due chiefly to the big alumbnum
plants built there during the war.

Well, that's your fault's said Truman, syeing Magnuson.
Well that's your fault's result of the dashing young
bachelor Senator.

"I mean that you wouldn't rest until you got those alumbnum plants established in your state," chuckled Truman.
Osviculty remembering his Benate days when Magnuson had

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