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NEXT STEP—MEDITERRANEAN PACT?

BEFORE the U. S. Senate has begun its searching examination of the North Atlantic Pact and its long-range implications, students of foreign affairs are beginning to talk of a Mediterranean Pact and a Pacific Pact. Neither is so urgent as the Atlantic Pact, yet both may eventually have to be developed.

In an address here last week, Commentator Harrison Wood pointed out that there are only two actions in which Russia can expand at the present moment: (1) west toward the Atlantic, and (2) southeast toward the Balkans, the Mediterranean, and the Near and Middle East. Both of these general areas are so distantly geographically that the potent Red Army could probably sweep to its last objective before an effective counter-attack could be formed.

There is a third potential area of Russian aggression—the Far East. But because of the terrific distances involved, and the tremendous task of terminating and then containing an immediate threat, it is unlikely that Russia will attempt any major operation in that area in the near future. Thus discussion of a Pacific Pact at this stage is largely academic.

IF the Senate approves the Atlantic Pact—and there is every reason to believe that it will—it will do so primarily because it embraces the region for which Russian military action would constitute the most immediate threat to U. S. security. Without that pressing threat, the Pact would probably never have come into existence at all; even if it had, it would have enjoyed a much less favorable chance of Senate approval.

Once it is approved, and the U. S. is hunched into a new era of international relations, the Mediterranean issue will surely come alive. From a geographic standpoint, Russian aggression toward the Mediterranean would not be such an immediate threat to U. S. security as aggression toward the Atlantic. Yet we certainly could not permit Russia to move into Iran, Turkey, Palestine, Egypt or Greece without facing the issue squarely.

A WEIGHTY ASSIGNMENT

BECAUSE of the critical politico-economic relationships between the United States and the nations of Europe, the responsibility lately assumed by Robert M. Hanes is indeed a weighty one. The North Carolina banker and industrialist has accepted a one-year assignment in Europe as an adviser to Paul Hoffman's Economic Co-Operation Administration.

Mr. Hanes took the oath of office about ten days ago, and flew immediately to Europe for preliminary studies of problems which most acutely concern Paris, Brussels, and other continental capitals on the friendly side of the Iron Curtain. He is expected to return late in the month, and to make a number of trips to remain in the States about a month. Thereafter, Mr. Hanes will go back to Europe and to duty that will be highly influential in shaping this nation's restoration policy.

HANDWRITING ON THE WALL

PROponents of Federal aid to education plainly assure the nation that it will not mean Federal control of the schools, but that eventually well to billions instead of millions. Quibble enthusiasts swallow this glib hokum, despite the overwhelming proof in the past that Federal aid of any kind generally means Federal control.

Let's see what is already happening—before the \$300,000,000 Federal aid bill even becomes law. According to Congressional Quarterly, Rep. John W. Rankin, chairman of the House Committee on Education and Labor, has already introduced a bill at the request of the American Federation of Labor which would authorize \$300,000,000 for the fiscal years 1950 through 1954, \$500 million a year thereafter.

That shows how it will mushroom. But the American Federation of Labor is also asking:

1. That the right of minority groups to appoint their own representatives be written in;
2. That not less than 75 per cent of the appropriation be set aside expressly for public schools;
3. That services to protect and promote the health and safety of children be assured in all bill granting U. S. funds, services to be granted both public and sectarian school systems.

Note well that first point. The Federal courts have consistently opposed discrimination in the expenditure of Federal money. What would that mean for the South which has traditionally followed a policy of segregation in its public schools? Of course the A. F. L. principles may not be embodied in the first Federal aid to education bill.

To permit Russia a free hand in that area merely because it is more remote geographically, would merely be another form of appeasement, and would simply forestall the final conflict.

The Truman doctrine has already pledged us to furnish military assistance to Greece and Turkey. U. S. missions are in Iran, at that nation's request. The U. S. Government is deeply interested in an early settlement of all outstanding Palestine issues, so that new nation may be stabilized.

IF any doubt remained that the U. S. is committed to the independence of those nations and others ringing the Mediterranean, it was shattered by Secretary of State Acheson last week. Noting the second settlement of the original Truman proclamation of aid to Greece, and speaking against a backdrop of Russian threats and charges against Iran, Mr. Acheson said:

"During the drafting of the North Atlantic Pact, we were aware of the possibility that our formal expression of serious interest in the security of the North Atlantic area might be misinterpreted as implying a lessening of our interest in the security of the Near and Middle East."

"In the compact world of today, the security of the United States cannot be defined in terms of boundaries and frontiers. A serious threat to international peace is a direct concern to this country. Therefore, it is our policy to help free peoples everywhere to secure their integrity and independence, not only in Western Europe, not only in the Americas, but in all areas where they are able to provide for themselves. Our actions in supporting the integrity and independence of Greece, of Turkey, and of other areas, are a direct continuation to pursue that policy."

There it is, in simple, direct language. Russian aggression in any direction is contrary to the U. S. policy of protecting free peoples and thereby protecting ourselves. And if a Mediterranean Pact should be desirable to forestall Russia in that area, there is no reason to doubt that it, too, would have the enthusiastic support of a peace-minded American nation.

Wachovia organization men capable of carrying on this bank's administration during its absence of Mr. Hanes.

Meantime, the Congress is evolving the policies for ECA during another fiscal year, hoping for a steady economic improvement in friendly European nations that will hasten their return to stability and self-dependence. The committee is representing the views of the Senate, but in them not only high trust but also liberty of judgment and decision that often prove vital.

"In the estimation of North Carolinians, Mr. Hanes is a long and distinguished statesman's topmost figures in finance. The esteem in which he is held nationally was reflected several years ago in his election as president of the American Bankers Association, an organization in which he still holds great influence. As a top ECA official, Mr. Hanes will be able to benefit Europe by sharing the wisdom in public finance affairs that made notable his career in private finance.

CHILDREN

CHILDREN are not in any sense natural liars, nor is their offense deliberate. On the contrary, they have a very correct sense of right and wrong, and are often more honest than adults. They are often more honest than adults, and are often more honest than adults.

Psychologists are generally agreed that children have a sensitive ability to detect a lie. Consequently when subjected to a third-degree questioning for violation of some moral precept that seems unreasonably or not at all commensurate, and straits to arise in the face of the medieval rule that might makes right, the child will often confess to the lie. It is a small wonder that a child resorts to the device of deception and falsehood as a medium of self-defense.

Children have the same rights as adults and should be treated with respect to these rights. They should be treated with tenderness, kindness, and abundant love, flowing from the innermost depths of the human soul. If your child should commit some deed of mischief, or violate the rights of others, moral precepts, don't approach it as though it were a crime to go into banishment. Don't let only by infliction of wounds upon its tender flesh can discipline be maintained.

When George Washington warned against foreign ties, it wasn't possible to hop the Atlantic in less time than it took to cross the Delaware with those inept oarmen rowing in circles. — Washington, (D. C.) Star

Fome in which is contained a somewhat haphazard description of a banker: A banker is a man who lends you money (no please heed it) Provided you can prove it honest. You really do not need it. —Atlanta (Ga.) Journal.

Interior Secretary Krug, who says that if the question of tideland is not settled the Government may move in and develop them as Naval oil reserves, should remember that Texas has now got World War II oil under hands and ready to take it over. —Greenville (S. C.) Piedmont.

Police found a man living in one house with two wives. We don't know whether he was arrested or rescued. —Greenville (S. C.) Piedmont.

Just Watch Your Chickens, Neighbor!



People's Platform

MORGANTON
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Another Penal Fan

LAGOS, NIGERIA
TODAY, this brief Jan. 22, as you perceive by the date, I am now seizing the opportunity of writing you for the purpose of publishing my name and address as a young man desiring for penance. Before proceeding on, I hope introduction is necessary as this is my first time of writing you.

I am a gentle man of amiable character and marked intellectual ability. I was born in Lagos, I am five feet nine inches tall, 130 pounds in weight, having brown skin, black hair, black and white eyes, fair in complexion and stout.

My favorite hobbies are boxing, football, swimming, and all sports. I have interest in collecting coins, stamps, magazines of different countries, and also in exchanging African goods with European goods.

I hope you will like to know little about Lagos in my native land, the seat of the Governor, the chief trading center, and British colony.

Old Cars Not At Fault

PINEVILLE
MABLE letter on car inspection I have read. It is not the old crippled cars that are having wrecks and killing people, but the new cars that are having wrecks and killing people. The trouble is not in the wheel; it is under the hat.

You old car being involved in a wreck; generally some better car has hit it and knocked it over. The driver of the old car is not at fault; it is the driver of the better car who is at fault. The driver of the old car is not at fault; it is the driver of the better car who is at fault.

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Draw Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON
PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS not only operates airplanes to many corners of the world but it operates lobbying activities in every corner of Washington. Free rides, fancy dinner parties, special airplanes at the disposal of Senators and Congressmen, and the like, Pan Am has helped to get lush air routes and fat mail subsidies.

The other day, however, Pan Am pulled a new trick. It was "outed" as having been in the suit for a recent Little Mission, ostensibly inspected Pan Am's Miami base. With Ryan went to Miami, headed in the suit for a recent Little Mission, ostensibly inspected Pan Am's Miami base. With Ryan went to Miami, headed in the suit for a recent Little Mission, ostensibly inspected Pan Am's Miami base.

Quoted about details of this "inspection," the CAB claims it was "routine" but that it "permitted its employees to accept favors from the same corporations CAB is charged by law to regulate. Pan Am remains a mystery. However, there was less corporate subsidy of Government employees if Congress would increase the pitifully inadequate travel allowance now paid them.

Merry-Go-Round

ON THE trumpet that to take Tom Wallgren's job is George W. Humphrey of Cleveland, biggest individual oil operator in the USA. Humphrey is head of the M. H. Hanna Co., National Petroleum Conservation Council, and also of the Phillips Dodge Corp., National City Bank of Cleveland. Also,

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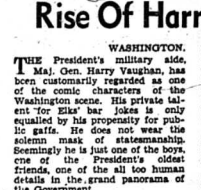
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