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PEACE IN WHOSE TIME?

THE United States is being appealed by Russia. The lifting of the blockade is the most immediate and concrete evidence of the Russian peace movement. But appeasement has been going on for quite a while. It is going to become even more pronounced in the near future. It will be gradual, of course, left-handed, grudging. But it may mean peace in many years of it. It may mean peace in our time... but only in our time.

There is a number of other reasons why Russia is offering peace: (1) Russia needs to concentrate on Asia and the far, new problem of a Communist China. (2) Russia may simply realize that war now, or any time soon, would destroy all that it has achieved in Eastern Europe within the last few years. (3) Russia may be attempting to block the Atlantic Pact and the resulting flow of arms to Western Europe by convincing the United States that there is no need for it and it is in the national interest which the State Department of the United States must concern itself. The people of the United States are tired of war talk and their Senators and Representatives are tired of war economy. A cleverly projected Russian peace movement, giving our isolationists "action not words" in the form of conciliation in Berlin, may be sufficient to seriously weaken or even cripple the pact and arms-aid.

SPELL IT OUT FOR 'EM

ALREADY among the wolves, the harried, hurried pedestrian scowls crabwise from curb to curb, defenseless, vulnerable from four sides. Sometimes he never knows what hits him. Though few limbs are broken now, a skull is often rammed, the head and tear on the nerves and the inner organs where ulcers breed is indeed more than negligible. The difficulty, it seems, is that a law-abiding, civic-minded pedestrian, imbued with the doctrine of stop-look-and-listen, who never breaches the crossing of a street less the light is green in his favor, still can't proceed with equanimity. He is never ready to use to warn sinners, never knows what might be just around the corner.

UP AND UP IT GOES

PERHAPS the astronomical figures of the Federal budget have left us so groggy that anything less than a billion dollars seems relatively insignificant. At any rate, the final tabulation of the appropriations authorized by the 1949 General Assembly has caused scarcely a murmur of comment in the state press. Yet, where sheer spending is concerned, the 1949 General Assembly bows to none of its predecessors. If the voters of the state approve a \$200 million bond issue for roads and bridges, the 1949 General Assembly for the next biennium will reach the astounding figure of \$747.5 million—nearly three-quarters of a billion dollars.

COULD BE WORSE

RUTH MILLETT, our brilliant lady columnist, complains that at the fashion designers are not throwing together the kind of hats that American women really want. But, of course. However, at least as long as the designers can be blamed the gals have an alibi. They should think twice about letting it get away from them. One of the sorrows connected with the outfit is that many of the hats caused by being often compelled to accept resignations of office-holders with "great reluctance." Constant objection to great reluctance is a severe strain upon the nervous system and injurious to digestion. —Charlotte (S. C.) News & Courier.

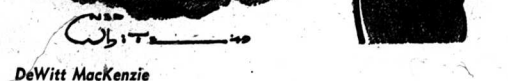
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turn? But don't point out that the motorist should be careful in turning right. If the pedestrian could be sure he is in the right, that by waiting for the green light before walking he is complying with the laws that protect his right to walk. Often, however, the pedestrian feels a distinct twinge of shame when he realizes that his progress across an intersection is interfering with the inalienable right of a motorist to turn a corner. There seems, luckily, to be a solution to this: those attractively little "walk-a-don't walk" boxes now directing the flow of traffic in Independence Square... We need more of them. Give a pedestrian a clear, straight set-up like that at the four corners surrounding the Square, with then you've got something. Off to work, go happily whistling if the choice is to secure in the knowledge that he is in the right. The sign says "walk"—and just as sure as Henry Ford made little automobiles the pedestrian can walk—and the motorist can go hang.

Report bond issue, \$75 million. Permanent improvements, \$72 million. School bond issue, \$28 million. Road bond issue, \$200 million. Highway bond issue, \$20 million. That adds up to \$747.5 million. The 1949 General Assembly appropriated \$418 million (including \$51 million in permanent improvements), and the 1948 General Assembly appropriated \$273 million. Of course, a good part of the 1949 authorizations represent the spending of surplus which was accumulated during the 1948 year when many of the state's services were necessarily curtailed. Even so, the allocation of \$402 million to operating expenditures is a whopping increase over 1948's \$273 million and serves to emphasize the plight of the taxpayer who is squeezed from three sides by his local, state, and national governments, all of which are spending more and more money with no let-up in sight.

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honor is beside the point; at least she reaches. Neither the designers nor the ladies themselves will ever make the kind of hats that women really want. There isn't no such hat. Best leave the blame on the designers, Ruth. One of the sorrows connected with the outfit is that many of the hats caused by being often compelled to accept resignations of office-holders with "great reluctance." Constant objection to great reluctance is a severe strain upon the nervous system and injurious to digestion. —Charlotte (S. C.) News & Courier.



Indian Princes Make Their Exit

INDIA is happy over the historic agreement which permits her to become a republic and a member of the British Commonwealth of Nations—without acknowledging the sovereignty of the king-emperor. That is the articulate portions of India's three hundred millions as a whole are pleased. However, there are a few shrewd who are bound to be regretful. Outstanding among them are the hundreds of princes who have lost their thrones. India was granted independence nearly two years ago, and now see the severing of the last tie with the imperial crown of Britain. Since India gained her freedom the native princes and their rulers have come under control of the New Delhi government. Even the Nizam of Hyderabad, reputed to be the world's richest man and sovereign of the greatest state in India, has had to bow to the new era. The fate of the big state of Mysore remains unsettled pending a plebiscite among the people to see whether they prefer to join Hindu India or the neighboring Moslem dominion of Pakistan.

Quote, Unquote

"We opened up our VFW VFW #106, official newspaper of the Louisiana VFW, and found an inch and a half streamer in that type across the front. Bonus Booth Business, and found an inch and a half streamer in that type across the front. If it's so good for business? Make it \$250,000. I was a place on Miami Beach—Opeloesa (La.) World. A local young man recently spent the evening giving his wife a lesson in finance. She listened with deep interest but the young husband was considerably disturbed when she said: "I'm wondering what anybody could know so much about the stock market without having any money." —Lamar (Mo.) Democrat.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

THE American housewife doesn't know it, but more and more of the food she buys for her family contain the same basic "eratic" ingredients which I. G. Farben, the German chemical giant, used to poison the civilians in the last war. The German people lived on "eratic" food. The extent of this Farben-ized of American food, unbeknown to the consumer, has been partially investigated by the Food and Drug Administration. They did not, however, take into account the fact that they do not know what the final result will be on the health of the nation. Meanwhile Republican Rep. Frank Keefe of Wisconsin, who has been studying the Food & Drug Administration, has made some startling disclosures about what goes into many of the things we eat. Keefe charges: —That bread and is being chemicalized to a point where it has little if any nutritional value; —That the substitutes are poisonous. The result of the work of I. G. Farben chemists, are being palmed off on the unsuspecting public, in place of milk, fats and eggs in such foods as cake, doughnuts, cereal mixes, peanut butter, ice cream, candy, salad dressing, milk drinks, synthetic vitamins cream, pickles and food preservatives. —Manufacturers and pharmaceutical houses that produce synthetic foodstuffs have not made adequate research to determine if the substitutes are poisonous. There is no proof of toxicity in most of the substitute. Keefe points out that seven million people are eating a synthetic salt prepared for people who cannot use organic salts in their diet. Taste Comes Ahead of Nutrition THE synthetic ingredient which many bakers now use in bread is a compound of polyoxyethylene glycol and stearic acid, known as polyoxyethylene monooleate. Stearic acid is derived from animal fat, but polyoxyethylene glycol, a substance similar to purified anti-freeze for automobiles, has been synthesized in a laboratory. I. G. Farben experimented widely with polyoxyethylene products as a base for "eratic" German foods during the war. The American compound is produced chiefly by the Atlantic City Chemical Co. of Brooklyn and is distributed in slightly different forms under the trade names "Sta-Sol" and "ATV-45." But keep your eyes off for a long period, you will find that they are not overburdened with rich substance which, in the end, tend to discourage and decrease consumption.

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THE ONLY really correct objection to a fundamentalist occupation of Japan is that General of the Army Douglas MacArthur is not a particularly well-liked man. An off-the-record talk with this curious and complex man has revealed the "mists" for the visiting first-time visitor, like the one who has pulled those here who have had the experience—and they are many—are forever commemorating in the interview with MacArthur, rather in the manner of middle-aged club-women discussing the war. As with an operation, the experience has been so successful that it is felt temporarily anesthetized. The most surprising thing about MacArthur is that he does not feel like MacArthur. It is amazing that a grid-branded but could so transform a man's appearance. When the cap is not there, the stern-jawed, eagle-beak nose, the sun-dappled hair supplements is not there either. Instead, there is an elderly man with a very long nose, an interesting, intensely mobile face, and a paternal, rather old-fashioned courtesy of manner.

It would be easy to make fun of MacArthur himself. He is a perfectly capable of making a full-fledged general in the air force, flashing left arm waving the air force quavering with emotion, to a student of the military. He does the sense of numbness, of being under a heavy hand, of the comfort of feeling of being a totally insignificant person in the thousands. And it would be easy to make fun of MacArthur's private life. He is a pro style, both written and spoken, in the private life. He is a man who has been involved, purple, and sometimes totally meaningless passages. SPECIAL ABILITY The merely to make fun of MacArthur would be to miss the very point of the man. Certainly there is a great deal to be said for the old-fashioned politician, the kind of man who has served the public well, a great if very special ability, and an intense patriotism. This is a man who has served the public well, a great if very special ability, and an intense patriotism. This is a man who has served the public well, a great if very special ability, and an intense patriotism.

Getting Down To Business

IT'S JUST beginning to get good. Congress has passed the half-way measure but it's not yet the money, or appropriations, for doing it. When they get around to it, they will have to find a way to get a lot of men want to cut down on the money. This week the House expects to vote \$200,000,000 to help States. This is not a bad thing for the children. That won't become law, either, unless the House also approves, some time later. As for the President's health program, he will start on that, too. It also may have no chance this year, why? The fact is, nothing much has happened. The fact is, nothing much has happened. The fact is, nothing much has happened. The fact is, nothing much has happened.

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