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THE PACT-A REALITY

Many years, crowded with events, will pass by before we realize fully its implica-tions, before we know whether, as its spon-sors hope, it will deter or prevent another world conflict.

It is difficult, in the immediate present, o see the Pact clearly. But we can look at t from three directions to get some kind

of perspective:

1. Viewed from the past, the Pact is precedent-smahing. We have come a long way from the Washington opposition to entangling foreign alliances, from the hemispherically-definited Mo n roe Doctrine, from the rejection of the League of Nations.

2. Viewed in the present, the Pact is a reflection of the greater understanding of peace and war and the causes of each in the world today. And with understanding.

peace and war and the causes of each in the world today. And with understanding has ceme the acceptance of the inevita-bility of joint piedges to defend the demo-cratic community of nations. It is lamen-table that our one world has been divided

MIRACLE OF THE LAW

THE law is indeed a wondrous thing, often meaning what it does not say or not meaning what it does say. The layman, who can never hope to understand the intricacles of legal language, thus relies upon the opinion of experts. Sometimes when he does so he witnesses veri-

table miracles.
Consider the ruling of Attorney-General
Harry McMulian that the law authoriting
the election on issuing \$200 million in road
bonds (1) permits the Highway Commission to use a part of the money for purchasing road building machinery, and (2)
sets the maximum amount to be spent for
this purpose at one-tenth of the total
Mr. McMulian finds the authority for
buying road machinery in Section 2 of the
act, the pertinent phrases of which read as
follows:

tinguished from primary roads . . . "
That, Mr. McMullan says, means that
money can be used for buying machinery.
But the most interesting part of his legal
ruling is the determination of the maximum amount which can be spent for this
purpose. He picks out the "equalization
fund" section which, as the law was writ-

in two; but it is a hard truth, and the Pact merely recognizes that fact.

2. Viewed ha-the future, the Pact offers the best method yet presented to us of preserving peace by arraying such an impressive potentiagoid emocracy that no aggressor would dare attack any of the state of the state

As President Truman said the other day, U. S. foreign policy is, in the final analysis, a reflection of the collective will of our people. Had not the Senate been convinced people. Had not the Senate been convinced that the American people approve of the Atlantic Pact, it never would have given it

use necessary majority.

We have entered a new era; there can
be no turning back. We have come upon
the position of world leadership because of
our vast wealth, our technical ingenuity,
our strong and pliant democracy. The
world looks to us to keep the peace.

county. This paragraph reads:

"Notwithstanding the above provision for the allocation of said fund to various counties of the state, the State Highway and sancount to the state, the state Highway and sancount not exceeding tap per cent (16%) of the total of said fund as an equilatation fund to be used by the said Gommission for security of the said funds as negalization fund to be used by the said Gommission for security and all streets and exfensions thereof in incorporated cities and (16 wm swhich form important connecting links to which form important connecting links to highway system or farm to market reads, and including reads or streets in that border or frings section which is neither city nor counties."

Mr. McMullan decides that means the Highway Commission can not spend more than 10 per cent of the total, or \$20 million, for buying road building machinery. And all the time we thought the equalization fund was to be spent for special projects important to the State highway network which properly shouldn't be charged up the properly shouldn't be charged up and the state of fact, Governor Scott thought so, too, Or at least, when questioned on that point on a recent visit to Charlotte, he used as an illustration the rebuilding of a bridge near a county line which would be just as important to neighboring counties as to the one in which it was located. It would not be fair to charge that, up to one county. That's why the equalization fund was written into the law, "aid the Governor."

We suppose the Governor will be just as interested as we are in finding out what it really does mean.

A LOAN TO THIS COUNTRY?

WE would call to the attention of the handful of misguided Senators and Congressmen who are trying by hook or crook to stake the U. S. Government out to a \$50 million loan to Fascist Spain the. Asciolated Frees story appearing elsewhere on this page and describing the status of civil rights in that dictator-ridden nation today.

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elaim that (1) Franco is a bitter foe of. Communism who deserves our help, and (2) we might need bases in Spain in the event of a war with Russia.

The first answer's itself. It is patently ridiculous. Many preachers are against legal whisky stores; bened the preachers abould help the bootleggers are against legal whisky stores; bened the preachers abould help the bootleggers, or vice versa. That sort of topic is pure poppycock, and everyone knows it.

2. No one has ver moved that bears in

quite what a war with Russia would be like, or where it would be fought.

Actually, the molive prompiling some of these members of the Congress is less ulterior. Franco wants to buy some stuff in the United States. He doesn't have any dollars. We can lend him some dollars (though his credit rating is bad) and then he will be able to buy from us.

Such crass commercialism at the risk of jeopardizing our world battle against to-tallitarian rule is not only shortsighted; it is appailing.

is appalling.

We can not defeat Communism with Fascism. We can not hold out the promise of freedom to other people in the world by financing the iron-clad dictatorship of a

Franco.

Our goal in this struggle is to advance democracy, not merely resist Communism, and to advance it to the unhappy people of Spain as well as the rest of the world.

GOOD BEHAVIOR IN HARNETT

TWE Dunn Dispatch was lamenting the other day that good news is no news. That is, if it is good news.—no one pays attention to it. The reader's eye scans the paper. The Dispatch figures, picking out a few key words in the headlines (murder, new key words in the neadlines (murder, rape, slay, theft, killer, fiend) and looks the other way when the story is construc-tive, indicative of a well-behaved com-

tive, indicative of a well-behaved community.

The Dispatch does not for a moment mean to suggest that Harnett County (of which it is the clarion) is free from law-breakers and men of violent passions.

It sought only to point out that "more than two weeks ago, The Dispatch printed a front page article boasting of the fact that Harnett County didn't have but one homicide and only three suicides during the first six months of the year.

The Dispatch does not claim any credit or the decrease in Harnett's murder rate, but we do believe that publicity had its effect, where the property of the page of th

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not unjustified. The News, as a matter of fact, commented on it editorially some months ago. Now, in vigw of the Harnett reformation, we would like to extend commendation to the law enforcement officers of the county, to the juries which have been prompt to bring in convictions in flarment uniters, and—of course.—The Dawn Dispatch.

Praise of our grandmothers who conquered the tough, wild frontier has probably been overdone, in the opinion of Alvin V. Butcher of the Altonas, Kan, Tribune. He says: "After all, they never had the nerve to go out in a snowstorm, or under a hot sun, barebacked, barelegged and practically naked all over." — Jopin (Mo.) Globe.

In America we are rapidly achieving an equal division of labor—50 per cent of the people imposing the taxes and 50 per cent paying them. — Little Rock Arkansas Gazette.

Some people won't believe that the airplane is here to stay until a two-passenger job buzzes by with ten school kids in it.—
Little Rock Arkansas Gazette.

'Somebody Hid My Suitcase!'



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EARLY this week, Congressman Paul Shafer, Republican, of Battle Creek, Mich., publicly urged that Con. Barry Yanghan, military side to the White House, be suspended. He pended generals who had unwarranted contacts with "five per cent lobbyists."

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be brought against the Senate subcommittee now investistation "Five Per-Center" James Hunt and his connections
with Harry Vaughan. For wheever pries into the life of the
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Hants Vaughan, who has been incessed. The per-Center Hunt's land Hunt.

That was nest the beginning of Five Per-Center Hunt's lobbying career. However, Hun played a relatively minor role in jhe beckstage lobbying game revolving around genial Gen. Vituphan, which this column has touched upon in the nest. More about the General will follow soon.