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TRAINING HOUSEHOLD WORKERS

IT HAS BEEN estimated that there are between 6,000 and 8,000 Negro women employed as cooks, maids, and general householders in Charlotte.

One of the most interesting aspects of race relations in any Southern community such as Charlotte is the fact that the only close contact which many white families have with the Negro race is their daily association with their respective servants.

It is evident that many leaders of the Negro race feel that it is a degrading experience for a Negro man or woman to work in domestic service.

There is probably no single factor in the management of a household, especially where there are many children, which exceeds in importance the quality, efficiency and cheerfulness of the cook, maid or general houseworker who performs the functions of both.

Consequent of the problem in Charlotte where there is such a shortage of well-trained domestic workers, a group of citizens is now endeavoring to establish a training program which will enable untrained Negro women, as well as those already partially trained, to improve greatly their talents for household chores and responsibilities.

The newly organized committee, composed of representative leaders of both races, has been hard at work planning a ten-week course of twenty instruction periods covering all phases of cooking, waiting on table and looking after the house. According to this group, it may be possible in the near future to have three or four classes in different parts of the city under instruction at the same time so as to produce a considerable number of graduates.

It is true that many people in Charlotte would be glad to pay a cook, maid or general houseworker a better salary if they were assured that they could find a well-trained worker. The difference, for example, of \$5 a week or even more would be an incentive to the servant as compared to a capable one will be to many housewives the difference between misery and contentment.

Recently John Temple Graves, the well-known columnist, wrote:

"Domestic service is, or should be one of the most interesting and intimate associations and fundamental work. Today the pay and the working conditions attached to the occupation are a disgrace. Yet so little attention is given to the training that should go with the service that it is no longer a profession in the quality of servant workers for the same way. Some are so good that they are almost invisible. Others are so slowly ignorant, incompetent and unpleasant that they aren't worth the trouble of employing them. The unemployment insurance they are sure to find themselves soon looking for a job."

Mr. Graves points up a very pertinent problem facing every community and it is reassuring to find that Charlotte is endeavoring to do something positive and constructive about this matter.

THE COMMERCIAL ANGLE

TOO MUCH emphasis on commercialism may not be wise in considering such a project as the proposed new auditorium-coliseum for Charlotte. The main purpose of the public buildings should be to give pleasure and enjoyment to the people of this city and the surrounding area, and we ought not to forget that.

At the same time, such a project would be of considerable financial benefit to the community, and it is entirely in order to include in our deliberations some calculation of the potential commercial worth of conventions, expositions and the like.

At the moment, Charlotte convention facilities are inadequate. The city doesn't get the bigger meetings simply because it can't handle them.

Recently some 2,400 delegates from 43 states and several foreign countries gathered for the convention of the Association for Childhood Education International. It was a four-day meeting. The Asheville Chamber of Commerce kept tabs on the convention to see what it meant to the city, the financial area, and the taxpayers of the state. The report, as relayed in the current State Advertising Bulletin, showed:

SHRINKING DISTANCES

In his foreign policy address at Laramie, Wyoming, last night, President Truman explained simply and vividly why isolationism can never again be a workable national policy.

Reminding his listeners that the West is not a collection of isolated communities and great distances, Mr. Truman said:

"It had much to do, I think with the notion that many of us once held that the United States was a vast distance away from certain neighbors. The fact is that before the atomic bombing separated us by days of travel from other communities on the globe."

But the West has shrunk, and the world has shrunk too.

From The Anderson (S. C.) Independent

RIDING THE GRAVITY TRAIN

NO longer chairman of the President's National Economic Advisory Board, Dr. Edwin C. Nourse.

He took a notion some time ago, after years of work that deficit spending is wrong.

Dr. Nourse is now exercising his right of free speech at a meeting of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce in Washington.

He charged that Congress is rhyming "economy" with "hypocrisy" and that "even those Republicans and Southern Democrats who mean most before elections" continue to vote for appropriations bills.

He declares the "battle of the budget bulge" is being lost.

The visitors left \$33,000 in the State. A thousand visited Billmore Park. Three hundred took the ride trip to Mount Rock Mountain Trailways and seven hundred to the state mountain sledding track. Jack Friedmann's Smoky Tours carried them to the Smokies and Cherokee.

"All Asheville hotels and eating places did capacity business. Manager W. D. Turner Jr. of the George Vanderbilt reports that the night of the convention, he received 326 guests - a new record for this popular locality. Conventions don't mind cities when space is at a premium. The Asheville Chamber was largely instrumental in land-claiming this convention. James Arthur Jones saw to it that the right kind of invitation was extended to the convention. Asheville turned out wholeheartedly to help entertain the delegates - even the taxpayers, because of the new money brought into the State Treasury on the new business from this convention.

"Times like this help remind people that the travel-tourist business is North Carolina's third largest industry. Only textiles and tobacco rank ahead of it in dollar volume."

Does that look like good business to you? We think it is. And we believe that adequate facilities for large conventions and expositions will pay for themselves many times over in coming years.

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To put Laramie in its right perspective you should erect signposts in the center of town that read like this: "41 hours' pointing west that says 'Shanghai 41 hours'; one pointing south, 'Baltimore 50 hours'; and one pointing east, 'Boston 48 hours'."

Those are commercial air-line flying speeds, the President said, adding that military aircraft can move much faster.

If all the other arguments are omitted, the plain fact is that the world is shrinking by a reason enough for the United States to be waging a strong and militant internationalism.

Isolationism can not work, for we are no longer isolated.

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That is a thought that the Chamber of Commerce delegates would do well to carry home with them.

Businessmen can't be effective advocates of economy in government so long as they insist on seeking exemptions for their own pet interests.

He said that a new mechanical brain forethinks the automatic factory, where goods will be produced without human labor. But it wouldn't be a good thing if the machine couldn't have a strike.

The Internal Revenue Bureau has ruled that an entertainment fee applies to the campaign dinner of the Republicans but not the Democrats. It's convinced the Republicans go in for these things solely for the fun of it - Fort Myers (Fla.) News-Press.

A local man says that some woman's idea of a perfect husband is one who would come home every week with a nice big wad of money, and be perfectly content if she patted him on the head and said, Nice doggy, get some more. -Lamar (Mo.) Democrat



People's Platform 'And Signifying Nothing'

Editor, The News: The editorial in the Smith-Graham-Reynolds race presumes to go into the real "meats" of this campaign. And it does touch upon the issues at the heart of them. But it touches them from the Republican side of the brush, and that is a serious error. There is no quarrel with any of you who liked to be called Democrats with those in the party who wish to be conservative. But there is no quarrel with any of you who liked to be called Democrats with those in the party who wish to be conservative. But there is no quarrel with any of you who liked to be called Democrats with those in the party who wish to be conservative. But there is no quarrel with any of you who liked to be called Democrats with those in the party who wish to be conservative.

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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

SHORTLY before Trotsky left New York on his current mission to Moscow, President Truman had announced that the world looked better - a statement which was immediately followed by a statement privately to a friend immediately afterward, said: "I'm glad they're going to the place where they can't do anything."

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Cornerstone Layer

MORE Americans think of Tryve Lie as a stout, content-stone-layer character, with a heavy Scandinavian accent who does something or other at the United Nations.

Big Three Meetings Could Make Or Break West Defense

By Joseph Alsop

AT the opening of the historic London meeting, the solutions of all the other vital problems directly depend upon a satisfactory solution of the central problem of Western defense.

It is possible to state categorically that the defense job can be done, for the simple reason that the world's leaders have at last got down to brass tacks. The time of faddish ideas is over. Everyone has come to grips with realities. The best symbol of this development is a vital step that has been taken here in the last week.

Until now, one of the almost insurmountable obstacles to organizing a Western defense has arisen from the peculiar and quite unworkable relationship between the British, French and American staffs. The staffs have been linked, ever since the end of the war, by the combined chiefs of staff. The French and American staffs have always succeeded all the while in excluding from the combined chiefs a capable man who would have been the utmost reluctance to cooperate with them.

Here in London, during the past week, the fact has been faced by the three nations which is supposed to contribute the largest ground forces to Western defense that the planning mechanism, the British government, are now ready to admit the French to the combined chiefs.

It is utterly impossible to exaggerate the seriousness of the situation which must now be taken in hand. For example, the Soviet Union has been able to build up a stock of atomic bombs and building up its strategic force. Yet the combined chiefs of the British, French and American staffs have been unable to do so.

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Editorial Aberration

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Started As Office Boy

NO 19 years old, secretary-general of the United Nations has an office boy in the headquarters of the Norwegian Labor Party.

inast be found for a great Western European fighter for a great Western European fighter strength, for great numbers of aircraft, for great numbers of guided missiles, for equipments or bases for all these weapons, and for the maintenance of them.

On the other hand, since the facts of planning and organization of such an air defense is no longer impossible to the West, the Western general staff should be credited with reconstructing or replacing the existing standing group.

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