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## BYRNES TO THE RESCUE

To my mind, Western Europe is an indispensable first line in the defense of civilization. We should concentrate our forces in Europe.

YESTERDAY James F. Byrnes, one time Senator, one time Supreme Court Justice, one time War Mobilizer and Aristocrat, President, one time Secretary of State, was inaugurated as Governor of South Carolina.

It was an auspicious state occasion, and Mr. Byrnes said some things about state problems that will echo throughout Palmetto land for a long time. But because of his distinguished record of national service, the under echo will come from his words on foreign policy—an echo that will ricochet through the corridors of official Washington, across our broad land, and to the far corners of the earth.

There is a certain grain irony in Mr. Byrnes' powerful support of the main plank in the Truman-Acheson foreign policy—the defense of Western Europe. It was not so long ago that President Truman, tricked over Byrnes' sortie against the Fair Deal, cut the South Carolina loose from the national Democratic Party and said he could do as he "damn please."

What Mr. Byrnes now pleases to do is to come to the defense of Mr. Truman's foreign policy at a time that policy is being gravely endangered by a steady drum-line from Messrs. Kennedy, Hoover, and A. J. Al.

The Atlantic Treaty and the U.N. do not require us to act in any particular fashion. But there is a requirement more urgent than these—the requirement of self-defense.

## NEW POLICY IN KOREA

GEN. J. LAWTON COLLINS' assertion that U. N. troops will remain in Korea and that they will soon be reinforced is the most dramatic development in the slow evolution of a new military policy for the Korean War. That policy appears to reject the plea of pacifist defeatists that U. N. troops be pulled out of Korea at once, and to be based rather on full confidence that a major segment of the peninsula can be held against the Communists.

From the first real report of Chinese entry in Korea, there has been an understandable desire in all of us to take the easy way out and mark Korea down as a gross failure for which the nation was to blame. A good many Americans rushed into print to urge that course of action.

This newspaper said then, and it repeats today, that decisions of strategy in Korea must be based on carefully calculated military factors, those factors in turn being weighed against the whole global military and diplomatic situation. And we confess today readily that we do have access to the information that must govern major policy decisions.

## WEAPON AGAINST CHARACTER ASSASSINS

WHAT the Justice Department will do with the Rosenberg accusers is a matter of speculation for legal experts, but simple justice demands that they be persecuted for perjury if there are any grounds for doing so.

News readers will recall that the case against Mrs. Anna M. Rosenberg consisted of charges by two New Yorkers that she had attended Communist meetings fifteen years ago. One of the accusers was Ralph De Sola, ex-Communist who has made a good financial thing of his conversion to the faith of Benjamin Freedman, a retired businessman. There were reports, also, that members of the staff of Commentator Fulton Lewis Jr. had worked with Gerald L. K. Smith behind the scenes to build up the case.

The Senate Armed Services Committee held up Mrs. Rosenberg's Defense Department

## Self-preservation demands that we act before the time is ripe.

He also made a stirring plea for unity in support of American foreign policy. In any event, he promised, South Carolina will "loyally support the foreign policy of the Government of the United States. . . . It is not only duty, but our great opportunity."

Byrnes cautioned against dividing our troops between the Far East and Europe, and he called for a withdrawal from Korea unless the U. N. is willing to declare China an aggressor and authorize the bombing of Chinese supply bases and the establishment of a sea blockade.

In addition, he urged that Western Germany be treated "on terms of equality"; that military supplies should be rushed to Spain; that we should furnish military supplies to Yugoslavia.

He had a few words to say about domestic affairs, too. He thinks that a wage-price freeze must be established immediately, wants all non-defense spending cut to an absolute minimum, and warns against promoting "political proposals or socialistic programs which are certain to divide our people."

James F. Byrnes commands the respect of the American people. His prestige in Korea is tremendous. It is safe to predict that his inaugural address will be of material help in quieting the uneasiness over our foreign policy—an uneasiness that stems in large part from the absence of any one to speak in the clear, confident Byrnes voice.

# Korean Rouble Reminiscence Of Mexico Cuba Nicaragua

BY MARQUIS CHILDS

WASHINGTON (AP)—The President's announcement that the House of Representatives will pass a bill to prohibit the export of strategic materials to Communist countries has been greeted with a shrill cry of protest by the Communist bloc.

Without any declaration of war by Congress and all, and in the face of aggression that the power of Congress must be exercised to meet the situation, the Communist bloc has taken a bold step in the direction of a new economic blockade.

The President then went on to say that he had taken steps to prevent the export of strategic materials to Communist countries. He said that he had taken steps to prevent the export of strategic materials to Communist countries.

Out of the White House in calm and happier voices, 22-Senator Robert A. Taft of Ohio, the son of a President, has been given him always the distinguished example of his father, William Howard Taft.

Now as then, Taft had good reason to know the theory nature of the President's move. He has been keeping his neck during the course of his four years in the White House as tight as a drum.

Under the Constitution Congress has the power to declare war, but it is not the President's duty to declare it. Instead, war is a legal act, and it is the President's duty to declare it or to recognize its existence.

## If They Can't Apologize Let Them Admit The Error

BY ROBERT C. RUARK

IT OCCURS to old Joe Average, here, that he has not read one word of honest apology for all the things he has done in the past. He is sorry for the moment, and that maybe a lot of people are sorry for the moment, but they are not sorry for the moment.

No heavy emphasis would be placed on the wrangles between the Messrs. Hoover, Dewey, Taft, Truman, Dulles, et al. on the advisability of semi-isolationism. We were strong today, and armed today, and mobilized today.

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## Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON (AP)—The "Mc" from Wisconsin, has been being accurate in publishing Army cables estimating Chinese strength in North Korea at about one-quarter of the 1,000,000 army announced by the PRC in another document which jumps Joe also won't want me to publish.

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# MY Armies Move On Other People's Stomachs



## People's Platform We Can't Play The Ostrich

McBEE, S. C.

Editors, The News: THE PRESIDENT HOOVER'S remarks about the present international situation struck me like a lightning bolt. He is not in accord with Mr. Hoover's opinion. He believes in letting the children play in the egg in the cold world outside. He is like the ostrich that sticks its head in the sand.

This world is one. This world small-to-small for isolationism. Isolationism is an old fashioned as a lace collar and red flannel underwear. America cannot afford to play the part of an international ostrich, letting its fancy stick out for a target, while predatory Communism engulfs the sheepish world of Asia and create two spheres of influence, Europe and the world free.

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## Democrats Vs. Republicans

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EDITORIAL: SENATOR TAFT is the actual leader of the Republican Party. He is the leader of the Democratic Party. Taft says the bi-partisan foreign policy is out. That clears the way for the Republican Party. Taft's policy is the Republican policy.

The nebulous appearance of the so-called Democratic foreign policy shapes up to be an attempt to send troops all over the world, to give money to the big armaments makers, to give money to the big armaments makers, to give money to the big armaments makers.

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## From The Asheville Citizen

### SIGNIFYING NOTHING

LIKE the Wilmington News which asks, "What's in a name?" The Citizens is disposed to question the manner in which the Judicial Council is dragging its feet on appointment of extra Superior Court Judges.

Last November the voters of North Carolina voted overwhelmingly for the number of regular Superior Court judges in each judicial district, provided each district has at least one. Experience shows that North Carolinians are reluctant to amend their Constitution for any purpose, in which this newspaper campaign, because of the distinguished sponsorship (including the Judicial Council) which the amendment enjoyed.

## Signifying Nothing

His word and agreed that crowded court dockets had created a judicial emergency now have reason to wonder whether they were misled. The Judicial Council itself apparently has decided that no additional judgeships should be created at this time. Its influence with the General Assembly is not inconsiderable.

We realize of course that the Council must have sound reason to oppose now what it proposed only a few months ago. At the very least, however, the public is due a proper explanation of this apparent change of heart. If this amendment proposed to be meaningless, future amendments to the Constitution are likely to meet with a cynical response at the polls.

Men who made the World of Today should be wary about advising youngsters to "become adult."—Knoxville News-Sentinel.

## Robsters Cheat U.S. Of Tax Potential

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Federal Reserve Bank has reported that the tax revenue lost by gamblers operating on a strictly cash basis, Second International Revenue makes no great effort to check on gambling.

Though Treasury field agents are honest and diligent, at least one potential offender, the Treasury Department, has been lax in its efforts to check on gambling. The big money is in the hands of racketeers; and this columnist has too many headaches at the moment to take a label out of his pocket.

However, it remains a fact that while the average taxpayer sits up nights trying to forget any part of his income, the big money is in the hands of racketeers; and this columnist has too many headaches at the moment to take a label out of his pocket.

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## Fire Loss Drops

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Editors, The News: THE local fire loss for the year 1950 was \$122,549.12. It is lower than the amount recorded for the year 1949, which was \$135,254.54. The lowest fire loss experienced in the last five years.

It is our considered opinion that the fine public relations work of the fire prevention organizations which have so kindly presented in The Charlotte News during the year has been a major factor in affecting this record.

Please accept our sincere thanks for all you and your staff have done to keep the citizens fully aware of and interested in fire prevention.

—DONALD S. CHARLES, Chief, Charlotte Fire Department.

## The People's Platform available to any reader who cares to mount it.

Communications should be less than 300 words, typewritten if possible, and on only one side of the paper. Label and obituary will be deleted—otherwise anything goes. Each letter must be signed.—Editors, The News

## Lush Gambling Profits

INTERNAL Revenue agents so far have done little about checking on the profits of gambling clubs. Though they have access to the books, the U. S. Treasury has not taken the trouble to look men in gambling casinos at the time the money is counted—which is after business closes every night.

Managers of the big gambling establishments are careful to have watchers in rooms above the roulette wheels to look down through holes in the ceiling on the Blackhawk Club, another hangout for gamblers above the Blackhawk Restaurant in Chicago.

This is one of the quietest sources of revenue available to a man at the time when the rest of the American people are going to dig deeper into their tax pockets than ever before.