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A DISRUPTIVE NATIONAL ISSUE

WITHOUT considering President Truman's motives in appointing Gen. Mark Clark Ambassador to the Vatican, many sincere Americans will decry the precedent set by the action and the method used.
The United States had ministers and consuls at the Vatican from 1798 until 1906, when Consalvo de' Medici was appointed to the missions. From 1940 until last January, Myron Taylor served as the "personal representative" of Presidents Roosevelt and Truman. He held the rank of Ambassador, but his presence did not constitute formal diplomatic recognition.

tion of national sentiment at a time when unity is essential.
Beyond that, Mr. Truman's action in making the appointment at the very end of a session of Congress is indefensible. It precluded the possibility of debate on the great issue, enabled the President to dispatch General Clark to Rome, and will provide Congress with a fait accompli when it convenes in January.

Criticism of the precedent and the method will obscure another, very important factor—the presence at the Vatican of a trained military and diplomatic observer. Correspondents who have been stationed in Rome agree that the Vatican is the world's best "listening post." Undoubtedly it will be of benefit to the United States to have there a man so experienced in evaluating information as General Clark.

That purpose, however, could have been accomplished without establishing full diplomatic relations. To the great majority of Americans, the distinction is greater than it appears.

WHAT IS 'AVAILABLE,' MR. JONES?

CHARLOTTE'S own Rep. Hamilton C. Jones will probably be around these parts until the next session of Congress begins. Many of our readers will have an opportunity to talk with him, and we would like to propose a question to be asked of the Congressman. It is a member of the House Veterans' Committee.

There isn't enough medical manpower to staff them. The Hoover Commission found that 5,600 VA hospital beds had been closed because of lack of medical staffs.

Mr. Jones probably knows why the word "available" is interpreted so loosely—politics and prestige from "veterans' organization lobbyists. But if instead of you tell him what you think of this waste of public tax money, you might persuade him to vote against other such projects in the future.

MAN OF THE SOUTH

CHARLOTTE'S Man of the Year in 1950 was and now the Man of the South, David Owens is enjoying a rich harvest of public acclaim for his lifetime of service to his community and his region.

Selection of Mr. Owens by the magazine Dixie Business as its sixth Man of the South came as no surprise. His spectacular business career and his fine work as a leader in religion and education, all topped by an unselfish sharing of his wealth, gave him the honor more than 100 other Southerners selected for the magazine's Hall of Fame for the Living.

Mr. Owens has never sought to bring attention to himself, but he must feel a quiet satisfaction that his life work has been so generously recognized—a satisfaction that is shared by his fellow citizens of this community.

HUGH MACRAE—BUILDER OF A REGION

HISTORIANS of the future will surely list Hugh MacRae among the Tar Heels who contributed most to their state and their region.

geetic promotion of the theme. "The South will come into its own when its fields are green in winter." One has but to fly over North Carolina in December to see how widely this doctrine has been accepted.

Mr. MacRae did not stop with preaching his theory, however. At his modern farm at Rocky Point in Pender County, he developed pasture lands providing his large Black Angus herd with year-round grazing. And he argued convincingly that the South, because of its longer growing season and heavier rainfall, would one day take over the leadership in cattle growing from the Mid-West. To him belongs much of the credit for the enormous expansion of the livestock and dairying industries in the South.

North Carolina has lost one of its most valuable sons in the death of Hugh MacRae.

A NEW YEAR FOR THE SYMPHONY

ONE of the more pleasing features of the Fall season is the opening of the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra's annual series of concerts. This year the season is scheduled this year for Monday night, Oct. 23.

This year the accent is on youth. Following the theory that appreciation of good music is more easily instilled in the young, the orchestra is offering a special subscription rate to high school and college students. In keeping with this idea, the first concert will feature a symphony written at the age of seventeen by the Finnish composer, Heikki Sulehti.

The 1951-52 season, with a larger orchestra and a larger number of concerts, promises to be the best in the Charlotte Symphony's history. It is with a full appreciation for the society's contribution to the City's cultural development that The News salutes the members of the orchestra and wishes them all as they begin a new year.

From The St. Louis Post-Dispatch

HAVING A CONSERVATIVE BABY

THE British Broadcasting Corp. is an imposing institution, and is very possibly the most powerful in the world. It is not surprising that it should have a "conservative baby" in 1951 on the grounds that it is conservative. As the BBC well knows, are now born in England under the National Health Service, introduced by the present Labour Government.

either a little Liberal or else a little Conservative. We call particularly to BBC's attention these words: "or else a little Conservative." There were Conservative babies in W. S. Gilbert's day—why not in BBC's?

The American Legion wants to throw out the whole Stat. Department hierarchy because of its incompetent and indecisive friend, the Veterans Administration, be treated likewise.

W. S. Gilbert, who is an imposing institution, too, the same as the BBC, took another view of the matter. He said that every boy and every girl that's born into this world alive

For Want Of A Nail A Shoe Was Lost—



E Pluribus Unum

The American Pattern

(An Editorial in the Christian Science Monitor)
AMERICA is a land made up of many nations, many races, many traditions, many faiths. It is born in nonconformity; it thrives on diversity; it consists of multiplicity. Like its greatest poet, Whitman, it can afford to say with just assurance:
Do I contradict myself?
Very well, then, I contradict myself.

This incorrigible pluralism of America is inseparable from its vitality. It confounds rash generalizations. Those in other lands who may see it as a place of restless, teeming materialism are overlooking in it a thousand forms of strong and soaring idealism. Those who see it as a place of mass-produced conformity are ignorant of its pugacious individualism.

History has a way of reversing many popular and official judgments. What seems wisest today will be found to be foolish tomorrow. But sagacious action is less likely where complete freedom of opinion and debate is possible—and it is not possible where each disputant shouts "Traitor!" at his opponent or where inflamed mass opinion angrily penalizes the unorthodox thinker.

No one who knows the ebullient American spirit will believe that it can be forced into a strait jacket of conformity. But at a time of stress like the present it is well to remember that the term "Americanism" is big enough to include a MacArthur and a Jesusp within its generous folds.

Congressional Quiz

(By Congressional Quarterly)

Q—Has Sen. Robert A. Taft (R-Ohio) ever lived in the White House?

A—Not as President, but he lived there as a young man, the son of William Howard Taft, who was President 1909-1913. However, Sen. Taft, now 62, was to live in the White House again, and Oct. 15 announced he is candidate for the Republican Presidential nomination next year. He was a candidate in 1940 and 1948 also, but was not nominated. This time Taft said, "I feel confident that I will be nominated and elected."

Q—Is there anything in the President's new "security order" to keep officials from holding back information just because it would show them in a bad light?

A—According to a number of Congressmen who criticized the order, it is in effect would permit officials to suppress any information at all, even if it would do no harm to national security. The President denied this, pointing out his order applies only to information "which requires safeguards" to protect national security. Sponsors of bills to repeal the order include Sen. John W. Bricker (R-Ohio) and Rep. Claude I. Bakewell (R-Mo.).

Q—What did Congress do about the proposed St. Lawrence seaway?

A—A House committee held hearings, but in July voted to table (kill) a bill for the project. Some Committee men then pushed for reconsideration, and another hearing was held in October, but a vote was postponed until 1952.

Q—How much are we going to spend on the military program this year?

A—Congress authorized the Defense Department to spend \$55,899,568,000 during fiscal 1952—the largest single appropriation ever to be granted in peacetime. This money bill became law Oct. 12. The Air Force gets the largest sum—\$20,647,782,000. Army gets \$19,888,000, Navy \$15,877,881,000. Smaller amounts go to other Defense Department agencies.

Quark Will Read a Book While Drunks, Lovers See 'Footba'

ROBERT C. RUARK

THE GRILL of the Cleveland Browns' stadium has crept through the chronic sinus condition sufficiently to inform me that the hypertensive crowd is on edge and football is with us until the pros decide their annual argument sometime when enough snow has fallen to cause pneumonia to all spectators. This is my happy season, because it marks my liberation from the joys of sports page. I crawl out of the cave in March, when the baseball boys fly south.

Life magazine had a vehement editorial on football the other week, more or less calling for the abolition of the professional "college" team as an evil influence on the fine art of education and a perversion of character among the young and old alike. Maybe Life's man has a point, if slightly overblown.

I couldn't care less whether they keep it going strong or make it the contest of the century. Football has lost focus as anything but a gambling device for the bookies to get on, and I would rather shoot craps. You lose the money, and don't have to walk to complete Saturday crowds.

RULES OF PLAYERS GALORE
The game as played today makes scarcely any sense to me or anyone, including the players who are players, since the rules have been so drastically altered as to make the contest resemble a game of chance. A defensive halfback with a berry rack on his left cheek with an offensive halfback of the same coloration. The penalties are so numerous and vague that they resemble a lecture on parliamentary procedure in a monkey house.

All I ask of football is that it let me alone, and I won't bother it. I would rather sit in a chair in a bleak stadium, poisoning myself with canned heat in order to avoid death. I feel the strong urge to check their way through physical education courses on physical education courses. Let the basic structure of education sag, and it's their business.

It was always a source of wonderment, in my days of sports-page reading, as to why people went to football games at all. Some were drunk and some were some. Some were coming to see the old Bill or old Betty, that they hadn't seen since yesterday, or talking back and forth to the rest room to take another shot of pain killer. The young fry always gazed deeply into each other's eyes and held hands under the blankets, as a prelude to a big game later on at the fraternity or the dorm. There was a serious student of the sport in the stands, he had no opportunity to study for his exam. Football was always obscured by some lout in a beakrind coat who always reared erect just as old footballers' busted lungs for a long run. Even from the bench you can't follow the progress of the game. What good is it if you can't see it?

It is possible to recall some mild elation, back along the years, when your local team was in the night across the hills, and that night the bootleggers did big business and great deal of money was slung around the canteens.

But as age has soured my appetite for football, I have become and scoring up sleep-dep, I conclude that a man can drink better in a bar than at a stadium, and if razzing with friends that you have in mind you can't beat a soda.

As for the greater implications of sporting rivalry, such as the annual struggle between Army and Navy, don't bother discussing it. While you are fretting in Philadelphia, kids, Papa here will be asleep in his easy chair before a roaring fire, with his feet in slippers and arms sprawled carelessly at his side.

British Feeling on Election Runs Deep, But Doesn't Show

BY STEWART ALSP

THE CIRCUS atmosphere which Americans associate with elections is entirely absent here.

The familiar huge billboards, the faded pictures of the smiling candidate is replaced by a "Vote For Fidelity—Green, Conservative" sign.

Political publicity is so muted that this reporter, for example, in Manchester to attend a rally for Clement Attlee, found that he was in his hotel had any idea that the Prime Minister was to speak.

Yet beneath this surface calm, feeling is not high. Yet, of course, leaving Laborites muttering about "fascism" under a Conservative Government, as well as Tory gentlemen snoring in their clubs about emigrating." If the damned Bessies get back, you "will also find intelligent people speaking sincerely. "This could be the end of the road for you, you know."

ODDLY SWEETS QUICKER
Oddly enough, one can define in precise and tangible terms just what difference a Conservative victory would mean. In an unqualified Conservative, asked this question, replied after a moment of reflection, "Well, the price of tea, I think we'd get sweets off the ration more quickly." Actually, in pre-election statements, the Tories have promised to raise the price of tea. This, the full of difference between the words "Socialist" and "Conservative" is not a great deal in the election propaganda. The Conservatives have been offering, "the same amount of sugar will with a bit more sugar on it."

Yet the fact remains that the forthcoming election here is an event of towering importance. Whatever government is formed in the months ahead will have to deal somehow with the rapid erosion of British world power, on the one hand, and the menacing, suddenly renewed draining away of the British economic lifeblood on the other. In these circumstances, a government with the power to govern is the first essential.

The Labor Government has some very good achievements to its credit. Its greatest achievement is simply that there has been under Labor far more sugar on the British pill than most Americans realize. The Tories have caused the country to be impoverished by war, this is no mean achievement.

Yet since the death of brave old Ernest Bevin, the illness of brilliant Sir Stafford Cripp, and the near-defeat last year, the Labor Government has become a weak, feeble, and inefficient. Unless all the experts are wrong, Labor simply cannot win a decisive majority. Moreover, the unscrupulous Tories have discovered the overtones of the late thirties, which labor has waged in this moment of crisis. The Tories are now a future Labor Government. A weak government, half-committed to "conservation" is not a great deal indeed lead Britain perilously close to "the end of the road."

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round Eisenhower Backers Plot Draft Strategy

WASHINGTON
ONE DAY after Sen. Taft's official announcement that his party will support Eisenhower's primary in the Senate primary, the office of Pennsylvania's Sen. Jim Duff on Capitol Hill.

progressive Republican leaders that local GOP leaders will get on the Eisenhower bandwagon without a definite statement from the General. The problem here is that the other hand, he feels he cannot make a public statement of political intentions without taking off the uniform and rejoining the Army.

Reverse Discrimination
SEN. ALEX SMITH, ex-Princeton professor who ran out on his Columbia colleague, Dr. Philip Jessup, almost had it when Senator Sparkman of Alabama showed him the record on the subject. The anti-Communist delegate to the United Nations, The American Activities Committee had a record on Tobias far worse than that of Smith, but he had once belonged to nine Communist-front groups.

One of those attending the meeting had flown from Paris to New York before, where he had spent a week-end with the General and found him in a mood to run as a Republican if the Republican Party wants him.

However, a solid front of powerful anti-Taft Republican leaders would enable the organization work to proceed without a personal announcement. It would also prevent local leaders from getting sewed up, long in advance, by Taft.

"That's going to be bad for our side if we vote against him," Benson said. "The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People certainly will jump down our throats."

Out of this and other conversations came several tentative decisions:

Note-Senator Carlson of Kansas, long-time friend of the, is leaving for Paris today. Since this Eisenhower movement will have without months of careful planning.

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1. Eisenhower's name will definitely be entered in the New Hampshire primary—the first primary to be held. With Gov. Sherman Adams strong for Eisenhower, with Sen. Tobey already publicly on record, and Sen. Briggs' reputation for Eisenhower, the Eisenhower victory in New Hampshire is considered certain.

2. Probably there will be a full-dress meeting of powerful Eisenhower supporters within the Republican Party in the near future, which time a formal announcement will be made that the will be drafted. This will not require a statement from him—which it's agreed he cannot make like he is still in uniform.

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Roll Call For Ike
IT is expected that those attending the full-dress draft-Eisenhower meeting will include the four big "D's" of the Republican Party—Dewey, Duff, Derry of Kansas and Dickey of New Jersey. Also expected to attend will be Sen. Carlson of Kansas, Gov. Val Peterson of Nebraska, Senators Lodge and Saltonstall of Mass., Sen. Ives of New York, Gov. Thomas McCall of Oregon, Sen. Tobey and Gov. Adams of New Hampshire.

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