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THE CYNICAL ATTITUDE OF LABOR

KARL MARX'S doctrine that capitalism contains within itself the seeds of its own destruction has been demonstrated close to confirmation in these recent weeks. At a time when the United States is facing the greatest crisis in its long history...

Disillusioned with a wage ceiling voted by industry and public representatives on the Wage Stabilization Board, a ceiling that was admittedly a temporary arrangement pending a fuller study of the relationship of prices and wages...

There is considerable evidence that prices have outstripped wages, and that industry has been given a dominant voice in directing the preparedness program...

HIGHWAY COMMISSION TACTICS

RECENT activities of the State Highway Commission that are gradually coming to light are making mockery of the offer of more money for secondary road construction in that area if they would lift the Powell bill.

There is no need for the Highway Commission to try to buy and sell members of the General Assembly. If the Commission's case against the Powell bill is valid, it can stand on its own merits.

There is no comparison whatsoever. Russian officers are burdened with virtually no record-keeping since causes are not reported. Men are cheaper than machines and the sick and wounded are an insignificant percentage of the total.

WIND OF THE REVOLUTION

WHILE the nation was still pondering as to the exploit of a British bomber as it neared the race of the sun across the Atlantic, there came another breath-taking announcement. An airplane to be powered by nuclear fission is in the blueprint stage...

The significance of the announcement lies even deeper. It means that scientists have learned to control atomic energy, and to use it for constructive purposes instead of destructively...

SPRING IN FEBRUARY?

THEY can fool us about a lot of things," says an editorial in The Charlotte News, "but not about Spring. Who ever heard of Spring in February?"

It is a bush honeysuckle. They were bravely pretending that it was Spring and not the middle of January. Exhibit C: The period February 15-20 as described in the poem by J. W. Ballew "The Song of the Cardinal."

U.S. Defensive Forces In Good Shape After All

MARQUIS W. CHILDS

SPEAKING IN Salt Lake City the other day, Sen. Robert A. Taft of Ohio had some interesting things to say about military readiness and the national economy. It is possible that his remarks are like that of the horse...

Specifically, Taft suggested the appointment of a commission headed by civilians "to explore the methods by which the same military results can be accomplished with fewer men and less expense."

There is here, it seems to me, a confusion that is partly the fault of the Army's method of computing national strength. Partly the confusion results from exaggerated and even hysterical estimates of the size of Russia's forces.

THE American division of 18,000 men part of the 175th Infantry, and the phrase is an unfortunate example of Government gobbledegook...

There is confusion confounded at Raleigh over what to do with streets of the cities and towns that constitute parts of our state highway system. What is the difference between any of all the St. in Greensboro and the main street of Pittsboro?

Furthermore, public highway funds belong neither to the country nor to the cities and towns, but to all the users of the highways alike. This fact makes this fund the most democratic of all the funds in the possession of the state.

Another thought-free, democratic institution are inherently less able to long endure total mobilization. That fact should be remembered at all stages of our consideration of war programs.

Now we have some area of choice or election. But that may be lost by an act of impulsive action on the part of either this Administration or our

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON MOBILIZATION boss Charles Wilson will assume drastic powers over aluminum, copper and steel, beginning the day he will put the armament program under a controlled material plan, which will give the Government authority to regulate their use down to the last pound.

You Sure You've Got Him Locked Up Tight?



People's Platform

I HAVE been here for a considerable time, but I do not think I have any time witnessed the confusion that exists today at all levels, state, national and international.

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Smith And Taft

READ your published excerpts from an address delivered by Senator Willis Smith on American foreign policy. It was interesting to note that our junior Senator has thrown in with Republican Senator Robert Taft in an effort to delay or defeat President Truman's intention to send an army to Europe.

Wilson Faces Hard Battle To Hold Line

By THE ALSOPS

THEY'RE ALL acting like officials in the matter of a disgraced mobilization official who has watched with dismay the scramble for special privilege for the military...

They also privately agree that Secretary of Labor Maurice Tobin has no real business running the whole manpower requirements of the nation...

THE real issue goes deeper. For one thing, labor feels that President Truman has not paid off for labor's support in the war...

LOOK ASKANCE. As for business, Wilson and his chief aides despise their reputation as conservatives, have been looking for a very fishy eye at certain business practices...

Wilson is determined to deal with this sort of thing. Moreover, he is determined to make the amortization rates as much too high in effect permitting industry to build new plants at the expense of the old...

Job-Selling Scandal

HERE is the inside story on the Mississippi "job-selling" scandal. Mississippi's two Senators have affidavits from twenty rural mail carriers and contractors who say they were charged as high as \$1,500 for jobs and favors.

Scarce Meta Control Plan Set For Use

Fall, under which enlisted reservists with sufficient points would be sent overseas. The plan was hastily abandoned Nov. 7, 1950, less than two weeks after it was adopted. An Army spokesman explained it was scrapped because of Chinese intervention in Korea...