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PUTTING THE GRAY REPORT TO WORK

ON NOV. 13, 1950, President Truman released a letter from Gordon Gray, who was then serving as a special Presidential assistant. The letter accompanied Mr. Gray's Report to the President on Foreign Economic Policies...

While I hope that this report will be of assistance to you in making essential decisions with respect to foreign economic policy, much further work remains to be done within the appropriate departments and agencies to convert this policy statement into an operating program.

Now the Rockefeller board has brought in its report. It proposes a nine-point program: (1) centralization of authority over all overseas economic activities of the Government...

possible contribution to defense. (9) use of the new central administration to handle the claims for help, assure an adequate flow of necessary materials where needed, and assist in controlling prices of goods and raw materials moving in trade among the free countries.

The Rockefeller report fills in the missing pieces of the Gray report. They dovetail neatly. A close reading of both fails to disclose any basic disagreement on policies or methods.

Beyond these two considerations, there is the lesson of two World Wars which we fought much as we play football games—the victory was won by the team that wore the uniforms, took a shower, and got home.

This newspaper is not competent to pass on all the Rockefeller proposals. It does, however, hold the profound conviction that bullets are useful for killing enemy soldiers, but an entirely different kind of ammunition is necessary to keep the people of the world on our side after the shooting is over.



People's Platform

They've Done It Again

DURHAM - In the first two months of 1951 that occurred during the entire months of 1950!

WELL, the liquor barons from outside the state and their henchmen from inside have triumphed over the sovereign people of North Carolina. It is high time that this insult to democracy through packed committees and gag-rules were stopped forever.

Let's call a state-wide convention of the drys and lay plans to nominate dry candidates for every state office from Governor on down.

Also why a pistol is considered such a dangerous weapon when anyone who reads and consumes ever invented since the advent of man on earth I am accepting the atomic bomb.

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THE OTHER HISS STORY

ONE part of the Alger Hiss story ended yesterday when the Supreme Court refused to review Hiss' perjury conviction. It is the part that is well known—the part spelled out by Whittaker Chambers before the House Un-American Activities Committee...

FRANK GRAHAM'S NEW JOB

UNTIL the line of authority is more clearly delineated, and until the scope of authority is more accurately defined, it will be impossible to forecast what measure of success ex-Senator Frank P. Graham will have in his new defense manpower assignment.

This much can be said: The appointment, announced by Secretary of Labor Maurice Tobin, assures the participation in the manpower program of at least one man who is neither anti-labor nor anti-industry, and a man who has demonstrated on many occasions a superb talent as a mediator and a compromiser.

Dr. Graham's spectacular accomplishment in Alaska recently was just one more incident in a long career of adjusting differences between management and labor beginning with his work on the National Defense Mediation Board in 1941-42 and continuing through his service on the National War Labor Board from 1942 to 1945.

AN IMPOSSIBLE ASSIGNMENT

A PROPOSAL to establish a 100-man State ABC corps to enforce the Prohibition law in dry counties has no merit, and should be killed by this General Assembly.

It is not the responsibility of the ABC organization to keep dry counties dry. It is charged by law with stamping out bootlegging in those counties that have voted for the legal control system.

The mere fact that the legislation has been introduced is an admission of the tragic breakdown of law enforcement at the local level. That always happens in Prohibition areas. The Prohibition law has not worked in the past. It is not working at present. It will never work, now or in the future, for the very simple reason that too few people really want it to work.

The first step in the elimination of bootlegging is to take the product out of the bootlegger's hands and put it in the hands of the State. That removes the big profit motive, and automatically puts out of business all but the pint-peddlers who try to turn a fast buck after store hours or over the weekend.

Wilson has accused labor leaders of trying to take over the management of defense production. This charge has been denied vigorously. Because of the confused line of authority, it is difficult for the people to find out who is right. Mr. Wilson's authority over all phases of the defense program is limited. This charge has been denied vigorously.

Presumably, Dr. Graham's job will be to manage the State and local agencies through the machinery already set up for the purpose. He is an outstanding advocate of the voluntary way in all fields of government, and believes in persuasion rather than compulsion.

The second step is to establish an ABC enforcement agency that will keep the heat on the bootleggers and keep their number to an irreducible minimum.

Why not cross hounding pigeons with woodpeckers? This is the bird who not only delivers the mail but knock at the door as well—Fernando (Fla) News Leader.

There is an old saying: "He can talk the ears off a brass monkey." But Mrs. Maloprop says she has had a magnificent job for Italian foreign affairs.

Our pet delinquent is the man who spends a dollar and thereupon determines that he is entitled to tell the owner how to run his business—Roperville (Tenn.) Review.

The general consensus, at least among males, is that women drivers would be as good as men if it wasn't for one thing: fenders—Carlsbad (N.M.) Current Argus.

A SPEECH FOR EVERY OCCASION

Simon Stylites in the Christian Century THIS THICK speech, tailored to fit any occasion, is the work of A. Parker Nevin, of Princeton University Job. E. Hedges, who was no mean hurb' or after dinner verbiage, said of it: "You can call it 'The Crisis,' 'Justice,' 'Solution,' 'Desires,' or anything you want to!"

Let us look around us. What do we see on the horizon? What forces are at work? Whether are we drifting? Under what mist of clouds do the future stand obscured?

But I cannot conclude my remarks, dear friends, without touching briefly upon a subject which has long been in my very consciousness. I refer to that spirit which gleams from the eyes of a newborn babe, that awakes the tolling masses, that

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

YOU have been most generous with your space in this and other activities of the Church, and I am deeply grateful to you.

"Mark you, I do not seek to unduly alarm or distress the fathers, sons and daughters gathered before me in this assembly, but I would indeed be recreant to a high resolve which I make as a young man at this time and in this place, and with the full realizing sense of responsibility which I assume, publicly declare and affirm my dedication and consecration to the eternal principles and precepts of simple, ordinary, commonplace justice."

You may doubt the magic of this appeal, but I am willing to get my shirt Christmas present, \$8.95, that I would stir the listeners at a national undertaker's convention, the American Legion, the B'nai B'rith, the anniversary of First Church, to say nothing of the floor of Congress in a debate either on Red China or a rollback on prices.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

(ED. NOTE: Drew Pearson is on a flying tour of Europe and the Middle East, surveying the world situation.)

THE real background reason why the governments of France, the Netherlands and Italy are having trouble raising their heads from the ground is that they are vanishing. For a long time the middle-of-the-road and rightist parties in these countries banded together to form cabinets only because they had to do so to prevent themselves from organizing a government in their place.

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European Anti-Red Orders Breaking Up

THE train because I had previously written an expose that Italian Communists had hidden arms throughout the country in preparation for revolution. I had also named Mayor Dozzo as one of those hiding arms.

Had they got one of their own number in Paolucci's apartment, which corresponds to the general Marshall's job in the United States—they would have more lush war contracts to award and more juicy jobs to hand out to deserving firms.

THE man who blocked the hungry members of his own party and finally won out in Italy actually began his career as an Austrian. De Gasperi once served in the Austrian Parliament. He vigorously opposed Mussolini and, to escape execution by the Fascists, took refuge in the Vatican where he worked in the library for seven years.

FOUR years ago, when I was in Italy with the Friendship Train, Mayor Giuseppe Dozzo of Bologna refused to give

Imperialism in East German Province Red Masterpiece

By JOSEPH ALSPOP

LEIPZIG - In the grey, gloomy city where the notes for this report were made, the streets are a mass of color—the innumerable scarlet posters and banners demanding unity. As the school world knows by now, the American policy makers are terrified that the Soviet will plunge into the East German, in order to halt Western rearmament and disrupt the West.

The prize the Kremlin has to play for is very great indeed. But it is important to note that the Kremlin must also risk a very great stake in order to gain this prize.

No offer to "unify" Germany will be treated seriously, either by the Western Germans or the Western allies which does not include a guaranty of free elections in East Germany. There is no doubt at all that the Iron Curtain materializes instantly in any free election.

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Waquable Over Armed Force Size Not So Good For Morale

By ROBERT C. RUARK

THERE has got to be a way, some way, any way, to take the heat out of war. It is the subject of the building of an adequate fighting force. The games that have been played in the past are sickening to see—a man are certainly building lush morale within the services.

They have had some headlines lately: "Army's draft call down 20,000 for May," If the need for power is so pressing that Military Affairs Horthy speaks of drafting women? Why this business of activating reserves and all this military mobilization, which is over-exerting or placing the brunt on the eight-year-olds? What is all this about?

Let me suggest, recent on: "Army to Stop Calling Guard, Reserve Units." This is just great for the reserves and guardsmen who are already in Korea, and a comforting announcement that the "Army also intends to release reserves and guardsmen who have served 21, 24 or 27 months—the period to be fixed by Congress."

This is the shirt-tail to the old draft business—call up everybody, even the big boys, and suddenly announce that nobody else is needed. The hand-off volunteers are already in Korea, and the money and running his life to suit him, although the civilian is just as likely to serve as the pressed soldier.

If I were a National Guardsman or a reservist facing the prospect of being called to active duty, I would scream with anger when the radio

tells me that, as of now, no more reserves or guardsmen are to be called up. It would tell me that I have to lose up my life and call me if the necessity for calling the reserves doesn't exist.

Not enough has been said, so far, in behalf of the veterans of the last war, guardsmen and reservists alike. These men fought a war, a mean, tough, hell, cruel, hot, cold. They were young men when they fought it. They are older now, the lucky ones and the unlucky ones are dead. But they have a right, as veterans, to make some use of their life as civilians which transcends politics and the hit-or-miss tactics of calling one up here, another there.

All this foolishness about the eight-year-olds and the 18-year-olds, brother. This has not fought a war. All wars are regrettable. Nobody likes them. But the point is that the veteran is the subject of the headline, "It's 18 or Veterans, Senate Told on Draft," or "Army also intends to release reserves and guardsmen who have served 21, 24 or 27 months—the period to be fixed by Congress."