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SORDID BUSINESS IN MISSISSIPPI

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BEYOND THE HORIZON, INFLATION

IF there is any one lesson to be learned from the MacArthur hearings on foreign policy, it is that a bit of foresight is worth a great deal more than a wealth of hindsight.
Yet the Congress, which should have learned that lesson well by now, seems strangely unaware of it.

There is a growing temptation—and signs of it are seen in the several moves to weaken price control and credit restrictions—to ignore the future and have an extension of the Defense Production Act on the present.
In that direction lies certain error, for the signs of the present are deceptive indeed.

MACARTHUR THE POLITICIAN

NOT that General MacArthur has returned to New York from his first venture on the hustings, the political experts are trying to fathom his intentions.
Will he stick to diplomatic-military issues in his forthcoming speeches? Or will he—as he did in Fort Worth, Texas—jump smack into domestic controversies?

Ident. And even if the Presidency proved beyond his reach, the General would get a full measure of grim satisfaction out of helping to bring administration that booted him out so ignobly and so clumsily.
Nevertheless, MacArthur should realize that much of the respect and dignified treatment that has been accorded him stems from a realization that he is an outstanding expert on military affairs. That is his field.

THE 82ND 'WORST' CONGRESS

LET us hope the time never comes when the fate of the nation hangs upon far decisive action by the 82nd Congress.
So far it has given an exhibition of pusillanimous procrastination that shames any of its predecessors—even the 80th "worst" Congress.

Meanwhile, there are investigations galore—more than a dozen of them are now in progress. And there are the customary Sumner committees at taxpayers' expense to all parts of the globe to check up on Congress that Congress has not yet got around to doing.

UNHAND THE PIANO PLAYER

OUT in Hollywood Mister Petrillo's union has ruled Tichelowsky off the concert stage unless a union pianist is hired as a stand-in during this performance.
It is sorry about this, not because it looks like dog-in-the-mangering but because Tichelowsky is or is alleged to be a piano-playing poacher who deserves an audience.

Red tape is not the exclusive property of bureaucracy. The Congress is one of the worst offenders of all. It has the power to reorganize itself and streamline some of the archaic functions, but it has consistently refused to tackle the job realistically through the years.

How Is One To Determine Quantity X?

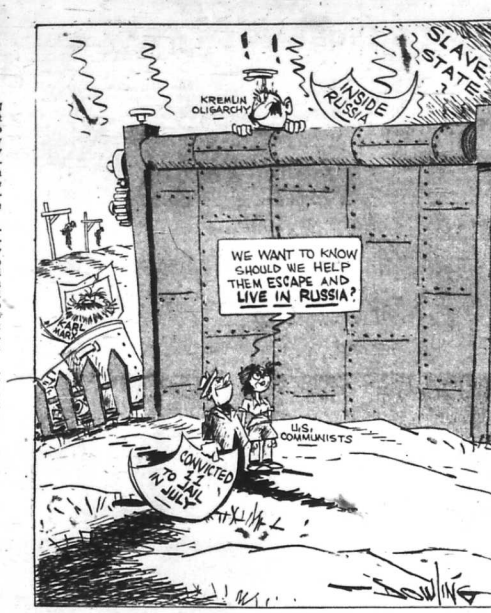
By STEWART ALSOP

WITH INTENSE WASHINGTON skepticism and an unquestioning obedience to higher authority instilled many years ago, this reporter complied with a headmaster's request to speak at the graduation exercises at a boys' school.

It appeared likely that boys between the ages of twelve and seventeen might soon begin to throw insults at me. In the sort of rather detailed political report which usually appears in this column, therefore, seemed wise, in simple self-defense, to think again about the world situation, and to try to reduce it to its essentials, as in a problem in first-year algebra.

A) The first element is a powerful nation, controlling much of the population and land area of the earth, aggressive and expansionist, with its very nature, unalterably and intensely hostile to the United States.
B) This potential enemy will quite soon — by 1953, if the accepted blue-ribbon and pink-shoe production are correct — have the weapons needed to wound this country as savagely, perhaps almost mortally.

When Does He Start Posting Some Grades?



Collected By Bill Sharpe

TURPENTINE DRIPPINGS

The Insubciant Winner

Let those Yankees who believe that Southerners are barbed-wired and illiterate pause in reflection.
They are looking the problem of a one-ecop economy but one-party politics with us still.

Twin Plunge

For generations the South was kept poverty-stricken by one-ecop economy and one-party politics.
Multi-ecop agriculture has come by applying sound intelligence to our agricultural potential.

Deflation

The lives of our more remotely settled mountaineers are colored by the faith that it is no longer very strong in the city dweller.
Take patent medicine testimonials, for instance.

99 Is About Right

Another difficulty is the relatively painless law for dope offenders. The maximum Federal penalty for third offenders is only five years.

Intimate

Displaying her wedding gifts, the bride came to one from the groom's Army buddy.
"I just adore these personalized gifts," she said, "with receiver towels and washcloths with HIS and HERS on them, but," she blushed, "this is even more personal."

Rarely in Court

Here in Laurinburg, for instance, it is a matter of everyday observation that big busses and trucks speed along the streets.
They pass all kinds of traffic at street intersections and pay little, if any attention, to speed limits or other traffic regulations.

Slum Volunteers

Tourists remember a long time the place where they got a really fine meal; they remember because even a one-armed tourist can count them on his fingers.

It's Different

The first synonym that Webster's Dictionary gives for "level" is "flat"—but there are times when the terms are decidedly not interchangeable.

Not A Heathen

Chicago man was returning to his home on a street car the other day when the strap he was holding on to broke with a jerk as the car swung around a curve.

Those Helpful Days

Billie Whitted, Fairmont Messenger. The idea of letting citizens pay their income tax at their local bank. The scheme won't prove popular.

More 'Bodily Profile'

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Another GOP Loss Could Be 'A-Making

By MARQUIS CHILDS

WASHINGTON

IN A LITTLE more than a year (Chicago will be the milling, mulling, mulling political convention. The Republicans will be meeting to select their candidates for President and Vice-President.

Since they will have been out of power the twenty years will be inevitably be a do-or-die convention. As was pointed out at the time of the late Sen. Charles McNary's death, he was the last Republican Senator to serve in the Senate at a time when a Republican Administration was in the White House.

If we are to have a vital and functioning two-party system a time is overdue when the opposition party should present the voters with a workable and appealing alternative to the Administration so long in power.

One must add quickly that he is on the verge of a great deal of the present moment is concerned. The Taft organization within the party is thorough, pervasive and powerful. The fight will be won among faithful Republicans that a "Bob" serves his chance.

They say that Dewey was guilty of me, too. You can turn that around and charge Taft with too much. This was a reference to Taft's habit in recent months of speaking out of his own mouth with special emphasis on foreign policy.

One thing that's deeply troubling Republicanism is the existence of a internationalist wing in the growing recklessness of Sen. Joe McCarthy's attack on Gen. George C. Marshall, Secretary of Defense.

The division is there. Party hacks who angrily deny its existence serve only to vent their own spleen. A way out is possible through a compromise, however, a compromise candidate. At the head of the list in this category is, of course, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower.

But if doubters in his own party, along with the very important element of the independent voter, must trust his judgment on foreign policy, then that claim can lead to still another Republican delusion.

Drew Pearson's Merry Go-Round

THE ladies of the Air Force are getting more and more disgruntled over Jacqueline Cochran's remarks.

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