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WE'VE SEEN A LOT ALREADY

SENATOR MCCARRAN, who says his subcommittee will show how certain individuals have "influenced Government policies out of which came the (present) predicament" tells us we "haven't seen anything yet."

We've already seen quite a bit, and some of it disturbs us greatly.

Columnist Marquis Childs has expressed concern over the undermining of our system of diplomatic intelligence. Foreign Service career men, who have established a controlling reputation for impartial observation, now justifiably hesitate to assess a foreign situation with detachment lest their report be grabbed out of confidential files and flung into a battle between the State Dept. and the likes of McCarran and McCarthy, who apply the blakest Communist smear to almost everyone who differs with them.

The John P. Davies Jr. affair is a case in point. After being suspended from the Department on charges of espionage, he has now been completely cleared. The suspension, rather than the clearance, of course, got the biggest headlines. But will Mr. Davies—or you or we, for we were in the same boat—be able to report as objectively as such an experience? Would our co-workers appraise a situation as they saw it, even if that appraisal conflicted with the views of persons who would gain access to it and

A BLOW AT CZECH TRADE

SINCE the Communist coup in Czechoslovakia in 1948, the new masters of that one-time citadel of freedom have been bent on the bonds of tyranny over the Czech people. Collaterally, they have been waging a campaign of attrition against outsiders, notably Americans.

In a policy statement issued this week, the State Department recounted some of the outrages:

"Property of American nationals in Czechoslovakia has been confiscated without compensation... American firms have been persecuted and harassed to such a degree that it is virtually impossible for them to do business with Czechoslovakia. Procurement contracts have been cancelled unilaterally to the conduct of commercial enterprises has been declared a crime... American citizens have been imprisoned and tortured... American charitable and welfare organizations have been forced to discontinue their work."

In the vicarious campaign, the arrest and

AFTER THE CHARGE, THE DENIAL

THE artful Senator from Wisconsin, Joseph McCarthy, is getting a dose of his own medicine.

"Testifying in a Columbus, Ohio, bankruptcy hearing, one Bob Byers Jr., real estate operator and builder, said McCarthy once lost \$5,000 to his son, Bob Byers Jr., in a crap game in a Columbus hotel. The Senator, he added, had never paid the debt."

Because McCarthy has become a big name, the story hit the front pages. Someone finally reached McCarthy by

A LOOK IN THE MIRROR

THIS week a large Farm & Home Week audience gathered in Raleigh's Riddick Stadium listened to a talk by David S. Weaver, director of the State College Extension Service. It was almost like looking in a glass mirror, and the reflection that emerged was not good.

North Carolina, said Mr. Weaver, has the land (though 75 per cent of cleared acre yields only 25 per cent of farm income); it has the labor (though it is not used well); it has the "know-how." It has a favorable climate, an abundance of rainfall, good soils, and proximity to a market of 60,000,000 customers in the East.

What does this happy combination of circumstances brought about? Not much. The average Tar Heel farmer, Weaver said, has an annual income half that of the average U. S. farmer, his farms only about one-third as many acres. The State produces only two-thirds of the milk it needs, produces less than one egg per person each day and less than five cents worth of beef per person each day. The Tar Heel farmer earns less than \$30 per acre from three-fourths of his land.

From The Nashville Tennessean

WANTED: PARKING SPACE

A NEW five-level municipally constructed parking ramp at Grand Rapids, Mich., was opened the first week in July. Announced objective of the parking ramp and other city-owned parking facilities is to preserve the tax value of the Grand Rapids business district by making it more accessible to shoppers.

Grand Rapids, like many other cities, is having trouble in finding the need for off-street parking facilities near the business district as an offset to a new buying trend. Suburban merchants, who pay no city taxes, have been introducing a rapidly increasing number of the suburban-area's shopping centers.

It is estimated that the

broadcast and derive it for political gain? We doubt it.

Columnist Joseph Alsop, an old China hand who knew Davies as his adversary in inter-U. S. policy struggles in China during the 1930s, believes that Davies' judgment stood the test of time better than his own. Davies advocated moderate aid to Mao to encourage Red Chinese Titoism—a deviation which in the light of recent events might still develop as part of a plan for strengthening U. S. policy in Asia. Maybe it wouldn't have worked. Another course was chosen, and it failed dimly. But wrongness does not imply fatalism.

If the favorable reports on Franco now emanating from some quarters had been written—and brought to light—a decade ago their authors would probably have suffered the same humiliation which Davies has undergone. Who knows—after another ten years perhaps they will be dragged out and the authors condemned.

This public smearing of the public servant whose job it is to evaluate foreign governments and advocate U. S. policy is one of the most insidious yet devised. There is a difficult mission. To be sure, loyalty checks are necessary for men in such positions, but trial by demagoguery and condemnation for calling the shots as they saw them will weaken one of the nation's most vital organs.

Yes, Senator McCarran—we've seen a lot already.

Mirror Of The Press

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Duff Finds Eisenhower Has Strong Support In The West

By MARQUIS CHILDS

WASHINGTON
WHEN Duff came back from a recent trip to the West coast, he radiated unmeasured optimism. While essentially it was a non-political trip, with some fishing on the side, he held associates that everywhere he had found spontaneous support for Dwight D. Eisenhower for the Presidential nomination among almost all Republicans he talked with.

Duff explains that he did not solicit opinions but listened when those he met volunteered their views. Sentiment for Sen. Robert A. Taft and the views he has recently championed was conspicuous by its absence, Duff reported.

As similar report was brought back by Sen. Wayne Morse after a spending trip to Oregon and Washington. Morse has declared for Eisenhower. He found overwhelming support for Eisenhower foreign policy and for his own independent view, with the Oregon delegation of Montana, he suddenly discovered that like the indispensable man in Europe, "the indispensable man" in the White House was not as indispensable as they thought.

Going ahead with his plans to line up Eisenhower delegates in the West, Duff professes to be unbothered over the intently party fight in his state. The delegates to the Eisenhower convention pledge themselves publicly to vote for Eisenhower. Thus, in effect, it will be like running against the head of SHAFEP. The news man feels no doubt about what the outcome will be.

Whether reports similar to those brought back by Duff and Morse have reached Taft or whether he remains more aware of the exceedingly tense international situation, in his latest speech at Plymouth, he and observers detected a distinctly new note. Speaking before the Plymouth County Republican Club, Taft said:

"... So far as the general situation of our foreign policy at the moment, therefore, I am concerned, there is substantial unity between the Administration and the Republican Party and within the Republican Party. We agree that the threat of Communist

aggression has not really been reduced by the Korean armistice and that this armistice gives no reason for relaxing our efforts. We agree that we must check the growth of the power of communism by every possible means within our power and capacity. There is no doubt that we must transcend the narrowness of the armed forces of the United States. There is no doubt that we must transcend the narrowness of us in checking Communism, and if such assistance can be effective, we should give it freely."

That sounds quite different from some of Taft's earlier utterances. And certainly it differs from the views of some of the State's most ardent admirers and supporters.

"INDISPENSABLE MAN" One thing that concerns not alone the politicians but the military is Eisenhower's timetable for the next twelve months. Both Taft and Republicans such as Senator Brewster of Maine, and Truman Democrats of the stamp of Sen. Murray of Montana, have suddenly discovered that like the indispensable man in Europe, "the indispensable man" in the White House was not as indispensable as they thought.

This is all of course, on the assumption that an armistice will be achieved in Korea and that war will be averted during the coming year. As it looks now, with Communist strength being built up in every part of the world, the odds seem to be against any of this happening. But always with that IF in the background, the planners and hoppers can project their right into the White House with its inaugural speech practically written already.

Affinity For Bird-Shooting

Arms Quark New Nickname

By ROBERT C. RUARK

TANGANYIKA
THE native boys who look after the guns for the British, have a habit—before very long they give you a nickname. A gentleman of generous proportions may wind up as Bwana Big Belly, for instance, or a man who drinks too much may be forever known as Bwana Ginny-Bottle.

I started off well. The tentative name was Bwana Simbambili. Then I was Master Two. Then I was a lion? Whoever. I was charged with gun ten feet? Birds you don't have to wait after. You just leap out of the tree and pop them as they fly off the road. If you are a real pot-hunter you look for ten foot of game, and there are 400 bucks worth of Twenty-One Club specialty flopping. The ground will not be the glass to put the flesh under.

But the white hunter and the gunbearers are not pleased. They are serious characters of different game, generally over the sides of their bluffs that make Pikes Peak look like an ant. They may find no pleasure in sport unless they walk ten miles and get trampled under the feet of a bear. My preoccupation with birds.

The natives think I am completely nuts, because they deal in bulk. They think I am nuts because anything that can't kill him right back bores him. He'll tell me that I'm nuts, too, but I'll send in a fresh order for shells for the shotty-gun every ten days or so. I'll tell him, too, that everybody who thinks I'm nuts is awfully eager to learn a chunk of cold Guinness when lunch-time comes around, and nobody has been observed chucking any Franklin to the hyenas.

N. C. Cigarettes To Germans

CAREFUL Signature of the law governing Marshall Plan

It shows that it's full of sleepers, designed to aid private interests in this country as much as the needy people of Europe.

For example, the law provides ECA dollars to buy tobacco for Germany, but stipulates that the tobacco must be purchased in the United States. The \$40 million windfall for U. S. tobacco interests at the U. S. taxpayers' expense. For the taxpayers are already subsidizing over \$50 million of Greek tobacco which is rotting in Greek warehouses.

The Germans used to buy most of Greece's tobacco crop. Now Germany is forced to buy American tobacco. However, the taxpayers are subsidizing the money for the tobacco Germany buys but also pays for the Greek tobacco crop which Germany does not buy. In other words, the taxpayers pay for the Greek tobacco which is rotting in Greek warehouses, but also pay for the American tobacco interests can sell 60 million worth of tobacco to Germany.

Not long ago, Greece's tobacco crop was controlled by L. X. Jenkins, Greek expert of C. J. E. Robinson of Bowling Green, Ky., University of Richmond, Va., and Austin Tobacco Co. of Greenville, S. C.