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GUARDIAN OF THE EMPIRE

THE many Congressmen who with seeming sincerity applauded Winston Churchill's address yesterday will probably refrain—at least for a respectable period—from jumping hard on the Prime Minister and his country. He stated his Government's position on many matters with logic and eloquence. The Congressmen who analyze his speech may also pick up new techniques in winning allies and influencing countries.

and greater understanding. Churchill believes the form which this free world organization takes is much less important than the divisions and guns at disposal. But he especially wants no change in the form of his own commonwealth. "Let no one," he added, repeating a phrase used in his Fulton, Mo., speech, "understate the abiding power of the British Empire."

Do not "understate the abiding power of the British Empire," nor that of Winston Churchill. But it is doubtful that the British Empire of Churchill will abide long when he leaves the scene. He is the symbol, perhaps more so than the crown, of Britannia's past and independent glory, and the hard fact of national and mutual interest and U. S. hegemony will ascend as he fades.

A NEW LABEL FOR DR. GRAHAM

IT WAS nothing new for Dr. Frank P. Graham when Soviet U. N. Delegate Yakov Malin denounced him as a "tool of the Pentagon" in his role as mediator of the dispute between India and Pakistan over Kashmir.

On Feb. 13, 1948, when Dr. Graham was successfully negotiating an armistice in Indonesia, the Soviet magazine Red Pict, said:

"Graham used the usual devices of dollar diplomacy... Where talking did not help, Graham had no hesitation in using ordinary tricks under direct pressure from Wall Street."

The newspaper friends had this to say: "It is indicative that the U. S. representative, Graham, in the 'Good Services Commission' has been denounced as a 'tool of the Pentagon' in his role as mediator of the dispute between India and Pakistan over Kashmir."

A FERTILE FIELD FOR INVESTIGATION

THE forthcoming investigation of corruption in the Department of Agriculture falls right into the familiar pattern. First a newspaper, then the Wall Street Journal—dog in and documented charges. Then Congressmen called for an investigation. Now the Cabinet officer in charge—this time Secretary of Agriculture Clarence—says the investigation of corruption merely gives two opponents an excuse to launch an all-out political attack."

Only the closing notes of this overtone—President Truman's stanch defense of stench—are yet to be played, and we expect to hear them in the days ahead.

The charges center around the commodity Credit Corp., a Government agency which holds about \$2 billion worth of farm products, as security for Federal loans and to keep commodity prices from falling below the price of stored in granaries and elevators throughout the country, is missing. The Government's own attorneys claim, in cases now before the courts, shortages of nearly \$8 million worth of wheat, corn, barley, beans and grain sorghum.

An Illinois man was found with a bullet in his head in front of one of the elevators in which he held Government commodities. Government attorneys now claim a \$164,720 shortage in this elevating machinery.

A Texas man has been arrested and charged by U. S. attorneys with having accepted \$17,700 in bribes, while he was with the Agriculture Department, to favor an Oklahoma warehouse in granting storage business. The man charged with bribing him committed suicide in November.

A Colorado warehouseman's business was thrown into receivership last Summer, on complaint that a shortage had been discovered.

THAT FRENCH ACCENT

IT ROGER RICO is indignant because he was dropped unexpectedly from the lead role of South Pacific we don't blame him. Rico is a Frenchman. He was to portray a Frenchman, Emile de Beauce, the mid-age playboy who, one time and one time, is played by Emile Meyer, French, thereby insuring new hopes, or at least enlivening old dreams, of the thousands of middle-aged men who saw the show.

But M. Rico was dropped, because his English wasn't good enough. The company was afraid he wouldn't be understood. M. Rico probably feels like the American opera singers who are dropped from foreign language productions because the management is afraid they will be understood.

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If past experience is any indication, the new Soviet attack on Dr. Graham means that he succeeded better in the Kashmir mediation than it appeared at first, better than Moscow wanted him to succeed.

No one who knows Frank Graham believes that he is a "tool of Wall Street," a "tool of the Pentagon," or conversely a "tool of Moscow" as some of his less principled opponents tried to label him in 1950.

WASHINGTON

THE FIGURES tell us that the air in the Economic Report and to be issued in the President's Budget Message are bound to have an Alice in Wonderland quality. It is not merely because of their fantastic size to which we have become used, but also because of the element of unreality that looms like a yawning pit in the fact that the figures have little or no relation to what Congress may ultimately do.

The consensus of the discussion, as led by Secretary of State Acheson, is that the first 90 days of 1952 would determine whether the Western alliance could be kept together. The great deal of reticence depending on the attitude of the President.

The fiscal dilemma faced by the Administration was perfectly apparent to the men seated around the Cabinet table. At the close of the year of spending and taxes, the deficit by the end of the government year in June of 1952 is likely to be well above \$10 billion. This will bring the national debt perilously close to \$275 billion if not to the limit of \$275 billion fixed by law.

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MEANWHILE, though the American people do not realize it, the United States is helping supply to the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company for \$100,000 barrels of oil daily in order to pay for the loss at Abadan.

Meanwhile, also, dollars are being drained out of Britain at the rate of \$80,000,000 a month. This is reported from London have told of the alarming exit of British dollar reserves in the last few months, but they have not fully explained the reason. It is a case of a credit crunch for the increase in the shut-down of the Abadan refinery.

THE oil sold by the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company and operated by the British Government—represented by the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company—has had to pay \$300,000,000 of oil daily from the Central Government. This is \$200,000,000 in excess of its own income. This has to be paid for in dollars.

The Darning Egg, Darrit, Has Gone Way Of Auk Fruit

By ROBERT C. RUARK NEW YORK I AM pearl-diving for a pink skirt the other morning in the oceanic chaos which comprises the home of my lingerie, and I find the skirt afloat, but there is a button gone from the top, and I am in a devilish temper. It is not so much that I have only the one pink skirt in my wardrobe, but the way the suit as the fact that in this day and age there is very little security for the husband.

We do not demand much from our brides — not enough, I'll be bound. All we ask is that the buttons shall adhere to the skirts. That there be some access to the bathroom when we are in a mad morning with the coffee and no morning conversation. It especially no morning conversation.

Now that, it would seem is little enough to demand of matrimony, in return for the perpetual boredom, keep and gull complex that stems from same. In my household I contribute heavily to the maintenance of at least five darning eggs, you count the poodle, and it seems like one of them could take an occasional check-out of the health of the old man's buttons. Also, I do not see why they always take the suit away from the husband. Nor why they do not sew a button on the pants from time to time. Out of my mind I wonder there is not, momentarily, one complete set of suspender anchors under one pair of britches.

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Maintenance Of Foreign Aid Difficult In Election Year

By MARCUS CHILDS WASHINGTON DEFICIT spending would therefore be a high priority for Congress to raise. And, as the President and his advisors are well aware, the favorable impact of your broad thinking on local and national issues which will assist in gearing us to meet the needs of today and tomorrow in almost every principle of forthright journalism, in which number please consider me.

There then is the squeeze, and the obvious answer is economy. Again, if the President's program may be applied without too much pain to any particular segment of voters, the obvious answer is economy. Again, if the President's program may be applied without too much pain to any particular segment of voters, the obvious answer is economy.

So a returning Congressman has been talking boldly about cutting out all funds for economic assistance abroad. It will take a last-ditch effort to save part of what the President requests. Assistance is vital to sustain the Western democracies, but simultaneously we are put in the position of soon having to make up Britain's cash reserves now being exhausted because of the Anglo-Iranian oil crisis.

There are two other tragic aspects of the British- Iranian dispute: No. 1.—The Abadan shutdown could have been prevented by the State Dept. taken the advice of Justice William O. Douglas who visited Iran two years ago and clearly warned what was going to happen.

Moosagh's hopes to be a long and courageous battle against Communism and Russian influence. It was the Soviet Union which gave to the 1946 treaty between Iran and Russia giving the Soviet power to exploit oil in Northern Iran. It was also to throw out the Russian supporters.

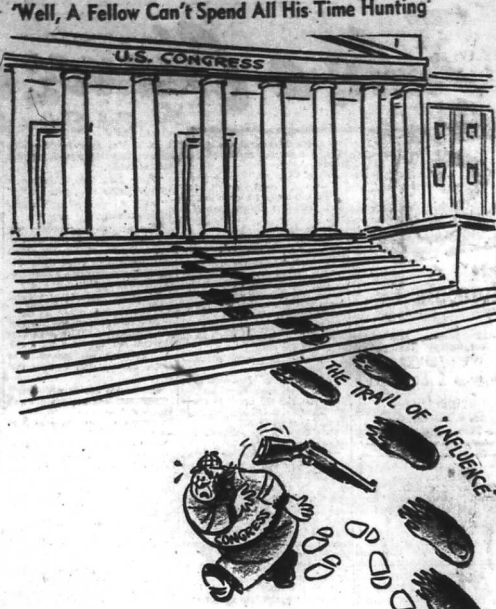
But steady efforts by the British to shut out Iran have gradually driven Moosagh and the Iranian people simultaneously, the economic crisis has increased U. S. aid to Iran.

Thus the American taxpayer gets the hairy end of the lollipop all the way round: (1) By losing more American jobs; (2) By having to pay for the swelling dollar reserves; (3) By bolstering Iran's economy.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

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People's Platform

Letters should be brief, written on one side of the paper. The writer's name must be signed, but may be withheld from publication at the discretion of the Editor. The News reserves the right to condense.

Impressive Stewardship

Editors, THE NEWS: THE account of Thomas L. Robinson's stewardship as head of the Charlotte News impressed me.

Under his leadership the paper has brought to us a broader vision and a wider concept of the part we as a community must play in world affairs. He has fostered the fine and solid traditions behind THE NEWS but even more important, his background leads to inform and stimulate our thinking more along the lines of today's atmosphere.

The statistics presented in your Page 10A (January 30) report are concrete evidence of the economic success of his administration. I am more interested in the favorable impact of your broad thinking on local and national issues which will assist in gearing us to meet the needs of today and tomorrow in almost every principle of forthright journalism, in which number please consider me.

Forthright Journalism

Editors, THE NEWS: PLEASE let me convey to you my sincere congratulations upon your distinguished record of progress as revealed by "A Report to Our Readers" in Jan. 10 issue of THE NEWS.

Despite differing opinions on particular problems, the growth indicated by your report is very gratifying to all those who are self affected towards your principles of forthright journalism, in which number please consider me.

A Fine Editorial

Editors, THE NEWS: PLEASE permit me to say thank you for your fine editorial of Jan. 10, entitled "Persecution Works Both Ways."

'Me-Too-ism' Not To Blame

Editors, THE NEWS: YOUR correspondent, A. T. Barkley, Jan. 15—Open Forum) joins the long list of Republicans who sincerely believe that some of the Republican candidates since 1932 wanted to become President.

Ira Snag Drains U. S. Of Oil, Dollars

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Looking For His Father

Editors, THE NEWS: I AM writing you in hopes you and your paper can help me find my dad. Mother told me the last time she saw him he was living in your town and that he was in the Air Force. That was in 1943.

He is 6 ft. 1 inch, black hair and blue eyes. And his name is Clarence Davis, and he was living in Chicago. Of being a singer for Stalin.

Please help me get in touch with him. I would be so thankful to you. Maybe someone knows him or his address so I can write him.

CLARENCE DAVIS JR., Care Mrs. Sara Coates, 78 Mercer St.