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GERM WARFARE—A PROPAGANDA WEAPON

TODAY the question of germ warfare comes before the U. S. Security Council, and some details about this unused but much-discussed weapon may be in order.
For a number of years many U. S. and foreign scientists have been exploring the possibilities of weapons use of germs.

Russia has called this special session of the Security Council purportedly to give non-signatory nations (the U. S. is one of them) an opportunity to sign it.
It is doubtful that the U. S. will do this, because of loopholes in the protocol. For instance, Russia, while ratifying it, tied in a reservation to its approval which would permit Russia to use germ warfare after another country had used it, with Russia to decide whether or not BW had been used by the other power.

Another MYTH
SENATOR TAFT'S devotees are still busy (1) saying that general election make good Presidents, and (2) implying that Senator make good Presidents. Let's see now...

CONGRESSIONAL BATTING AVERAGES
THIS being the baseball as well as an extremely political season, it seems a proper time to figure up the batting averages of various Congressmen, according to the divergent calculations of organizations which keep books on them.

THE PERILS OF PEARSON
Silence! The columnist is at it! He enters with triumphant condescension. Ending promises of Sunday message. Impishly cool, grandiloquent with power.

THE CHARLOTTE NEWS
NEW JERSEY'S annual sneak attack by mosquitoes will carry a Sunday punch this year. All this week a small army of bug specialists from four counties has been hitting high and thigh at masses of larvae chattering happily in marsh, backyard and basement.

JERSEY BATTLERFROG
TRYING to shoot up millions of larvae. Each female that eludes their attack produces two broods of 50 to 75 skeeters.
Militarily speaking, all mosquitoes are anti-personnel gun formations. However, there are such special types as Aedes cantator, the biting dipterous member of the "Jersey class" and Culex pipiens, the close-contender or rain-barrel variety, which operates most effectively in interiors of houses.

Press Vs. Public
MY FRIENDS on the Charleston, W. Va., Gazette also are getting somewhat heated over the election campaign Bob Ramsey was not defeated for re-election because he tried to whitewash the Justice Department's report on the Cheloni committee.

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Author Seeks Data On Dobbs
DUBLIN, Ireland
Editors, The News:
I AM writing the life of Arthur Dobbs, a founder of the Royal Dublin Society and governor of North Carolina from 1754 to 1764 and request the help of your readers.

For Russell, Not Hard Time GOP
CHARLOTTE
Editors, The News:
WELL, I see different people are writing about what a better time we would have if the Republicans were in office. But I am sure if the Republicans get the Presidency we would have hard time just as we did when we had the last Republican President.

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Truman's Off The Hook On Steel, But End Result Doubtful

WASHINGTON
AS THE steel strike goes into its fourth week, there are conflicting reports as to its effect on industry and the rearmament program. It is reported, chiefly by industry sources, that steel inventories are low and that the production of defense plants about to shut down.

Political effect of the strike — both at home and abroad — is equally a matter of conflicting opinion. Most observers are agreed, however, that the strike is of the right and wrong of his handling of the steel case. President Truman has managed to get himself off the political hook.

If the strike cannot be ended by voluntary arbitration, the Taft-Hartley Act must be invoked. Doing this in response to Congressional resolution, Truman cannot be blamed by the steelworkers. The mass support of organized labor will still be with the Democratic candidate in November.

But some observers close to the labor movement are not at all sure that the steel industry will support will be. In the explosive steel situation several things could happen: (1) a general strike of public opinion. The steel companies and a lot of Republicans will find a considerable gap in their political campaign, a vital industry would once more be shut down.

At the end of the 80-day injunction, Murray could call workers out again. Toward the end of September, the steel industry political campaign, a vital industry would once more be shut down. A steel strike could constitute the demands of John L. Lewis and his United Mine Workers pushed against the steel industry.

Public opinion would thus be generated by the power of big labor. The resentment of a mass of non-union white-collar workers could be effectively exploited by a Republican candidate, especially if his name should happen to be Taft.

Tennis Even Sillier Than Golf, Is A Penalty Of Overcivilization
BY ROBERT C. RUARK
I should like you to consider the game of tennis today, as one of the things that pay for being overcivilized. Tennis is a game in which red-faced people bat balls back and forth at each other until they drop dead from exhaustion.

Tennis players hate each other, and are jealous of each other. This is especially true of women tennis players. In a woman's hand, each stroke becomes a dagger, and each stroke is a little thrust into the vulnerability of the other woman.

Tennis, as a sport, is erroneously supposed to be a rich man's plaything and extremely social. This calls for all sorts of sily and ceremonies. The top of a club. "Anyone for tennis?" has become a satirical utterance denoting complete fatuous foolishness.

There is no more vindictive sport than tennis, and no game I know has more unporting people in it. The demands for sportsmanship and there are formal ceremonies, such as leaving over the net to congratulate the opponent, are completely idiotic. One of the peaks of my early sports-writing career was on a hot afternoon in Chevy Chase, D. C., when a tennis player leaped over the net to shake the hand of the other player and caught his foot on the net, breaking his leg. I swear the audience

It took the people of Oklahoma, who read the newspapers, to do what neither a Senate committee nor anyone else in Washington had the nerve to do.
Thomas of Oklahoma is a Democrat. Up in Maine, Senator Brewster is a Republican. But neither Republicans nor Democrats in the Senate wanted to tangle with one of their own colleagues.

'Jersey Joe' Clark
FOR instance, when I published the facts on Senator Brewster's wire-tapping activities two years ago, the Senate at first ignored the matter. Brewster mentioned the fact that it took considerable permission to induce the Senate District of Columbia Committee to probe the wire-tapping scandal. The business men such as Howard Hughes of Trans World Airlines, visiting Washington, had his telephone tapped under the supervision of Senate Intelligence Committee. The benefit of a competing airline, Pan American Airways.

Finally, when a Senate subcommittee did undertake the probe, it dealt over so gently with Senator Brewster, and with his close friend, military man Henry Grunwald. The latter literally thumbed his nose at the Senate, yet he was not cited for contempt, and it was left to the forthright King committee almost two years later to call the tune on Grunwald.

Even the King committee, however, dealt tenderly with the Senate's wire-tapping scandal. It was only when he brought in his belated exposure of the wire-tapping checks from Grunwald for \$100,000. For Brewster was a member of the King committee.

However, these and a great many other facts about the Senator from Maine; about his association with "Jersey Joe" Charles Patrick Clark, the lobbyist for France; and about his trip to Europe, were published by this column. They were published only after a great deal of meticulous digging.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation, now slow to get all the facts, have finally decided to issue a report. No longer does it seem to be a member of "the club."