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THE CASE OF THE BRIAR PIPE

HIGH IN THE mountains overlooking the Mediterranean grows erica arborea, a briar shrub of the white Heath family...

can't meet the competition despite such a high tariff should consider conversion to some activity that will make it self-supporting instead of government-subsidized.

They know the average American pipe-smoker loves to show off his favorite imported American briar. They know that the Algerian briar is sold in her yard.

This whole business of trade, of which the briar pipe is a case history, needs more ingeniously fewer artificial barriers.

INSIGHT

THE McCarran-Waller immigration bill is being attacked by "professional Jews shedding crocodile tears."

With his own words he affords the public an insight into his own character.

ANOTHER BOTTLENECK BROKEN

THE Mecklenburg Board of Elections has correctly diagnosed one of the two main deficiencies of our voting system.

use voting machines for the first time. Now comes the revised system to eliminate a major bottleneck.

BLUNDERING BOOBERY

WE NEVER cease to be amazed by the way society breaches of high government officials.

The material was handed out to the press. Portions of it were blue-penciled, and reporters were asked not to use these parts.

So the reporters did not use the blue-penciled data, whatever it was. But copies of the entire report were also given to representatives of the Soviet news agency.

FROM THE RICHMOND NEWS-LEADER

THE INNOCENT MR. MACK, AND OUR FEARS

ONE DAY about two weeks ago, a member of our staff fell into casual conversation with a friend in the city.

feel the show could be done properly in 30 minutes (it already had been reduced from its original one hour).

What has happened is that Mr. Mack innocently has fallen victim to the ugly war of words that is being waged.

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The H-Bomb Posers

'Unspeakable, Unthinkable Facts'

By JOSEPH S. STEWART ALSOP

WHAT was left out was the really interesting part of President Truman's vaudeville statement on the hydrogen bomb.

The President told the country and the world that this was a very terrible weapon. He hinted that the hydrogen bomb, if used in war, might change the tired, familiar face of the planet.

Truman administration, these facts have seemed unpleasant to the point of being unbearable. Being unbearable, they have not been thought about. Being unthinkable, they have not been talked about, even by President Truman.

What Happens Then?

WHICH will the balance tip then? Who then will be the pinner—the United States, which cannot launch a surprise attack, or the Soviet Union, which can attack by surprise as soon as the rapidly growing Russian strategic air force is ready for the task?

Again, will this wholly foreseeable future situation in fact be intolerable? If it is not to be tolerated, what diplomatic or other initiative should be attempted to avert it?

Or what will be needed, if we prefer to rely on what Winston S. Churchill has called "the peace of mutual terror"? What must be done to make the peace of mutual terror a reality?

Quote, Unquote

A practical application of a track star's talents has been discovered in the case of the former distance runner, Glenn Cunningham.

A British Zoologist says that the horse is perhaps the most intelligent of the higher animals. Will some cynic propose a vote of thanks on behalf of the human race to the equestrian (V.A.) star?

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

(Ed. Note—Continuing his series on new members of the Eisenhower Cabinet, Drew Pearson today hands the brass ring to Charles E. Wilson, new Secretary of Defense.)

WHEN General Eisenhower appointed Charles E. Wilson of General Motors to his Cabinet he automatically killed two birds with one political stone.

1. He paid off an important debt by rewarding the most important man in the automobile industry with a promotion which was long overdue.

2. More important, he secured the best production man in industry to head up the Defense Department—a department which now puts tanks and guns on a par with men.

He also brought into his official family an earthy, war-hardened industrial worker who, long hours, sometimes spends the night in his office, drives his own car, and had the foresight to negotiate a labor contract which effectively nullified the world.

Along with Wilson's production genius and his refreshingly frank outlook on labor problems, Eisenhower has bought himself some headaches.

Wilson: 'Best Production Man in Industry'

Wilson Vs. Wilson? I industrial empire. It operates four plants in England, two in Australia, one in Argentina, Belgium, Denmark, India, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, Venezuela, Sweden, and South Africa.

But it is likewise true that the American soldier does not fight without using some piece of General Motors equipment—from trucks to jeeps to airplanes, guns to refrigerators, AC spark plugs to locomotives, plus gas engines, diesel engines, airplane engines, and so on.

Thus, the new boss of the Defense Department will be in the embarrassing, sometimes almost untenable position of differentiating between Wilson's interest as head of the armed forces and Wilson's old interest as head of General Motors.

When Averell Harriman, former head of the Union Pacific Railroad, became Secretary of Commerce, he issued an order that no matter involving his Commerce should ever come to his attention.

Further, some of these generals will be assigned to the production of automobiles. Harriman and despite the urgency of war production, Fi-

Transfer Of Lodge From U.N. To France Proposed To Ike

By MARQUIS CHILDS

FROM a friend of long standing in France comes a letter expressing what must be the minds of millions of troubled citizens in that country so long stuck in a political dead end.

"De Gaulle is destroying France. He is destroying the United States. The Communists are trying to do. But he is succeeding where they have failed because we know what their real intention is."

With a government finally formed around Rene Mayer as Premier, France has moved away from the concert of a unified Europe as expressed in the coal and steel plan and the proposed European army.

ARMY DIFFICULTIES Although the hopes for a European defense structure grounded in a treaty ratified by the international law of nations are being abandoned, the situation is being abandoned.

This is a retreat that links directly with the decision of the North Atlantic Treaty Council in December to pare down the rearmament goal and move the readjustment to 1955 or later.

Such a happy conclusion will find welcome reception in many sources in the new Congress. It is directly contrary to the sober counsel given by the retiring Sec-

retary of Defense, Robert A. Lovett. The new Mayer government in France together with the division in NATO presents the Eisenhower Administration with a problem in a political dead end of the first magnitude.

In a sense Dillon is the personal selection of the new Secretary of State. John Foster Dulles and the two have been closely acquainted by virtue of Dillon being chairman of the board of Dillon, Read and Company investment brokers on an international scale and a client of Sullivan and Cromwell, the old international law firm of which Dulles was senior partner.

For this reason some of President-elect Eisenhower's advisers are urging a dramatic recognition of the seriousness of the European situation. They propose that for the sake of the American people of Massachusetts be shifted from the post already announced for him as head of the American delegation to the United Nations—and made Ambassador to France.

Such an appointment would be the ablest man available for the post. As Eisenhower himself expressed it to this writer more than a year ago, "Lodge knows Europe and the NATO organization more intimately than anyone in active service." During the last year of his rear service, he speaks the language of the country so fluently that he has been called "the best of the Tassinyans" appearing on a "Meet the Press" program in this country, Lodge served as international acting without hesitancy.

African Tension Mounting In Wake Of Mau Mau Brutality

By ROBERT C. RUARK

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP)—I was home again in Africa, at last, prepared to enjoy a few weeks of peace in the bush and a little relief from the savagery of the Mau Mau. I would soon enough for me to eat but mostly I would sit and watch the men rebuild their hills.

But from my experience of Kenya it came smack into a state of war, with curfew hours, curfew town, curfew on every face, and a mourning daily list of killings, the impact of the Mau Mau on a society where in some parts of Kenya a man or woman is never separated from his gun, and in the Kikuyu—settled sections, a man's neck is never safe from his eldest employee's pang.

The Mau Mau has long since passed from the occasional violent act of the Mau Mau to the Mau Mau, natives most thickly settled in Kenya and its adjacent line farms.

It is an unshy war, sponsored by few civil men, but with a huge native population to kill and wreck and pillage, preying mostly on the Mau Mau, the Mau Mau, the Mau Mau.

It is a factor that does not seem to have penetrated very deeply into Kenya. The celebration of Mau Mau at the Mau Mau has been much more directed at brother black than at the enemy white—in a highly organized reign of terror that is executed on a basis of master plan—such as the Mau Mau Council letter that promised 12 killings over the holidays, delivered 11 and then added a couple more for good measure just after Jan. 1.

There is a division among the white population of Kenya. On the one hand, there is a group that would meet violence with violence, and more violence, holding the view that the Mau Mau is the only answer. There is another side that refuses to believe in the Mau Mau, that believes anything to do with the Mau Mau—and a segment of that group has recently been known to get its head bashed.

The love of the Kenyan for his beautiful country is intense, and there is violent criticism of what is called "lackadaisical" of British government in stamping out the blazing violence that has Kenya in a state of civil war, anger and insecurity, and a general inclination as to what is the Mau Mau.

The chief kernel of complaint is this effort to return the eye for the eye in retaliation toward the Mau Mau. The Mau Mau is unjust and unjust by some, while mass brutality continues unsoftened by the Mau Mau. The Mau Mau is such as you have not heard of in many years in America—inno-

cently the War Department stepped in, ignored Wilson's arguments, closed down all auto production, turned the auto plants over to munitions.

Wilson Go-Round

WILSON got his humanitarian qualities from his parents who were small-town school teachers. He began his life as an electrical engineer in the first automobile self-starter for Westinghouse. After he joined General Motors in 1919, he took over its sales division, became its vice-president, and then its president. M. to its biggest expansion. Bendix and North American Aviation were acquired, also Winston, Sunlight, Allages.

After going through the war, Wilson hit on the cost-of-living formula for wages. He designed a long-term contract with the United Auto Workers. He was the first man to be paid along with him as well as anyone on my side of the table and considerably better than some on his side. Wilson has also been called "the best production man in industry" around \$67 million annually. "It's important that labor should have a reasonable security," he says. "Productivity is the key to our success. It's important that we decrease prices in 1948 at the same time Chrysler is increasing them."