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ALLIES NEED SET OF BASIC PRINCIPLES

WASHINGTON'S "wait and see" policy toward Russia's continuing internal difficulties, says Business Week, is reminiscent of former Secretary of State Dean Acheson's "let the dust settle" policy toward China.

Perhaps the analogy is not an exact one, but it is more clear with each day that some policy beyond President Eisenhower's April 1952 peace is needed. In that speech, which had been planned as a reply to the Russian "peace offensive" launched after the death of Premier Stalin...

peoples behind the Iron Curtain everywhere. On the other side of the globe, Communist China is having its own internal difficulties. Reports of starvation and widespread purges trickle into such listening posts as Hong Kong.

Though there is no evidence that long-range Russian strategy has basically changed, it is every evidence that a change in tactics has been forced upon the Kremlin by the events of the last few months. The most striking recent example was the passage of Red Cross representatives into North Korea...

LET'S APPLY EISENHOWER'S IDEA IN N. C.

THE PRESIDENT is pushing an idea that North Carolina's William Umstead and other governors could profitably explore. It is this matter of bringing together officials in various echelons of government, and with them working out relationships and understanding among federal, state and local governments.

abilities will assume some necessary governmental duties that by default have been passed up to Washington. These conferences evoke an understanding of the interrelationship of government. Why have we brought down one step to the state and local level?

THE BEGINNINGS OF WISDOM RE RUSSIA

FOR 11 YEARS EDGY Gilmore covered Russia for the AP. Many of you have read the series of articles he wrote since leaving Moscow. What impressed us, in this series and in a subsequent interview, were these words: "Here is a man (Malenkov) who is definitely in charge, although, of course, I could be completely wrong..."

"Who's running Soviet Russia today?... Frankly, I don't know and I doubt if anyone outside the Kremlin knows... (That doctors' plot) story came out when Stalin was still alive and when Beria was brought back into the running. What was that all about? Frankly, I've never cottoned on to that one..."

From The Johnson (Ken.) Pioneer

DOWN TO THE LAST CADILLAC

SO WE ARE in a "disaster." The Government says so, and the eastern news writers, with their hearts bleeding for us poor, benighted, poverty stricken victims of the great desert, tell lurid stories of gaunt men, women and cattle, struggling valiantly in billazards of dust to get out a living for their underprivileged children.

Those 12 crops followed a 10-year dry cycle, which also was a record, and which was a disaster. Crop production preceding the dry '30s had been good but market prices were disastrous before the weather was, and farmers could not conquer the drought.

Of course the ostentation are hit hard and the wheat crop is pretty generally a fizzle, but, when fit into the traditional picture it lacks much of a "disaster." As one observer observed, "A man driving a \$5,000 automobile does not look like a disaster."

But this modern habit of looking to government to correct every wrong does so element of absurdity, and this "disaster" business is the most absurd of the absurdities.

Twelve good crops have been harvested in succession—a record for this country, and better than some of the countries in the area.

Our people have whipped a lot of them a lot worse, and then sent cash contributions to help out the poor devil in the flood areas back East.



Successor to Robert Taft Meet the New Majority Leader

(The following profile of the new GOP Majority Leader, Sen. William Knowland of California, appeared in the Milwaukee Journal last week after the death of Sen. Robert Taft, Eds. T. & S.)

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Let me say to the senator from Wisconsin that this is the first time that has happened. I am serving as chairman of the Republican policy committee, and I would not misrepresent to the Senate the facts which I have endeavored in all conscience to obtain, and which I have presented to the Senate in order to clear up what may have been an honest difference of opinion.

DEFENSE RE STAND

IT WAS typical of the congressional feeling as strongly as he does about the subject, to criticize the Korean cease fire plan and to charge Davies, then with President Syngman Rhee of South Korea who had been "inspired" by the Eisenhower administration. He criticized the United States for "treating Rhee as a colonial subject" rather than as a partner.

WAS YOUNGEST SENATOR

Knowland is young to be a majority floor leader in the United States Senate, but he has frequently undertaken the job. He has served very young. He was California's youngest assemblyman at 25, and at that age he was chairman of the executive committee of the Republican National Convention.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

THE last two occasions I saw Senator Taft were memorable ones. One was in his office where I had called to check on a story regarding a conversation he had had with President Eisenhower. The other was at a luncheon given for his wife, Martha, when she was the big problem why he was unable to attend following her long illness.

Two Recent Visits With Taft Recalled

That was the story, and I went up to Senator Taft's office to make sure it was accurate. Taft that I had an amusing, though slightly embarrassing story I had heard about him and repeated it. Some of the other men who were present were amused, but not Taft. He smiled and admitted I had the facts straight. I asked if he had ever said "let me be as job" Taft said that that was what made it embarrassing. Nobody had smiled.

Has Right To Disagree

AFTER that we got to talking about how the Eisenhower administration was getting along and the support he was giving it, Taft felt some blunders had been made, but pointed out that when any new administration took office it was bound to get shaken down. He felt that, though the new President had tried to get good men for his cabinet, they still had a great deal to learn.

SECRET OF THE TREASURY HOPPER

Logically, this contrast should fill Americans with renewed confidence in the future. Yet one very serious realization that Americans should have is that, rapidly losing their confidence in themselves and their country. This in turn has led to a sort of paralysis where the basic issues of policy are concerned, for people who have lost their confidence naturally tend to substitute dogma for policy, and the official line for serious, original thought.

Wike's 'Gradualism' Pays Off In Fund To Aid Indo China

BY JAMES MARLOW parts of his program without making anyone mad until Rep. Daniel A. Reed, New York Republican, strode into his path and stood there like a wall. Reed, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, wanted the excess profits tax on corporations to be extended to 1956, instead of the 1954 date scheduled to die, on June 30. Eisenhower wanted it extended to next year.

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Or there was the series of secret interrogations to discover the identity of those who attended the farewell party for Theodore Kaghan, who was one of the State Department's recent blood sacrifices.

What is going on here, in short, is less a reign of terror than a reign of stupidity. One official recently received a "sublimity report" on an able subordinate. The "degenerative information" in this report consisted entirely of the "super-democratic" and "intellectually curious... Stupid and silly" nature of this man's work.

"Take this matter of food shipments to East Germany," remarked one responsible official. "If I'd been all for it, I could have been roasted alive for wanting to send food to a lot of Communist. If I'd been all against it, I could have been roasted alive for opposing a great psychological victory against the Communists. So in the end I said nothing." When a past error of political judgment is being reappraised, it is the duty of the man who has been in charge to say nothing, obviously, and when stupidity reigns, bold, imaginative policy-making is hardly to be expected.

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