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With Germany Bouncing Back, France May Quit Indo-China

By MARQUIS CHILDS

WASHINGTON
IN THE WAKE of Chancellor Adenauer's stunning victory in the theme of large segments of American opinion is heard with a renewed emphasis...

Defense Community. With his great majority, the theory is, Chancellor Adenauer will get on with the ratification of EDC and the formation of German military units...

This should be no only eight years after the end of the war is an amazing fact. It is proof again of the extraordinary energy and resourcefulness of the Germans...

Most noteworthy is the economic penetration of the Middle East and Africa. German electrical and engineering firms are combining to get contracts for big new development projects in that area...

While the financing for this giant has not yet been worked out, it is certain that the smaller projects are being pushed into the construction stage. Those who remain a deep suspicion of the German aims see in this rapidly growing development merely another means for achieving the ancient German dream of conquest...

THE ABC agents have done a good job in holding bootlegging down to a bare minimum. With co-operation like that given by Recorder Stukes, they will virtually stamp out bootlegging in the community.

COOPERATION

COUNTY RECORDER J. Ed Stukes was not one bit too heavy-handed when he gave suspended sentences from six to twelve months to inmates ranging from \$50 to a bond forfeiture of \$400 for 17 alleged bootleggers nabbed by County ABC agents.

My conclusion is that Mr. Graham should be asked to reinstate the bootleggers pay her back salary and give her an opportunity to resign in decency and order.

INJUSTICE IS NEVER A 'CLOSED' CASE

CHAIRMAN A. H. (Sandy) Graham of the State Highway & Public Works Commission may think that the case of Miss Bonnie Sheffield 'is closed and has been closed for weeks, and will continue to be closed.'

But he is dead wrong. The Sheffield case will not be 'closed' until there is a public admission by Mr. Graham that the former director of the Woman's Prison in Raleigh was badly treated when she was discharged on July 21 because of a whispering campaign against her...

Three esteemed North Carolina women, two of whom are currently members of the Prisons Advisory Council, put the Sheffield case in clear focus in letters to the Winston-Salem Journal, after that newspaper revealed previously unpublished facts about the Sheffield dismissal.

Wrote Mrs. J. M. Broughton, widow of the late Senator:

'... I believe that our State should never again witness a chapter in its history so shameful and so demagogic as the Sheffield case. This case is a complete repudiation of one of the fundamental principles of democracy, namely, that a person is presumed to be innocent until proven guilty by the courts.'

Wrote Mrs. Kate Burr Johnson, the first woman ever to serve as Commissioner of Public Welfare in North Carolina:

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OBSERVATIONS ON ONE-PARTY RULE

ON TUESDAY Adlai Stevenson criticized the Administration, because it had appointed no Democrat to major office, except for giving Gov. Jimmy Byrnes a place on the U. N. delegation...

Last December Vice-President-elect Richard Nixon told reporters it was essential that the Eisenhower Administration should be the same 'mistake' as the Democrats in 'loosening' the Cabinet with members of one party.

This statement prompted Scotty Reston of the New York Times to count up all the prominent non-Democrats President Truman had appointed to high office, and Reston had to go through fingers and toes a couple of times to do it.

Secretary of Defense Robert Lovett, Ambassador John Foster Dulles, Deputy CIA Director Allen W. Dulles, ECA Administrator Paul Hoffman, Loyalty Review Board member Hiram Bingham, Deputy Secretary of Defense William C. Foster, Ambassador to Britain Lewis Douglas, U. S. High Commissioner to Germany John McCloy, Ambassador to the U. N. Warren Austin...

Charlotte, we're happy to say, is one of the five. The discussions started here last Fall, continue again Oct. 1 at the library, where reservations for the course may be made.

So, once a week for another 10 weeks, Mecklenburg business, judges, clerks and ministers, will spend their evenings in a matter of the Communist Manifesto, or some of Abe Lincoln's gems. In the process a lot of old beliefs may be discarded, or reaffirmed, new ones considered. The discussion is stimulating, and we commend it to all our own, most of us adults never get around to studying and talking out these important ideas. That's one of the main reasons why World Politics reading and discussion groups have been organized in about 100 of S. cities, five of them in North Carolina.

ON CALLING 'EM RIGHT

THE ANCIENT argument about whether a thrown baseball can be really made to curve in its passage from the pitcher's mound to the plate, as probably you know, is going on perpetually and inconclusively since the days of Old Hoss Rathbun. Technically speaking, a curve ball is one which, by a movement of the thrower's wrist, is made to spin upon its own axis.

According to Life the evidence of Mr. Mill's new pictures has been confirmed by the experiments of Prof. Joseph Bicknell of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The professor, it seems, put a baseball in a wind tunnel and spun it at the rate of 1400 revolutions per minute in a 30-mile-an-hour wind, which, we gather, was just about the same as if Mr. Rathbun's hand had thrown the pitch all over again.

But despite these evidences, we regret to say, the ballplayers remain stubbornly unconvinced. They recall that it was much the same in the case of Galileo, when he proved mathematically that objects of differing weights fall with same velocities, nobody would believe him until he climbed up the Leaning Tower of Pisa and dropped the weights. Of course, it is what is meant by 'the empirical method.' And we think that Mr. Mill and Professor Bicknell owe it to science to get out there in the batting cage at the Polo Grounds or Ebbets Field some afternoon and give the boys a demonstration.

In Other Words, Mr. Ruark Disapproves Social Security

By ROBERT C. RUARK

IN ALL the talk about Social Security dividends and the limitations on earnings on the part of recipients of the accrued benefits after age 65, it seems to me that the Social Security Act has never been sufficiently belabored.

This is not the government's money. It is your money, taken without your consent. And used by the government for whatever purpose the government sees fit to utilize on your behalf.

An ideal solution would be to amend the act to make Social Security optional, and to pay off the accrued benefits in lump sum at the end of 20 years or 30 to get their dough back in drabs and drabs.

THE WASHINGTON ASPECT
Apart from the complete idleness of penalizing industry in old age, the moral aspect of Social Security is the most serious.

Allowing, though, that the government has assumed the right to enforce taxation on the man, the fact still remains that it's the man's money, and not the government's. Even so, it would be fair to demand, either in lump or installment.

As I remember the reasons for Drew Merryl's Merry-Go-Round Cabinet Debate

HERE are some fleeting glimpses in the life of a very great man who died this week.

I was on a camping trip in the Adirondacks with Justice Vinson about a month ago. The woods around us were dry. We were seated on our camp chairs one day, and Chief Justice was smoking a cigarette. He smoked down to a stub, crushed it, and threw it into the water bucket and threw water on the burnt-out stub.

One evening he told about a historic cabinet meeting dealing with the atom bomb. He said that almost immediately there was no reason why it can't be described. It took place in 1945. Truman was President. Vinson was Secretary of the Treasury. Henry L. Stimson was Secretary of War. Stimson came into the cabinet and reported that Russia has given the atom bomb.

He argued that Russia was certain to get the secret anyway, and that it was better to get it first. He said that if we showed our good will and sincerity by offering to share the secret with the Russians, our relations with Russia incidentally, were far better at that time than a year or so later.

Some Intimate Glimpses of Fred Vinson

Cabinet Debate

THE Stimson proposal touched off a heated debate. Truman went round the cabinet table asking the opinions of all present. Jimmie Byrnes, Secretary of State, sided with Truman. So did Miss Perkins, Secretary of Labor. But Vinson led the opposition. He argued that the secret of the A-bomb was something the American people had paid for, worked for, had a right to keep. Under no circumstances should it be given away.

Truman wanted the Chief Justice to make a personal face-to-face appeal to Stalin for peace between the two nations. Truman felt that a man with the warm, contagious personality of Fred Vinson, plus his down-to-earth directness and common philosophy, would be able to melt even the stony heart of Joe Stalin.

He had misgivings about the mission, doubted that he could bring back any real agreement. But, like the good soldier Truman had always been, he agreed to go if Truman so desired.

However, he insisted that if he did go, he would not be reappointed. So strongly did Vinson feel that the court must be dissolved from the executive branch of the government that he was willing to sacrifice the second most important branch of the United States. It was partly because of this that Truman abandoned the mission-Moscow because he thought it would be unfair to his old friend, Fred Vinson.

13th Chief Justice
FRED VINSON used to remark that there had been 12 chief justices of the United States. He was the 13th. He had served with 12 of the 16 Presidents from 34 Presidents. He was too modest for that.

But although he enjoyed his work as chief justice and was justifiably proud of his position, I always got the impression that his happiest days were in Congress and as Economic Stabilizer. Few people ever realized what a difficult but efficient and hard worker he was. He was a man who had been down through the war. He was criticized by everyone. But he stuck to his guns. And he never let a word of criticism get to him. Vinson paid the highest credit, praise ended up lower after the war than before the war.

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Cleaned Out Communists
ONE of the most memorable talks I ever heard of was that of the good soldier Truman after he became Secretary of the Treasury. I had been working on one of the down-to-earth directness and common philosophy of the Soviet spy ring in Cuba and told Vinson I thought he had either a Communist or a pro-Communist working for him as assistant Secretary of the Treasury, Harry B. White.

I told Vinson I had no evidence that would stand up in court, but that I was certain one of the men the Russians used as a spy in Washington was White. Vinson didn't say much. But in the next week or two I noted that White left the Treasury. Some years later his part in the Soviet spy ring was substantiated.

Mission to Moscow
THE story of Vinson's proposed trip to Moscow in the Fall of 1948 has been written a good many times, but some of the most important angles were never told.

It is known, of course, that President Truman wanted the Chief Justice to make a personal face-to-face appeal to Stalin for peace between the two nations. Truman felt that a man with the warm, contagious personality of Fred Vinson, plus his down-to-earth directness and common philosophy, would be able to melt even the stony heart of Joe Stalin.

'Tsk Tsk! Why Do They Trade With Him?'



People's Platform

Letters should be brief. The writer's name and address must be given, but may be withheld from publication in the discretion of the Editors. The News reserves the right to condense.

The 'Rotten Deal'

CHERAW, S. C.

THE Eisenhower Administration removed price and wage controls by order of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce to repay a political debt from the last election. This was done for the big man at the expense of the little man, for rents have gone up 100 per cent in many places...

—J. A. GRABAM.

Commies Running Riot

FT. LAUDERDALE, FLA.

I WONDER why anybody should be surprised that Russia has our H-bomb. For over 20 years now, the State Department and Government Printing Office have been loaded with Communies. Major Jordan and others have testified under oath that secret documents were handed to Russia by plane in 1948...

—NILA THAYER.

Dangers in German Vote

PITTSBORO

I SEE no reason for jubilation, certainly no effusive jubilation, over the West German election. The presence of 4 million German youths (athletes and even musclemen) to see East Germany's election results is a very good thing. They have had much to do with the voting. Loped or landslide voting in Germany is a thing of the past.

—ROBERT F. WILLIAMS.

Racial Discrimination Must Go

MONROE

Editorial Note: Sept. 2, 1953 your paper ran an editorial entitled, "FEPC" through the back door after the FEPC has taken the trick of the double-talking politician to heart and is attempting to erect a fountain that simultaneously sends forth both hot and cold water.

—JOHN W. HESTER.

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