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A New U. S. Policy In Asia Emerges

A MOMENTOUS change in U. S. foreign policy is shaping up. The Eisenhower administration is planning to do in Asia substantially what the Truman administration did in Europe. The President has rejected the advice of his naval and air advisers, who wanted a military showdown with the Chinese Communists.

This change has set off, and been obscured by, the angry objections to it by Majority Leader William Knowland and others, whose arguments have been strengthened by the conviction in China of 13 Americans on "spy" charges, and by the Red Chinese forays on coastal islands held by the Nationalist Government.

The Chinese Communist announcement of the American "spy" convictions, coming as it did about the time the

Reds released a Canadian flyer, appears to be another coldly calculated attempt to separate the U. S. from her allies, and to induce the U. S. to send her planes and ships over the Chinese coast.

Regrettably, there is no satisfactory method of obtaining release or redress for the prisoners, or full information about their cases. Eleven of the 13 were soldiers who should have been exchanged as prisoners of war.

But the most important need now is for the administration to explain its emerging, positive policy toward Asia, instead of trucking to the insatiable right-wingers. Secretary of State Dulles had a fine opportunity to explain and gather support for the new policy last night, when he spoke to the 411 delegates, but he chose to drone over old ground.



Another 'Explosion' Coming?

Administration Divided On Asia

By STEWART ALSOP

(Editor's Note: Stewart Alsop is flying to the Far East to report the developments in Asia. In this and a succeeding report, Stewart Alsop describes the inner conflict in the Eisenhower administration which the Asian crisis has generated.)

will begin to crumble. And in the end, the United States will be left rakedly isolated in a Communist world.

It is difficult, it must be said, to fault the logic which leads to these gloomy conclusions. But these conclusions also have a surprisingly optimistic, and much less convincing, corollary. This is that it will be by no means impossible...

Robertson is perhaps the leading exponent of the opinion that Chinese communism will collapse, like the walls of Jericho, if only the American trumpet is blown hard enough.

But with the shape of ice-cream cones changed, with automobiles no longer frightening horses...

Congressional Relations Increase Secret Sessions

By CONGRESSIONAL QUARTERLY

WASHINGTON CONGRESS BARRED the public at more than four meetings of every 10 they held during 1954.

Other committees which held 10 or more meetings and went into executive session for more than half their sessions were: House Foreign Affairs, 63 per cent; House Administration, 62 per cent; House Judiciary, 62 per cent; Senate Finance, 58 per cent; Senate Armed Services, 55 per cent; and House Government Operations, 51 per cent.

These committees were not necessarily the busiest, however. The Senate Appropriations Committee held 210 meetings in 1954 and only 67, or 32 per cent, were closed. The Senate Judiciary Committee held 120 meetings in 1954 and only 24, or 20 per cent, of its 167 sessions.

Several hundred other committees in which it was unwise to keep the public away have been tabulated. In addition to the meetings of the House Appropriations Committee and subcommittees, these included sessions of the House Rules Committee to grant requests for floor consideration of bills...

Congressmen Can Curb Secrecy

WE LOOK TO Carolina congressmen to help correct an insidious trend toward unnecessary secrecy in public affairs.

Congressional Quarterly's report elsewhere on this page details some of the secrecy. The press, and thus the public, was kept out of four of every 10 Senate committee meetings in 1953 and again in 1954.

It is necessary and understandable that certain matters pertaining to national security be discussed confidentially. But there is no good reason we know why any congressional committee should close the door when it is discussing agriculture, labor, education or other non-security matters.

Carolinians will head 5 of the 19 House committees next year.

Rep. Graham A. Barden (N. C.) will head the House Education and Labor Committee. Fifty-four of its 59 meetings this year—92 per cent—were secret.

Rep. Harold D. Cooley (N. C.) will head the Agriculture Committee. Thirty-seven of its 98 meetings—38 per cent—were secret.

Rep. Herbert C. Bonner (N. C.) will head the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee. Thirty-six of its 103 meetings—35 per cent—were secret.

Rep. John L. McMillan (S. C.) will head the District of Columbia Committee. Fourteen of its 42 meetings—33 per cent—were secret.

Rep. James P. Richards (S. C.) will head the Foreign Affairs Committee. Sixty-nine of its 109 meetings—63 per cent—were secret.

A Salute To The Blue Devils

ON TO THE Orange Bowl, a nobly ringing phrase shouted best by sophomores and old grads, was being repeated loudly and insistently among Chapel Hill's dispirited splendors late Saturday afternoon.

The arguments will drone on into the winter (just as they did last year) about whether Maryland was really better than Notre Dame but we believe Duke meets all the standards of the conference's "most representative team."

The Blue Devils deserved the honor. This is not one of Duke's great teams (the Army and Navy games proved

Question!

WE AGREE wholeheartedly with Sen. Joe McCarthy's suggestion, agreed to by the Senate yesterday, that no good can be achieved by continuing this (censure) debate.

His "painful" rest in the hospital obviously did not activate his conscience. He had the temerity yesterday to tell his colleagues that he would be the last "to deliberately administer abuse to anyone else."

More censure is too good for him, but let it be administered, promptly.

OOPS!

gusts at the eatery always comment on the inscription carried by the napkin rings:

"The White House Mess."

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First, the United States should not passively accept an "atomic stalemate" to use Knowland's phrase. Second, while this country still enjoys atomic superiority, the Chinese Communist regime should be prevented from even a glimmer of consolidating its power.

Forgetful vacationers returning home after two weeks will not have to face numerous milk bottles of 42 quart bottles of milk on the back porch—just 3 to 11 gallon jugs of same.

The sleepy head-of-house who forgot to put the cat out before going to bed will no longer wake the whole neighborhood with the clatter of numerous milk bottles falling down the back steps—just

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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

Tension High In Pro-McCarthy Area

WASHINGTON IF the Senate ever investigates the so-called "Ten Million Americans" are mobilizing McCarthy petitions...

In Boston, McCarthy headquarters are located at the Bradford Hotel, where four or five ladies of middle age and fervent disposition were handing out McCarthy literature, chiefly copies of a Chicago Tribune story lauding McCarthy written by Willard Edwards, his most devoted journalistic booster.

Down at the bottom of the petition, in extremely small print, much smaller than any of the signatures authorized: "Important! Be sure that all signatures and addresses are bona fide."

Ode To A Non-Grecian Urn

From The Christian Science Monitor

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GOP Solons May Checkmate Eisenhower Foreign Policy

By MARQUIS CHILDS

THE lines are being drawn for a struggle over control of the direction of foreign policy that promises to put the Eisenhower administration to the severest test it has yet encountered.

The dominant Republicans in the Senate mean to set the course for the Eisenhower administration to follow in world affairs.

With this struggle in view, and it will be intensified in January, the White House has been surmising the Senate for active support of the Eisenhower program.

Senators who are not in the Eisenhower program but who are freemason senators they will have to make a deal of resistance to make themselves heard at all against the hostility of most of the senior Republicans in case they have any say in the House which will stand him up.

The same group bent on breaking relations with Russia will try again to put over the Bricker amendment. It failed of the two-thirds majority by only one vote in the Senate.

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