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The French, At Least, Are Candid

SEVERAL years ago Frenchmen like Schuman, Bidault and Le Pen have formulated plans for a European union, which was to be an integral part of a more loosely-knit Atlantic community of nations. They are among the most insistent of the free world leaders who said that the threat of communism required a supranational sovereignty, a common western defense force and political machinery. To these ends the North Atlantic Treaty Organization was formed, and the European Defense Community was proposed.

NATO has never amounted to much because the nations which are a part of it haven't given it much attention. EDC, with its plans for a European Army, hasn't got off the ground, because the legislatures of two of its six member nations, Italy and France, have ratified it. And now, paradoxically, the French who helped pioneer EDC are about to bury it.

This they would do by making French approval of EDC contingent on drastic changes in the plan. For example, they ask that each of the nations retain a veto over the European Army's command decisions for eight years after the treaty takes effect. And they want to junk the treaty article calling for the establishment of a European political community.

There are several reasons for the French switcheroo. First, Premier Mendes-France, a man on horseback at full gallop, wants to get the issue decided one way or the other quickly.

Secondly, French foes of federal union want important concessions from Mendes-France, who has always been cool toward EDC.

Thirdly, many Frenchmen just can't stomach the idea of serving with German troops, and having German troops on French soil.

It will of course be unfortunate if the present French view prevails. If this

happens EDC will prove to have been a costly illusion. But in one respect we welcome the drastic French move. The French are being more candid than other Atlantic peoples, including the Americans, on the question of the Atlantic community.

Presidents Truman and Eisenhower and Secretaries of State Acheson and Dulles, have made great speeches about the need for unity. So have British and continental leaders. But few among them have spoken out about the necessity, if there is to be a single European Army and integrated Atlantic policy, of political union. Twelve or 14 nations can't run one army. Nor have many of these leaders been bold enough to declare that tariffs applied between these Atlantic countries are as senseless as tariffs between the 49 states would be.

The public was not aroused to the need for sweeping political and economic changes. The anti-federalists on both sides of the Atlantic aroused nationalist feelings, and were answered only by silence or platitudes. Thus the French have expressed what probably are, unfortunately, the real sentiments of many Frenchmen, Britons and certainly Americans. One can imagine, for example, the hue that would be raised in Congress if it were asked to ratify a treaty giving control of U. S. troops to an international organization, which is exactly what the EDC countries were asked to do.

We are persuaded that the Atlantic continent should create a common defense force and political machinery to help govern it, and its economy.

That goal is a long way off—farther off than it appeared to be a few years ago.

The threat that gave urgency to that goal is greater now than it was then.

Our hope is that the crisis caused by the French action will awaken the free world to the growth of the threat and the distance of the goal.

Steve Mitchell Said Too Much

THE "get Ike" campaign has at last begun. Until this week, Democratic criticism of the Eisenhower administration was directed at the whole "team," or individuals other than the President. But, Monday Democratic National Chairman Steve Mitchell turned the big guns on the President himself.

Mitchell implied that the President's friendship with Bobby Jones, the former golf champion, influenced Eisenhower in his decision to award a medal to the syndicate in which Jones has an interest. That is a very serious charge. Mitchell did not document it. He deserves censure for suggesting improperly without substantiating the statement.

On the other hand, the President's action in the contract case is questionable. Mitchell and anyone else can fairly raise doubts about it.

What the President did was to order the Atomic Energy Commission, over the protest of a majority of its members, to

do business with a specific power syndicate, the Dixon-Yates combine. Normal procedure would be to give the contract to the lowest bidder. There was no competitive bidding in this case. A New York utility group claims that it would have done the job for about 150 million dollars less than the Dixon-Yates price, but couldn't get to top AEC officials to discuss the proposition. The AEC general manager replied that the New York group refused to supply necessary data on its bidding.

We agree with Mitchell that "here is something that really needs investigating." But it is irresponsible to suggest that Jones influenced the President. As Mitchell would agree if the shoe were on the other foot and he were being criticized for the action of one of his Democratic friends. There simply aren't enough facts available on this contract case, at least as yet, upon which to hang a specific charge.

A Charlotte's Answer To Dior

BAXTER D. HUNTLEY, Charlotte hosier, offers us one of the most enterprising industrialists of the age.

He hopes to capitalize on the latest Dior-trended trend in women's fashion, which deemphasizes the bust. If his hunch is right, North Carolina and its hosier industry and workers ought to profit richly.

He reasons this way. With this twentieth trend away from the bust, "there must be emphasis elsewhere in feminine fashions, and the hips will not be emphasized. So it seems that the

women must give greater thought to the appearance their stockings give their legs."

He figures, So, who knows, perhaps within the year men and women will be roaming the streets with downcast eyes, the men admiring the ladies' North Carolina hosier-clad legs, the women carefully peering at the men's Bermuda walking shorts.

Of course, the hat people undoubtedly have other ideas. And some fellows, no matter what Huntley suggests, are not going to lower their gaze.

A Choice: Brain Fever Or Heat Stroke

SOME people we know, overly-fatigued from activities like golf and tennis in the 90- and 100-plus sun, have turned to a less strenuous form of play, and have been responsible for a summer revival of the old parlor game of "terse verse."

Essentially a simple game embodying word definition and rhyme, it can progress to polysyllables and three or four words in the answer. Questioner asks for a definition, say, of chief of police, and the answer comes back to rhyme, "top cop." From there it is only a simple step

to such revelations that a seed catalog is a kernel journal, summer weather records are history, history, a love-leek Hebridean is a smitten Briton.

But when we come to such matters as alliteration in the questioning and learn that natatory nudes are swimm'n' women, and evolve three-word answers of Yankee hunk panky for a definition of northern style (dalliance, then we begin to wonder whether the brain fever induced by such "labors isn't even worse than plain old heat stroke.

From The Rocky Mount Telegram

MUD UNSLUNG IS SLIPPERY

PROSPECTIVE POLITICAL candidates might do well to pay heed to a new campaign technique that developed during the primary warm-up in Halifax County, North Carolina.

Things weren't as hot as they normally are in Halifax.

Things glowed, as a matter of fact, with friendly warmth.

John A. James, a candidate for solicitor of recorder's court, spent much of his time during the weeks before election in complimenting his opponent, Nicholas A. Long.

Said Long was a man of integrity—honest and worthy.

Sent out a letter to all the registered

voters, congratulating Long on "a clean campaign" and encouraging the people to vote for Long if they thought he was better qualified for the post.

Said voting itself was the most important thing.

Well, sir, the folks of Halifax were right much amazed.

They'd never seen, they declared, such sportsmanship.

Mr. James, they reckoned, was a man of uncommon grace.

So election day came, the men and women of Halifax went to the polls, the deed was done, and the votes counted. James lost.

First Act Of A Drama

The North African Powderkeg

By MARQUIS CHILDS

QUICKLY the visitor to North Africa learns at least one thing. That is the great complexity of the problem confronting France in her two troubled protectorates of Tunisia and Morocco.

All the easy clichés about colonialism and the right of self-determination fall before the intricate involvement of Arab and Frenchmen, Africa and Europe, the world of 20th century technology and the era of the camel and the nomad. It may be possible here in Tunisia to unravel this tightly twisted strand and thereby find a solution satisfactory to all the varied interests concerned.

At least a beginning has been made, and that is more than anyone had hoped for a month ago. On the outcome a great deal depends. What makes it so important to the West is that there is still another test of whether an orderly transmission is possible from the old colonialism to an effective partnership, with peace and good will on both sides. If the test fails, then in Africa and Asia the forces making for revolution with the backing of communism, will have taken a long slide forward.

TERROISM CONTINUES

In Morocco the terrorism still persists. In fact, the moderates on the Arab side here are fearful that this continuing violence will so inflame French opposition to independence anywhere that the fortunate beginning in Tunisia will be jeopardized.

In Tunisia the violence stopped as abruptly as though a curtain had fallen on the bloody first act of a drama that still has no certain ending. How does it happen that the violence of terrorism and counter-terrorism can be turned off as water in a tap is turned off?

The French are asking this question with a certain uneasiness, since the facts seem to indicate a discipline within the Neo-Destour independence movement extending from the top down even through the Fellagha, or bandits, operating in desert country and infiltrating into the towns. If the violence can be turned off, then it can be turned on again at another crisis.

TROOPS READY

More than 30,000 French troops are deployed throughout the country today, and two more divisions are being transferred to Tunisia, which will bring the total above 50,000. This is the assurance to French colonists that their rights and interests will be protected in the change-over now taking place.

The new Tunisian premier and his ministers of state without portfolio in the newly formed government of Tunisia will negoti-

ate in Paris the basic agreement between the French and the Tunisians, in accord with the promise of French Premier Mendes-France when he surprised the world by his dramatic flight to this terror-ridden colony. That negotiation will not be easy, since it involves unraveling the rights of French and Tunisians, the latter eager to take over administrative functions as quickly as possible, the former convinced that this must be carried out by stages as the Arabs demonstrate their capacity to take over.

HUMAN RIGHTS

More complicated than the property rights are the human rights, with the Tunisian functionaries so long limited to minor and restricted positions. Nearly 25,000 French functionaries—many of them Corsicans—represent the most adamant opposition to the French grant of internal autonomy. Their organized resistance, believed responsible for the counter-terrorism against Arabs, is more formidable than that of the French colony or planter, operating a plantation built up in many instances by the hard work of three generations of the same family. The colonne believes he will be able to continue because he is essential to the economy of the country. But the salaried functionary is



Angry Woman Leads Moroccan Demonstration

fearful that in the negotiations in Paris the Tunisians will be promised jobs that belong to the functionary class. Here is one of the delicate issues of the change-over, and solving it will take infinite patience and tact.

Fortunately, one of the reforms introduced by Mendes-France was the creation of a separate Ministry of Tunisian and Moroccan Affairs in the French cabinet, with an able man, Christian Fouchet, at its head. This took the problem out of the foreign office, with its narrow traditional approach.

Fortunately, too, the independence leaders in Tunisia have, for the time being at least, confidence in Mendes-France. They believe in his honesty of purpose.

'Ruark's Delight' Will Keep Dieters From Death's Door

By ROBERT C. RUARK

I HAVE been listening to the diet talk again, and learning that all the girls and some of the boys are aiming to show up at the office in September, lean, bronzed, and otherwise clichéd. This ostensibly will be accomplished by a fare composed exclusively of lettuce and deep draughts of fresh air, no olives in the Martinis, and much exercise from conversation.

Since everybody else has a dieting pet, I will be rambling around in my special almanac and will scarcely know you are on a diet.

Enclosed please find one sample day's eating, which has made a new man of me.

Breakfast: Strawberries and cream. Bacon, sausage and scrambled eggs, with hashed-brown potatoes. Hot biscuits and honey, and Danish pastry. Coffee with sugar and cream.

Mid-morning snack: Chocolate malted milk and cheese cake.

Lunch: Assorted antipasto, including stuffed artichokes, shrimps, mayonnaise, and tuna-fish salad. The soup is minestrone. Then spaghetti in butter sauce, followed by beef Stroganoff and potatoes.

Hot rolls and butter, string beans and hog jowl. Dessert is apple brown Betty with hard sauce. Beer is the beverage.

A two-hour nap after lunch generally makes me hungry, so a light snack of coconut cake with a vanilla maited gets me up to the cocktail hour. We don't play around with a lot of different drinks, just Martinis and Manhattan.

But you certainly need hours of exercise, or else somebody is apt to get loaded. They consist of onion-flavored cream—cheese gunk to dip potato chips in, sausage pigs in a pastry poke, pimento-cheese stuffed celery, herring in cream, anchovy-stuffed olives wrapped in bacon and even on hot buttered beehive biscuits and pretzels.

MAKE IT STOUT

Make it a fairly late dinner, so it ought to be stout enough to get you through the long night. Serve white wine with the goose, liver paste and thin buttered bread, and with the lobster Newburgh and the cream of potato soup and croquettes, of course.

I believe a summer diet should be simple, so when the red wine is served, there is just a big center piece of food. There is hot fried

The Library

From Carolina Israelite

I NEED a book; a book that I may be found in the Library of Congress, or maybe in the Library of Harvard University. And so I call up the Charleston Public Library, and ask either Mr. Galvin or Mr. Brockman.

"I'll tell them what I want and where I think it may be found and within a week or ten days the book or the document is delivered to my door. I've never been wrong. I can renew it if I give them a few days prior notice.

And thus the facilities provided by my city in the South, are expanded through cooperation with the facilities and treasures of the Treasury and the Federal Reserve, which let the Treasury dominate the Federal Reserve Board.

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However, many hands point out that this is not the function of the Federal Reserve. Its function is to remain independent of the Treasury, keeping the nation's credit aloof from the political dictates of the Treasury.

So when the Federal Reserve Board has five members instead of seven, and when it has no vice-chairman, it's a little less independent, a little easier to dominate. That's why we heard going for months minus two members. The financial advisers in the Treasury just didn't want them appointed.

'Step Lively, Gents — Next — Okay, Next—'



People's Platform

Hoover's Name Will 'Live On And On'

MAIDEN IN REFERENCE to the dirty dig at the name of former President Herbert Clark Hoover published on page 10A in your editorial column of Wednesday, Aug. 11, to say the least I was at a loss to understand why you would publish a thing like that, and then I saw the light. After carefully going back over your editorial column and studying it, I could very easily understand the reason for your publishing such slush. Your dirty rotten New Deal and your disgraceful Fair Deal were only too glad to call on him for help when they got so deep in slime and mud of their own making that there was no chance of redemption for them. But I think the only reason for them calling on him was to try to down his good name as they did that greatest of all and magnificent General of the Army Douglas MacArthur, the greatest military genius of all times. Their names will live on and on in the memory of the American people (and, mind you, I said American) long after you and the rest of the weepies who have been yapping at their heels are forgotten.

Searcy Was West's Top Basketball Star

STOKESDALE EDITORS, THE NEWS: I SAW high school all-star basketball game last week in the new Greensboro gymnasium and it was a honey. I am not taking anything away from the other boys on either squad, but Roy Searcy of Trinity was the best all-around player on the floor. Bobby Joe Harris scored the most points and was the best shot. Jerry Bosquet was exceptionally good on free throws. For continuous hustle and all-out effort, little Derris Brawshaw topped the show. Ed Berryhill played consistently and Franklin Black was the fastest player and a cracker jack ballhandler.

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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON THE five governors who discussed the fifty-billion-dollar highway program with Eisenhower at a White House luncheon the other day found themselves veering somewhat over toward likes ideas and Republican opposition. Remarkably one Republican governor afterward: "You know, I'm beginning to feel almost New Dealish."

Not all the conversation had to do with highways, however. For the benefit of the southern governors present—Kenyon of Louisiana and Weatherly of Kentucky—the President told this story about his election campaign.

"My advisers told me," he said, "that if I went down south on a tour I would get a corporal's guard out to hear me talk. I decided to go anyway, and as I gathered momentum, I began to realize just how big a corporal's guard really is. I never knew before it could be so large."

Note—While Eisenhower and the governors were discussing \$50,000,000 highway, Sen. Cooper's bill for only half-a-billion dollars for school construction faced rough sledding in Congress largely because Eisenhower administration refused to back it.

Raise Needed

IF a sound stricture coming from one who has done his share of criticizing, but

in my opinion it would be a tragedy if Congress did not come back this fall to vote a pay raise both for judges and congressmen themselves.

President Eisenhower urged such a pay boost last year. A commission was appointed, a recommendation made, but now all has been forgotten.

Congressmen and federal judges are still struggling along on salaries that few similarly qualified professional men would work for, though some are getting tired and resigning.

Five men in any job these days have to maintain two houses, unless they are corporation executives and get paid for it. But a congressman must keep a home in his district and a home in Washington, especially if he has children. The expense is terrific.

On top of this, few people are called upon to work longer hours than a United States senator. While the rest of the U. S. was pleasantly weekending, the Senate adjourned at 8:07 p.m. last Saturday.

Long hours have been the rule rather than the exception. Senators have the Senate adjourned this summer before 8 p.m., and this does not include hours when debate continued all night.

Since congressmen hesitate to vote themselves an increase before elections, I suggest that the House return after

Fiscal Politics

President Eisenhower got a friendly letter that he had better appoint a vice-chairman of the Federal Reserve Board or face some hot speeches in Congress.

Under the law, the President is required to appoint not only a chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, but also a vice-chairman. He is required to appoint seven members to the board, and for months he failed to do the latter.

It was not until Sen. Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota made a speech accusing the President of deliberately violating the law that two additional board members were appointed—Canby Balderston of Philadelphia and Paul Miller of St. Paul. Both are good men.

So over the weekend, the White House was told that Sen. Humphrey was ready to deliver another speech if Ike did not designate a vice-chairman—also necessary under the law.

All this may seem like unimportant financial politics to the average taxpayer, but it isn't. It affects the credit structure of the nation and the amount of interest you pay when you go to the

Bank for a Loan

bank for a loan. For it goes back to the traditional battle between the Treasury and the Federal Reserve as to whether interest rates will be high or low, inflation up or down.

During the Truman Administration this battle between Secretary of the Treasury Snyder and Federal Reserve Chairman Marriner Eccles made headlines. In the end, Truman denoted Eccles, which let the Treasury dominate the Federal Reserve Board.

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