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Miscalculated Absolutism

Dues Played Into Red Hands

By WALTER LIPPMAN

WHETHER or not we are thinking that the spirit of Geneva is dead depends on what we think the spirit of Geneva is. There are some who seem to think that because the Russians had made themselves more agreeable, they were promising to agree with us.

Mr. Dulles, supported by Messrs. MacMillan and Pinney, chose to act as if he thought that being agreeable and agreeing were much the same thing—as if the spirit of Geneva meant that step by step the Soviet Union would accept our terms for the reunification of Germany and the liberation of the satellites. It is most improbable, of course, that Mr. Dulles actually thought the Soviets would accept our terms. But when he went to the second Geneva conference, he led the American people to suppose that he expected the Soviet Union to begin acting as they were going to accept our terms.



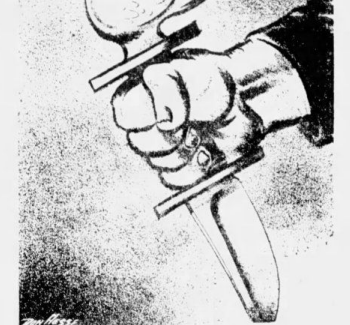
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No ATTEMPT was made to change the terms of the Geneva accords. The Soviet Union had no intention of making a public announcement that they were not thinking of it. The Soviets gained by it in that they were able to reduce the heat of military aggression that has been the fear which, more than anything else, has held together the West. Mr. Dulles may have got talked by it because our position among our closest allies had been seriously undermined by a war that we might resort to a preventive war. But whether we gained or lost by it, whether the Soviets gained or lost by it, there was no alternative to making the demonstration which was made in July at Geneva.

THE real spirit of Geneva is the result of that accord, of the fact that it is impossible to threaten war and therefore unnecessary to fear war in which the great powers participate.

This accord was not a bit of Soviet tactics to put a public relations veil over the fact that the heads of the armaments were drawn and pulled towards the meeting at the summit when the news about the hydrogen bomb had spread among their own people and the masses of mankind. They had to purge themselves publicly of all suspicion that they might be buying with the idea of a thermobaric war.

On both sides of the Iron Curtain it had become a vital interest to get the Russians to agree about the intentions of the big governments. Both sides had to give ground in making a public announcement that they were not thinking of it. The Soviets gained by it in that they were able to reduce the heat of military aggression that has been the fear which, more than anything else, has held together the West. Mr. Dulles may have got talked by it because our position among our closest allies had been seriously undermined by a war that we might resort to a preventive war. But whether we gained or lost by it, whether the Soviets gained or lost by it, there was no alternative to making the demonstration which was made in July at Geneva.



How To: St. Louis Globe Democrat

Soviet Switch-Blade

Geneva. But the Soviet Union's hand was not in Germany.

It is now a grave possibility that the West will be elbowed out of the negotiations for the settlement of the German question.

This is almost certain to happen unless—let us hope in agreement with Dr. Adenauer—we can find some way to make our German policy negotiable. We shall be elbowed out of the German settlement because the Germans themselves are certain to negotiate. They will do this with our support if that is possible, without our support if it is necessary.

Nothing can be done, we must suppose, to make it appear that we have won a diplomatic victory at Geneva. We have had a very bad setback from which we can recover only if we make a thoroughgoing reappraisal of our position and our prospects in the post-Geneva world.

Zoning Is Not A Job For Council

A GROWING city that wants to keep growing has to plan for the future. It has to make intelligent forecasts of what areas will be needed for industry, recreation, residence, medical centers, schools and the like. In order to set aside these areas and guarantee for the future a healthful and economic physical pattern it has to enact a zoning ordinance. And to do this the law requires that the city must have a zoning commission to develop out of careful research and study a zoning program which the city may or may not adopt, as governed by the decision of the City Council.

A new zoning ordinance developed by City-Council Planning Commission, which is also the zoning commission, is before the Council. Before it too are a number of objections to the zoning provisions as they apply to certain areas. What Council did with these objections—whether it would attempt to sit as a zoning board itself, or refer the matter to a public hearing, or whether it would refer these objections to the zoners who created and are intimately familiar with the overall land use plan envisioned by the ordinance—constituted the first real test of the Council's intentions toward realistic planning and zoning for the city and the burgeoning perimeter area.

It is easy to lead the idea of planning and zoning. A city looks and sounds good when it hires a staff of professional planners and appoints solid citizens to a planning zoning commission. But all this means nothing until the city's governing body approves the plans and zones and puts them into legal effect. Councilmen are not without pressure in making this decision. They are beset by individual citizens who feel their property rights are being damaged by zoning and, being elected officials, they listen to their sympathies and insist that justice be done to the complaining citizens.

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The Council recognized this central fact Wednesday in sending the complaints to the commission for study and recommendation. Whether the resolution will be followed by a decision on the same principle will be disclosed when the Council takes final action on the complaints.

If Charlotte is actually to control its growth, instead of continuing idle talk about it, the Council must follow the principles set by its own ordinance.

The planning commission, through Chairman Spencer Bell, has delineated with commendable frankness and clear reasoning, the crossroads the city has now reached on one of its most vital tasks.

Mr. Bell's address to the Council was a beautifully executed sermon on the realities in planning and zoning. It also was a primer for the uninformed. All citizens interested in orderly growth of this community and all city councilmen should study it carefully.

Off-The-Record Government In City Hall

BUSINESS of some importance to the citizens of Charlotte was transacted in a backstage meeting of the City Council yesterday, prior to the regular public session.

It involved public policy. An informal agreement was reached. That agreement had some effect on the manner in which public funds will be spent in a particular field of public interest.

Although representatives of Charlotte's two newspapers and a television station were present, the action was not reported. They were told that the matter was "off the record."

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Fill UNC Presidency Without Delay

THE selection of a new president of the University of North Carolina should proceed with all reasonable speed. Enormous problems lie at the doorstep of the three branches of the university and the consolidated office. They require the attention of a permanent president who can attack them as part of a consistent, continuing expression of educational policy.

We are not suggesting mad, pell-mell haste. Far from it. The presidency of the university demands the services of a man of great talent and integrity. He cannot be carelessly selected. And naturally, proper consultations with the university's faculty and administration should be made.

But this is a matter of some urgency. The chore must not be strung out unnecessarily while committee men and hour after hour consultations...

It is suddenly fashionable in North Carolina to let "Let's have an educator, not an administrator." Actually, it is necessary to find a man equipped for double duty—just as all of the University's truly great presidents have been.

The trouble is that it has been a national habit recently to select university presidents from the ranks of business or industry, the Army or the Navy, rather than from education. Once in office they are required to be fund-raisers, hand-shakers, speech-makers and official greeters. It is our conviction that the head of the University of North Carolina should be a man primarily concerned with education and a man reasonably free to think about education. Under such a man the University will surely flourish and fulfill its destiny.



"The reformer I got on 8th and Locust..."

Ready On The Right

GOP Old Guard Rides Again

By DORIS FLEESON

EVIDENCE is accumulating that the Republican Party is again being confronted by a right wing conservative effort to represent its policy and influence its actions.

WASHINGTON appeared. Senate Republican leader William Jenner's lead article calling on U.S. policymakers to return to a policy of "liberation as promised in 1952 Republican platform."

The group went into action when the Senate disciplined Sen. Joseph McCarthy. It was further blanketed by President Eisenhower's prestige during the period when it appeared that the Geneva spirit might really effect a change in the international atmosphere. The approach of the presidential election in which Eisenhower was seen as essentially a GOP victory effectively silenced even the most unhappy members of the Old Guard.

ATTACK ON LABOR Sen. Knowland recently joined Senator Barry Goldwater, chairman of the Senate Republican campaign committee, in a vigorous attack on union leadership and its political actions.

SEVERAL FORN The implicit challenge to the Eisenhower leadership which is now shaping up takes several forms.

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With all the good, simple names available, why is it necessary for parents to come up with something either out of a family tree or their own imaginations?

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One thing about this time of year—you don't have to go out to get a cold. Junior will pick it up at school and deliver it to you at home.—ASHESVILLE CITIZEN.

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Bitter Republicans

It had been placed there by his GOP critics, called the "bitter" because he left the Republican Party.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

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People's Platform

American Freedom Being Chipped Away

EDITOR, THE NEWS: We notice there are those who want to exchange masters of the gospel with Russia. Why that?

After our people have been informed that in Russia do not have a Supreme Being? Then why do that? As we recall to say, we have many to whom we do not practice the true gospel to so many of our people in our land.

So let's wake up and demand our country send these visitors home and close the back door before it is too late. It is no use to check the hen house after the chickens are stolen by the thief.

Keep your money here for our people to exchange masters of the gospel with Russia. Why that? After our people have been informed that in Russia do not have a Supreme Being? Then why do that? As we recall to say, we have many to whom we do not practice the true gospel to so many of our people in our land.

— J. A. GRAHAM

Court's Decision Hurt Democratic Principles

I HAVE gotten so far behind in my reading that I wanted to say, and that ought to be said, that I will have to take a near-cut to even cover part of the ground I have lost.

One writer's letter, headed "Racial Intolerance or Communism," said that it will cost the United States Government a great deal of money in the near future of action against lawless white citizens if it is soon brought.

When the writer goes on to say: "Governor Luther Hodges will tell anyone that segregation will by 1960 be a subject of the past if white citizens act as calmly and Negroes act as the schools. The Negroes didn't like that plan; neither did I like it. The Negroes wanted him to say that the races 'must' mix. But I wanted him to say like Gov. Allan Shivers of Texas, and some others, that it would never happen."

We understand that the court's decision hinges on the winning of a little bunch of Negroes down somewhere in the lower part of South Carolina where they could not mix in the schools with the white folk.

That NAACP movement and the "lean-to" Negro's decision of the court is basically responsible for the decision of the court.

Of course, for the knowledge we have all received concerning this race question, it is safe to say that all the Negroes that are "lean-to" understand know what their purpose is if it should ever ripen, so the Negro Tilt could thoughtfully be ignored.

—JOHN S. DICASON

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round Manure Spreader Becomes A Symbol

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Washington manure spreader has become the symbol in the Oregon political campaign, which already has started in the fight over re-election of Sen. Wayne Morse.

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