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Mr. Dulles And A Familiar Theme

THERE was a strange, perhaps wistful quality in Mr. John Foster Dulles' return this week to his familiar theme of "massive retaliation." He first used the term in 1954 to deter open, armed aggression in Korea and Indochina. He was saying the U.S. itself would choose the means and places for retaliation against the next piece of Communist aggression. He was issuing a blunt warning when the threat of war was clear.

But the international setting was totally different this week when Mr. Dulles made his major policy speech. Now he was talking about military retaliation at a time when touring Communist leaders apparently were trying to crack the West's monopoly on good words. Khrushchev and Bulganin were offering toys and technicians, dimes and grain elevators. To the Indians and Burmese moreover they were derring war as the weapon of colonial imperialists and identifying the "imperialists" specifically as the U.S., France and Great Britain.

Mr. Dulles recognized these new Communist tactics. He commended the Russians have the pool of technicians they are offering to undeveloped areas. But he said there is no reason for alarm because free Asiatic leaders will not be "easily duped by false promises."

In sum, his speech was significant for danger of communism. The way for the

U.S. to meet this new Soviet move is through rebirth of America's 19th century "crusading spirit," he said.

This would be reassuring except for the fact that the "crusading spirit" Mr. Dulles assumes Russia promises are false but at the same time admits are the means to fulfill them. He assumes Nehru, U. Nu and other Asian leaders will see through the Communist strategy, but in fact the Russian strategy has been directed more to the masses than to the rulers of the countries they are visiting.

We wish Mr. Dulles had talked more, and more specifically, about the "crusading spirit" which animated our missionaries, our doctors, our educators and our merchants who during the last century went throughout the world carrying the benefits of a new way of life. The need for retaliatory military has long been obvious and Mr. Dulles has explained it many times. But the way for the U.S. to face the cunning threat of cynical Soviet kindred is more a matter of the 19th century's crusading spirit.

Mr. Dulles must make the nation a 20th century model of that spirit, with wheels that roll and a motor that runs. In sum, his speech was significant for what it did not say.

'It Makes Men Hate One Another'

IF WE are to believe the high-principled New York Times, there is more than a smidgen of bookish support for Adlai Stevenson's plea for "moderation" in the coming political jrh.

There is, hunched the TIMES, Plutarch's "Moderation is best, and to avoid all extremes." Seneca's "A great soul prefers moderation to excess." Racine's "Who wishes to travel far spares his mount," and Shakespeare's "Be moderate." In THOULOUS AND CRESDA.

True enough. But the difficulties of moderation in times like these are explained on the Shakespeare shelf too.

We have in mind COMOLASTOS. In this particular opus, the Bard has a group of servants speaking morosely about the peace between the Romans and the Volscians.

"This peace," says one, "is nothing but to rust iron, increase tailors and breed ballad-makers."

"Aye," says another, "and it makes men hate one another."

"Reason: Because they then less need one another," adds a third.

This 17th century cynicism is, unfortunately, still valid today.

Furthermore, there is in peace a need for pagantry. Our political campaigns supply it. They serve as an outlet for surplus emotion and Americans look forward to them eagerly.

The danger is that the emotion will get out of hand and that as a nation, will place ourselves in real moral danger.

The nation can withstand—and has withstood—campaign charges which impute to the opposition deceit, corruption, extravagance, lust for power and even stupidity. There is something downright normal about this sort of infighting. It is when suggestions of treason, sadism and blood-slinging are injected into the battle—as occurred in 1952 and 1954—that the nation needs to build a whistle out of itself.

These kinds of campaign techniques, as Allan Nevins wrote in a recent plea for political sanity, "cut deep into the tissues of national life."

They smack of the implacable Spain, the rejection of moderation and compromise, which in a country like Spain have divided parties by unbridgeable gulfs and made democratic processes unworkable. They threaten us with something entirely new in American history.

In sum, his speech was significant for between temporary majority and temporary minority which will completely cripple the strength of the nation.

In addition it should hardly be necessary to remind over-cautious campaigners that the nation's two great political parties really do not differ markedly from each other. When one party attacks the other viciously it is, in a sense, pomelling itself.

Keep Your Tree From Turning Red

CHRISTMAS trees are very beautiful symbols, particularly when adorned with colored lights. But sometimes the tree and all the lights turn red, a flaming red, as the result of careless Christmas trees are potential fire hazards, too, and a little worry about the fact now may save later regrets. Sixty persons died in fires in the U.S. last Christmas. Christmas trees were suspected in all of the deaths. There are some very simple steps you can take to keep your tree above suspicion. The National Board of Fire Underwriters lists these:

1. Choose a small tree, and keep it outdoors until a few days before setting it up. During that time occasionally throw water over it to keep it moist and fresh.
2. When the tree is brought inside, cut the butt slant-wise to open the pores, then stand it in a tub of water. Be wary of chemicals or other substances sold for "fireproofing" trees. Some of these materials are ineffective.
3. Place trees away from "hot spots" such as the fireplace, stove, television set, radiator or electric bulbs.
4. Never use untreated paper ornaments or untreated cotton batting or gauze for decoration. Cotton and gauze can be made flame-resistive by dipping in a gallon of water mixed with nine ounces of borax and four ounces of boric acid.
5. Use only electric lights, never candles, on or near trees. Make certain that wires are in good condition and bear the UL mark which indicates they have been tested for safety. Frayed electric cords are a very real fire hazard.
6. Turn off electric lights around the base of the tree.

The underwriters board makes these other recommendations for assuring a safe holiday season.

1. Keep decorations away from chairs and other places where people may smoke.
2. Keep plenty of ash trays about the house.
3. Never use candles in windows. Keep curtains and other flammable material pulled at least six inches from any electric light.
4. After gifts are opened, remove all gift wrappings and packing materials from the living room and dispose of them.
5. Avoid wearing dresses or costumes of net or gauze-like fabrics unless they are made flame-resistant first.

All these recommendations, of course, are merely items of common sense. But people caught in the intricacies of shopping, parties, decorating and all the other preparations can't be expected to have their proper wits about them all the time.

It is not in favor of ending all segregation laws if the majority of the people want them ended and it is done by the democratic process of passing through Congress and made law by the President's signature.

But for the judges of the Supreme Court to pass on a thing so vital to the well-being of both races just about amounts to what the "die hards" have done for years by decree over so many. We don't want that kind of stuff in America. And it is not for the judges to make representatives who represent all of the people and answer to them at the poll on election day. That is true democracy in action!

—RALPH CONNELLY

Negro Shortchanged From The Beginning

Editors, The News: Charlotte

AFTER reading the items in The Platform, as of Thursday and Friday, Nov. 17 and 18, I feel I must say to you that "None are so blind as those who will not see."

With due respect and all sincerity, will someone please answer this question once and for all: Why shouldn't the Negro commingle with the whites?

The Cuban does, the Italian does, the Indian does, the Chinaman does, the Russian does, the Mexican does, the Japanese does, the German does; in fact just about everybody else that I can think of. Why not social equality except the Negro, White? Could it be that despite the fact that the Negro has held his "color" so high above the Negro, he is actually afraid the Negro will find him no different from himself?

GOD'S WAY

God made us all. He let man be ruler over all things. So instead of trying to make all other men rulers over all things, why not let God's way stand before you and forfeit the right to rule over anything. And to those of you who are so bent on making the Negro regret the fact that he was born a black face, remember that "As you sow, so shall ye reap."

It was quite pathetic and almost amusing to read of so many communists, emotionally, "short-changed" at the fair, knowing the fact that the Negro has been "short-changed" ever since he set foot on this fair (or is it) far ground of America.

God doesn't do "evil" for evil, but he fixes things in such a way that you'll see things again.

—MRS. LOUISE ADREY

People's Platform Segregation In The South: A Variety Of Views

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Charlotte

Editors, The News:

IN 1896 the U. S. Supreme Court ruled that the segregation laws of the various states were constitutional.

No doubt all of the judges of the United States Supreme Court who lived during the Civil War and the Reconstruction days that followed. And, they no doubt were better informed on what the Congress meant that passed the 14th amendment than the judges of our present day court could possibly know. And yet their decision in 1896 was just as unfair and undemocratic as the decision made by the Supreme Court of May 17, 1954.

NINE OLD MEN

Each was a case of "nine old men" dictating a sacred principle of the people both white and colored, without permitting it to be brought before the Congress that represents the people of the nation for a truly democratic trial. The high-handed manner of the high court has certainly been very much of a shock to many people who believe in a government that is run by the people for the people and of the people.

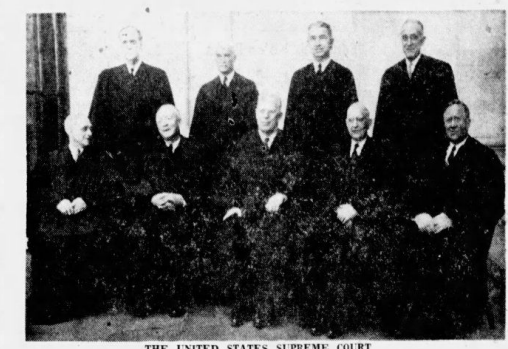
The officials of the NAACP and other race agitators have seized upon this opportunity to agitate race friction and are wearing out the people. "It is the law of the land." "Anybody who has ever studied history knows that the 14th and 15th amendments were passed by the law of the land," said also by the Supreme Court. That did not make people love it or obey it anymore than it did now. And when he realized that the 14th amendment could not be enforced it was repealed and so, it is the 15th amendment, if the race agitators try to push it over on the white people too hard.

RULE OF THE FEW

I too am in favor of ending all segregation laws if the majority of the people want them ended and it is done by the democratic process of passing through Congress and made law by the President's signature.

But for the judges of the Supreme Court to pass on a thing so vital to the well-being of both races just about amounts to what the "die hards" have done for years by decree over so many. We don't want that kind of stuff in America. And it is not for the judges to make representatives who represent all of the people and answer to them at the poll on election day. That is true democracy in action!

—RALPH CONNELLY



THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT
Nine Men And An Idea

Human Beings Differ Only In Fingerprints

Editors, The News: Charlotte

GOD MADE of one common clay all men to dwell on this beautiful earth to enjoy its beauty and bounty.

The "die hards" in the Carolinas, Georgia and Mississippi are upset because the Supreme Court and the I.C. say segregation of the races is unconstitutional in the schools and travel. These states say, "There will never be any mixing of the races." How absurd! They fail to practice what they preach. There are so many white Negroes in South Carolina (white) schools, children are required to present their birth certificates in order to register. Their segregation laws fail to control human emotions.

Which evil is greatest: Mixing openly, secretly dark or interbreeding? Perhaps the court weighed these facts when making its decision.

ONE SAVIOR

We are told human beings differ only in fingerprints. Some have suggested sending Negroes to Africa. Whether in England, Alaska or Africa, (normal body temperature is 98.6). One medical science for all. The laws of one common mind are basic to all mankind. We have common temptations, emotions, we are one, and common failures mark

us all. What we do is the result of what we are. With our very best, we are all fallible human beings, who have to live and get along with other fallible human beings, we will get along better if we recognize and accept the humanness of us all. In the presence of humanity we shall be charged. Those who will help those who have met and helped, these we neglect or despise. There is no difference — one judgment for all.

—ELIZABETH LEAKE

Charlotte Newspapers Are Old Meanies

Editors, The News: Charlotte

THE "people be damned" attitude consistently exhibited by both Charlotte newspapers, with regard to the racial crisis confronting our state and section, is one of the most profoundly disgraceful spectacles that Southerners have ever had to bear witness to. I refer specifically to your position of unquestioning compliance with the series of integration decisions handed down by the Supreme Court. It follows that your position is conspicuous evidence that you would condone, if not actually advocate by crafty silence,

the destruction of a great, natural way of life cherished by the rank and file of our people, and a way of life which is undeniably compatible with the fundamental principle upon which this republic was established — majority rule.

Why you are so mentally and spiritually callous toward the wishes of the people you are supposed to serve that the prolix advice of the venerable Benjamin Franklin would doubtless sound to you like high treason when you picked to this issue. That great patriot said: "I have observed that to kick a little when under imposition has a good effect." A little stubbornness when superior affairs consideration. And there the truth in the old saying that if you make yourself a sheep, the wolves will eat you.

QUICK SURRENDER

Whether you are aware of it or not, your full scale thoughtless retreat and quick surrender to the social philosophy of the federal judiciary, and the simultaneous disregard of the feelings of a people's majority, puts you in another position, it seems to me — that of condoning nothing less than a form of tyranny. You do not recognize it as such because you doubtless reason that the perpetrators are "disturbed, intelligent and moral." Aye, I recall that a couple of rogues high in government circles were once also thought of in the same manner — the arch

traitors Alger Hiss and Harry Dexter White.

In view of our diametrically opposed positions on this subject, it is perhaps safe to say at this point that you don't know "me" at all. So I'm gonna quit. But before I do, please try to divert your concentration for a moment from the interminable effusion of the "almighty," race-hating Supreme Court, and concentrate on this bit of prophecy: majority of the sovereign peoples of North Carolina and the South will resist and repel the tyranny thrust at them by the Supreme Court. They will do it with or without the encouragement and assistance of The Charlotte News and Charlotte Observer. Mark it.

—J. R. CHERY JR.

Did Tech Students Clench Their Fists?

Myrtle Beach, S. C.

Editors, The News:

IN READING your paper this evening I saw the story about the Georgia Tech row over segregation. It's a pretty crackle by the students or a small fraction of them.

However what struck me most forcibly was a picture of four students, young punks by their faces; but two of them holding aloft their fists, and the Red Communist high sign.

This caused me to wonder. Was this row an episode, an outburst of students or was it a Communist-inspired affair? I believe it was the latter.

NOT ELIGIBLE

The NAACP intends to push the Negro down our throats whether we like it or not. All this guf about the bulk of the Negroes not wanting the NAACP to represent them is pure bunkum. The fact is that the Negro lawyers, teachers, doctors and other solidly behind the NAACP in their Reconstruction day methods of forcing themselves into regions that they are not eligible to enter.

When I see the bulk of the southern people ever march to the sea. What his troops did to southern men and women they ravished the southern women and girls, how they burned the City of Birmingham. Sherman said the true story of Sherman's march to the sea. What his troops did to southern men and women they ravished the southern women and girls, how they burned the City of Birmingham. Sherman said the true story of Sherman's march to the sea. What his troops did to southern men and women they ravished the southern women and girls, how they burned the City of Birmingham.

Now this whole NAACP business is Communist-inspired. Red ideology.

KLAN HELPED

The several states and the court in Washington have chosen for reasons of their own, to brand the Ku Klux Klan as subversive. I don't doubt that possible violence and undesirable things have been done in its name.

But southerners remember that the KKK, the Knights of the White Camellia, the Red Shirts of Wade Hampton's day and others were the sole force that sparked the white rebellion against the three years of carpetbagger days and none other. Are we to sit idly by while the NAACP (the Communists Party and other subversive anti-American groups rampart the entire world of the United States of America) while venial politicians slyly laugh up their sleeves and make constitutional law in the Supreme Court?

Yankees don't love the Negro any more today than they did in 1865. They mean to take that way, witness the conditions in Harlem.

NEGRO BLOOD

The point is that the Negro in the South who behaves himself is a welcome member of the community. We don't need agitators, white or Negro, and many of us feel that the damage being done by the NAACP goes far beyond the possible good the NAACP could accomplish.

If they want to mix bloods in Brazil, let them. If they want to join races in Israel and other nations that again is their business. We don't care, but we feel that crossbreeds or hybrids are either any great gain to any race or to the world as a whole.

I ask you to point out to me any great amount of progress ever made in a pure squabble. either in Africa or in the U.S.A. You can't because the black man is emerging from a condition of cultural savagery into a status of semi-civilization. African black men have never produced any great culture of themselves.

—WALDO H. JONES

'Say, What Ever Happened To That Crusader, anyhow?'



Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON

SEN. Olin Johnston of South Carolina, a conscientious but sometimes naive senator, certainly seems to have fallen for the German property lobby. He's been holding hearings on the return of alien property and look who he had as attorneys for his committee!

38 Caliber Joke

Attorney No. 1 is Harlan Wood, who found it expedient to retire from D. C. in 1942 after he was arrested for drunken driving in an accident that injured a pedestrian. He was acquitted, but later fired a 38-caliber bullet over the head of a law clerk, Dale Birkefeld. The case was dismissed April 8, 1949, when Wood claimed it was a joke.

Hardly Important

Attorney No. 2 is Le Roy Ingoldby, who also served as attorney for Fritz von Opel, the famous German industrialist who is trying to get his Overseas Co. returned. This company, seized by the U. S. government during the war, operates the Harvard Brewing Co. and the Spruce filling stations in Kentucky.

Ingoldby, who will get said in full if and when Von Opel gets his property back, can hardly be considered an unbiased attorney in acting for a Senate committee supposed to conduct an impartial probe into German property.

Olin's explanation is that Sen. Dirksen, Illinois Republican, asked him to hire Ingoldby. This makes it worse. For Dirksen is one of the best friends of the German lobby. And under the Republicans, Dirksen employed as counsel John W. Nairn, who shared offices with Ray Jenkins, attorney for Interhaves, whose property was also seized. It's funny how the German lobby seems to get around.

'Fuddy-Duddy'

A big German industrialist visiting Washington the other day, called Chancellor Adenauer a "fuddy-duddy" and said German business was only waiting for him to get out of the picture to have Germany taken up with Russia.

Washington Pipeline

Secretary of Defense Charles Wilson, once head of General Motors, wasn't a bit unhappy over the Senate predicament of the man who succeeded him, Harlow Curtice. Perhaps Curtice remembered how glad Curtice was to have Charles get out. . . . Several months ago, Curtice had refused to attend Senate hearings unless subpoenaed. He got the subpoena and the results have been interesting. . . . The five-year contract hastily given General Motors dealers was a victory for Frederick J. Helf, executive vice president of the National Auto Dealers Association, which has been working for better protection between dealers and auto manufacturers. . . . Testified Alfred Sloan, GM chairman, before Sen. O'Mahoney: "It's easy to go into the appliance business. . . . It doesn't take a great amount of capital to go into these things. All they had to do was put up 12 or 20 millions, which is not a large amount of money for industry." Curtice is the man who's been opposed to the Eisenhower wing of the GOP and has recently fought the Henry Ford-Eisenhower Bronckans in Michigan. . . . Secretary of the Interior McKay, a General Motors dealer in Oregon and Arizona, has been watching cars but watching the GM battle from the safety of the Cabinet. . . . T. Coleman Andrews gave General Motors a \$206 million tax refund while he was head of Internal Revenue.

Happy Squirrels

The Geneva spirit may be going to kick in a hand-basket; war may be threatening in the Near East and Secretary Dulles may rival "Food-in-Mouth" Charles Wilson when it comes to saying the wrong thing at the wrong time. But at least one thing is a pure scam: Charles Wilson's lie. The squirrels are having a wonderful time on the White House lawn.

All you have to do is go down to the White House and look at them. They're scampering everywhere. They're so bold and brazen it almost seems they've read the papers and know the boss is in Gettysburg.

Learned Their Lesson?

White House gardeners have the pink green behind the White House very excellent shape now, waiting the day when the nation's No. 1 golfer returns. And some of the squirrels haven't molested it. Maybe they learned their lesson.

OF LADYLEGS

IT SEEMS to us there are fewer bow-legged women than there used to be. This is only an impression, of course, but not a casual one. This has been a subject of serious study and observation with us.

We talked over this matter with some experts, and got an astonishing variety of reaction.

A middle-aged physician agreed that bow-leggedness in the Tar Heel female stock was on the decline. Better diet, medical care and general public health, he said.

A young physician said he had not noted the phenomenon, and an elderly one said he was not in the habit of taking stock of such; we resolved that the first was inexperienced and that the latter was not to be trusted.

A shoe salesman said ladies' legs were better because of better shoes these days, and more sensible choice of shoes.

A woman in the fur trade gave a straightforward explanation which we cannot now translate in public.

A psychiatrist said women's legs were changeless, immortal and immutable—and that any apparent deviation lay with the observer, suffering, he did not doubt, from a neurosis.

An accountant said that it was a pleasant subject for conversation, but that nothing could be established without a broad scientific survey, and that skilled observers and tabulators would be required.

Our Familiar Signs Editor has made application to a foundation which would make possible a year's uninterrupted study of the problem, observation only. He will hire out the tabulator.