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## Plane Incident No Defense Test

CRIMINAL as it was, downing of a U. S. plane over the Bering Straits may have been of some value to this country.

The sneak attack certainly blunted the current Soviet propaganda campaign aimed at casting themselves as knights of peace.

Secretary of State Dulles went to some pains at San Francisco last week to display the latest Russian model of the peace dove in the proper historical light. He reminded the world of Russian aggression that brought on the armaments race and the international tensions the Soviets now profess to "relax."

The plane incident spoke more clearly than Mr. Dulles could. It bracketed in bold type marks everything Messrs. Molotov, Bulganin and Krushchev have said in the name of peace.

—Sop. Knowled's diagnosis of the event — as a deliberate Soviet attempt to test Alaskan air defenses—seems to reflect

more the Senator's doubt that the U. S. should go to Geneva than it does his common sense.

There was no test involved. A fast Russian plane came upon a slow-moving U. S. Navy plane, crippled it and flew away. Why would the Soviets want to advertise a true test of our defenses?

It seems much more likely that the attack was the blunder of a trigger-happy pilot unattuned to the latest shift in Moscow strategy. The incident could serve no other purpose than to embarrass that strategy and to warn, instead of lull, the West before the Big Four conference.

The conference can now proceed in its proper perspective as a meeting at which strong, peaceful allies ask a known, freshly-proved aggressor to prove by action that it wants to stop the gangsterism so graphically demonstrated in the plane incident.

## Conservatism's Disjointed Splendors

OUT OF THE fearful ideological battle between "planning" and "free enterprise," conservatism as a social philosophy has been erected anew in America. It is no longer tucked in a cupboard corner, rejected and ridiculed as a kind of aboriginal evil. Suddenly it is liberalism that is being airily waved aside by weary and crotchety millioners.

The new cause is appropriately called the New Conservatism.

Arthur Schlesinger Jr., discussing this counter-revolution in political philosophy in *The Republic*, wistfully declares that "fashionable intellectual circles now dismiss liberalism as naive, ritualistic, sentimental, shallow."

But, huffs Schlesinger, the New Conservatism is essentially "the politics of nostalgia." Its emotions, he says, are honorable, generous—and irrelevant.

So long as the New Conservatism remains in its present eclectic mood, one can only feel that it is the wrong doctrine in the wrong country in the wrong century directed against the wrong enemies.

The New Conservatism cannot be dismissed so easily. Conservatism and liberalism are the two great democratic ideologies. Cradled by political defeat in the 1952 presidential election, liberalism has been given time to mend its theories and refurbish its ideas. Conservatism has already begun to do so.

Actually, the roots of the New Conservatism reach into the past. They go back to the writings of Edmund Burke, John Adams, Tocqueville, Disraeli, Irving Babbitt and George Santayana. The leading spokesman today for the budding theoretical conservatives are not Dwight D. Eisenhower or Sen. Joseph McCarthy, but rather U. S. politicians. They are non-professionals like Russell Kirk and Peter Viereck.

Professor Kirk, in *THE CONSERVATIVE MIND AND A PROGRAM FOR CONSERVATIVES*, has perhaps rendered the most powerful statements of conservatism to come off the presses in years.

He characterizes conservatism in many ways:

Belief that a divine intent rules society as well as conscience, feeling an eternal chain of right and duty which links great and obscure, living and dead. Affection for the traditional, any variety and mystery of traditional life as distinguished from the narrowing confines of enlightenment and utilitarianism. Conviction that civilized society requires order and discipline. Persuasion that property and freedom are inseparably connected and that economic leveling is not economic progress. Recognition that change and reform are not essential and that innovation is a devouring conflagration more often than it is a torch of progress.

From The Greensboro Daily News

## CLEAR IT WITH YOUR SUBCONSCIOUS

PUBLIC SEVARID, the radio literate, in a recent broadcast that the advertising man is after our last secret possession.

What is that? Our innermost feelings, our subconscious mind. Here are some examples: (1) Beer is no longer advertised as a health food because "motivational research" folks found people subconsciously thought of fat and waistlines; (2) cigarette-holder ads no longer emphasize the holders in the pictures because people are afraid they'd look conspicuous using a holder; (3) kitchen range manufacturers have been told to start calling their products "stoves" again because women are no longer the "efficiency-minded careerist dames of the '30s" and now "subconsciously want a big, busy, warm-hearted stove again as a center of family life."

We guess a Hoover Commission task force was using the same approach the other day when it recommended abolition of a sound old Army word, "mess." "Such words," said the report, referring to the serving of food in the armed forces, "conjure up the most undesirable visions of what is served therein. It is, therefore, believed that the word 'mess' should be eliminated from military use with reference to kitchen facilities, dining halls or other facilities."

We've seen the same "operation rewrite" going on in old nursery rhymes, and even in some of the South's familiar songs, such as WAX DOWN VIOLETS

Some of Professor Kirk's objections to liberalism are well-founded. He attacks "liberalism liberals," "muddle-headed liberals," and "dog-good liberals" with withering effectiveness. But just as some of today's practicing liberals have lost touch with the true liberal tradition, so have some of the more militant conservatives strayed from the philosophical paths of true conservatism.

This includes Professor Kirk. Ralph Gilbert Ross has written—sensitively—that to be effective modern conservatism should be radical—in the etymological sense of going to the roots, being primary and thorough-going. It should expose the illusions of the mass mind and depend entirely on the endorsement of its basic in Greek thought and grow toward the future, he said.

Certainly the conservative revival will amount to little without the imagination and skill to apply its principles to current reality—in a way which will not only conserve but create.

The conservative need not be reactionary. He should welcome reform. He should not depend entirely on the endurance of traditions and the depth of commitment to basic institutions in order to decide what to conserve. If this were the case he might have to defend cannibalism, human sacrifice and slavery where those institutions are deeply rooted in society.

The useful conservative can rarely afford to be satisfied with things as they are. If he wants to conserve everything that exists he would be retaining many of the follies conservatives profess to despise. But neither can he say, "The conservatives would go back to the good old days!" Long established trends—artificial or otherwise—cannot be reversed overnight. The conservative will, in fact, have to make use of that detested liberal medicine called "planning."

True conservatives need not shrink from the label on the bottle either. "Plan" was a social planner. So was Aristotle. Legislation itself is a form of group planning.

Consider Edmund Burke, chief hero of the New Conservatism. He was no reactionary. He believed in the possibility and even the necessity of the new and the conservative. He would "reform in order to conserve." Do the New Conservatives dare adopt this as a motto?

If the New Conservatism is to win lasting respect its ideas must be clear and its program exact. It will take more than Professor Kirk's canons of conservatism to do this. A shuffling together of attractive theories is not enough. History is changed by events—not pretty words.

SWANEE RIVER. Some of these changes stem from a new concept of race relations and a few we imagine, make sense. But what is the word coming to? Personally we think "mess" describes the average Army cook pretty well. The motivational research people and even Hoover may be under the impression that change and reform are not essential and that innovation is a devouring conflagration more often than it is a torch of progress.

There are three hundred shades of blue—and all of them turn up on Monday morning in a... —HAMILTON COUNTY (TENN.) HERALD.

The average cost of educating one child for one school year is reported to be \$230. This, of course, does not include the wear and tear on the teacher.—ARKANSAS GAZETTE.

It is thought that Ike will not announce whether or not he will run for quite a while yet, giving the syndicated brain picker time to get on record with unequivocal, farseeing, predictions both ways.—RICHMOND TIMES DISPATCH.

Student—what do you think of our little college town?

Visitor—It's very nice and unique.

Student—What do you mean, "unique"?

Visitor—It's from the Latin unus meaning one and equus meaning horse.—GREENVILLE (TENN.) SUN.

## People's Platform

Charlotte

Editors, The News:

AS A NEGRO, I share the thrill of this new platform. I know my Anglo-Saxon neighbors must be enduring now while Bryant Burdette deliberates our collective destinies.

After all we have waited two centuries for him to lead his big meeting. The Anglo-Saxons carved a civilization out of a wilderness, and then gave to America its first Charter and Resolves of Freedom. What a fitting climax for Bowles to be deliberating on the facts before us, a month after our annual celebration of that Charter and Resolves.

Now there is a crisis of sorts in our relationship. Not as simple to solve as some of our friends say, and not as earth-shaking as some of our friends say. It will be solved by the same spirit and courage that gave us the first American Charter and Resolves, and it will be settled for by our opportunists, lackeys, vagrants, and liars, who are the ones that segregated us.

—MRS. MARGARET COCHRAN

Whites, Not God, Segregated Races

Charlotte

Editors, The News:

IN THE Bible there is not a single place where God speaks of black or Negro. Those names came in by some white people. God did not segregate us. The whites are the ones that segregated us.

The Negroes do not want to mix with the whites. All want is equal rights. God did not say that whites are more superior than we are, either. That is one reason whites do not want to mix with us. If they think they are superior, they are wrong.

The people that are talking about integration are the poor and uneducated people. The rich are like a mole. They do underground work.

I think that we all should try to do better and quit talking about the past. The Bible said, "Do not be angry with me, for I am a man of sin." We should know that we will have to give an account of what we say and do.

Let's say something on our minds instead of mixing because one person can't stop the show.

—Z. WILLIAMS

P.S. Is that the reason whites want to mix with the Negroes? Is that the reason they are afraid of them?

Back Move To Probe Supreme Court Rule

Cheraw, S. C.

Editors, The News:

I AM appealing to friends of all the honest white and colored people who are not going to let nine men have said is right, to mix whether we want it or not.

Please write your senator and representative in Washington to support Sen. Eastland of Mississippi.

—J. A. GRAHAM

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON

NELSON Rockefeller, whose family is one of the wealthiest in America, "playing peacetime poker on the President's special plane" en route to San Francisco. In the game with him were Congressmen Miller, Democrat of Oakland, Calif.; Mailliard, Republican of San Francisco; Younger of Ohio, and Scudder of California, also Republicans.

When the trip was over, Rockefeller was down seven dollars to his Congressional friends.

Harold Stassen, also with the presidential party:

"I am going to watch the stock market tomorrow morning. I will probably have to dump a lot of stocks on the market to pay for his losses."

Russell Long, Democrat of Louisiana, did his best to defeat his fellow Democrats during a bitter closed-door

meeting of the Senate Public Works Committee when it voted last week on the one remaining big undeveloped power site in the United States, Hell's Canyon.

With all other easily developed power sites already built, Hell's Canyon on the Snake River is of crucial importance to Oregon, Washington and Idaho. The Eisenhower administration has favored its development by the Idaho Power Company. The Democrats, with the exception of Russell Long, have favored development by the federal government, so that rivers and works of nature belong to the people—not private power companies.

Strange Vote

Russell Long, whose father, the late king of Louisiana, battled against

## Bowles: A Fitting Climax?

Charlotte

Editors, The News:

ing himself to become uncontrolled. His own racial record is against him to be treated with the mixing of races, rather than the racial record of the Negro.

Just somehow it has not come to light that is causing these and other such rulings by our court and government as a whole.

We feel that something is hidden that the people don't know of, about the whole rotten decision. It smells like a Communist is hiding somewhere. For the action that has been taken parallels Communist tactics. Three, four, nine or ten men telling millions of people what they have to do.

RACK UP

If Congressmen let them—the court and executive department—get away with this decision, you had just as well pack up and leave the country.

And as for the Negro race, you had better be sure you can swim after getting in deep water before you wade out too deep. For remember, you stay in the South, and you have to have jobs as well as schools.

Who furnishes you your jobs? The white people of the South? Think it over.

When we are out of a job do you think the judges, the President or the NAACP crowd are going to feed you and give you a job to work for your children?

No. In my opinion, they will forget about you when you can't pay off.

SECRET GROUNDS

We have too many secret orders now in our country doing things undercover.

It was not movies or our sheriffs saying what they will do to the Klan, if the law officers would enforce the laws the people would not have to act.

They will waste taxpayers' money to get a man in prison for being drunk after it's legal, and let the adulterers and non-supporters of their families go loose and do as they please.

Do your duty and the Klan or no other group will have to try and clean up some of the indecency that is going on in our country today.

And you church people stop your fishing on the Sabbath, and remember you vowed to our Lord what you would do for Him.

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## Visiting Scribe Finds One Golden Moment in Moscow

By STEWART ALSOP

MOSCOW

"I hope," said the first English-speaking Russian encountered by this reporter, "that you will write the truth about my country. The same suspicious hope has been repeatedly expressed since I came here four days ago. In Russia, this reporter still does not know the truth about this strange country."

Instead of telling the truth about Russia, it may be worth describing a couple of incidents which occurred on my first day in Moscow. The incidents had no importance at all but they stuck in the mind like burrs, and they may have, at least, the simple, photographic value first impressions sometimes have.

The first episode was really hardly anything at all. After wandering vaguely around what I wrongly thought to be Red Square, I had gone down a side street, when suddenly it started to rain. I took shelter under a wooden awning. There were already a few Russians under the awning, and very soon we were packed shoulder to shoulder.

CHEERFUL

Occasional crowd was cheerful enough. There was an old Russian peasant woman in a shawl, looking so much like an old American woman in a shawl that I had to pinch myself to believe she was true. There were two or three soldiers in the dashing Russian uniform, one a very handsome fellow who was holding hands with a dumpy girl with whom he was obviously very much in love. There were several civilians, dressed in dark suits with square shoulders and sailor-wave trousers.

This reporter, in a light tan gabardine suit, could hardly have been more conspicuous if he had been in a ballet costume. There was no uncluttered staring at the crowd as there were in a good many nudges and side glances at the peculiar animal from the other side of the moon. Then somebody addressed a polite, incomprehensible question to me. I shook my head and smiled. I saw the man's head nod and nodded my head back at him. He smiled and I said "peace" and smiled too. He all smiled and nodded our heads back at each other and then rain stopped and we all went our ways.

A REFLEX

The great Russian scientist Pavlov would no doubt have explained the reflex in terms of the conditioned reflex, and certainly it does not encompass the truth about Russia. Nor did the second episode.

That same evening I crashed a reception given by the Section of Sport and Physical Culture of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics in honor of a team of American weight lifters. The most conspicuous American weight lifter was a prophet without honor in his own country.

To Peter And Ivan

American Autos Are Miracles

By ROBERT C. RUARK

NEW YORK

I hear tell a Brooklyn automobile dealer is shipping 500 Chevrolet to Red Bulgaria, which I believe is one of the first serious mistakes the Communists have made lately.

These things are for the personal use of government officials, and this is the first time any such deal has passed the big offices of the Bureau of Foreign Commerce in six years.

As you know, the Soviet government has invented baseball, the airplane, and Coca-Cola, has constantly boasted about its car production, and has constantly boasted about the quality of its cars. I think the kids really got into this deal.

THE PICTURE

Get the picture. Five hundred handsome, gleaming Chevies are piled in the lot at one of the big offices of the Bureau of Foreign Commerce. The simple midgets, who ain't been able to afford even a man-drawn droddy in years, amble past and see the splendor of those decadent cars. Peter asks Ivan how come and they conclude that it is a United States plot to undermine the system. Somebody shakes his head, and goes off muttering.

You people who do not live abroad do not really understand the miracle of American autos. There is no international car—no car from the big boys like Cadillac and Buick and Chrysler on down the price scale. They are all going to get into it, all wonderful to drive, all

commodious and comfortable. They all have the look of opulence—something that the small European jobs of Europe, where size and fuel consumption are important, and taxes prohibitive on both car and fuel.

Of course, there are the flashy sports jobs, like Alfa Romeo and Pegaso and Mercedes, and the ones that look like the Alfa Romeo, but the common man's car is a bug, if he owns a car at all. A big American car in Europe still looks like a monster when it passes. My little Studebaker still gets a hearty "Ole!" in Spain, and it is older than the well-known mare.

It is a funny coincidence that this shipment of cars to Bulgaria is being made, because there is some of the downworld countries, like Kenya, where Communist propaganda is strong among the simple natives, the mark of tomorrow's influence is a Chek. I had a Kikuyu car waiter tell me once that when the Russians finally came and kicked out the English, then he would be called Ivan, and he would have a Chevrolet and a radio.

If we were running an overseas propaganda campaign, I would start work on these Chevrolets immediately, and I would manage to impress on the peasants that the American car is the only one that can take a rough body who needs transportation.

There are all going to get into it, all wonderful to drive, all

silent. Finally, with Sen. Murray of Montana absent in Geneva attending the International Labor Conference, acting chairman Anderson of New Mexico pulled out a letter from Murray asking that the vote be postponed until after Mr. Anderson knew that a vote that day would mean a victory for the Idaho Power Company.

It was at this point that Sen. Long finally jumped in to oppose his fellow Democrats. Knowing that the Republican margin, counting immediately, that they wait for Sen. Murray to return.

Sen. DeLoach, Republican of Idaho, did likewise. However, the vote was ruled. Final vote on the last remaining item was postponed for about a week.