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The Whispers in Paris

Dollars And Dark Suspicion

By MARQUIS CHILDS

WASHINGTON
WHAT must be done to restore the Western alliance... large measure be done in Europe.

In the Middle East, the fact of America's wealth and power has aroused dark suspicion... American oil companies have been scheming and plotting.

that one of these documents is a letter from the Arabian American Oil Company (Aramco) to Ben Bela promising him active support for his independence movement.

So widespread was this report that after Premier Guy Mollet had privately given assurances that no such document existed, the American embassy took the unusual step of asking if he would be willing to issue a public denial.

NO DENIAL
Apparently the only reference in Ben Bela's papers to America was the name and telephone number of an official in Washington.

It is all very well to say that we are only one member of a partnership and that we will, therefore, wait for what comes out of the collective effort of the United Nations or the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
The most persistent question put to almost every American in Europe is: When is the United States going to come forward with a comprehensive plan for the Middle East?

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REBEL ARRESTS
Shortly before the Egyptian invasion the French arrested five Algerian rebel leaders who had been conferring with the Sultan of Morocco in Rabat by arbitrarily routing the plane in which they were traveling.

Oil Resources
You can hear from practically anybody you talk to in France

in past years the rivalry of the big oil companies with the backing of their respective countries, has undoubtedly played a part in the violent intrigues of the Middle East.

MEANS OF ALLOCATION
What this points up is the need for an overall plan sponsored by



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America which would include some means of allocating oil revenues on a more equitable basis.

It will not be enough to hand out help to the men at the top—the diplomats, the kings and the sheiks. To do merely that would be to court a repetition of the China disaster when American policy was based on Chiang Kai-shek and the clique around him while Communism appealed to the masses and succeeded in winning them over in sufficient numbers to consider a dictatorial grip on the country.

Mental Health Deserves Tax Support

For some reason or another, there seems to be a feeling among many of the people in our country—the people on the highways and byways and my home in Kansas and your home wherever it may be—that if you forget about mental illness and ignore it, it will go away.

It is what is being spent on city-county referrals to the clinic. If these indigent citizens had had ailments of the stomach, lung or heart, local tax money as a matter of course would have gone to pay their bills.

THE surprising thing about the Mental Health Clinic's request for local tax support is that the request had to be made.

This suggests a saving in taxes. Social Planning Council Chairman J. Spencer Bell calls it an illusion. Individual treatment at the clinic costs from \$100 to \$150 a year.

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The system of supplying local funds through charity has one redeeming feature. It has done the job that has been done. But in both a practical and the theoretical sense, it is an inadequate and unrealistic system.

Both faults would be removed by city-county participation in the program. What the government is being asked to contribute is an amount roughly equal

to what is being spent on city-county referrals to the clinic. It deserves public support.

Herter For Hoover: A Happy Swap

WHILE the State Department's old retainers warily eyed storm clouds over Suez and the satellites last week, the storm came from another direction.

agreed to establish diplomatic relations between West Germany and the Soviet Union. Mr. Hoover, acting in charge of the State Department during a Dulles vacation, hailed the event as a triumph of Western diplomacy.

When it was over, Herbert C. Hoover Jr. had posted his resignation as undersecretary of state and Gov. Christian Herter of Massachusetts had been named to replace him.

The third bubble came last February while Mr. Dulles was vacationing in the Caribbean and the President was quail hunting in Georgia.

In a single stroke, President Eisenhower did the State Department one of its chief embarrassments and repaid Gov. Herter for being so gracious about relinquishing his 1956 vice presidential ambitions.

Mr. Herter, on the other hand, has a notable record as a public servant both in this country and abroad.

But more important for the nation and its sagging foreign prestige, the State Department was visibly strengthened by the exchange.

Mr. Herter is no stranger to the realities of politics, either. He has been a member of the Massachusetts legislature for four years and the U. S. House of Representatives.

Mr. Hoover, the 53-year-old engineer-turned-diplomat, has not been up to the fearsome chores that have been thrust upon him.

Before World War I when he served in the U. S. Embassy in Germany. At one time he was acting U. S. minister to Belgium.

One was in April 1955 when war with Red China over Formosa was a distinct possibility. China's Chou En-lai made a major speech in which he offered to sit down and negotiate with the United States.

Furthermore, Mr. Herter is an enlightened internationalist. His outlook is clearly needed at a time when U. S. foreign policy is in the process of being searchingly overhauled.

Another bubble came in September 1955 when German Chancellor Adenauer

There Are Many Different Paths To Socialism...



People's Platform Abolition Of War

Editors, The News: THE fateful events of recent weeks in eastern Europe and the Middle East point up the dangers and opportunities of the present world situation.

Even more needed is an adequately strengthened United Nations that can supervise the enforcements and prevent aggression under the rule of world law.

At the same time, the smaller nations are determined to win their freedom both from Soviet oppression and from Western domination.

While these are true in a measure, the real meaning of Christmas lies elsewhere. You find it expressed most pointedly in these words from Luke 2:11, who is to be called Jesus Saviour.

Luke's Words Make Music In The Heart

Editors, The News: THIS year again there will be tens of thousands of words written about the message and spirit of Christmas.

The very heart of the gospel; the good news which has made men and children overflow with joy throughout the centuries is the announcement that we have a Saviour.

President Without A Cushion

By JOSEPH and STEWART ALPOP

WASHINGTON SECRETARY OF STATE John Foster Dulles' long absence from his desk has had a curious effect.

But that was only the beginning of the process initiated by the President's intimate contact with the facts.

Before Dulles was taken ill, the President relied on him very heavily indeed. A close personal relationship has developed between the two men.

Although lessened, the danger is a run on the British pound sterling, which could bring about the final bankruptcy of Britain as banker of the vast sterling area.

This period of acting as his own secretary of state had two effects on the President.

One being considered is a flat, unequivocal statement by the President that sterling will be supported if necessary.

And The Walls Came Tumbling Down

POLITICAL pundits who see a two-party South in their portable crystal ball speak in scintillating terms about the germinating elements that make up Democratic strength in Dixie.

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For instance, 1956 support for the Republican Party below the Mason-Dixon line came both from the National Asso-

ciation for the Advancement of Colored People, backing integration, and the White Citizens Councils opposed to integration.

THE QUESTIONER

THE OWL, that bird of onomatopoeic name, is a repetitious question wrapped in feathery insulation especially for winter delivery.

spread of five feet, and he does have the ear tufts which excuse the name. Both are night hunters of renown, but while the barred owl seldom tackles anything bigger than a rabbit, the great horned owl can kill a woodchuck.

Strictly speaking, there's no such thing as a hoot owl. The bird so referred to usually is a barred owl, occasionally a great horned owl.

We know them by their voices, primarily. The barred owl's call consists of six or seven repeated notes, usually with a rising, questioning intonation at the end.

The barred owl, the most common of the hooters, is a big bird, somewhat larger than a crow. He has a claw for a beak, he seems to wear spectacles over his big eyes, and he has no feather tufts that look like ears.

A politician is a man with the ability to foretell what will happen tomorrow, next month and next year—and to explain afterwards why it did not happen.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round Tax Probe Angers Harlem's Power

WASHINGTON THE sorest man in America today against the Eisenhower administration is Walter Reuther, the Negro congressman from Harlem who booted the Democrats to plug for Ike and now finds himself before a grand jury for income tax evasion.

with him and taken with him some of the congressman's financial records. A letter was written to the Justice Department which led to the income tax investigation of Powell and the indictment of his three secretaries.

ment, then to a job with the House Judiciary Committee under the GOP Congressman Keating of New York. Later he took leave to campaign for the Republican National Committee.

Visit With Nixon

Early last summer, Powell learned that he faced an income tax probe. Three of his assistants had been indicted for tax evasion. He went to see Vice President Nixon. Just what happened between them is not known, but Powell, as reported in this column Aug. 19, wrote Nixon that he was "ready and willing" to campaign for Eisenhower.

Private Work

Among the financial transactions investigated was the manner in which Powell's staff, while working for him in Washington and paid by the taxpayer, had been engaged in various private interests in New York.

Transfers

The attorney who handled the original grand jury investigation of Powell and his staff last spring was Sam Pierce Jr., a Negro attorney with a fine record, then assistant U.S. attorney in New York. He either indicted or helped indict the dictators of Powell's three secretaries.

Preparations

During all this investigation, an ultra-secret meeting was arranged between Congressman Powell, Democrat, and Max Rabb, White House aide, now an official of the Grace Steamship Company, plus Charles L. Willis, former White House aide.

Campaign Fund

Willis' father-in-law, Harvey Firestone of Firestone Rubber, to help raise a large campaign fund by which Powell was to swing Negro votes.

Earlier, however, Powell's 1954 campaign manager, Joseph Ford, had broken

Washington, first to the Labor Depart-

ment, then to a job with the House Judiciary Committee under the GOP Congressman Keating of New York.

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