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Bracer for Britain

President Truman's pledge to assist Great Britain to overcome its financial crisis was timely. Coming on the eve of the important Washington conference, it puts a rock on which the representatives of the two nations may stand. Previously all was nebulous, and there were fears that the conference might end with nothing accomplished.

The president was speaking before the convention of the American Legion in Philadelphia, a well-chosen forum for presentation of his views on what is the most important issue in foreign affairs at the moment. His thesis was that "world prosperity is necessary to world peace," which opened the way naturally for a discussion of our relations with Great Britain. As he said, "all of us" have an interest in the solution of the problems which have gripped our wartime ally.

Mr. Truman did not venture any ideas about how Britain's dollar shortage may be met. He did say that "we are not looking for trick solutions to deep-seated problems." That is comforting, for there is no quick trick that will work. Unlike his predecessor, Mr. Truman is not skilled in pulling rabbits out of hats.

In stating the government's purpose to cooperate with Britain, the president gave a real bracer to the British who have quite down in the dumps as they have watched their gold reserves fall to danger points. What may be worked out may prove bitter medicine for them, but at least they have the comforting knowledge that a friend is standing by.

The United States simply can't let its political and business partner go bankrupt. Our world arch would fall in rubble if that should happen. The reaction in this country might precipitate the depression which the Soviets have counted on to open gates for their rise to power.

Now the ministers of finance have a place to start from. Let them work with zeal and with vision. If only we had an Alexander Hamilton to contribute to the conference...

Time Makes the Difference

"Thousands Brawl at Robeson Concert" read the top headline on page one of the Sunday Statesman.

In the light of cold reason, some of those doings under the hot sun of northern California six years ago are all but unbelievable" is the lead on Managing Editor Wendell Webb's post mortem on the imprisonment of Japanese-Americans in wartime relocation camps on page five of the same newspaper.

The relation between the two articles ought to be striking enough to give pause to every thoughtful reader.

What is the difference between the anti-Japanese hysteria that resulted in thousands of innocent Americans waiting in the tules for the war to end and the present-day anti-Red hysteria which is fomenting witch-hunts and bloody riots and, worse, the kind of glimmer-eyed hard-mouthed fanaticism that imagines every Oriental was a spy and every leftwinger is a communist bent on sabotage? It is a difference only of time, of time that cools anger, drives out fear and reinstates reason in the vacillating minds of men.

The vacuous but self-righteous veterans who broke up a Paul Robeson concert (which may indeed have been a communist rally in disguise) fancied themselves the same patriots who, the Memorial day orators say, fought to preserve liberty in this world. They are, however, spiritual kin of the people who prescribed

U.S. Foreign Policy Faces Collapse

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29—One conclusion appears reasonable to the traveler returned from a journey of political observation around the world. This is that American foreign policy, both in Europe and in Asia, is now faced with failure. The danger is not apparent here, because Secretary of the Treasury John Snyder and other administration officials are sitting on the crisis, like so many nervous hens hatching time bombs. Yet it is important to try to understand what is happening.

The first danger is in Europe. Unless bold counter-measures are taken, the British are now expected to go bankrupt within the next 6 to 18 months. This means the end of Britain as a great power. And this means in turn the destruction of the whole painfully built western front of resistance to Soviet aggression.

The British reaction to the threat of bankruptcy is already apparent. It is, first, to try to erect an autarchic economic system within the sterling bloc, insulated against the United States and the rest of the world. It is, second, to cut British commitments abroad to the bone.

And it is, third, to make barter deals with the Soviet Union and the Soviet sphere.

As final bankruptcy approaches, these reactions will be intensified. The attempt to insulate Britain from the United States will in itself rupture the Anglo-British partnership which is the strategic basis of American policy. With British economic and strategic commitments cut much further, the long-arc of British

power, stretching from Hong Kong through Asia and the heart of Europe to the British Isles, will begin to crumble. Finally, the cry for political as well as economic deals with the Soviets, already heard on the British Left, will become much louder. One can almost read the editorials in advance: "Our choice—Yank bombers on British soil or Russian wheat in British mouths."

It is British power, married to American power, that gives meaning to all the plans for the defense of Western Europe. From the Truman Doctrine to the military aid program, the basic purpose of American policy has been to give Europe confidence, and thus strengthen the center against the extremes of Right and Left. Already the cut in M.A.P. has weakened this confidence. The disintegration of British power will destroy it at a stroke.

The result in France, for example, is sure to be a general running for cover. DeGaulle will gain on the Right, and the communists on the left, while the center pursues an "understanding" with the Kremlin on almost any terms. The same pattern holds for all Europe. With Britain down, Europe will become a sort of mush. The Russians, whose great rearmament effort is already nearing completion, will need to use, not force, but the mere threat of force to consume the mush. This is why the best expert estimates appear to be that it will require only about two years to produce another world war if Britain collapses as a great power.

On the other hand, the process which is now going on in Asia will require a longer time, although it is equally sure to end in war if it is allowed to continue indefinitely. This process amounts to an attempt to create a new greater East Asia

co-prosperity sphere, this time under Soviet auspices.

China is almost gone. The next target is Southeast Asia, which was also Japan's target after the conquest of China was almost complete. After Southeast Asia, the objective is Japan itself, as the major Soviet efforts to train communist shock troops of re-armed Japanese soldiers so clearly suggests.

If Southeast Asia goes, Japan should not prove a difficult target, unless American troops are to hold Japan indefinitely by brute force. China and Southeast Asia comprise Japan's whole natural trading area, and economic pressure alone could be enough ultimately to bring Japan into the Soviet sphere. With Japan's industrial potential added to the great riches and huge population of Southeast Asia and China, and the whole area under Soviet control, a vast upset in the world power balance will have occurred. It is worth recalling that we fought a long cruel war with Japan to prevent such an upset in the balance of power. It is also worth recalling that Japan was not a European power, and the Soviet Union is.

All this need not happen. It will not happen if the United States faces the alternatives. The power, the wealth, the energy and the ingenuity of this country are sufficient to meet and overcome the crises now confronting us. One alternative is to make the necessary extra effort, with the realization that this effort may be like an insurance policy which must continue for a long time. The other alternative will be to avoid all effort, and sacrifice, and continue business as usual. And this will be precisely like grudging the money for fire insurance with a powerful arsonist loose in the district. (Copyright, 1948, New York Herald Tribune Inc.)

American Soap Found In South Africa

By Henry McLemore
KRUKER NATIONAL PARK, TRANSVAAL, South Africa, Aug. 29—(Special)—A few final notes on my trip to this, the world's biggest wild game reserve: No rich, fat Latin-American ever loved his sista more than do the hippopotami which abound in this park. When the sun gets hot around noon-time they lumber out of the water of the numerous "hippo pools" and stretch out on their backs and sides to bask for hours.

The main hippo pool is the one place in the park you are allowed to get out of your car and walk down to the river's edge. But you are never unaccompanied. Swazi natives, carrying long spears, go along with you in case a hungry lion or leopard decided he would like to have you for dessert.

When you reach the edge of the Crocodile river there are hippos basking on rocks about as far as the eye can see. Almost in reach of us was a hippo family, Mama, Papa and Baby, all sleeping peacefully, pink stomachs turned to the warm sun. Baby got restless and, in getting up, unfortunately bumped into Mama, disturbing her slumber. She rose ponderously to her feet, gave Baby what must have been a reproving glance, and then bumped him into the water with her massive head. Then she went back and lay down beside her handsome husband to continue her snooze.

The park is traversed by crystal water rivers but there are signs everywhere warning visitors not to be tempted to take a swim. The rivers are literally alive with crocodiles, and you can see them slithering in and out of the water at certain times of the day. They are the true man-eaters of the park.

The rest camps scattered throughout the park are designed for every size pocketbook. If you want luxury after a day of animal "hunting" you take a big room with innerspring mattresses, a bath, electricity, etc.

If you are not so keen for all the creature comforts you take a small rondavel, without private bath, and lighted by a hurricane lamp. And if you want to rough it, there are tents for rent, and if you want to rough it still further you are welcome to curl up in a sleeping bag and go to bed beneath the stars.

All the rest camps have excellent dining rooms where the food is almost as good as in Johannesburg. But for those who want to do their own cooking, there are scores of outdoor charcoal grills, with Swazi servants to light the fires and do the cleaning up.

Each rest camp has a well-stocked commissary and it is strange at night, if you want to gather around campfires and swap stories of what they have seen during the day. This camaraderie is carried over to the daytime, too. When you pass a car on the road it is customary to stop and tell the occupants

what you have just seen if it happens to be anything out of the ordinary. If I had the time and money I would make a visit to Kruger National park each year of my life. It is, to coin a phrase, out of this world. (Distributed by McNaught Syndicate Inc.)

IT SEEMS TO ME

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—or it may be sealed by those elections, depending on how they turn out.

It might be possible to get the question before the people by an initiative petition, which requires no legislative session, though it would be a new use of the initiative to employ it for an opinion poll, which is all the vote would be.

However, I am inclined to agree with Jebbie Davidson, assistant secretary of the interior, who is busy promoting this legislation and says that national as well as local interests are involved in the question—which is correct. There is a grave issue in the CVA bill, of general concern. That is whether we shall establish government by regional corporations. The corporation type of administration is in question; also whether the country is to be cut up into regions with administrations not responsible to the people and so far removed from Washington as to be almost autonomous. California and Nebraska, Minnesota and Texas have stakes in this decision too.

This new governmental form was long opposed by Harold L. Ickes, former secretary of the interior, who testified that it meant a change in the type of government we have known for 150 years.

Congress is the body that will have to make the decision. An Oregon referendum would be indecisive and partial. Certainly it would be foolish to invoke a special legislative session to institute a popularity test in the state on a CVA.

GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty

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CONCEPTS BY ARCHITECTS

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State Seeks 2,000 Eligible For Tax Refund

Ray Smith, in charge of the income tax division of the state tax commission, is trying to locate more than 2,000 persons in Oregon who are entitled to a refund of their state withholding tax and to determine why 2,500 employers have not paid to the state the withholding tax they deducted from the payroll of their employees.

Smith said it is apparent that persons not receiving their withholding tax refund have moved without leaving a forwarding address. Checks mailed to them have been returned. Total amount due these persons is approximately \$22,700 or an average of \$11.50 per person.

"Employers who, for one reason or another, failed to report their deductions are likely to discover that the state has some stringent laws which cover the retention of state funds," Smith said.

One penalty, Smith said, involves a penitentiary term of not less than one year nor more than 15 years with a fine double the amount not reported. Other offenses listed in the code are "larceny" and failure to make return as required by law with fraudulent intent. Smith said he is now considering what particular statute to apply to the delinquent employers.

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Gen. Vaughan Under Verbal Fire Today

By Arthur Edson
WASHINGTON, Aug. 29—(AP)—Bluff, back-slapping Maj. Gen. Harry Vaughan, President Truman's army aide and his friend for 31 years, will be called on tomorrow to answer whether he has taken unfair advantage of that friendship.

The questions will be put to Vaughan by the senate investigations subcommittee. There probably will be a lot of them, for Vaughan's name has turned up every day during the five percent hearing.

Vaughan hasn't said what kind of a statement he will give the committee. But he is expected to lead off with a counter-attack.

Thinks He is Target
It is understood that Vaughan feels he is a handy target for snipers who really are aiming at the president.

The subjects of the questions are expected to range from molasses to perfume to a race track, and to center on Vaughan's relations with James V. Hunt, John Maragon and David Bennett.

Hunt is a management counselor who has said he knows many a Washington official, including Vaughan.

Conference Called
The committee didn't meet today, but a news conference was called at Hunt's office.

There reporters got a chance to see Hunt's picture gallery of famous persons.

His pictures — most of them, autographed — were impressive. President Truman's was there, and so were pictures of 31 senators or former senators and more than 30 house members.

Like Wallpaper
The 104 pictures covered one wall like wallpaper, and then overflowed to the other walls.

Hunt's pictures have been mentioned several times during the hearing, and the implication has been that he used them to impress prospective clients.

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Given by Vaughan
Roger Q. White, Hunt's attorney said Hunt is 99 per cent certain that he received this picture while he still was in the army. It was given to him, White said, by General Vaughan.

Autographed pictures of two members of the investigating subcommittee — Senators McCarthy (R-Wisc) and Margaret Smith (R-Me) — were in Hunt's collection.

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County Jail Overcrowded On Week End

The Marion county jail was comparatively empty Monday after a congested week end that set a new occupancy record since Sheriff Denver Young took office Jan. 1, 1945.

The record was established Sunday morning when 43 prisoners were lodged in the jail. Deputy sheriffs were forced to transfer one prisoner to the city jail Saturday night to give him a place to sleep.

Monday's count was down to 33.

Mobile Blood Center Due

The mobile unit from the Portland regional blood center will make a special trip to Salem Thursday night, and men who have been unable to donate blood during its previous daytime trips are especially invited to be on hand. It will start operation at 6 p.m.

Sponsored by the Salem organized naval reserve (surface division), special invitations have been extended to marine and seabee reserves and national guard members to donate blood. Postal employees and staffs of several industrial firms also have been advised of the bloodmobile's special visit.

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