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Stalin's Last Thesis

In the inevitable showdown between the capitalist states and the Soviet system "Who will defeat whom? That is the essence of the question." So said Lenin.

Stalin's last word on the subject and his instructions to the faithful are examined by Bernard Taurer in the April Foreign Affairs Quarterly. Quoting liberally from the writings and speeches of Marx, Lenin and Stalin, Taurer points out how often these writers recognized that their cause must accommodate itself to the actions of the enemy.

The late dictator even listed areas of agreement: the mutual need of trade and markets, credits and interest; the advisability at times of signing non-aggression pacts with bourgeois states and entering disarmament agreements and joining peace-making organizations such as the League of Nations or UN.

Stalin's last thesis, as Taurer reads it, reaffirms the inevitability of wars between the capitalist states. The capitalist countries, as a result of selfish competition, would rather fight among themselves than unite to fight communism.

In view of these "realities," communists were instructed by Stalin to do all possible to strengthen the forces of extreme nationalism, including fascism and nazism.

That was Stalin's last word on the who-will-defeat-whom question. Whether that thesis is accepted by the present Soviet leadership, only time will tell, but the recent "peaceful" maneuvers would seem to indicate that this is a time of "temporary equilibrium" and of laying low.

President Strand of OSC banned the student satire paper, "The Thermometer." The humor was so hot it broke the Thermometer.

Prison Labor on Private Land

Howard Morgan runs a farm over in Polk County. He doubles as state chairman for the Democratic central committee. So it is natural for him to make hay when he can, political hay that is.

George Alexander, who has just retired as prison superintendent, says the state bought timber and used prison labor and equipment to cut the logs into cordwood for use at state institutions.

Over the years the state has bought timber stumpage that way, bought potatoes and fruit and furnished labor to harvest them.

Since the question has been raised, by all means let the specific deal and others be investigated by competent authority—Board of Control or grand jury.

It's Still Booze

Announcement is made of the annual Oregon School of Alcohol Studies to be held at Reed College, June 22-July 3. W. K. Ferrier, the director, says the purpose of the school is "to acquaint ministers, nurses, teachers, school administrators, social workers, law enforcement officers, probation officers and other interested persons with the recent scientific developments related to the problems of beverage alcohol."

The latest scientific developments haven't disclosed anything to contradict the experience of the ages that too much beverage alcohol makes people drunk, that so-called moderate drinking may lead to alcohol addiction, that the victim of alcoholism becomes a physical wreck and a social outcast.

It is true that many people drink temperately and never become stew-bums; but some of this "scientific development" stuff sounds too much like an attempt to gloss over the risks of imbibing "beverage alcohol."

Mrs. James B. Patton, Daughters of the American Revolution president, warned members at the DAR convention this week against "our trend to a materialistic civilization." This trend, she says, has "gradually permitted an invasion of states' rights and an increasing encroachment upon the part of the federal government."

Will fashion-conscious women start watching the stamp catalogs? France this week issued a new 30-franc postage stamp commemorating Parisian haute couture.

As for Senator Taft's idea of settling all Far Eastern problems in "one bite," the Christian Science Monitor says: "To try to bite off too much at once could be to end without even a taste of peace or a solid truce to chew on."

Admiral Radford Looks Like Good Bet to Replace Gen. Bradley as U. S. Chief of Staff

By JOSEPH and STEWART WASHINGTON — Admiral Arthur Radford looks like a better and better bet to replace Gen. Omar Bradley as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Wilson is one of those who "wants what they want when they want it." He wanted the famous radio entertainer, Arthur Godfrey, for a Defense Department member of the President's special commission on psychological warfare.

Wilson has always opposed the extreme naval viewpoint which Admiral Radford has always stood for hitherto. Since the Admiral is a man who fights for his view in the last ditch, it can be seen why the President has hesitated to approve Secretary Wilson's proposal.

Admiral Radford has since made a long visit to Washington, which seems, if anything, to have increased Secretary Wilson's enthusiasm for him.

and dislikes whose personal opinions are seldom subject to change except by the very small number of persons he fully trusts and approves of. The opinion that he brought to Washington, about the right relationship between the defense effort and the budget, do not appear to have been shaken very much by anyone now on duty in the Pentagon.

Then too, the Admiral belongs to the school of American officers who have little or no patience with mere containment in the contest of the cold war. He has strongly advocated a blockade of Communist China, as part of a larger program to make the Peking government regret its intervention in Korea.

In this respect, Radford could hardly differ more widely from the present Joint Chiefs, whose caution is illustrated by their intensely hostile reception of the Radford blockade plan and Gen. James Van Fleet's comparable plan for a ground offensive on the Korean peninsula.

In addition, Radford has one of the most compelling personalities and one of the best intellectual equipments of any man in American public life. Bringing such a man with such a temperament, into a place of such great power and influence as the Chairmanship of the Joint Chiefs, is almost certain to mark a major turning point, whether or not this is the intention.

Nonetheless, Admiral Radford is the best bet because of the strength and determination of Secretary Wilson's support. It must be added that the appointment, if it goes through, can be counted on to influence American policy in all sorts of significant ways.

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GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty A raggedy, long-eared bunny edged into the newsroom door the other day with the inside yoke on how come the Dallas Chamber of Commerce ran out of prizes during the kiddies Easter egg hunt there last Easter Sunday.

What with Television, comic books and little friends on the street, you should consider it a compliment when junior asks YOU anything.

approve it without haggling over the sum realized from sale of the old building and ground. It seems strange that such a conflict of opinion would arise. Did the Board of Higher Education make clear to the Legislature its finance requirements and plans for use of the proceeds of the old property?

SMALL RETURN, BIG INVESTMENT



Comes the Dawn W. Conrad Franke

Salem city officials presented a panel discussion on municipal affairs at the Kiwanis Club meeting. During the question-answer session somebody asked Mayor Al Loucks how about all those sheep turned loose in the Odd Fellows Cemetery.

Salem postoffice grounds—one of the best-manicured layouts in town or, for that matter, the state—has donned its annual spring outfit of colorful azaleas—with green lawns to match.

A communique from Rep. Walter Norblad notes that on page 127 of the current 1954 federal budget is a request for funds to be used to liquidate the National Recovery Act. Worried Walter points out that the NRA was dissolved by order of the U.S. Supreme Court in 1936, and has been in the process of liquidation ever since.

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Better English By D. C. WILLIAMS 1. What is wrong with this sentence? "The clerk tried every which way to fix the adding machine."

Auto Crash Fatal to Infant PORTLAND (U)—A six-week-old boy was fatally injured Wednesday in a car crash on the outskirts of Portland.

Belcrest Memorial Park A place of beauty where the future has been secured by a long established endowed care fund. The purchase of a family burial plot in advance of need is as wise as carrying insurance to protect your loved ones.

Literary Guidepost

By W. G. ROGERS THE ANGRY ANGEL, by Lajos Zilahy, translated from Hungarian by Thomas L. Harsner (Prentice-Hall; \$3.95) Rulers of thousands of acres, bearing a name that has been honored through centuries, the Dukays . . . you remember Zilahy's big novel by that title . . . now in another big novel race heading to a fateful collision with the modern world.

Your Health

By Dr. Herman Bundesen Hay fever occurs most often in late summer and early fall. However, many people have hay fever the year round, while others have symptoms in the spring.

Usually, the person having hay fever has a watery discharge from the nose, watering of the eyes, and the person may even have a cough. The symptoms of hay fever, therefore, are much like those of a cold, except there is no fever.

QUESTION AND ANSWER Mrs. S.S.: I have wanted children for a number of years, but have been told that my womb is infertile and has not grown to its normal size. I have any help for this condition?

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Real Aim of Laos Invasion Still Hidden

By J. M. ROBERTS, JR. Associated Press News Analyst The time is rapidly approaching, when both the objectives and the possibilities of the new Communist war in Laos will become clearer.

At first it appeared the chief Red aim was to overrun an area in the north and east of the Indochinese country, as a platform from which to proclaim a Communist government as they did in northern Vietnam.

As more troops were thrown in, especially from the east at the waist of Vietnam, however, the Reds seemed to be striking in one all out blow for the whole country and for the Thai border.

There is no front across country, the Communists themselves having chosen the old Patton tactics of driving directly into the country with three columns of troops.

They could, by this means, present the world with a far more serious problem than even the occupation of the most important parts of Laos. But some of their columns are already 200 miles from their bases, and while the Red forces are accustomed to Guerrilla warfare, a movement of this size still depends heavily on supplies, particularly ammunition.

The French are reported considering an appeal to the United Nations for help in the defense such as was accorded the South Koreans in 1950. The precedent is there, but the political circumstances are considerably different.

There's a whole hornet's nest involved in the situation. Cannon for the siege of Vicksburg were cast from iron taken from Ringwood, N. J. mines.

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