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The Umbrella Is Abandoned

It looks like Secretary of State Acheson meant what he said last week. At that time he called for "total diplomacy" to curb Russian expansion.

The secretary's talk today in San Francisco sounded as if he had finally decided the do-nothing policy of the United States in Asia was a dud. It was more than that. It was a disgrace. Acheson didn't admit the shortcomings of the previous months in trying to be like old Chamberlain of England and carry the umbrella of appeasement. He did indicate, though, that that stuff was out, and a thing of the past. From now on, Communist China and the Soviet Union shall keep their hands off the rest of Asia, he warned.

Acheson wasn't clear in what he meant when he said that the Chinese "can only bring grave trouble on themselves... if they are led by their new rulers into aggressive or subversive adventures beyond their borders." He was tardy, however, in admitting that "we now face the prospect that the communists may attempt to... use China as a base for probing for other weak spots which they can move into and exploit."

Acheson tried to appeal to the Chinese people themselves when he referred to them as "old friends." He assured them that "we fully understand that their present unhappy status within the orbit of the Soviet Union is not the result of any choice on their part." But in trying to say this Soviet association had been forced on them, Acheson likewise was overlooking the fact that Chinese leaders and troops had defeated Chiang Kai-Shek's nationalist forces. The Soviets used the Chinese rebels, it is true, but nevertheless, the Chinese communists did defeat the Chinese nationalists—all to the glee and glory of the Kremlin.

Acheson neglected to indicate, also, what the United States intended to do if Communist China or the Soviet Union decided to go ahead and expand into the rest of Asia. The hands-off warning is backed with what?

Outside of these weaknesses backed by a lingering misinterpretation of Asiatic affairs, Acheson did show he is finally on the right track. What goes on in the Orient is definitely another phase of the world-wide threat of Moscow to control the globe. Only "total diplomacy"—everything in the book short of a shooting war—can foil that threat.

Now Is Not the Time

The man who knows more about the draft than anyone else in the nation stopped in Salem only long enough to get off the train to stretch his legs. But that was long enough for General Hershey, selective service director, to indicate that the draft is about done for.

To the young men along in their late 'teens, they may think that is good news. The young men would still have to register at the local draft boards, but they would not don any uniforms if Hershey's guess is correct.

But is it good news that the draft will probably die a natural death when the legislation covering it expires June 30th of this year?

The answer is no.

If the world situation is as it appears and as Acheson is finally admitting, then what is Washington, D. C. thinking of in saying that military forces need only be paper organizations? What kind of backing has President Truman or Acheson when they talk tough in world affairs? Present figures show that the army has only three divisions anywhere near full strength. One of these divisions is at Fort Lewis, another in North Carolina and the third in Germany. There isn't even a full-strength armored division.

When World War II ended, the nation decided not to abandon selective service. Are world conditions any better now than a few years ago? The answer obviously is that conditions have gotten worse. And yet this nation, finally realizing that it is the world leader, feels that a draft isn't necessary. That doesn't make sense.

A dropping of the draft now would be an admission that either the world situation was hopeless or the United States doesn't care. Neither condition is correct.

If the Pacific Northwest needs airplane watchers, the country certainly needs enough manpower in uniform to fill out at least a token defense force. And the only way figured out to have enough manpower for such a force is with the draft.

Thugs Missed Out on Schooling

Cumberland, Mr., March 15 (P)—A couple of burglars either can't read or like to pull a job the hard way. They broke into a safe here yesterday, after hacking at the handle and finally removing the pins from the safe's door hinges.

The loot was a razor and 20 cents. On the side of the battered safe the company had painted: "No money inside." And beneath that—the combination.

Full House in This Schoolroom

Chicago, March 15 (P)—Teacher Alvina Barkstrom of the Sutherland public school frequently believes she is seeing double when she looks at her classroom of pupils in grade 2B. She has a poker full house—three of a kind and a pair. They are girl triplets and twin boys.

The triplets, Karen, Elizabeth and Diane Quist, will be 7 years old April 3. The identical twins, William M. and James M. Owen, were 7 years old March 10.

Tough Record to Live Up to

Prince Rupert, B. C., March 15 (CP)—Leonard Anderson of Los Angeles found his record of birth here—but it's a tough record to live up to.

It's pretty obvious to Leonard that one of the statistics is off, but he can't get a document to prove it. That's the part that says he was born 28 years ago—a girl.

The doctor doesn't want to go back on his original statement and Leonard hasn't seen his parents for 32 years.

Geography Got Mixed Up

Oceanside, Calif., March 15 (P)—Ernest A. Taylor, superintendent of streets for this southern California city, is a baffled man today.

Although the city has never had a measurable amount of snowfall, a Chicago manufacturing firm—high on enthusiasm but low on geography—has flooded him with literature asserting Oceanside should own a snowplow.

BY H. T. WEBSTER

The Unseen Audience



KRISS-KROSS

Hole in Concrete Causing Hole in Station's Profits

By CHRIS KOWITZ, Jr.

There's a hole in the concrete that's causing a hole in the profits at the Chevron filling station at Chemeketa and High streets.

It's a big hole... took a lot of digging... cost a lot. What's more, the excavation won't bring in any income once the project for which it is being dug is completed.

The hole is there because there's a leak in the hose which delivers free air... a hose which provides service to the customer but no income to the station.

When the air was discovered to be leaking out, workmen began digging to find the seat of the trouble... they're down several feet now, and they can still hear the air hissing below them... which means they'll just have to keep digging deeper and deeper... and all because of a little leak in the free air hose.

The operation is costing plenty, considering that air brings in no income... but the operators of the station feel that digging the hole will save money in the long run... if they hadn't dug down to repair the hose, the leak would have just blown away the profits.

Tunnel between statehouse and new public building will be no "tunnel of love" as far as state employees are concerned. Board of control has issued order that tunnel cannot be used by employees during luncheon and coffee periods.

MacKENZIE'S COLUMN

Does Moscow Aim to Divide World in 2 Influence Zones?

By DeWITT MacKENZIE

They tell us we shouldn't look a gift horse in the mouth, but that axiom certainly doesn't apply to horse swapping. Moscow is said to be working on an amazing proposal. U. S. officials are said by James Reston, Washington correspondent of the New York Times, to believe Soviet Russia is making a new effort to arrange a deal with America to divide the world into spheres of influence.

Under this two-world arrangement, western influence in the satellite states would be minimized or eliminated. The western nations would adopt a hands-off policy for the whole communist world, including China and Yugoslavia, and do most of their business with the satellites through Moscow.

Red officialdom has been emphasizing "that the worlds of capitalism and communism can live in peace on a non-intervention basis."

Well, that's horse-swapping on an unprecedented scale. We get a better idea of just how big a deal it is when we check up on how much of the world has been brought under Red domination.

Soviet Russia, plus its satellites and China comprise roughly one-third of the globe's population, and about one-fourth of its land area.

Some of this, of course, Russia is in the process of trying to digest, and China is included in that category. However, those figures don't include the communist supporters and fifth-columnists who are working in non-communist countries.

Looking the Russian horse in the mouth we get the idea that Moscow has overrun about all the territory it can handle conveniently at this time. The Muscovites would be glad to see the cold war eased off a bit while they consolidate their gains and get organized for another offensive in due course.

The assertion that "the worlds of capitalism and communism can live in peace on a non-inter-

vention basis" is of course true in theory. Naturally it would work if there were "non-intervention."

However, "non-intervention" is a direct contradiction of a cardinal tenet of communism. Still looking the horse in the mouth we are reminded that we have been up against this non-intervention promise before. From the advent of the bolshevik government in 1918 until 1933 the United States steadfastly refused to recognize the red government, which was straining every nerve to get its world revolution under way. Britain, for instance, was constantly fighting the Russian agents who were doing their utmost to overthrow the British government.

Finally in 1933 Soviet foreign commissar Maxim Litvinoff came to Washington and made glowing promises of good behavior to F. D. R. There would be no red propaganda in the United States; Moscow would reform.

So Washington extended formal recognition—and the reds started their drive to convert America.

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Truman Urges Secretary Gray To Become AEC Chairman

By DREW PEARSON

Washington—President Truman has been trying to persuade Gordon Gray, one of the best secretaries of the army the war department has seen, to remain on in Washington as chairman of the atomic energy commission.

Secretary Gray had agreed to become president of the University of North Carolina. But the President has explained to Gray that the atomic commission badly needs a chairman who has both public and congressional confidence plus ability as an administrator, and has urged him to delay his return to North Carolina for at least one year.

Gray, one of the most popular secretaries in the history of the army, is a North Carolina lawyer and publisher who entered the army as a buck private in World War II.



Drew Pearson

Gray's "assistant lobbyist," Sen. Lyndon Johnson of Texas, is not as smooth a salesman. The other day, Johnson spied an opponent in the senate restaurant and pounced on him "What do you mean," Johnson demanded, "fighting the Kerr bill?"

The critic replied that he figured an unregulated monopoly would mean increased prices to the consumer.

"Monopoly, poof!" scoffed Johnson. "Aluminum is a monopoly. Steel is a monopoly. Automobile production is monopolized by a few companies. Natural gas doesn't have that kind of a monopoly. There are many independent producers."

But what the senator from gas-rich Texas did not reveal is that in 1947 ten producers sold about one-half of the gas used by the pipelines by the five southwestern gas states.

The so-called "independents" whom Johnson referred to include companies controlled by Standard Oil of N. J., Standard Oil of Ind., Sinclair Oil Corp., Socony-Vacuum and Phillips.

How much money some of them are making is shown by the return on common stock and surplus after taxes in 1948 by the four top producers—Phillips Petroleum, 18.7 per cent; the Chicago Corp., a subsidiary of Cities Service, 22.6 per cent; Republic Natural Gas Co. 24.12 per cent; and Humble Oil & Refining, a subsidiary of Standard Oil of N. J., 27.7 per cent.

NOTE—Senator Kerr owns an estimated \$100,000,000 in natural gas reserves and has an annual gross income of \$12,000,000.

TYDINGS FOR PRESIDENT

A strange Romeo has shown up under the White House balcony singing love songs. He is dapper Sen. Millard Tydings of Maryland, who used to make sarcastic slurs against the administration but now devotes his tongue to the Truman cause.

Behind this quiet reformation, however, Tydings is playing a cagey political game to get his own foot in the White House. By posing as a loyal administration supporter, he hopes to slip his hat into the 1952 presidential ring.

The shrewd Maryland senator let the cat out of the bag the other day by disclosing his ambition to close friends. He admitted going along with the administration, in part so he can move into Truman's shoes in case Truman doesn't run again. Tydings even indicated he would like Sen. Paul Douglas of Illinois as a running mate.

If Truman decides to run for another term, however, Tydings is ready to lower his sights to the vice presidency. He is confident 73-year-old Vice President Barkley won't run again.

Another Kerr lobbying technique is to invite newsmen who

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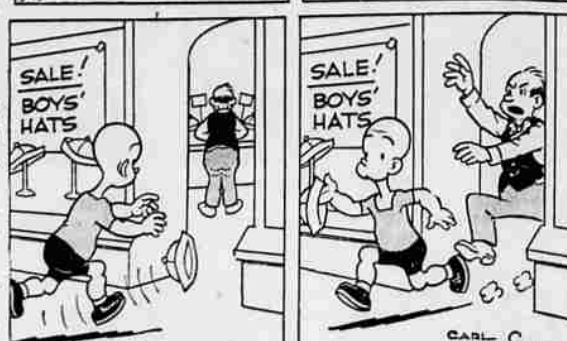
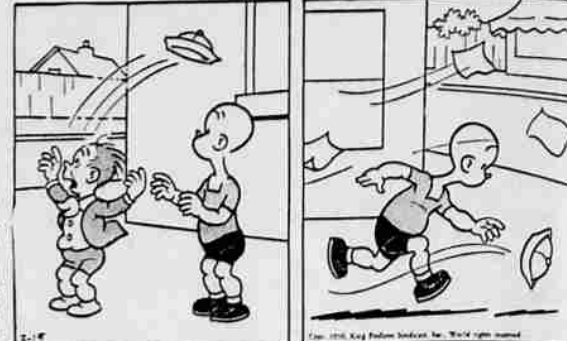
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BY CARL ANDERSON

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POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

The Ten Top Cavedwellers For Underground Noah's Ark

By HAL BOYLE

New York (P)—If America were destroyed by atomic bombing, what ten living beings should be saved? This question has been posed by Lester Dill, owner of the Meramec caverns at Stanton, Mo.

Dill recently asked the reconstruction finance corporation for a million dollar loan to transform his 26-mile long cave into an Ozark atom refuge.

Whether he is really looking for a loan or just more tourists it is hard to say. But he also asked a group of writers to nominate 10 Americans who, in the event of national disaster, should be given top priority as tenants of his modern underground Noah's ark.

Picking the fortunate—or unfortunate—ten is quite a parlor game.

I ended up by picking two lists.

Dill himself isn't on either—as who, forced to live in a cave, wants to be dunned by a landlord? I bypassed all politicians, too, to get rid of the tax problem, once and for all.

My first list is purely selfish:

- 1. My wife, Frances.
2. Me.
3. Gypsy Rose Lee.
4. Thomas Hart Benton, the artist.
5. Tallullah Bankhead.
6. Burl Ives, the guitar-twanging folk singer.
7. A good bartender.
8. A psychiatrist.
9. Oswald Jacoby, the card expert.
10. Any two-year-old child.

So I picked a second list of Americans. It has six animals and four humans on it:

A cow and a bull, a married team of horses, two happily wedded dogs, a young minister and his wife and a young farm-boy and his best girl.

These ten could found a new civilization, and whether it would turn out better or worse than the one it replaced no one can tell.

One of the four humans, however, ought to be able to play the violin. Any world would be dull without music.



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