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The President Should End the Confusion

There's no shooting war going on between the big
powers, but there's a war going on in the United States
about the ways of a civilian defense set-up.

The war about the way to meet war at home if it comes
has been brewing a long time. Secretary of Defense John-
son kept it going for a while when he announced he wanted
an air-raid warning system put into effect in "critical"
states. Oregon happened to be one of those "critical"
states.

Congressman Norblad questioned Johnson's judgment
in calling into being a system based on World War II think-
ing—before planes which fly faster than sound and before
the atom bomb. Johnson came through with an explana-
tion that claimed need for such a warning system because
of an inadequate radar network and because of the possi-
bility of parachute landings. Norblad still wasn't com-
pletely satisfied with Johnson's explanation. Neither was
anyone else after Johnson praised the condition of the
nation's defenses.

Senator Johnson of Colorado, no relation to the
defense secretary, comes along to keep the war of words
going. He says the vast civilian defense organization is not
necessary at this time and might even prove harmful. The
senator claims a program would only confuse the public
and give cities a false sense of security. The public is al-
ready so confused that a warning system couldn't heighten
the confusion any. But instead of tending to give cities
a false sense of security, a disaster plan might tend to make
cities aware of danger.

That raises the point that is basic to the entire problem
of civilian defense. Why is an elaborate civilian program
necessary now? News admittedly is bad from overseas,
but Secretary of Defense Johnson keeps saying that there
is no need for concern.

The news from abroad is bad. And it is not getting any
better. The time for a frank appraisal by the Truman ad-
ministration on world affairs is fast slipping away. Until
the president does speak up, Senator Johnson and the
others will question the wisdom of the civilian defense
operation. Acheson finally has made a start for the ad-
ministration. He has admitted that "total diplomacy" is
needed. But to listen to Defense Secretary Johnson, there
is hardly reason for Acheson's concern.

The only man to end the confusion on the world situa-
tion and civilian defense needs is the president himself.
When Truman finishes his Florida holiday, he should take
the people into his confidence and tell them frankly what
the trend abroad indicates and why a civilian defense sys-
tem must be established now.

Hollywood Never Learns

Hollywood's attempted defense of the recent movie
romances of Ingrid Bergman and Rita Hayworth show the
low to which morality in the film capital has sunk.

Instead of trying to exert a certain positive moral lead-
ership, the movie people spend their time trying to answer
charges brought in the United States senate that Ingrid
and Rita were "Hollywood's apostles of degradation." The
talk in the senate was for federal licensing of the film
industry. That kind of talk's as bad in a different way as
are the mouthings of the Hollywood ballyhoo artists, in-
terested only in box office receipts.

Federal licensing of the movie industry wouldn't get at
the trouble of morals in the film capital. Such licensing
would only bring the federal government into control of a
vast potential means of propaganda and an industry that
needs leadership, not licensing.

Jimmy Fidler, movie commentator, has long been an ad-
vocate of some decent, intelligent leadership from the
studios themselves to offset publicity that comes about
from the doings of the stars who have fallen. His crusade
to bring a sense of decency and responsibility toward the
public hasn't gotten very far, judging from this latest
"defense" of Bergman and Hayworth.

That sense of responsibility and concern for influencing
a certain part of the American public through the films
is a real one. Hollywood should recognize it by now. It
shouldn't take some ill-suggested federal licensing scheme
in congress to remind the film capital of that responsibility.

Comedy of Errors Turns
Almost into Grim Tragedy

Detroit, March 18 (AP)—The air was tense for a time yester-
day at the apartment of Peter States, 52.

Four plain-clothes policemen faced four other plain-
clothesmen and each squad thought the other was a bunch
of thugs.

It was a comedy of errors that could have turned into a
tragedy with gunplay as grim policemen reached for their
holsters.

An overzealous lipster was the innocent cause. He called
up two vice squads and suggested they have a look-in at Mr.
States' place.

The Woodward station clean-up squad was the first to
arrive. Sure enough, the officers found mutual pads—238
of them—and immediately they collared Mr. States.

The phone rang, and a quiet voice asked a little advice
about a horse. Barlow, Patrolman Billie improvised some
dope, and the caller, in a pleased tone, hung up. Barlow
suggested the squad wait for "a good witness."

They didn't have long to wait. But Barlow didn't know
the call had been from the vice squad at police headquarters
downtown.

Four men from headquarters, in plain clothes, rushed in.
They started snatching mutual pads. The first four thought the
intruders must be gangsters trying to grab their evidence.
The second four thought the first four were resisting arrest.
Bedlam prevailed.

Then one of the plain-clothesmen blinked at one of the
other plain-clothesmen.

"Aren't you from headquarters?" he asked politely.

He was.
The affair ended happily for every one except Mr. States.
Recorder's Judge John J. Maher fined him \$50 on a gambling
charge.

First 100 Years the Hardest

Portland, March 18 (AP)—The Press Club of Oregon is
going to have a 100th anniversary party, titled "Fission
Frolics," here April 1.

The club is only six years old.
"We don't know," explained club officials, "whether
anything of the world will be left by our 100th anniversary,
so we're having the party now."

BY BECK

Things to Worry About



THE FIRESIDE PULPIT

Common People Give Nation
It's Spiritual Foundation

BY REV. GEORGE H. SWIFT

Rector, St. Paul's Episcopal Church

An expert craftsman who worked with fine woods was en-
gaged recently to build an altar for a chapel.

He insisted on having well-seasoned black walnut of just the
right grain and texture. After a long and diligent search he
discovered a fifty-year-old pig-sty which was made of just
the wood he was looking for.



He persuaded the farmer to let him have what he needed of the
pen in exchange for a new one made of fir. So the farmer's old
pig-sty, as filthy as it was, be-
came an altar for the worship
of God—a thing of exquisite
beauty.

The pigs probably never ap-
preciated the quality of the
house in which they lived. But
the quality was there all the
time. It needed only the hand
of the expert craftsman to bring
it out.

Everywhere throughout the
world may be found men and
women of sterling character and
with beautiful souls raising
pigs, cleaning streets, digg-
ing sewers, or doing any one

of the hundreds of common tasks
which seem necessary to the
life of a modern civilization.
In clothes befitting their work,
they might well be passed by
those looking for men of char-
acter and integrity.

Not everyone would have sus-
pected that a beautiful altar
could have been made from the
grimy frame of a pig-sty.

The so-called common people
make up the bulk of our popu-
lation. If they are basically
sound, and their character pat-
terns are of real quality, the
nation will be, or can be, in a
sense, a potential altar for the
worship of God.

It is from the children of
these common people that there
will continue to come (as has
been so true in the past) the
leadership for the nation in its
fields of religion, government,
education, and economics. This
being true, our leaders would
do well not to forget the rock
from which they are hewn.

Long Hair Made It a Short Story

Detroit, March 18 (AP)—Benny M. Sasser, 20, of Detroit, was
proud of his long hair.

And when his 19-year-old wife, Murtis, applied the shears
while he slept, he was agast.

Sasser took his complaint into court, and Monday received
a divorce from Murtis. They were married in November, 1948.

Tax Tip for Next Year

Albany, N. Y., March 18 (AP)—Something to remember her
next March 15.

A store keeper listed this deduction in his federal income
tax return this year:

"Food for kittens to catch the mouses in the store."
The tax clerks thought a bit, then allowed it as a business
expense.

KRISS-KROSS

In the Air, Under the Sea,
And Now From Out of Ground

By CHRIS KOWITZ, Jr.

As if flying saucers and sea monsters aren't enough to keep
everybody guessing these days, Ted Rowell, Dallas florist, comes
up with a new form of curio . . . he has a mystery plant.

The thing has suddenly bloomed out in a corner of Rowell's
greenhouse . . . eight feet tall, it somewhat resembles a cactus
. . . has four reddish petals
which protrude from an outer
green cover . . . and the whole
plant is of oblong shape.

Rowell doesn't recall where the
plant originally came from, and
he has no idea as to its iden-
tity.

In fact, he's so anxious to
determine just what this mys-
terious plant is that he's put up
a reward to any-
one who can come into his Hol-
man avenue shop and identify
it.



Speaking of flying saucers,
Lafe Peterson of Woodburn is
(strictly for fun) planning a
landing strip for the saucers . . .
Might he well speed your
project up, Lafe . . . Astron-
omers have indicated that on
March 27 Mars will be closer to
the earth than it has been for
a long time . . . Some saucer
might make it this time.

Salem high school is being
"awful" and "candy."

"I think it will be regrettable
if the time comes when a sena-
tor cannot indulge in a bit of
frivolity, or take a nod or a
wink, or perhaps have his atten-
tion distracted by some news-
paperman in the hall, without
some other senator taking ad-
vantage of his absence.

"I know from previous ex-
perience," continued Lucas, "that
the senator from North Dakota
frequently conceals himself in
a parliamentary bush, and at the
proper time strikes out with the
sharp edge of the wedge . . .
(but) I do not want to be am-
bushed any more by my friend
from North Dakota."

One of the prize tricks of the
trade for a few used car deal-
ers is to place an attention-
grabbing price tag in the wind-
shield of a shiny automobile
. . . then when a prospective buy-
er gets a little closer, he notices
the word "down" in tiny letters
next to the figure . . . Now Tom
Hill is putting a new twist to
that type of sign . . . Passerby
have been somewhat shocked to
read "We're Making Awful
Candy" on a large card in the
candy store window . . . But
upon taking a closer peek at
the sign, the word "good" can
be observed between the words

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Revolutionary War Hero
At Long Last Immortalized

By DREW PEARSON

Washington—A forgotten hero of the Revolutionary War,
an unspectacular money lender, will soon be immortalized not
far from Washington, Lincoln and Jefferson. He was Haym
Solomon, the little Jewish patriot who raised the money to
fight the revolution but died penniless without ever receiving a
dime back from the government
whose freedom he financed.

Now after all
these years, a
memorial is
about to be
erected in
Solomon's
honor. This was
authorized by
congress 12
years ago upon
a motion by Guy
Gillette, then a
congressman but
now a senator
from Iowa.



Drew Pearson

It was left up to private citi-
zens, however, to raise the sub-
scriptions, so the project lay dor-
mant until this year. Now a
Haym Solomon Memorial society
has been formed to raise the
money, and the chief thing re-
maining is to have the commis-
sion of fine arts approve a de-
sign.

Note—At one time George
Washington pulled Solomon out
of a synagogue to scrape up the
cash to meet the army payroll.
Solomon also paid Jefferson's
and Madison's board bills so
they could attend the first con-
tinental congress.

Senator On Rampage

Stormiest figure on Capitol
Hill is North Dakota's fearless
senator "Wild Bill" Langer who
roars at the senate like an en-
raged bull moose, is not afraid
of the political odds and kicks
his heels at senate tradition.

No one can predict what Lan-
ger will do next, but the demo-
crats are still jurned up over
his latest surprise. Out of the
clear blue, Langer recessed the
senate the other day right in
the middle of its proceedings.

Since the democrats are steer-
ing the senate, it is majority
leader Scott Lucas of Illinois
who is supposed to set the quit-
ting time—not Langer, who is
a lone-wolf republican. For a
moment, however, not a demo-
crat was on the floor. And Lan-
ger, glancing in both directions,
saw his chance to move for a
recess. As no one objected there
was nothing the presiding officer
could do but recess the senate.

As the bells rang out this
new, Lucas stormed into the
senate chamber where Langer
was grinning like a boy who had
let school out early. Ignoring
Langer, Lucas marched up to
Senator Pat McCarran, Nevada
democrat, who had just poked
his head in the door to see what
was happening. As judiciary
chairman, McCarran was in
charge of the pending legisla-
tion, and it was his responsi-
bility to keep a watch on it.

"I have told you at least six
times that you should have some-
body on the floor at all times
to watch this," Lucas stormed at
McCarran. "Your committee is
in charge of this legislation."
"Don't you think it would be
a good idea if we had a majority
leader present once in awhile?"
McCarran snorted back.
Angrily, Lucas stalked off.
"I guess I'll have to sit here 24
hours a day," he muttered.

Tongue-Lashing

Lucas waited until the next
day to give Langer a scolding.

"While I know my friend from
North Dakota has voted quite
often with senators on this (the
democratic) side of the aisle,"
he said, "and I think it was Mr.
Drew Pearson who said the sena-
tor would become a democrat
—I did not know that he had
gone quite so far as to try to
take over the majority leader-
ship of the senate."

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Fantastic Soviet Radio

The American embassy staff
listening to the radio in Moscow
hears a fantastic story about
what goes on in the U.S.A.

The radio report gives a ver-
sion of life in the United States
which the Kremlin hopes the
Russian people will believe.
Here are a few samples:

"God has made me a 'fisher of
men.' My purpose now is to win
others for him. But people are
hard. They don't want to know
about God. But once they do,
then they see what they have
been missing.
"God does many things for
men which they take for grant-

The Show Must Go On

Philadelphia, March 18 (AP)—If you're a real trouper the
circumstances—even steel bars—just don't matter.

Convicts at Broadmeadows prison near Philadelphia staged a
minstrel show last week. One member of the cast was
due to get out four days before the show.

He begged the warden for permission to stay on, and the
warden said yes.

The prisoner had his big night on stage, and then was
released.

BY CARL ANDERSON

Henry



MacKENZIE'S COLUMN

Acheson Outlines Peace
Requirements to Russia

By DeWITT MacKENZIE

(AP Foreign Affairs Analyst)

Soviet Prime Minister Stalin, First Deputy Vice Prime Min-
ister Molotov, and other prominent members of the Moscow
hierarchy have been preaching the gospel that, after all, it is
possible for communism and capitalism to live together in peace
and harmony.

They have hammered at this
thesis persistently despite the
fact that it is in direct contradic-
tion of one of the cardinal ten-
ets of Lenin's own creed. He
said there isn't
room enough for
both isms in the
world, and that
capitalism must
be killed.

There has
been vigorous
tub-thumping in
the Red camp.
Clearly they
have been trying
to attract the at-
tention of the
Western world.
Well, they've attracted it. So



DeWitt MacKenzie

on the basis that only fools and
dead men never change their
minds, let's assume for the sake
of analysis that Moscow isn't
trotting out another wooden
horse to sell us. Let's assume
that Bolsheviks may have
changed its views on this matter
(though I don't believe it has)
and that it feels there still is
room in the world for non-com-
munist governments.

If this assumption were cor-
rect it would mean that the Mus-
covites want to end the cold
war and get peace. If they want-
ed peace they obviously would
be prepared to make concessions
and cooperate with the democ-
racies in establishing peace.
Yesterday U. S. Secretary of
State Acheson made a major
statement of American policy at
the University of California,
telling Russia exactly how she
could achieve peace. In effect
he called on Moscow to fish or
cut bait in this matter.

At the same time he told his
audience bluntly:

"I fear, however, that I must
warn you not to raise your hopes.

"No one who has lived through
the post-war years can be san-
guine about reaching agreements
in which reliance can be placed
and which will be observed by
the Soviet leaders in good faith."
Among the steps which Ach-
eson called upon Russia to take
was joining with the western
allies in drawing up peace treat-
ies for Japan, Germany and Aus-
tria, without trying to make
them satellites. Russia should
stop using her military forces
to maintain Red governments in
the satellites.

The Soviet Union should quit
its obstruction in the United
Nations so that the organization
could function normally. And
Moscow should join in establish-
ing atomic control and limita-
tion of armaments.

The secretary dealt with one
of the chief bones of contention
when he declared that Russia
must stop using communist party
apparatus to overthrow estab-
lished governments. "with which
the Soviet government stands in
an outward state of friendship
and respect." Acheson didn't
specify, but this obviously would
include all countries which are
suffering from Fifth Column
activities—America, Britain,
France, Italy and where not.

Russia also must quit kicking
American diplomats about and
treating them as "criminals."
Moreover there must be a halt
to Moscow's scheme of distort-
ing the picture of the outside
world to their own peoples.
Here Acheson condemned the
Soviet propaganda which pic-
tures capitalist encirclement and
"a United States craftily and
systematically plotting another
world war."

That's strong mustard for Mos-
cow to swallow. Small wonder
that Secretary Acheson isn't san-
guine about reaching agree-
ments "which will be observed
by the Soviet leaders in good
faith."

There is no real evidence, as
far as I can see, that Moscow
has any intention of halting the
drive to communize the world.
It is the essence of present day
communism.
Moscow's attitude toward Ach-
eson's statement will illuminate
this point.

Topped Off With Green

Hobbs, N. M., March 18 (AP)—Blond Jimmy Mullins, 15-
year-old junior high school student, was all decked out
yesterday for St. Patrick's Day.

He dyed his hair green with cake coloring.