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WE CAN TAKE THE INITIATIVE

One of America's handicaps in the cold war with Russia has been that we were always on the defensive, waiting for Russia to act, then trying and not always effectively to counteract it. Our position was like that of a boxer who never strikes a blow of his own, but contents himself with trying to parry his opponent's blows. He can never win no matter how well he performs and one blow can put him out.

Now a combination of Russian weakness in East Germany and indifference to our joint interests by our two principal allies in West Europe appear to make possible a genuine American counter thrust that has almost limitless possibilities for making trouble for Russia and scant danger to ourselves. We refer to a vigorous American leadership in behalf of a united Germany at the forthcoming four power conference.

Why have we not done this before? There were two principal reasons: (1) Fear that a united Germany might gang up with Russia against the west, and (2) Reluctance to offend France, which always has been and always will be against a united Germany.

Fear of Germany choosing Russia against the west cannot continue to exist, now that we have seen the depth and bitterness of East German feeling against Russia. There may be some doubt about a united Germany joining the west. This would depend upon several factors. But Germans will continue to hate the Russians and a strong Germany neutral between east and west would be a powerful buffer against a Russian attack.

Why should the United States sacrifice its opportunity to put Russia on the hot seat by trying to placate France, which has neither strength nor the wish to acquire it? France is a second rate power and so far as anyone can see now is going to continue to be one. Any reason to placate France that may have existed heretofore need not be considered now.

America at the four power conference vigorously championing a united Germany would thrill the Germans, eastern and western, as nothing has since 1945. Russia would be hard put to stand against us and she could do so only at the price of mounting bitterness among the German people, whom she has put forth so much effort to make her satellites.

Whether such an effort would succeed cannot be known in advance of trying, but it would pay rich political dividends even if it failed for the time being. Eventually it is bound to come regardless of what we do, but we can collect some credit by helping bring it about. Nothing would damage Russia's European ambitions more.

OUR GROWING POPULATION

Our population experts calculated that America's population reached 160,000,000 Monday. They had it figured virtually to the minute, which may impress some as being far-fetched.

However that may be, it is evident that we have reached approximately that figure and that we are growing at the rate of two and three quarter millions a year. This means, assuming the growth continues at the same rate, nearly 180,000,000 by 1960 and 200,000,000 within 15 years from now.

One does not have to be too old to recall our 100,000,000 population of World War I days, and even the very young can remember the period of the thirties when the birth rate was on the fritz, and gloomy men deal "experts" were explaining that the U.S. had reached maturity, as would a person, and would grow little more in population or wealth. This notion had widespread acceptance less than 20 years ago, though many have forgotten it in the rush of events since.

Our population surge is the result of World War II. It is nature's response to the ravages of war, her way of rebuilding the losses of conflict. In our own country many more additional babies have been born than the somewhat more than 300,000 who lost their lives in the fighting, and the trend continues with undiminished vigor eight years after that struggle ended. It may not so continue if peace succeeds cold war, but the impetus will subside only gradually if at all in coming years. We are headed to a great population, without immigration, which is now a negligible factor.

This means growing commercial activity. Population growth requires houses, schools, clothes, furniture and a thousand other items. It accounts to a large extent for the continuance of the war boom long after past experience said it would end, and will go far to assure that any recession will stop far short of a depression. Too many facilities must be provided for the millions who are growing up in this country for us to be able to afford the dubious luxury of an extended sitdown.

DISLOYAL WAR PRISONERS

American P.W.s are streaming out of North Korea fighting mad, at the Reds for the brutal treatment accorded them of course, but also toward some of their comrades who seem to have gone over to the enemy and helped to make life miserable for the others.

Prisoners interviewed Tuesday at Panmunjom called the turncoats "progressives" and themselves "reactionaries," mimicking terms applied by their Communist captors to each group, with reverse effect. They threatened reprisals against this group, which one hopes is small, and the government has promised a searching investigation.

It does appear that a scandal is brewing on this subject. Some American prisoners are apparently refusing repatriation. Whether because they are genuine converts to the Russian way of life or because they dare not face their countrymen is not yet known.

All the prisoners were subjected to continuous Red indoctrination efforts, backed by promises to those who yielded and brutal punishment for those who didn't. It is not surprising that some were not strong enough to withstand, for the ordeal was longer and more cruel than that of battle.

Punishment must be tempered, so far as it can to the magnitude of the offense, distinguishing between those who really deserted their country and those who were merely weak. Not all men are of heroic mould, as a harrowing experience such as this is bound to disclose.

NEXT INVASION OBJECTIVE



WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Malenkov Took Bold Risk, Made It Pay, Acheson Says

By DREW PEARSON

Washington — It was kept strictly off the record, but ex-Secretary of State Acheson recently gave democratic senators his private analysis of what is going on inside the Kremlin.

Meeting with the senators privately, he dismissed Premier Malenkov as ambitious but not a "real leader" of Russia. His bold coup against secret police chief Beria has "temporarily" put him in complete control, Acheson said, but the "best mind" in the politburo is the old bolshevik, Foreign Minister Molotov.

Acheson described Beria's "biggest mistake" as creating a deputy "who became ambitious and worked closely with Malenkov." The result was that Malenkov "made medicine" with Beria's deputy and, together, they captured the much-feared secret police chief and threw him into his own prison to face the same trumped-up charges he had brought against others.

"This was a bold stroke on the part of Malenkov," observed Acheson. "He realized he was taking a great chance, for had he failed, it would have been his neck instead of Beria's."

Of the Kremlin survivors, Molotov "is by all means the most capable, and has the best mind," Acheson added.

Malenkov though now in the driver's seat, "is not shifting power from one dictator to another, Acheson pointed out, any loosening of the iron grip is seized upon by restless people as a sign of weakness.

Nothing in the universe makes you feel more self-important than a baby that depends upon you — blindly, gropingly, utterly. You are its slave, and yet you know a higher freedom than the eagle.

POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

Baby Greatest Teacher in The World, Boyle Opines

By HAL BOYLE

New York (AP) — A baby is the greatest teacher in the world. He starts where the big-domed professors and philosophers leave off. Socrates, one of the wisest men in history, used to get his students to think about life by asking them questions.

A baby has Socrates beat all hollow. It simply puts its arm around you and you have the answer to life. And there are no questions or doubts left.

Even the Bible can't teach as well as a baby. The Bible says you find your life by losing it and that it is more blessed to give than to receive. These are great words . . . but they are still only words to many people.

A baby doesn't say such things to you. But the blind trust one of these squirming bundles of helplessness places in you teaches you the Biblical truths more surely than would a thousand sermons. The hand that rocks the cradle doesn't rule the world. It is run by the soft little tyrant in the bassinet, the autocrat in the cradle. My wife and I, after nearly 16 years of childless marriage, recently were given for a time the care and feeding of an infant lady of five weeks.

She is variously known as "Madam X," "Little Jughead," "The Princess," and "The Fountain."

I must say that at first sight she looked like a 100-year-old toothless woman who had been sprinkled with magic powder and shrunk to the size of a shrimp. But in 15 days she has suddenly blossomed into a

thing of beauty and a joy forever. She has everything Helen of Troy or Cleopatra had except hair and teeth.

In those 15 days she has taught me more of the terror and loveliness of living than 42 previous years of war and peace. When I think of the possibility of her leaving us it is like the thought of dying.

My wife, Frances, feels the same way.

"I wouldn't trade four of you for one of this baby's little toes," she said. And we count her toes 10 times a day to be sure none gets lost.

We took her to a pediatrician who looked her over from aft and said, "She's an absolutely perfect baby!" As we were leaving, another couple brought in their infant, and I heard the doctor tell them, "My, my, an absolutely perfect baby!"

That struck me as an odd coincidence. Within 15 minutes the same doctor had been lucky enough to examine probably the only two absolutely perfect babies in America. Must have been a red-letter day for him.

"Madam X" goes through 100 diapers or more in a week. She can dampen three diapers in five minutes and lie there with a look that says, "Wanna bet I can't make it four in a row?"

I have to laugh at parents who say, "You sacrifice a lot when you have a baby." Sacrifice what? No baby owes a grownup a thing for taking care of it. The debt is the other way.

Reclamation Waste in Wyo.

Boise Statesman

A story of "shocking waste in parts of a big reclamation project in central Wyoming is told in a copyrighted series by the Rocky Mountain News of Denver. Besides the government's waste, the work and investment of a group of homesteaders has been poured into a futile attempt to farm land which is not good enough to grow crops.

These homesteaders moved in 1948 onto the Lost Wells extension of the Riverton reclamation project, on land which the reclamation bureau's own experts had said a year earlier was unsuitable for irrigation. They were right. In another section of this project, a system of concrete canals was constructed to bring water to 10,000 acres on a bench before adequate testing of the soil. For three years the reclamation bureau has been trying without success to produce paying crops on an experimental farm on this bench. It still another area \$613,000 was spent for engineering surveys for a huge irrigation system, again before the soil was tested to see if it would grow crops.

There has been typical underestimation of the costs in the development of the project. The Boysen dam on the Horn river was started in 1944 on a cost estimate of \$8,202,000; when completed this year its actual cost was \$34,141,000. Its water has not yet been used for irrigation. The Riverton reclamation project itself was begun in 1917, when costs to be sure were much lower than

now, with a cost estimate of \$8,777,025. It is not yet complete, and a new cost estimate in 1950 was \$29,955,923.

Part of the money has been well spent, for the News reports that where the soil was good, annual crop values have been boosted from a few cents to \$47.02 an acre last year. In addition, 25,000 kilowatts of electric power has been produced. Such good results are tragically overshadowed, however, by the adverse public reaction against the kind of waste which is found right next door to the lush green fields of good Riverton project land.

Reclamation is the life of the Snake river basin, and the Statesman is deeply concerned for the possibility that similar extravagant projects based on inadequate study, or in defiance of unfavorable study reports, might destroy public confidence in future reclamation plans here. Such a project, we believe, is the high Hells Canyon dam, which if built would be a future monument to bad planning. We fear that the Lucky Peak dam may also turn out to be a product of inadequate planning, though we earnestly hope we are wrong.

Reclamation is much more than a local necessity to these areas of the west where good land needs water. It is of vital long-term concern to the nation, for the day will come when vastly increased food production will be needed. Reclamation is too important to be undermined by hasty, ill-conceived projects.

FUNNY WAY TO PAY BET

Porto Alegre, Brazil, (AP)

Judith Wool, 35, was arrested when police found her taking a nude bath in a park fountain in the center of the city. She said she was paying off a bet.

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