



U. S. MUST PLAY VITAL PART IN WORLD AFFAIRS

FOR MORE THAN a century our only continuing and emphatic foreign policy was the Monroe Doctrine. It was a policy that was understood and respected by European nations, but not always so well understood or appreciated by the Latin republics of this hemisphere.

When, on two or three occasions, those outside of this hemisphere attempted to interfere with us we took a hand in outside affairs. Those occasions represented incidents more than a policy. It was not that we were isolationist; we were not interested in affairs outside of our own back yard. We tried mildly to take a hand in the Far East. The open door for China was not an emphatic policy, and we were easily bluffed out.

Conditions have changed. We can no longer have only a hemisphere policy, we must have a world policy. To make our policy, whatever it may be, respected it must be emphatic, consistent and continuous. We can no longer merely sit on the side lines and watch the world game. We must be more than "kibitzers," we must take a hand.

We must have a part in directing the game, in keeping it honest, with the cards on the table, and none of them marked. That part calls for a policy. We can be arbiters, but we cannot be merely appeasers. We must recognize and call a bluff before it becomes a threat.

Our policy is being formulated now. A portion of it was demonstrated at the Potsdam conference. We gave unmistakable evidence that we propose to play a part, in keeping with our place in the world, in the events of the world, and in dictating international policies. In previous conferences in which we participated, much was left to interpretation. Our position had not been definitely stated. That should not be true of the future. Every it should be crossed and every it dotted.

James F. Byrnes, as secretary of state, will have much to do with formulating that emphatic and continuing American foreign policy. He knows the American people and our desires in international affairs. But most important of all his qualifications is that he knows a bluff and will call it before it becomes a threat. Doing that is a long step in the preservation of world peace.

RAILROAD LAWS TIE UP NEEDED MANPOWER

HOW THE "FULL CREW" LAWS that are on the books in a number of states can result in railroad labor "feather bedding" is illustrated by an incident of which I heard recently.

In California the law provides that extra brakemen must be employed on such portions of track where the mountain grades are in any way unusual, or on any curve that is more than ordinary. These laws call for the employment of as many as five to seven brakemen on short sections of track, some of them only a few hundred yards in length. These brakemen, with modern train control, have nothing to do but ride.

A short time ago a train loaded with government war supplies was passing over a division in which a short section called for seven brakemen. The brakemen were called, but did not arrive before the train was ready to leave the division point. The conductor, not knowing they were not aboard, gave the engineer the "go" sign, and the train pulled out. It was not until the conductor was checking in at the end of the division that he realized he had made the run without the legally prescribed number of brakemen.

He had made the railroad liable to severe penalties for not employing men for whom there was not the slightest need. The incident illustrates one of the reasons for labor shortages. Those brakemen are not needed as are the men on the farms, but the brakemen are exempt as being employed in an essential industry.

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THE JOYS AND SORROWS of the farmer were contributed to by more than 75 departments, bureaus, administrations and other units of the federal government. Each of them had some part in telling him what to do and how to do it; in paying him for being good, or punishing him for being bad. He has been looked after, watched over, regulated and regimented by an army of nearly 100,000 employees on the payrolls of the agricultural department alone, none of whom were on the nation's farms.

Wide Call for Hostess Gowns And Housecoats in Gay Prints

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DEPEND upon it, the happy possessor of a charming housecoat fashioned of gay and beguiling everglaze chintz, as illustrated to the left, will find it a source of joy and comfort the whole summer through, and on into mellow autumn days.

Now's the time that the lightweight housecoat gives real service. Ideal it is for betwixt and between season wear, and it will continue to carry on triumphantly way up to when the new crop of luxuriant "keep warm" fashions begin to come in.

Enthusiasm for housecoats and hostess gowns done in gay print jersey, crepe and washable prints has been unprecedented this season. The trend is toward stunning modes such as the dramatic bowknot print hostess gown shown to the right. The material is a shantung in Du Pont rayon yarn. The gown is ultra modern in that it goes 50-50 print with plain. The front bodice, as you will note in the inset, shows a blouse effect made of the plain. You'll love this dress for its candlelight flattery as well as its daytime loveliness.

Housecoats of richly colorful jersey print have high fashion rank for fall. They are serviceable and ever so good-looking. One of their outstanding features is that they are so smartly styled, some with inset belts, others with the new corselet effect. Side-draping is much in evidence, also ruffled shoulder treatments and a dramatic use of jeweled buttons at the waistline. These bright jersey-print lovelies are not only relaxation-perfect but you can meet your guests with perfect poise in one of these fashion-right robes. The outlook for fall and winter at-home fashions is most glamorous.

Early Fall Gingham



You will be seeing more cottons worn this fall than ever. Their high fashion rank is declared in just such stunning and wearable costumes as is this stunning bolero suit. This three-piece charmer in black and white gingham is just the type that makes for perfect midseason wear. For hot September days the brief bolero conceals a black halter blouse that spells comfort. Then too, with the bolero removed, you have a modish little frock that can go dancing informally.

Fabulous things are being done in exciting lounge wear that involves a use of glitter accents, exotic color and picturesque silhouettes, also there is a feeling of far East influence expressed in such items as hand-painted or sequin-trimmed leisure blouses worn with tapered trousers. Gold bangles dangle from belts, arms are laden with bracelets, and midriff effects are seen in wide girdles and sashes.

Contrasting the dramatic and sophisticated styling of luxury-type novelties, the early new collections show wool jersey hostess robes or coats which place the accent on the refinement and elegance of exquisite simplicity. These are very lovely in pastels, as for instance, the side-button model in pink wool jersey that achieves a slim-at-the-waistline silhouette together with a full-skirted hemline. Wool jersey in the darker colors will be a first-in-favor for practical, "comfy" good-looking fall and winter housecoats.

The robe made of horseblanket plaid brings in the American feeling. This type is the sort college girls go for, and their practicality is emphasized in that some of them have a collar attachment cleverly taped so that it may be converted into a hood.

There is quite a wide use being made of durable all-over lace in tints to match the crepe with which it is made up. One lovely model has a peplum jacket blouse of all-over lace which tops a skirt in matched-color crepe. An increasing trend to soft styling is noted all the way through the advance at-home apparel collections.

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Pastures Require Renewal Regularly

Depletion Is Rapid If Fertilizer Missing

Farmers who used to let their pastures "shift for themselves" while they concentrated their time and attention on increasing the yield and quality of field crops, have learned that pasture improvement is now a "must," according to Paul M. Burson of the University of Minnesota.

"Nature did not provide the soil with an inexhaustible supply of plant foods which could be drawn upon indefinitely by pasture crops," Mr. Burson pointed out. "Year after year, nitrogen, phosphorus, potash and lime have been removed from the soil by the animals grazing the pastures and marketed in the form of livestock and livestock products. As a result, many pastures which were once productive have become so depleted in plant food that they are no longer able to support a vigorous growth of pasture crops."

"An average herd of dairy cows producing around 4,000 pounds of milk annually, will remove the equivalent of 26½ tons of 20 per cent ammonium sulphate, 9½ tons of 20



A renewed pasture lot.

per cent superphosphate, 4½ tons of 50 per cent muriate of potash and 3 tons of lime from the soil over a period of 30 years.

"This reduction in fertility represents plant foods sold away from the farm in the milk produced by the dairy cows. It does not include the amount used in building up the body of the animal which is also eventually sold, nor that lost from the manure and the soil in leaching and possible soil erosion. This depletion of plant nutrients results in less vigorous growth of forage, lower carrying capacity, lower feeding value and a shortened grazing season."

"Pastures, whether they are permanent or rotation, should receive the same soil fertility practices as land used for regular production of field crops. The success of such a program depends on proper planning for the pasture fertilizing program. This may include the use of barnyard manure or commercial fertilizer containing nitrogen, phosphorus and potash."

Grain Bag Holder

Four pieces 1 by 2 by 36 inches and eight pieces 1 by 2 by 18 inches are required. Nail the short pieces to the long pieces as shown. Use hooks or nails driven into the top short pieces to hold the bag in the holder.

Can't Judge Milk Cow

By Size of Its Veins

The old notion that a high-producing cow can be judged by the number and size of veins showing on the surface of her udder, and those running along her belly, has been tossed out the window by dairy specialists. They have checked on that notion and found there is no significant relation between the size and number of veins and the cow's milk-producing ability.

By keeping financial and production records, having a sound breeding program, practicing disease control, feeding high quality roughage and by practicing modern management methods, higher milk production can be secured. Ability to produce milk is inherited and the volume can be raised considerably by proper herd improvement methods.

Damp litter is not dirty litter if it is 6 to 8 inches deep. Worry more about your ventilation than about the litter—but both are important.

Sulphur Fed Chicks

Tests conducted at Texas state experiment station showed that chicks fed sulphur for the control of coccidiosis, away from the sunlight require four times as much vitamin D carrier as chicks fed no sulphur.

On the other hand, chicks fed sulphur did well if allowed two hours of direct noon-day sunlight distributed over a week's time. The feeding of sulphur to chicks running in the sunlight did not make it necessary to add vitamins to feed.

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Even Then the Farmer's Wife Was Nameless

Having accumulated a tidy little nest-egg, the old farmer went to a lawyer and said he would like to make a will.

"I'll leave all my money, house and stock to my good wife," he said, "so just you write it out plain for me."

"Certainly," said the lawyer. "What is your wife's name?"

After thinking for some minutes the farmer had to admit he couldn't remember it.

"Well, go to the door and shout upstairs as if you were calling her down," suggested the lawyer.

Hobbling to the door, the farmer opened it and roared up the stairs:

"Missus! Missus! Missus!"

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