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TOP OF THE MORNING

How young he was, how short His time on earth!
A pulse beat through the centuries, a breath
Between the starlit hour of His birth
And that strange darkened hour of His death
—For thirty-three brief years that His feet trod
The earthly roads for us, we thank Thee, God.
—Grace Noll Crowell.

Lower-Cost Houses

The Star is convinced that too much thought is being devoted to new housing in the \$10,000 class and too little to the \$2,500 to \$4,000 bracket.

The percentage of families able to pay \$10,000 for a home is exceedingly small, despite the high wages of war times, in comparison with those capable of financing houses costing less than half that amount.

For example, the GI married during the conflict and again at home, probably to meet an heir for the first time, wants a home of his own but because he has had no chance to accumulate much cash and being too independent to look to his own or his wife's parents for help, has no chance to tackle a down payment, pay taxes, interest and insurance, and support his little family on his present means.

Primarily, he wants financial independence. He can not have it if he must keep his nose to the grindstone indefinitely.

The case of the GI is equally applicable to that of millions of so-called white collar men, who haven't benefited by the great advance in pay enjoyed by industrial workers.

Incidentally four houses costing \$2,500 can be built for \$10,000. Four families, needing homes could be accommodated, instead of one. The housing problem would be solved to that extent.

It's Wilmingtonian

H. L. Mencken writes John H. Farrell, Chamber of Commerce secretary, to learn the proper designation of residents of Wilmington.

Three are mentioned, whether by the Star reporter, Mr. Mencken or Mr. Farrell we are unable to determine — Wilmingtonite, Wilmingtonian and Wilmingtoner.

Grammatically, we believe, all are correct, but two may be stricken out because they are not euphonious.

Wilmingtonite grates on the ear. Wilmingtonian is smooth sounding. Furthermore it has the sanction of long usage.

The First Stone

Let him that is without sin cast the first stone. This might well be addressed to Soviet Russia because of Moscow's complaint of British action in Greece and Java.

Undoubtedly there is reason to feel Great Britain has not acted wisely in Indonesia and Greece. But complaint from the Russians would stand analysis better if the Russians, while still Hitler's partner, had not divided Poland with him, nor later enforced one-way

policies in Hungary and Rumania and the Baltic states, Iran and the Balkans generally.

The substance of the Russian action at London exemplifies the old man's admonition to his young son on the subject of smoking — Do as I say, not as I do.

Dangerous Authority

A little authority, in the case of most men, is a dangerous thing, not in itself but because it creates a lust for power.

Because a few men were given a modicum of authority in the first place they are now determined to be rulers. Regardless of the suffering they cause or the disruption of the nation's economy they are driving the United States to the wall, and will succeed unless they are halted in their tracks.

There is the case of James C. Petrillo, despotic head of the musicians' union. He offers such a clear example of the proposition that, although he is not at the top of the list, his record deserves noting.

When sound pictures came into existence, members of theater orchestras and other professional musicians realized that without putting up a fight for survival they would have to find other employment, for which most of them were unfitted, and that during the search their families would be in actual want. Because Petrillo had some ability as a leader and the then head of the union lacked assertiveness, he was made president, and for a time conducted himself and the affairs of the union in a reasonably business-like manner.

But it was not long before he fell victim to the aforesaid lust of power and steadily, step by step, has not only set himself up as a dictator of the Hitler type but enslaved the members of the union, exercising the right to dominate America's music and hire or fire at will.

In their separate fields, Hillman, Murray, Lewis, Green are as despotic. The little authority given them at the start has led them to seek and seize more and more power until the country, as a result of their activities, is face to face with as grave a crisis as if a foreign enemy were at our doors.

There is still a margin of safety. It is held by Congress. Congress must enact anti-strike legislation at once or sacrifice its margin.

Dodging A Showdown

Although some observers view the situation in Iran as evidence that the Soviet Union is on the brink of aggression, it is obvious that the present session of the Assembly in London is reluctant to force a showdown, despite the Iranian delegation's appeal to the Security Council.

The case is one more example of the Western Allies' unwillingness to stand up to the Russians lest serious trouble result. If this is true, it may be said that they are only postponing the day when, willy-nilly, they will be forced to take a definite stand, and nothing is to be gained, but much may be lost, by delay.

We read that if the present government collapses and former Premier Ghavam el Saltani is restored to power he will seek an impartial solution of the deadlock over northern Iran by admitting the Russians to equal economic privileges with the British — possibly by granting oil concessions.

Recalling that when Russia was in dire straits and it was necessary for the salvation of the Caucasus, American engineers, American troops, American equipment built the roads over which American materiel was transported under American troop guards and delivered to the Russian forces at grips with the Germans, we cannot refrain from wondering why equal privileges should go to Great Britain and the Soviet Union and the United States should be left out.

The United States alone completed improvements in Iran which will have lasting value. It will be hard for American taxpayers to forget that the nation's war costs mounted to \$354,000,000,000, if help like this is to rate strictly as a gift.

There is plenty of room for a prosperous future in non-scheduled flight operations without seriously paralleling or duplicating existing air transport.—William A. Mara, Bendix Aviation Corp.

Fair Enough

By WESTBROOK PEGLER

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—In two recent speeches, J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, has identified communism and the activities of the American communists as a moral and social menace, unusually vehement expressions from him, and an indication that the immunity which the communists enjoyed under the patronage of Franklin D. and Eleanor Roosevelt no longer exists.

During Mr. Roosevelt's presidency, with the exception of that brief time when Stalin and Hitler were allies against Poland, the foul aggressor, the American communists and their fellow-travelers were regarded as victims of error who nevertheless had a right to work for the violent overthrow of the American government by such "constitutional" means as sabotage, permeation of the Washington government, and persecution of employers and rank and file workers through the Labor Relations Board, which they infested and dominated.

At the meeting of the International Association of Chiefs of Police in Miami Beach, Mr. Hoover did recognize the existence of a post-war crime wave which police officials of the waning LaGuardia administration in New York nevertheless denied even in the presence of such an outburst of murderous thuggery that the law-abiding went down to the corner after dark only in peril of death.

The press coverage of the Miami speech generally seems to have neglected, whether from innocent reasons or the design of motivated leftist reporters and desk-men, to give due emphasis to his discussion of the communists. Of them he said: "These panders of diabolic mistrust already are concentrating their efforts to confuse and divide by applying the fascist smear to police departments, the F.B.I. and other American institutions to conceal their own sinister purposes. The goddess, truthless way of life that they would force on America can mean only tyranny and oppression. They are against the liberty which is America. When they raise the cry of unity, remember that there can be no unity with the enemies of our way of life. The fascist-minded tyrant is no different from the American communist corruptionist who uses the tricks of the confidence man until his forces are sufficiently strong to rise with arms in revolt."

Mr. Hoover plainly was referring to the communists of the unions who dominate many large units of the C.I.O. and, in collaboration with reckless and stupid non-communist bosses of A.F. of L. units have actually established, in almost all tests of power, the right to riot and intimidate by chains and clubs American citizens bound on lawful errands at struck premises. He reminded the chiefs of police that "our first line of defense" is the cop on the corner, who, in Stamford, Conn., and Kearny, N. J., in recent weeks flinched in the presence of mobs and refused to uphold the citizens' rights. These, be it remembered, were not strike-breakers, although the citizen does have a right to accept a job that a striker has quit and a right to police protection.

"It behooves us," Mr. Hoover said, "to be on guard for an enemy that brazenly has advocated the corruption of America, that poses behind a dozen fronts, that squirms his way into those great American forces such as the church, the schools and the ranks of labor."

In the other address, on receiving the champion's award of the Catholic youth organization in New York, Mr. Hoover observed that during the war "arrests for prostitution increased 375 per cent, for disorderly conduct 357 per cent and for drunkenness and driving while intoxicated 174 per cent among girls under 18 years."

While he did not at this point charge the communists with blame for these figures, his citations recalled the revelations of Benjamin Gitlow, the predecessor of Earl Browder in command of the communist conspiracy who wrote in his confessions that the debauchery of young girls was a primary purpose of the communist youth movement and a personal delight of the male communist conspirators. By his admission, Hoover's figures would be a comfort and mark an unearned gain for the communist cause.

Recalling that youth has ever been a revolutionary force and Hitler's exploitation of German youth, Hoover said: "In our country we have seen another youth movement arise. It still flourishes. I refer to that high-sounding, idealistic title, 'American Youth for Democracy,' which conceals the evils and corruption of communism. The name is a new one for the 'Young Communist League.'"

This is a true descendant of the very same youth movement to which Mrs. Roosevelt often gave solace and encouragement.

Quietly in those days, the F.B.I. was calling on the Dies Committee for factual information regarding communist activities and Mr. Hoover certainly has a much greater knowledge of this conspiracy and abhorrence for the corruption than he revealed publicly while the organization thrived under White House patronage. His present denunciations speak for themselves and by way of interpretation it is tempting to conclude that under Mr. Truman he is no longer obliged to refrain from attacking these late proteges of the Roosevelt household and government.

QUOTATIONS

The people who definitely do not want to fight any more wars must promise total annihilation to any nation which starts to fight, and must be prepared immediately and ruthlessly to carry out that promise.—Maj.-Gen. G. B. Chisholm, deputy minister of National Health and Welfare of Canada.

Unlike the development of the atomic bomb and other secret weapons, the development of agents of biological (germ) warfare is possible in many countries, large and small, under the guise of legitimate research.—George Merck, director, U. S. experimental germ research.

While the President denounces inflation, he is promoting the greatest peacetime inflation this country has ever seen, first by lavish spending of government money and second by promoting a general increase in wages.—Se. Robert A. Taft of Ohio.

It is not accurate to say that collective bargaining and voluntary arbitration have broken down in the automobile and steel industries. The plain facts are that collective bargaining and voluntary arbitration have never been put into practice in these industries.—William Gren, president, American Federation of Labor

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United States Stresses Air Role For UNO "Police" In Advisor Choice

By ROBERT HEWETT

AP STAFF CORRESPONDENT

LONDON, Jan. 22.—(AP)—The United States favors heavy emphasis on air power in the proposed United Nations "police force," judging by the appointment of top air-minded generals and admirals as U. S. advisors to the UNO Security Council.

Short, sandy-haired Gen. George C. Kenney, General MacArthur's former air chief and head of the Pacific air command, is senior officer on the battle-experienced U. S. military delegation, which soon will open discussion with military leaders of Britain, Russia, France, and China on the size and use of the armed forces which each nation will assign to the peace preservation force.

The role of air power in the international "police force" was expected to be the chief point of discussion at the forthcoming meeting of the Big Five military leaders, with aviation advocates favoring a fast, hard-hitting air force capable of swift and drastic action

against any nation designated by the UNO Security council as an aggressor.

Two other air-minded officers represent the U. S. navy and army ground forces—a naval aviator, Admiral Richmond Kelly Turner, boss of the Pacific fleet amphibious forces; and a former paratrooper, Lt. Gen. Matthew B. Ridgeway, who retired as deputy supreme commander of the Mediterranean area to join the UNO committee.

Military leaders of the Big Five will be summoned formally to meet after the UNO Security council has been organized. At present only the U. S. and British military leaders are in London.

Initial conferences, it was indicated, will deal with the size and type of military forces each nation will contribute. Final organization of the peace preservation force was not expected to be completed before summer.

One of the problems which was expected to be deferred was selection of a commander for the international "police force."

Because joint operations involving so many different nationalities are unprecedented in military history, the U. S. has placed its top military internationalists on the delegation, including Maj. Gen. John Russell Deane, who commanded the U. S. military mission to Russia from 1943 to 1945.

Secretary of the delegation is Navy Captain Denys W. Knoll, who served with the mission to Russia after escaping from Corregidor by submarine 48 hours before the surrender to the Japanese.

Another adviser is Brig. Gen. Charles P. Cabell, former chief of the Army Air Forces Strategy division, who attended the Yalta and Potsdam conferences.

British representatives on the military staff council are Lt. Gen. Sir Edwin L. Morris, former chief of staff in India; Admiral Sir Henry Moore, former commander of the British home fleet; and Air Chief Marshal Sir Guy Garrod, former chief of the RAF in the Mediterranean and Middle East.

Religion Day By Day

By WILLIAM T. ELLIS

HE WAS A LOAN SHARK

When was a boy in the composing room of a Philadelphia newspaper there was one unpopular printer who was ostentatiously pious. He kept a martyr pose, and attributed all his unpopularity to his piety. I learned, however, that he was the shop "Shylock," lending money to the men at usurious rates. They regarded him as a hypocrite.

Peter, in his Epistles, had stern words that fit this and similar cases. We read of eminent public men as profane, drinking, gambling, Sabbath-breaking politicians, and yet making pious professions of religion.

Their words will go down with the public. We want lives that correspond with creeds. The plain man judges his neighbor — and his leaders — by their deeds. As Jesus said, "Not every one that saith to me, 'Lord, Lord,' His test is the doing of the will of the Father."

Prayer Father, make us, we pray Thee, doers of Thy word. Save us from the great sin of cloaking unworthy lives in religious professions, Amen.

\$25,000 Jewel Robbery In Florida Reported

BOCA RATON, Fla., Jan. 22.—(AP)—A \$25,000 jewel robbery at the exclusive, high-priced Boca Raton club was revealed here today.

The jewels were taken from a room occupied by Mrs. Nathan Appleman of New York city, on the afternoon of Jan. 12.

Police at the Florida hamlet, owned by the hotel corporation, said they had "several good clues," but refused to say whether they believed the robbery was an inside job or was connected with a series of similar incidents on Miami Beach, 40 miles to the south.

Jap Repatriation Ship Strikes Mine In Pacific

SHANGHAI, Jan. 22.—(AP)—A Japanese repatriation ship, holds jammed with 4,279 home-bound nationals, struck a mine today 60 miles off the mouth of the Yangtze and was reported sinking rapidly.

The U. S. Navy cargo ship, Brevard, radioed that it was standing by and taking passengers and crew off the stricken 6,000-ton vessel, the Enoshima Maru.

FARM EQUIPMENT DEMAND BEST YET

CHARLOTTE, Jan. 22.—(AP)—Speakers before more than 300 members of the Carolinas' Farm Equipment Dealers association in opening sessions of their annual convention here today pointed to a tremendous backlog of demand for farm equipment and emphasized prospects of a record sales year ahead.

Because of the known backlog of demand for new and replacement farm equipment supplies, convention leaders have selected "The Job Ahead" as the convention theme.

Dr. L. J. Herring of Wilson, president of the association, is presiding over the convention, which will conclude tomorrow.

Annual reports were submitted today by Dr. Herring and Allen A. Chappell of Wilson, secretary-treasurer. Speaking in the opening day's sessions included J. Kay Garner, Greenwood, Miss., and official of the National Farm Equipment association; G. O. Bason, Charlotte, representative of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation's Charlotte agency; and R. U. Fox, Hartsville, S. C., vice-president of the convening organization.

Tomorrow's speakers will include Col. J. W. Harsellon, Raleigh, Chancellor of N. C. State College, and Robert M. Hanes, Winston-Salem, president of the Wachovia Bank and Trust company. Officers for the ensuing year will be elected tomorrow.

COTTON INDUSTRY GIRDS FOR FIGHT

MEMPHIS, Jan. 22.—(AP)—The cotton industry summoned its 15-100,000 dependants, from field to loom, today to an all-out fight for survival in the "synthetic age."

Oscar Johnston, president of the National Cotton Council, told the annual session of the body it would be "the most aggressive offensive attack which has been conducted by a major agricultural group in any nation at any time in history."

He said the million-dollar campaign to combat the growing influx of widely advertised "wonder products" would follow a three-pronged pattern:

- (1) Expanded scientific research.
- (2) Great promotion.
- (3) Lower cost of cotton production on the farm and in the factory.

Johnston asserted that the appearance of synthetics and the promotion of other fibers confronted the seven billion dollar cotton industry with the greatest competition in its history.

"Cotton can defeat any competitor on today's horizon," he added, provided it is given equality with that competitor in scientific support, sales pressure and production efficiency."

Plans to maintain this equality will be laid during the meeting here this week of representatives of all branches of the industry. Producers, ginners, warehousemen, crushers, spinners and merchants are here from throughout the belt to feel the pulse of Dixie's backbone crop and to make measures to keep it pounding.

Health Poster Entries Will Be Judged Saturday

Posters which are being created and drawn by local school children will be judged Saturday Jan. 26.

The contest, which is being held in conjunction with a community health campaign program which starts Feb. 3, is being staged for the purpose of choosing a poster which will be used to publicize the campaign. Members of the committee who

The Doctor Says— ULCER COLITIS HARD TO CURE

BY WILLIAM A. O'BRIEN, M. D.
The patient with chronic ulcerative colitis (inflammation of the large intestine) and his physician must face the situation squarely as a long battle of ups and downs. Chronic ulcerative colitis is not to be confused with colitis caused by dysentery germs, amebae or new conditions.

When chronic ulcerative colitis develops it usually starts between the ages of 15 and 40 in men and women. The disease begins in the rectum and progresses upward, usually stopping at the junction of the large and small intestine. The mucous membranes of the colon become congested, friable and ulcerated, and in advanced cases, the entire lining may be destroyed.

Mild cases persist for years without causing much disability while violent cases progress rapidly to a fatal termination. The moderately severe recurrent form is the most common as the average patient is free of trouble for months or years only to have the difficulty return and then improve.

Symptoms begin insidiously with flatulence, indigestion, colic distress and occasional loose stools. There is usually a regular fever, weight loss, weakness, loss of appetite and anemia. Chronic ulcerative colitis is probably caused by several factors. Some physicians believe that infection with a special germ is the main factor as treatment with vaccines leads to good results in many cases. Most patients with chronic ulcerative colitis have personality problems.

Emotional disturbances can bring on attacks after the disease has been dormant for some time. Children with this disease usually have these difficulties and attention to their mental hygiene has a favorable influence in treatment.

Rest in bed is necessary in the acute stages of the disease and the application of heat to the abdomen is soothing. Diet should be nutritious and non-irritating.

If blood loss is excessive, transfusion is life-saving. Sulfadiazine are of value in certain phases of the disease, but they are not curative.

Patients with chronic ulcerative colitis must cultivate great patience and perseverance in meeting their many problems as the disease may last for years.

The Literary Guidepost

By W. G. ROGERS

THE AIR - CONDITIONED NIGHTMARE

By Henry Miller (New Directions; \$3.50). Miller, after a decade abroad during which his pen has won him a reputation as genius, returns to study his native land, and his conclusions about it and us, and the American scene in general seem to him to be summarized most aptly by the title: "Air-Conditioned Nightmare."

As a prose writer, Miller is not at his best while complaining about our lacks and faults. He is at his best when he cuts loose, to speak, forgetting his moral, and emphasizes his experiences. He can for instance get you mired in words as he was lost along western roads, and you'll enjoy his mis-adventures with an auto.

As to his theme, I approach it with sympathy. A new year is here, it's time to take stock. Miller's eye is keen, he should be helpful. In fact he is.

You'll be glad especially to his unstinted praise of composer Varese, painter Martin, philosopher and philosopher Sorel, though to be sure you've heard them praised before. You'll agree that gadgets aren't all; you'll be hard to deny that they are "stagnant and timid... not happy, not contented, not radiant, not fearless."

But I find too often that Miller exaggerates rather than persuades; he has a good case but muffs it; he'd rather lay about than prove he's angry than take pains to sift arguments and give his right.

It's absurd to call New York the "most horrible place in the world," or "the most hideous" isn't consistent to complain of the door toilets in Chicago but not of the same public inconveniences in Paris; to condemn our slums but not those in Europe; to like the French whore but scorn an American; to grouch about the lack of a conversational art without defining by example what it means; to exorcise Detroit and Pittsburgh yet never say a word against Marseille or Rouen; to like one man in the South, publishing in the North. Miller's publisher is indeed a Pittsburgher, and his firm is in Connecticut.

Though I agree with all the praise of France, I still think he should have used a map of the U. S. for his travels among us, and a map of Paris that he carried with him.

will judge the posters are Gardner Greer, chairman, Miss Jeanne Stup, Miss Emma Lawson and Rupert Bryan.

A prize has been donated by John Fox of the Royal Bakery to be given to the winner.