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RADIO TOKYO CALLING



POTSDAM COMMUNIQUE
 Considering how many technical experts and how many men learned in statecraft had a finger in issuing the communique from Potsdam, it is fairly simple and understandable document, especially for those who have the patience and perseverance to read the lengthy document from end to end.

From the document we learn that "important decisions and agreements were reached. Views were exchanged on a number of other questions and consideration of these matters will be continued by the council of foreign ministers established by the conference."

President Truman, Generalissimo Stalin and Prime Minister Attlee leave this conference which has strengthened the ties between the three governments and extended the scope of their collaboration that their governments and peoples together with the other United Nations, will ensure the creation of a just and enduring peace."

In those few sentences are contained the crux of the conference. Of course the Potsdam communique enlightened the world of many details of administration in occupied territory, particularly Germany, which is to feel the harsh hand as a result of losing the war. But we do not believe the terms are unreasonable and it was made clear that the people of this once powerful nation will be given opportunity to get into respectable international society, once they prove themselves qualified. As for that matter the spirit of democracy showed its influence in many instances as the lines are read.

We like particularly the clause dealing with Spain which denies to the Francisco Franco government membership to the United Nations because of its support of the Axis powers. This is another blow dealt fascism which will not be found unwelcome among lovers of freedom.

For those who would have preferred to have digested action at Potsdam piecemeal, or as the decisions were made from day to day, who do not now think they have time to peruse the whole communique, we recommend the indorsement given the document by Senator Clyde R. Hoey, who said it was another milestone in the adjustment of problems of war and peace.

We may not know the principals at the Potsdam conference, we may not quite understand their language but we do know Mr. Hoey. International friendship and world peace have no more distinguished advocate than our North Carolina senator.

If he declares the results of Potsdam are good, then we can really bank on them.

CHANGING COUNTY HOMES

In all of the planning of Dr. Ellen Winston, state commissioner of public welfare, for her liberalized program in North Carolina nothing is more heartening to us than her project for reconversion of the county homes.

She points out that the last legislature passed a law giving the welfare agency authority to license boarding homes to care for the aged and her department is now ready to begin inspection on some of these homes. She says the idea is to make county homes into specialized types of institutions to serve primarily as waiting places until a sufficient number of boarding homes can be provided. The number of licensed boarding homes for children is being increased steadily.

Thus it is, the "poorhouse," as the county home used to be known, is in its last death struggle, if the purpose of Dr. Winston and the legislature is carried to its final conclusion as it should be.

Aged and poor folks, even if they do have to accept public charity were never meant to live in large groups. They love the blessings of a real home just the same as anybody else. The boarding home which the state is proposing to provide for them may not be all they had dreamed of but at least it will be better than one of great size and some ornamentation which often substitutes a magnificent portico for love within.

FOOLISH LEARNING?

The North Carolina Board of education which has a habit of sending out questionnaires of its own was put on the other end of a quiz program at a recent meeting when it received some inquiries from a schoolboy. The boy we presume had been exposed to some of the machinery provided by the board.

The letter follows in part:

"Please tell me why we have to study Shakspear and learn grammar. When I get on my own, I am not going to see how many nouns or verbs are in a sentence that I make.

"What good is biology? I don't care what makes an animal tick. It is nothing but a waste of time, and time is important these days. So, think it over and talk it over with the rest of the board."

Our judgment is that the board should not try to answer the lad's questions because neither an authority on Shakspeare nor one on biology could convince him against his will. But we do suggest that some steps be taken to keep the boy in school until he really makes up his mind, one way or the other, on whether grammar and other learning are foolish.

A Daily Prayer In War Time

FOR REVERENT MINDS

"O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; give unto Thy servants that peace, which the world cannot give; both that our hearts may be set to obey Thy commandments, and also that by Thee, we being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour." So fix our minds upon Thee and Thy Father care that we may be delivered from enslavement to temporal things; knowing that our citizenship is in heaven. Amidst war's engrossments, may we yet live a serene life of the spirit, failing in no duty, but with a mind staved upon the eternal verities. Flood our souls with an ever-renewed consciousness of the greatness and goodness of God; so that, come bad news or good; our hearts may remain fixed upon Thee. Amen.

WHAT OTHER PAPERS SAY

GOVERNOR "NEGOTIATING" (Hickory Record)

The rumor persists and The Record hopes it is well founded that Lieutenant Colonel H. J. (Doggy) Hatcher has been offered the job as head of the consolidated State Highway patrol and Highway Safety division, as was commented on recently in these columns.

Now comes the Raleigh News and Observer with the further information that Capitol Hill observers believe that Governor Cherry is negotiating with army officials in Washington in an effort to secure the release of Col. Hatcher for the important North Carolina assignment.

Col. Hatcher, a former state senator from Burke county, is at home on a short leave, after serving almost five years in the army. He spent considerable time in the European theatre of operations, and while overseas was head of the military police of the Ninth army. Throughout the state, all comment is apparently in agreement that he is a logical choice for the rumored appointment.

Employment Census, Survey Completed

RALEIGH, Aug. 4. —(AP)— The State Department of Labor has completed its first state-wide employment census since 1939 and has published results of the survey, together with a list of all manufacturing plants, in the form of a directory.

Labor Commissioner Forrest Shuford said facts contained in the directory were based on questionnaires returned by heads of manufacturing establishments. A charge of \$1 per copy is being made by the department to cover printing costs.

WILMINGTON BUDGET

WILMINGTON, —(AP)— A municipal budget calling for expenditure of \$1,600,000 in the 1945-1946 fiscal year has been approved by the city board of commissioners. The tax rate was left at \$1.35.

The Royal Canadian Air Force was founded in 1924.

The Everyday Counselor

By DR. HERBERT SPAUGH

How much does the Christian Church mean to you? Do you support it by your attendance and by your money, or when Sunday comes are you busy about "more important" things—resting, vacationing, recreation, house work, visiting?

The Christian religion apparently means nothing to over half of the population of this country, who are perfectly willing to selfishly enjoy the benefits of a Christian civilization. By far the majority of these who live in the United States give only casual attention to the Christian Church. Yet that is the one organization which stands between you and paganism.

Col. David L. Hardee has just returned to his home in Durham, N. C., after being a prisoner of the Japanese for three years following his capture at the fall of Bataan on April 9, 1942. He is one of the surviving members of that gallant band of Americans who stood out against heathen invaders, with no help from home, because Americans had been "too busy" about their own selfish interests to see the mounting spectre of invasion.

Col. Hardee was a member of that famous Bataan "Death March," "where he saw people clubbed, bayoneted and shot to death because of their physical condition . . ."

According to an interview in the Winston-Salem (N. C.) Sentinel. "We believe, because we have been taught it, that when Sherman with his parched earth policy went marching through Georgia to the sea, that that was hell," he said. "But just wait until you see an invasion by the heathen. And God forbid that you should ever see one in America. It was better to die a thousand deaths in Bataan than to have that yellow vermin come crawling through this fair country. They rape, ravish, loot, and desecrate everything and even pollute the good earth on which they stand."

There are only two ways to prevent this happening to our country. One of these is as we are doing now, by force of arms at the expense of the life blood of our boys. The other is to convert these pagans to Christianity. It can be done, has been done with other nations equally barbarous. Read your history.

Fifty years ago we were asked to evangelize Japan when the door was open, but we weren't interested. Mark this down—when this war is over we had better be interested in removing hate out of the world, and there is no better way, than to supplement it with Christian love. We received the same warning after World War I. We pulled in our shell and let the rest of the world go by. If we do that again our children, and perhaps we, will face another war which will destroy civilization as we know it, and wipe out the cities of the United States just as we have seen them destroyed in Germany.

Think about that the next time you pass up the church, or by your

Literary Guidepost

By W. G. ROGERS

BATTLE BELOW: THE WAR OF THE SUBMARINES, by Robert J. Casey (Bobbs-Merrill; \$3.50); THIS IS WHERE I CAME IN, by Robert J. Casey (Bobbs-Merrill; \$3).

A man who travels around as much as Casey, of the Chicago Daily News, might be expected to have difficulty finding time to write even one book, and yet here are two, totalling about 700 pages, ready on the same day.

Filled with an uncommon variety of incidents, they're not bad books, either. War in the air, on land and on and under water is their subject.

The story about submarines was ready to go to press about two years ago, but Navy censors, more timid than Navy sub crews, delayed publication.

Even now the enemy won't learn much beyond what he already knew: that we have submarines manned by brave crews. Though it all makes exciting reading, it tells very little about place, except to name the Pacific; very little about time, except to say it happened since December, 1941; and very little about specific craft, except to mention the Squalus, already identified by President Roosevelt as the rechristened Sealfish, and the Seahorse and one or two others.

But as a general survey of this branch of the service, sketching submarine history, construction, the training of crews and the breath-taking ordeal of actual combat, the book is new and offers thrills. Casey interviewed a lot of people to get his facts, made some trips underwater. He can write with a light touch, as when he describes the plumbing problem, and with dramatic effectiveness as when he recounts the innumerable narrow escapes of officers and men. Depth bombs are breaking crockery and cracking paint and straining the seams of our subs for half the book.

The second volume has to do with the European theatre of operations. Casey visits London under buzz bombs, goes ashore in Normandy for the invasion, stays for the murderous hedgerow battles, follows the triumphant American armies across France. Gens. Rose and Bradley win Casey's warm admiration, but he writes mostly about humbler folks; the material is excellent though it could be a little more organized.

Mrs. Nancy Green Is Buried Today

KINGS MOUNTAIN. — Mr. Nancy Green, 78, husband of J. F. Green of this community passed away early yesterday morning at about 9:30 o'clock at her home here.

Mrs. Green is survived by her husband, J. F. Green of this community and two sons and a grandson. Funeral services will be held at the Mount Harmony church near Rutherfordton at 4 p. m. this afternoon and interment will follow in the Mount Harmony cemetery.

speech and actions give the lie to the Christian ancestry of this nation.

Merry-Go-Round

Hot Fight In WPB Over Steel

By DREW PEARSON
 (Lt. Col. Robert S. Allen Now On Active Service with the Army)

WASHINGTON. — G. I.'s in the American Army of Occupation for Germany will not be able to bring their wives to Europe, despite the fact that some of them have been separated from their families for two and three years.

President Truman made this very clear in his recent interview with the Stars and Stripes, and, because of tight transportation, thus ruling seems logical.

But apparently the rule won't apply to generals. Almost simultaneously with Truman's statement, it became known that the wife of Gen. Robert A. McClure, head of the Army's Psychological Warfare Division, was able to go to Europe.

Furthermore, General McClure's wife was transported across the Atlantic at the taxpayers' expense—as a clerk for the Office of War Information.

General McClure works in close and intimate cooperation with OWI. An official cable hiring Mrs. McClure as an OWI clerk follows: "Effective commencing July 15, Marjory McClure will be paid \$75 every 28 days at post. Balance of her base pay of \$200 plus overtime minus usual deductions will be paid power of attorney Unistates. Annual living allowance effective on arrival, \$1980."

Accordingly, Mrs. McClure departed for Europe on July 14.

This neat little scheme for Generals to get what G. I.'s can't was set in motion at the very same time OWI was laying off clerks and other personnel, due to a drastic cut in funds by Congress. So, while some clerks are fired, Generals' wives are hired.

NOTE—OWI officials state that Mrs. McClure will serve as a receptionist in Paris; that she has ability in meeting people; and that they have long needed someone in Paris who could act in this capacity.

NO DUKE CHURCHILL

When Winston Churchill turned down a knighthood this week, his son Randolph Churchill probably heaved a big sigh of relief.

For it meant that his father, in turning down this lesser honor, probably would not accept a dukedom or any other high reward.

Should the elder Churchill accept a peerage, he would move into the House of Lords, which would mean that his son, Randolph, upon his father's death, automatically would become a lord, thereby forfeiting the chance of a fighting political career as a commoner.

To inherit a title is the last thing young Churchill wants. His future career lies in the House of Commons, like his father.

Knowing his son's ambition, the Prime Minister used to hold a Sword of Damocles over Randolph's head. When the mercurial Randolph got out of hand, his father half-jokingly would warn:

"Tut, tut. Be careful or I'll take a peerage."

BATTLE OVER STEEL

One of the hottest fights in the whole hot history of the War Production Board has been raging backstage regarding the future allocation of steel to industry.

It is a fight affecting almost every business in the country—large and small—and if the big industry boys get their way, civilian manufacturers will get less material even than during the third quarter of this year, when we were still fighting a two-front war.

The fight is over how sheet steel shall be allocated.

Basically, this boils down to whether the big automobile companies will get it all, or whether other manufacturers will be given at least a little.

It is exactly the same fight, in reverse, which occurred before Pearl Harbor. At that time, the automobile industry was using up most of the sheet steel that production boys held up until their output could be curtailed, and the auto boys pulled all sorts of wires to keep on producing cars.

Now, the same wires are being pulled to let steel be completely free, and not allocated to anyone. This is just another way of saying that the automobile companies will get it all, because they are the biggest pocketbook buyers of steel and the steel companies naturally like to please their best customers.

BIG BUSINESS WPB

Today, the War Production Board under Chairman "Cap" Krug, is more big-business-controlled than ever, so the automobile boys may get their way.

Their fight inside WPB is being led by Vice-Chairman Harold Boes, a Pennsylvania boy whose glass company sells headlights to auto manufacturers. He and other WPB moguls argue that the present "Controlled Materials Plan" should be "open-ended." In other words, after a steel mill has completed its "must" Government orders, it can sell whatever steel is left over to anyone it wishes.

Hitherto, farm machinery, hardware, the railroads and various war-supporting industries got definite steel allocations from the Government. They were always assured some steel. Under the new proposal, however, they would have to scramble for it in competition with the automobile companies.

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Behind The FRONT PAGE

By HOLT McPHERSON
 Managing Editor

WHEN OUR JUNIOR LEGION STATE CHAMPIONS GO TO Sumter August 14 for regional play most Shelbians will find it impossible to make the 150-mile trip there to see the play so we are undertaking arrangements to get a play-by-play broadcast for the homefolks.

Sumter's radio station, through Manager T. D. Youngblood, is willing to furnish the service on the games in which Shelby play, but the cost will be approximately \$50 per game. Paul Kennedy, who handles the microphone at the park so amiably, will set up his amplifying equipment to receive the broadcasts for the crowd which would assemble at the Star Office.

It would be, of course, a far more satisfactory arrangement than the innings report. Thus far, The Star has borne all the expense of bringing reports from the games, but so many people have expressed a desire to help with it that we've worked out an arrangement by which we'll invite fifty individuals to underwrite \$1 a game to cover the cost—and the Star will take the first five of these 50 sponsorships. The list will be made known as soon as made up—call 1100 and tell us if you want to be included as one of the underwriters at \$1 per game, hoping our boys will win 'em all and march right through the Regionals and to Charlotte's Little World Series.

SHELBY'S LEGION BASEBALL CLUB THAT BROUGHT HOME A second state championship is a team reflecting credit upon its community because of its spirit of teamwork. A Laurinburg waitress said she had never served a finer group of boys—and that's an honor to be worn right along the title.

The secret of the team's success lies in its co-ordination. The whole team is composed of splendid players who know and handle their own positions well; it's the whole team that shines rather than some outstanding star.

DR. YATES HAMRICK HOLDS A FURLOUGH TICKET

from Gaffney to Camp Shelby, Miss., which he'll gladly give to some service man who can use it.

TILDEN FALLS IS MAKING A SURVEY OF CRIPPLED CHILDREN

in the community for his civic club which proposes to undertake a program of assistance. He'd be pleased to hear from anyone who can tell him of worthy crippled youngsters who could use such assistance. I like the Shrine's slogan: "No man stands so straight as when he stops to help a crippled child."

THIS STATE STANDS TO LOSE ANOTHER OF ITS

eminent theologians if Dr. G. Ray Jordan, who is remembered for his powerful message here last year, accepts the call of Emory University's Candler Schools of Theology to conduct its classes in the training of preachers to preach. Dr. Jordan is one of the leading figures of Methodism, a gifted writer and minister who has distinguished himself in leading pastorates of this state. It will not be surprising if he accepts the call to Atlanta because of the added opportunity for lecture work and writing in which his pulpit would be projected before even more extensive audiences.

RECENTLY LIFE MAGAZINE RAN A GROUP OF PICTURES

listing 50 of the nation's greatest minds at the University of Chicago—there'll be a 51st there soon in whom Shelbians will take particular pride!

THE STAR'S STAFF, TOGETHER WITH FAMILIES AND

the distributive force, goes to Ollie Moore's for a big fish fry and outing tonight. If we don't eat too much we'll be seeing you here again Monday.

DR. JAMES F. O'NEILL'S BRILLIANT DISCUSSION OF THE

organization of a community hospital here yesterday should prove helpful to those charged with the responsibility of developing this county's hospitalization program. It is something that can be read with profit by all who have any part in that project which, if carried through successfully along lines Dr. O'Neill recommends, should be distinguishing as well as serviceful for this county.

If, as Dr. O'Neill stated and there is no cause to doubt, the level of medical care of a community is established by its hospitals rather than by individual practitioners then the soundest thought needs be given to developing as high standards and equipment as possible—it's obvious he said that "brick and mortar do not a hospital make, but rather good services for the patient's sake."

Mary Haworth's Counsel

MARY HAWORTH'S MAIL—

WIFE, 20 years younger than husband, is vexed by other women's attentions to him; One, past 50, coos and kisses.

DEAR MARY HAWORTH: My husband and I have been married for almost seven years. Before we were married, a woman of his own age was madly in love with him. He is 55. He took her out a few times but so far as I know cared nothing for her. But now whenever we meet her, even after months or years, she insists on kissing and mauling my husband, sitting on his lap, etc.

Last Saturday night we were celebrating my birthday when up comes this woman to kiss my husband and tell him how "wonderful" he was looking. I was having a fine time until this annoyed me. However, I held my temper, because if I were to say anything I would be called jealous. Yet heaven knows I have no need to be jealous of her. I am at least 20 years younger, 20 pounds lighter and much better looking.

WOMEN EYE HIM

IN RESTAURANTS

My husband amiably tolerates her, which makes me sore. He says he just doesn't know what to do, that he is bewildered by her. Incidentally, he is a very sweet person. Apparently she has the mentality of a child, but she manages to earn her own living, so I sometimes wonder if her babyish ways are not because she has relatives whom I like and visit occasionally.

Another question: What to do when someone, a girl or woman keeps staring at your husband until you can't eat your dinner in a restaurant? Would it be proper for the wife to go over and ask that person if she thinks the "new" husband's mate for his age, but even so, even I have seen men more attractive than he, and these other women must have, too. He doesn't seem to be interested in her. It is estimated only about 1,000,000 tons of sheet steel will be left over. If WPB moguls have their way, however, the scramble will begin in the fourth quarter of this year.

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clares he loves me; but he says there is no "other woman." I will appreciate advice. D. H.

WATER SEEKS ITS OWN LEVEL

DEAR D. H.: Water seeks its own level. Birds of a feather flock together. And amongst human beings, there is the call of kind to kind. In any gathering if there are present men and women of like breed, they know it by instinct after trading glances, without need of further sign or word to guide them.

Thus your husband is far from being an innocent victim of the mauling and ogling to which you object. Such attentions are neither unwelcome nor bewildering to him. Back and forth between him and the female aggressor flows perfect reciprocal understanding that he is an appreciative, even though passive, recipient of these admiring monkeyshines.

Also, your nature is attuned to his and kin to theirs, as proved by your essential satisfaction with your husband and erstwhile willingness to by-pass, for expediency's sake, this low-bred play that you can take in through your pores, so to speak, without turning your head to look.

PROBLEM CALLS FOR MIRACLE

Which means that to root out this annoyance of which you complain, and yet keep natural rapport with your husband, it would be necessary to perform the magic feat of changing you and him into two entirely different persons—he into a knightly spouse whose instinct would reject, and whose bearing would prohibit, any such crass familiarities; and you into a woman of comparatively pure and lofty spirit, to qualify as his affinity.

But taking yourselves just as you are, an earthly pair substantially content with the marriage you've made, undoubtedly the sensible course—for you—is to don an armor of case-hardened, fearless indifference to these filirations maneuvers which your husband consciously attracts but, fortunately, does not pursue. M. H.

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