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## THOUGHTS ON RUSSIA

### The London Conference

We must not let ourselves be discouraged by the failure of the conference of foreign ministers in London. The stakes are too gigantic to allow of discouragement. Our very survival demands peace and order in a decent world, and somehow we must, and will, achieve them. We must take this initial failure in our stride, searching out the causes of it and trying to discover their remedy. And remembering always, as Secretary Byrnes has emphasized, that this conference was purely preparatory and was not intended to be in any way decisive.

At first sight it would seem as if Russia were solely to blame. At this writing, the United States and Britain have been accused of lack of preparation, and an amateurish lack of knowledge, sins of omission only, serious though they admittedly are. But it is the figure of Molotov, sitting square and stubborn behind his impenetrable Russian language, that has dominated the conference from its inauspicious start to its disastrous end.

To attempt to investigate the motives behind Russia's actions is a large order. Yet the attempt must be made, even though it start and end with guess-work.

There seem to be two possible reasons for her present actions: greed or fear. Either Russia is greedy, that is, as some maintain, imperialistic, trying, in a swing back to the old policies of the czars, to grab all she can in her desire for power, or else she is afraid and is trying to make herself safe. Those who fear Russia and hate her, believe the first. Those who do not hate her and who have faith in her potential greatness, must regretfully come to the second conclusion.

### Why Russia Fears

Few Americans, we believe, realize to what extent Russia is suspicious of the United States and how much cause we have given her to be so. To mention only a few points: our papers are full of articles and cartoons depicting her as a menace to civilization; our armed services have been riddled with anti-Russian propaganda; our Dies Committee, as well as individuals in the government, have gone on periodic red-baiting sprees, our "seditionists," all violently anti-Russian, whose conviction failed miserably to come off, boasted of their connections with various members of the Congress.

Our too infrequent contacts with Russians have been unfortunate: at the San Francisco conference the Russian delegates were followed by crowds who gazed at them as if they had been trained bears; the press was merciless in its criticism. Especially were the Russians condemned for insisting on a large body-guard; yet in view of the hostility toward them in this country, what could have been more natural to a people not unaccustomed to political assassination and visiting a country where, incidentally, that crime is not as infrequent as we like to think.

That much of the American attitude toward Russia is the Russians' fault makes little difference. The attitude is there and it is now too late to argue that it arose because of the tactics of the American communists, or even because of Russian unwillingness to let American journalists into the country. As to that, the Russians could with justice point out that when we do sneak a writer in, he comes out with a distorted prejudiced story like the White book. This outpouring of petty criticism of dirty factories, shabby clothes, inferior stores, this harping on dullness, drabness, stupidity has probably had as bad an effect on our relations with Russia as anything that has happened. It was the sort of criticism that, to a people just emerging from a terrible war to take up again their painful struggle to live, was profoundly wounding. And it swept our country. The Russians know that; and, there-

fore, they think they know what Americans think of them.

These things were personal; from a political standpoint there are plenty of others to confuse the issue. There is our continued support of Franco; there is Stettinius' railroading of fascist Argentina, over Russia's protest and that of many other nations, into the United Nations. And, recently, Russia may well ask: why do we have a fit when they demand sole interest in the Balkans while acquiescing in the British claim to the same thing in the Mediterranean: why do we carp at Russia's annexation of the Kuriles while ourselves planning to take over half a dozen bases thousands of miles from our shores.

It is axiomatic that the pot and the kettle are never the same shade in politics, international as well as domestic, but we must remember, in assessing the outcome of this conference, that all these seemingly secondary things have influenced the actions of the nations involved and that the pot, as well as the kettle, shares the blame.

This preparatory conference was a failure; it was deeply disappointing and disturbing. But it was in no way final. If it has shown up more clearly the differences which must be resolved it will have accomplished much good. For before we can have unity, we must have complete understanding. That we have not got it is obvious, but never so obvious as now. We are therefore ready, as perhaps we were not before, to start to find out what the trouble really is that separates us from Russia and, that being done, to do something toward removing it.

## This and That

The Broad Street Pharmacy, one of the oldest established institutions of Southern Pines, celebrates its 41st birthday as a pharmacy, and its 19th in its present location. The Pilot extends its congratulations to the proprietors, Joe Montesanti, Vance McMillan and Leon T. Tarlton.

The opening of the gunning season last week found many sportsmen eagerly seeking traces of the many deer that have been reported ranging the territory adjacent to Fort Bragg. Three Southern Pines gunners were successful. George Colton and Archie Ferguson each brought down a buck on the Hoyt Shaw place Monday, and Al Howlett an 8-point buck on the old McNeill place Tuesday.

Cold last week? It was down to 43 degrees Thursday morning, the 4th. But during the past twenty years the first week of October has registered lows ten times—38 degrees in 1930—and highs ten times.

News Flash: Charlie Patch buying straw hats for next summer. Men and women donning overcoats for the first time this fall. No diminution in the number of stockingless legs.

Sign of Fall: E. C. Eddy, photographer, is back in town after a summer's vacation and has opened his studio on Pennsylvania Avenue.

For the most commendable, well-balanced selection of candidates for directors of the newly reorganized Chamber of Commerce, the nominating committee, J. T. Overton, Charles S. Patch and John Ruggles, deserve more than a passing mention. And the members of the Board are to be congratulated.

## Conservation

by C. A. McKinney  
Soil Conservation Service

W. C. Barrett of Carthage and W. Lee Patterson of Roseland are among those conservation farmers who recently had terrace lines run on their farms as a part of their conservation farm plan.

J. D. McInnis of the Harris Cross Roads community recently had a conservation farm plan made for his farm by the district. He has several acres of Sericea lpedeza which he uses for hay and grazing and says, "My stock likes sericea fine, and it seems to keep them in good condition."

J. W. Hennings and son K. W. Hennings, conservation farmers of the Clay Road Farm community, did some good terrace outlet repair work on their farm recently. The terrace outlet had cut deep channels in the road bank where there was a sudden drop. They sloped the outlet channels and used some old brick and cement and paved a channel to the road ditch.

Colin G. Spencer of Carthage, conservation farmer and lumberman, is following good forestry practices on many of the farms on the Goodwin tract of which he is manager. On the latter tract he

is practicing intensive forest management, such as selective cutting, tree planting and fire protection. On several of his own farms he has planted rundown land in young trees, and, after the trees have become established, he turns cattle into the plantations to graze down the grass. There seems to be very little damage done to the young trees since the grazing is systematically controlled. Loblolly Pines, planted five years ago on old rundown fields, are now about eight feet high.

## The Ration Front

### Ration Calendar

Meats and fats (red stamps): A1-E1, expires October 31; F1-K1, expires November 30; L1-Q1, expires December 31; and R1-V1, expires January 31.

Sugar: Stamp 38 valid, expiring December 31.

Shoes: Airplane 1, 2, 3, and 4, now valid.

### Bargain Raincoats

Around 500,000 new navy raincoats have been declared surplus and will soon be available to the public at a ceiling price of \$15. Some 35,000 surplus navy peacoats, set at \$22.50, are expected to be on the market at about the same time.

### Shoes For Dischargees

Discharged servicemen may obtain shoe ration stamps from any ration board in the United States rather than having to wait until their return home. This change liberalizes the shoe ration regulations as a special service to veterans who may not return home immediately after discharge but who are getting back into civilian clothes.

### Fat Shortage Critical

Retail meat dealers are paying four red points for each pound of used kitchen fats in the hopes of prompting housewives to save every pound of waste fat. Formerly fats were needed to make explosives, but the critical need now is in making soap and other household needs.

### Point-Free

Lower grades beef, utility cuts of veal, lamb, sausage and other products of these meats are point-free until October 27. Hamburger, lamb patties, short ribs, brisket and flank meat are included on the point-free list.

### More Rubber Footwear

Eighty-five items of rubber footwear not made during the war have been provided with dollar-and-cent ceiling prices. The new ceilings range from 95 cents a pair for children's unlined rubbers to \$18.80 a pair for men's waterproof jeans.

### Still on Short List

Although the war is over, there are a number of products which will continue scarce for some time to come . . . mayonnaise, for instance. Since edible fats and oils are apt to be among the last items removed from the ration list, the scarcity of certain brands of mayonnaise will continue until manufacturers are able to increase oil production.

## ABERDEEN

### Mrs. Doub Is Hostess

Mrs. H. W. Doub entertained her bridge club and several guests at her home on Friday afternoon. Those making up the three tables were Mesdames E. T. McKeithen, Medlin, Courtney, Harrington, Worsley, Martin, Norfleet Pleasants, W. H. Blue, Keith, Dan Farrell and J. W. Bowman. Mrs. McKeithen, Mrs. Pleasants and Mrs. Blue received prizes.

Mrs. Doub served a delicious course of refreshments at the close of the game.

### Music Club Entertained

The Aberdeen Music Club was delightfully entertained on Wednesday afternoon when Mrs. Ralph Caldwell was hostess at her home. The president, Miss Edna Maurer, presided and two new members, Misses Betty Norman and Rosalie Daniel, were welcomed into the club. Following the business meeting, a choral practice, under the direction of Mrs. Harrison, was held.

Mrs. Caldwell served a delicious ice course.

### Bridge Party

Mrs. Dan Haven entertained at bridge Wednesday afternoon with two tables set up for play. Mrs. J. K. Melvin, Jr., was awarded high score prize, and Mrs. J. B. Edwards received prize for second high.

Those playing were Mesdames Melvin, Edwards, Worsley, Keith, Ralph Leach, Norfleet Pleasants, J. W. Bowman, and Robert Farrell.

Mrs. J. V. Ferree and Mrs. R. S. Gwyn came in for refreshments.

Millions of homeless and destitute persons in Europe need food . . . we who are well fed cannot let them starve. The United War Fund Drive is our opportunity to help.

## PINEHURST NEWS

### Go To Florida

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Nicolls of Arlington, Mass., who have spent many winters in Pinehurst, will spend the season at Palm Beach, Fla., where Mr. Nicolls will be golf instructor at the Palm Beach Club.

Mr. Nicolls has been golf pro at the Pinehurst Country Club in the winters and at the Belmont Country Club, Boston, Mass., in the summers. Mrs. Nicolls has been active in Girl Scout work in Pinehurst, and the couple have made a number of friends in this section.

### Attend PTA Meet

Mrs. H. A. Campbell, Mrs. J. Frank McCaskill, and Mrs. Thomas L. Black attended the Fifth District PTA conference in Hamlet Saturday. Mrs. Eldon Adams of Carthage, state membership chairman, was formerly chairman of the Fifth District. Around 85 delegates were present.

### Rally Day

The Community Church Sunday School will observe Rally Day Sunday.

### Personals

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Creath and little Patty have returned from a trip in Maryland. Miss Louise Shaw has returned from a several weeks' visit with friends in Chicago, Ill. Maj. and Mrs. D. W. Rachel and son, Danny, are on a visit with relatives in Louisiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Elisha Tuttle were guests of the Rev. and Mrs. Roscoe Prince last week. Mr. Tuttle, who has been in the service, has received his discharge and returned to New York.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. B. Riley who spent the summer in New Hampshire have returned to Pinehurst.

Mrs. James W. Tufts and son, Robert, have returned from a few weeks' visit in New York State.

Mrs. Hulon Cole is visiting her daughter and family in Winterville and her father in Waynesville.

Mrs. Norman Calcutt and sons and Mrs. A. M. Oglesby are visiting Mrs. P. C. Wingo and family in Roanoke, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. True P. Cheney had as their weekend guests Mr. and Mrs. Robert K. Footman of Lillington. Mr. and Mrs. Footman were Sunday luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herman A. Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hensley have returned from Virginia where they were guests of Mr. Hensley's brother and other relatives.

Mrs. Charles B. Fields and daughter, Louise, and Mrs. Howard Macon are expected home this week after spending the summer in Wyoming.

Miss Nita Mosteller of Morganton was a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. George Wallace at their cottage on Midland road.

Among those attending the Duke-Navy game Saturday at Durham were Robert Harlow, True Cheney, Karl Andrews, and Eric Nelson.

Mrs. Edith Quale, who was manager of Esecola Lodge, Linville, during the summer months, has arrived and is making preparations for the opening of the Pine Crest Inn about October 20. Mrs. Edward G. Fitzgerald has returned to the Magnolia after the summer at Sugar Hill, N. H., where she managed Lookoff House.

Mrs. Thomas McKenzie had as her guest last week Mrs. Ethel McClarence of Saxtons River, Vt. Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Forman have returned to New York after visiting Mrs. Forman's father, George T. Dunlap, and Mrs. Dunlap.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Appleton Warren have returned to their winter home, The Casements.

Mrs. F. R. Razook and daughter, Renee, have returned to Pinehurst. Miss Jacqueline Razook is attending the Cathedral School in Washington, D. C. Mr. Razook is in New York buying merchandise for his Gown Shop.

Mrs. Cora G. Hopkins returned last week from Roxboro to resume her work in the Western Union office, Carolina Hotel.

Miss Mary MacLong is again in Pinehurst for the season. Miss MacLong visited friends and relatives in Canada during the summer months.

The Cottage School has opened for kindergarten and first grade children. Mrs. Robert Barrett is teacher, and the school is being held in the Little Community Club.

Miss Fannie Gray was hostess for the October meeting of the Circle of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Community Church. Mrs. J. F. Taylor and Mrs. Eric Nelson will be hostesses in November at the Taylor home. Mrs. Thomas McKenzie will conduct the program.

Mrs. W. R. Viall, Sr., honored Mrs. W. R. Viall, Jr., at a luncheon Saturday.

Miss Frances Campbell was the weekend guest of Miss Jane Cole in Sanford.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd M. Tate and daughter, Mary Anne, will return about the 15th after a visit to Miami, Junebug Tate, N. S. Navy, Norfolk, Va., was the weekend guest of White Thomas.

Colon McKenzie, Jr., a student at Presbyterian Junior College, Maxton, spent the weekend at home. Lt. Margaret McKenzie of the Army Nurses Corps was also home on a 72-hour pass.

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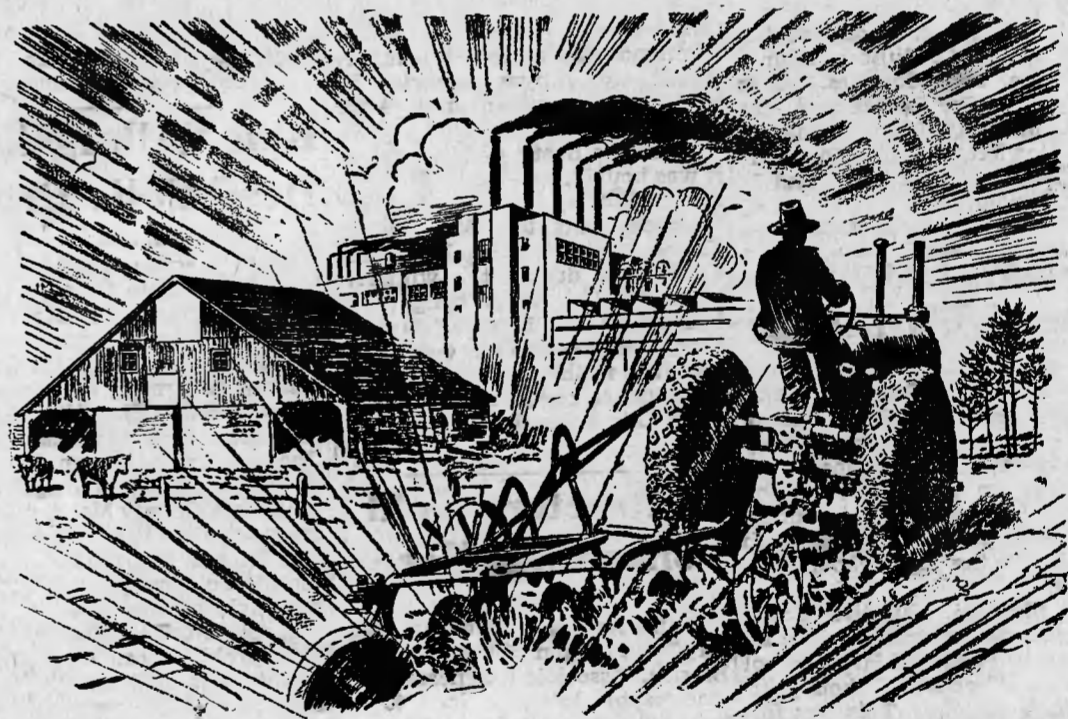
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