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Exhibiting a Fear of Ideas

The tragedy of our age is fear—not of things but of men and ideas—declares Althea K. Hottel, Dean of Women at the University of Pennsylvania, who points out that "our fear of Russia" is producing negative rather than positive foreign and domestic policies.

The lady points out that the Marshall Plan, which began as a courageous and positive proposal, responsive to the realities of the world situation, "became in the present Congress a definite operation under the influence of our fears."

There can be no doubt of the correctness of the gist of the dean's remarks. The people of the United States are exhibiting a fear of ideas, men and things, and, because they do not understand everything, fall easy prey to propaganda that leads them like a flock to conclusions that, to say the least, are not established by proof.

The use of mass psychology to suggest that there is imminent danger of a Communist uprising, or that a few thousand Reds can take over the United States, is a case in point. Once this starts, it is easy to assume that every person who has ever talked to an admitted Communist is guilty by association. This is a monstrous doctrine which Ameri-

cans would not entertain in calmer moments but it springs from the fear psychosis.—Editor's Copy

What Does Stalin Want?

Are we interested in knowing how we may please Stalin? In knowing what he wants us to do? As a people, intentionally or not, we manage to do most of these things.

He is pleased with any evidence of disunity. Each time we separate into groups, and stand upon the rights of any particular group, we are pleasing Stalin. For it was by the aid of such groupings that he separated the people of the nations enslaved behind the Iron Curtain.

He is pleased when we are complacent people is a lazy people, slow to action, rocking away too comfortably to notice the tornado until it is upon them. We please Stalin with our over-confidence, with our feeling that we can't be conquered.

He is pleased when we are cynically critical of those whom we ourselves have chosen to represent us. Stalin knows that the best way to befuddle a leader is to keep criticizing him. The best way to slow up action is to make a leader take off time to explain. We halt the wheels of progress when we pause to find fault or complain.

He is pleased when we stop to bargain. Those who won't join in action for the common good until they have "theirs" - whether "theirs" be profits, wages, preferential treatment, or special advantages - are perfect followers of Stalin - millstones around the neck of the nation - stumbling blocks in its path.

He is pleased when we allow hatreds to sway us, when we permit old resentments, fancied wrongs, unbiased prejudices to dominate our actions, setting class against class, race against race, creed against creed. Stalin knows how this saps a nation's strength.

He is pleased when we lack faith - when we allow the undercurrent of distrust to bog down our spirits, when we lose sight of the high goal before us. Stalin knows that a nation whose ideal is undermined by doubt is half conquered.

These are the ways in which we can please Stalin. But - is this what we want to do?

We still admire the subtle judge who replied to a letter from a large brewery asking "Have you tried Five-Star Beer," by saying, "No, I have never tried it, but I have tried a lot of people who have." — Clip Sheet

State Leaders Of Jaycees On Visit

The Williamston Junior Chamber of Commerce held their regular meeting, Friday night at the Williamston Woman's Club. A delicious dinner was served by the ladies of the Piney Grove church.

The meeting was turned over to Membership Chairman Exum Ward, Jr., by President Thad Harrison who inducted J. C. Coltraine as a new member.

President Harrison then introduced the guests for the evening, Jack Green, incoming president of the High Point Jaycees and Edgar Snider, candidate for president of the North Carolina Junior Chamber of Commerce. Snider made a brief talk on all the individual clubs' importance to the state and national organizations. Bernard Harrison had as his guest, Tim Malone.

Wheeler Manning, program chairman, then introduced Neil Ripley and Hack Gaylord. Ripley made a short talk on the importance of the Turbine Engine in our everyday living. Gaylord then presented a short color movie on the turbine, which was very interesting. The meeting was then adjourned.

Hearing On Fish In Washington

Congressman Herbert C. Bonner's bill which would authorize an investigation of the short age of white shad, herring and other fish in the Albemarle and Pamlico Sounds and tributaries is being given a hearing this morning in Washington.

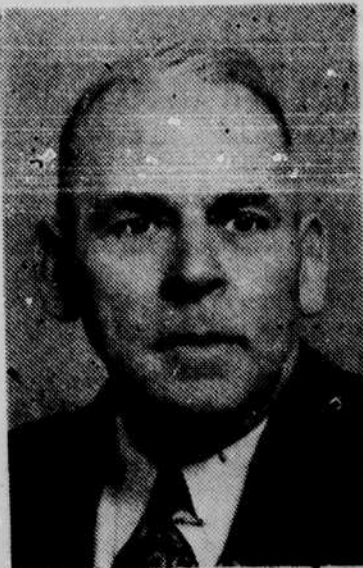
Congressman Bonner, ranking member of the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee, introduced the bill February 8 after having noted a gradual decline in catches of shad and herring in the commercial fishing grounds of Eastern North Carolina.

The bill would authorize the Fish and Wildlife Service to make a continuing study of the fish and recommend measures which might arrest the decline and increase the abundance of catches of food fish in that area.

Statisticians report a "slight drop" in the cost of living.

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Offers Record To Support Appeal For Re-Election



Sam M. Campen, Pamlico County farmer-merchant, is seeking to succeed himself as State Senator from this district offers his record established in the 1949 General Assembly, pointing out that it is customary to give one a second term in the Legislature.

The record shows that Sam M. Campen favored the progressive moves, that he worked for better schools, adequate hospital for the mentally ill, more effective government.

While he holds a college degree, his education is also based on practical farming and business in his home county over a long period of years. He gained experience rapidly in the last Legislature, and was recognized as a leader, one who proved to be ready, able and willing to carry the torch for the people in the counties he represented.

We know Mr. Campen and because we know him, we solicit the vote and support of our Martin County people with the full assurance that he will appreciate each and every favor.

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