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INSIDE WASHINGTON

Washington — A compromise is shaping up on civil rights legislation — a compromise that will have a slight connection with President Truman, and actually take shape in the new 81st Congress.

One of the first moves was a letter from Senator Burnet R. Maybank (D), South Carolina, to the Democratic high command that he will work all out for the president's economic program when Congress convenes.

Maybank is a key man in that picture, inasmuch as he probably will become chairman of the Senate banking committee, which will write such legislation, in place of the ailing and elderly Senator Robert Wagner (D), New York.

Maybank's statement is construed to mean that southern Senate Democrats may be willing to support the Truman economic program in exchange for a "deal" on civil rights. This deal might mean acceptance of anti-poll tax and anti-lynch legislation in exchange for an understanding that FEPC and anti-segregation legislation will not be pressed.

President Truman will not budge from his program, but when the matter is in the hands of his leaders in the House and Senate, the deal might be engineered.

NEW TWIST ON CABINET SHIFTS

— Out of the swirl of speculation on possible changes in the Truman cabinet comes a report that the president would like to move State Secretary George C. Marshall into the national defense post and get a new state secretary.

These sources represent the president's line of thinking as follows: Marshall, with his lifetime of military experience, bolstered by two years as secretary of state, would make the most effective defense secretary obtainable.

The shift would remove Marshall from the foreign policy post where he has been subjected to criticism in connection with his handling of several key issues, including aid to China and the Palestine situation. Forrestal has expressed his unwillingness to stay on for four more years as defense secretary.

STATES TO SUPERVISE DP'S

— The displaced persons commission is toying with the idea of asking states to set up groups to take a hand in the placement and supervision of newcomers from Europe under the DP act.

Its plan is in a formative stage and will be kept under wraps until Capitol Hill legislators most interested in the program are soufaded out.

It was learned that some commission officials would like to enlist some state and local responsibility to prevent the "exploitation" of DP's who come into the areas and take jobs and to co-ordinate the national and local levels.

In general, the idea apparently would fit into the pattern favored by such Capitol Hill leaders who like to leave as much responsibility and authority as possible with state and local governments.

WELFARE FUND REGULATION

Some government labor officials have been talking about a provision in the new labor law to regulate union welfare funds but there is no sign yet that the administration will adopt the idea.

One proposal would create a new division in the labor department to supervise and control union pension programs such as insurance companies are now regulated.

The division's chief purpose would be to audit the books at regular intervals and check up to see that the union welfare funds are being expended properly. Unions could be expected to kick up a fuss with John L. Lewis in the forefront of the opposition.

The Taft-Hartley law provides for joint employer-union administration of industry-financed welfare funds and the miners' fund is so supervised. However Lewis would fight the creation of any new government regulatory bureau.



From The Entire Herald Staff

The Everyday Counsellor

By REV. HERBERT SPAUGH, D. D.

Have you blown out your Christmas candles? Yes, I'm afraid you have. But have you likewise blown out the Christmas spirit? I'm afraid many of us have done that.

One of the most beautiful church services of the Christmas season is the Candle Service. Among all the services of the Moravian Episcopal Church, none is more beautiful than the Christmas Eve Candle Service. It attracts worshippers from far and wide.

As this service which is held in the late afternoon or evening comes to a close and climax, the sanctuary is darkened, and large trays of lighted candles are brought in. These candles are distributed to each worshipper as an illustration of what Christ meant when He said, "I am the light of the world... Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

The symbolic effect of this service is striking. When the candles are first brought into the darkened auditorium, the light is all centered around the trays of candles. Then as these are distributed, the entire sanctuary is gradually illuminated. The climax comes when each worshipper is asked to hold aloft his candle as a demon-

stration of what happens when each one raises before men the spirit of Christ. The uplifted candles double the illumination in the sanctuary from that when the candles are held in normal position.

When this Moravian service was first introduced, at the close of the service, each worshipper carefully carried his candle out into the outside darkness. So Jesus told men to take the light of Christian living into a darkened world.

In modern days, for reasons of safety and urgency to get on with other things, most worshippers extinguish their candle as they leave the church. So it is with so many of us today with our Christian light. We attend a service where our souls are inspired with a resolve to live a better life. Then we extinguish these high resolves, as we blow out a Christmas candle when we leave the church.

The Christmas candles have been blown out, but the Christmas spirit need not be extinguished. The Divine Spirit is everlasting. We extinguish it by our own efforts. Scrooge did the same thing in the Christmas Carol story, when he pushed down an extinguisher over the spirit of Christmas.

Let's take the Christmas light out into the world which so desperately needs it. We need to carry it with us everyday into the New Year. Our friends need to see it. Though Christmas is past, the Christmas candles have been blown out, let's not extinguish the Christmas spirit!

Reported Captured



FORMER Republican Premier of Indonesia, Sutan Sjahrir (above) was reported among the officials taken by the Dutch after they had captured Jogjakarta, Indonesian capital on Java Island. (International)

UN Mediator Back



ACTING U.N. MEDIATOR for Palestine, Dr. Ralph J. Bunche is shown with his wife and son, Ralph Jr., 5, in New York, following their arrival on the liner Nieuw Amsterdam. Dr. Bunche asserted that the Israeli-Arab war was ended and the new State of Israel was "firmly established." (International)



THE OLD HOME TOWN



SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK



A COMPARISON —

Past, Present And Future —

Just as the clock strikes twelve tonight, Jackson County will go into another new year, a new year that we hope will be as good to us as the one just past. In looking back over 1948 we see the progress that has been made in our town and county. We see new industries and firms that have sprung up, new neighbors who have moved among us, new additions to our population — a lot of new things that add more and more to the progressiveness of any community or territory.

Business hit its highest level since the war. Our financial status has stabilized and most enterprises have returned to their peacetime level. Of course, prices were high during 1948, but not only in our section, they were up all over the country. Yet, the soaring prices did not cut down on the demand for products as much as expected. Demand for rayon, cotton goods, paper, leather, furniture and a variety of agricultural products was great and through 1949 this demand is expected to show very little on the down side.

Not only did the business men of our county prosper during 1948, so did the farmers. Jackson County, being largely an agricultural county, proved to serve its farmers well. Their crops were good, their sales large enough, and their outlook toward future years was brightened. 1949 should prove to be a banner year for them.

A great concern to all at the beginning of 1948 was our educational system. Through the year it brightened considerably. Many improvements were made, a lot more were planned for the coming year. New school buildings are in order for communities of our county. More teachers will be on hand to serve our children. The outlook is, indeed, more pleasant with the passing of 1948.

Another problem is well on its way to being solved. That is the matter of our roads. With construction already in progress on the widening of US 19A-23 between Balsam and Sylva and plans in the making for the improvement of other roads around us, we should see a great improvement on this matter by the time 1949 rolls away.

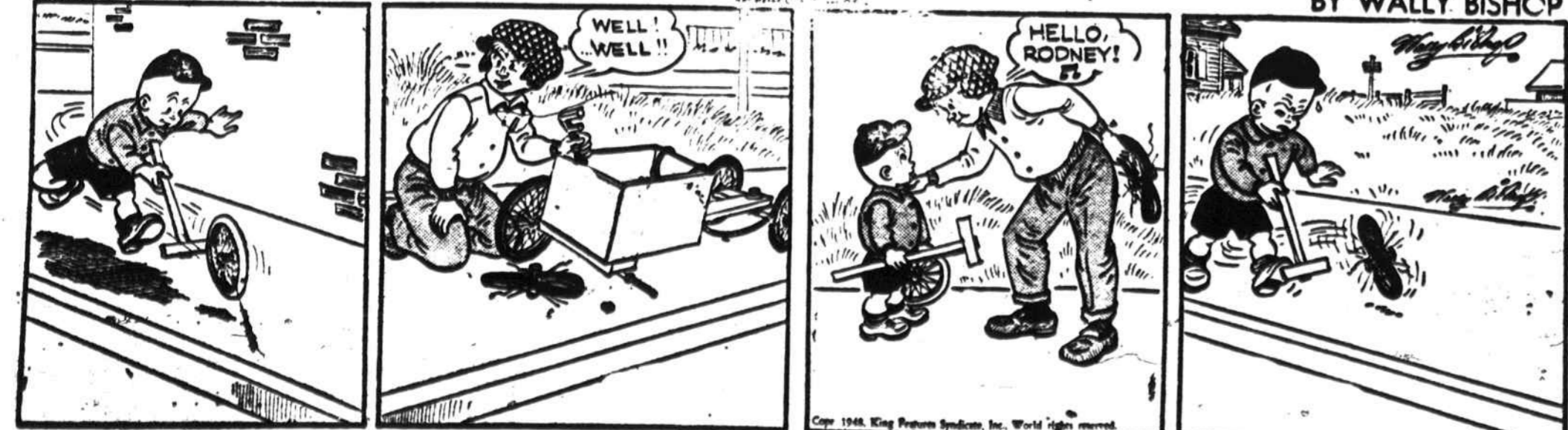
Indeed, the trade winds are blowing in our direction. We should do everything possible in order to prevent their altering their course.

Italy's battleship, seized for debt, still hasn't found a purchaser. Here's a tip for the last-minute Christmas gift shopper who simply can't think what to get for who.

Two-man wrestling teams are rapidly becoming the vogue. Learning this, the man at the next desk wants to know if the team wrestlers are known as left burp and right burp.

A 14-year-old Harvard university student reads Latin for amusement—news item. Wonder how many hearty chuckles he'd get out of, say, Egyptian hieroglyphics?

MUGGS AND SKEETER



BY WALLY BISHOP

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