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NATIONAL EDITORIAL

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A Good Viewpoint

James G. K. McClure in the September issue of the Federation News has an editorial on "Clear the Road for America." that offers a good and well balanced viewpoint to "goforward on the opportunity that has suddenly opened the door and called for leadership of the United States in this new atomic age,"

Mr. McClure claims that the United States can lead the world on its own terms. We have the raw materials, the skilled workmen, the farm production, and managerial "knowhow"-a combination possessed by no other people on earth. History has never presented such a clear opportunity for the greatest world power to become, also the world's greatest moral power.

"The conquering nations in the past have used their power to dominate and often fatten on the resources of subjugate peoples. The people of the United States are not interested in domination, because we have everything that we need right here in America. But we are being strongly tempted to use our power and our riches and our resources for our own self-gratification," points out Mr. McClure.

If we use our new found power to oppress each other, the well springs of our national strength will dry; but if we use our newfound power to serve each other, to build Christian communities and to serve the underprivileged populations of the world, we will renew our strength and create the finest civilization that has ever been known on this planet, according to Mr. McClure.

Which course will America take? Will it take the course of using our new-found power for self gratification and follow the broad path of self destruction; or will America call on all its determination and resolution and decide to serve not only our own underprivileged peoples, but the underprivileged peoples of the world.

This question will be decided in the homes and by the life of the average American, says Mr. McClure. The question will be "Serve" or "Grab." Each one of us, in our daily lives and in our homes will return the answer to this question by the way we live, and vote

"Let's clear the road, by dedicating our lives to the service of our fellowman, for America to step out and lead the peoples of the world to a new and better day," is urged by Mr. McClure.

"To Be Borne, Not Burned"

The North Carolina Christian Advocate in their last issue quotes Dr. Louis D. Newton, president of the Southern Baptist Convention as saying, "The cross is not to be burned but borne," when he commented on the resurgence of the cross-burning Ku Klux Klan.

Dr. Newton further stated: "It is not something to be exploited, but experienced. Its glory is not seen in flames of hate, but only in the light of love. This business of using the cross as a symbol of intimidation will come to naught now, as it has in the past. Meanwhile, much damage maybe done-damage to the community of economic, social, political, cultural and religious good will."

As the Methodist paper pointed out, "in this utterance in his recent good will tour of Russia, the Bapitst leader shows himself a good minister of the gospel of Christ. We agree, for we fear that there have been times when the use of the cross has been a desecration on its spiritual significance."

Homer Ferguson Retires

Homer L. Ferguson, one of Haywood's most dist nguished sons has retired from the presidency of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock company after 41 years of service. 31 of which as president of this great shipbuilding plant.

His tenure as president came in July, 1915, at a time when the company was fighting the naval production battle of World War One. It is said that his personal leadership and his guiding hand in every phase of the company's operations was reflected in the conspicuous success of the naval building program of that time. Some of those capital ships built by his company remain affoat today, and recently made news in their stubborn defiance of the atomic bomb at Bikini, it was learned from the Shipyard bulletin.

His years of service spanned the lean years between the first and second war. Mr. Ferguson tried to resign in 1940, but was prevailed upon to continue during the critical

Mr. Ferguson is held in high esteem throughout the world and is recognized as one of the greatest shipbuilders of all times. A recent issue of the Richmond News Leader, of Richmond, Va., had the following comments to make editorially on his association with the company:

"Retirement of Homer Ferguson from the presidency of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock comfpany is an event that cannot be reported and dismissed with a few latter all take limited privileges, was delivered as it was submitted perfunctory sentences. It is an event that ealls for recognition by all Virginians and opinions about Russia and we did be denounce it. Now that North Carolinians.

"Mr. Ferguson has had virtually all the honors that could be conferred on him as a at that. There are many advan- we feel that his remarks have been man, an engineer and administrator. The Old tages of belonging to the great grossly exaggerated and interna-Dominion and his native North Carolina can dome of speech Now take for int ters. We have liked a lot of thousand add only the impression of their gratifude stance the Truman-Wallace epi- about Wallace. He has been a bit and of their ever-enlarging admiration.

"What William Gregg was in cotton manufacture and Charles Herty in Southern chem- over a few years, one forms the We don't think he is any kind of istry and ships' stores, Homer Ferguson has babit of tiving to get both sides politician. We recall that Presibeen in shipbuilding and related arts. We do of an issue. We are inclined to dent Roosevelt did not think so not know any loftier peerage in which to and the public in general are mak- as a running mate in the last elecplace him."

U. N. Wisely Waits

Postponement of the United Nations General Assembly meeting to late October rep- large at home. From what we read resents a wise decision. It is not a dictated we gather, however, that Mr. Trudecision. Four permanent members joined in recommending it, but it was finally arrived at by a majority vote among all the members of the U. N.

The alternative appeared to be a recess at Paris during which the Assembly would discuss its special problems at Lake Success. But the atmosphere could hardly have been conducive to accomplishment. The very knowledge that the Paris Conference had to be suspended to permit the Lake Success meeting would have given the latter a feeling of mere ritual.

Had both meetings been held simultaneously, the effect would have been little better. Every agreement reacehd, every decision taken at Lake Success would have seemed inconsequential beside the disagreement and inability to decide major problems which has marked the Paris Conference.

It may appear to friends of the U. N. that the world organization is being "pushed around." The postponement may reflect momentarily on U. N. prestige. But the Assembly should have little difficulty in erasing such impressions when it does meet. Its discussion looking to peace will at any rate not seem so anomalous as they might if held during the battle of Paris or in a breathing space between rounds. - Chritsian Science Monitor.

Schools

In his talk to the members of two Parent-Teacher groups last week, Lawrence Leatherwood, principal of the Hazelwood school outlined in definite terms the needs of the schools of the state.

The shortages of teachers in recent years has come as a jolt to the public, for most of us did not realize that while our state of North Carolina was blazing away through industrial and other developments, our schools were not keeping pace with other

In our post war planning now it seems that we must turn our attention back to our educational systems, and build them up to the standards of other phases of our lives.

They Beat Us In Size

Alcoholic Tax Unit and ABC officers smashed a 1,000-gallon pot type liquor still near Elizabeth City last week. We were amazed at the size.

Up here in the mountains we do not have such capacity stills, at least we have never heard of one of such "gallonage." We suppose that one would call such a still a "wholesale affair," while our mountain type would come under the classification of retail busiTAKING A PAGE FROM MacARTHUR'S BOOK



HERE and THERE

By HILDA WAY GWYN

The great and the near great, on the Wallace speech before if Now we could blust both our to him, but not until it back fixed disagreed with us, they'd simply admit that Mr. Wallace may have call us hall cracked and let it go "spoken out of turn," but eyen so

think that the radio commentators either, for he did not want him ing too much fuss over the split tion. Maybe something good will between the president and the for- come out of it. Maybe it will mer secretary. The very act of help us to stop dilly-dailying about "familie the flames" makes us ap- our Russian policies and we will pear weak to other nations. How get down to definite relations transcan we expect to establish a for- the result of Mr. Wallare's comeign policy if we can't get together ments.

wouldn't cause a ripple. It anyone doesn't seem quite fair to us. We erratic, but we have fell he was sincere, and off the record a much Maybe after one reports the news keener person than Mr. Truman

Those of us who won't be able (Continued on page 3)

Acheson Gaining Plaudits As Acting State Secretary

Western Allies Are Ready For Dardanelles Showdown

Special to Central Press

• WASHINGTON-Dean Acheson is rapidly becoming known as the acting secretary of state, rather than by his own title of under-Acheson's emergence as top state department man on interna-

tional political matters, however, is only beginning to come to the fore. He became a headline stealer only recently during the height of the Yugoslav crisi where he maneuvered the going to his chief. State Secretary James Byrnes, and President Truman only for final approval of steps he was ready to take.

However, to those who have followed him, recognition of Acheson comes belatedly. He has scaked up the atmosphere of the state department for several years and has acquitted himself well at both the UNRRA conference and the Bretton Woods conference on the monetary fund and the international bank. Since Byrnes became secretary of state over a

year ago, Acheson has been in charge of the department directly more days than Bytnes. The atter has spent more than eight months of his first year in office away at international conferences rather than at his desk in the department. Acheson is becoming known for his swift think-

Dean Acheson

ing and smart repartee at press conferences. Asked once why he refused to comment on a story already published by the British foreign office, he explained that protocol forbade him discussing the subject. Pressed as to why he refused comment when the British officer already had spoken, Acheson replied: "Perhaps it is because I am better disciplined than he is."

• THE WESTERN ALLIES are ready for a showdown on the Dardanelles, where Russia has demanded permission to stand guard with Turkey over the strategic straits connecting the Black and

Both the United States and Great Britain are heartened by the clear-cut victory in the Greek elections, where the people voted for the return of democratic King George and rejected the Communistinspired opposition

And Britain, as well as America, takes comfort in the fact that Yugoslavia yielded to the United States ultimatum and freed captured United States flyers.

Diplomatic sources are convinced that Russia will protest loudly against an American note warning her to keep hands off the Dardanelles. The United States note informed Moscow that any aggression or threat of aggression against the straits would call for United Nations action.

The Russian radio has been whooping it up in anguished tones on the subject, claiming Soviet security is at stake. The United States made clear to the Soviet that it is willing to call a conference to revise the 1936 Monteaux pact, whereby Turkey alone could control warship movements through the straits,

When the public shouting has died, Russia is expected to come to such a conference, continue her fight, but in the end be a party to as good a compromise as she can get.

REP. SOL BLOOM (D) of New York says Americans have short memories when they complain of the lack of progress at the Paris peace conference.

The veteran chairman of the House foreign affairs committee asks sharply: "Do you expect so many nations to agree on anything at the drop of a diplomat's hat? Patience Look how long it took to get the United Nations Is Plea

Bloom points out that the Revolutionary war

Of Bloom ended in 1781 but the peace treaty was not signed until 1783 and it was not until 1789 that the constitution was put into effect. Scoffing at criticism of the present Paris conference, Bloom claimed Americans should read their own history. Bloom declared:

"If the constitution had had to be ratified by a two-thirds mtjority, it would never have been approved. "We are too impatient about the peace," Bloom adds, "We ought to study our own story and calm down."

VOICE PEOPLE

Do you think President Truman was justified in asking Secretary Wallace to resign?

George Bischoff: "Yes, I do."

Lawrence Leatherwood: "I certain); do, for we should not have our policies discussed as Secretary Wallace did.

has was justified in asking Wallace picture be released within any to resign

tiked Mr. Wallace. I was for him car awards, . . Waiter Florell (L. when Truman was nominated. I hat designer, won't break thronthink Wallace is a true patriot his OPA ceilings-only \$100 and would not do anything inten- The Wadsors check in at the Waltionally to embarrass the nation."

Mrs. W. A. Hyatt: "Yes, I think that President Truman was justifield and that he should have asked Wallace to resign before he did."

Mrs. Hugh J. Sloan: "Yes, I think the President was justified and that it was best for Wallace not to continue in office.

Letters To The Editor

EXPLAINS UNITED PRESS STORY ON "MOB"

Editor, The Mountineer:

Your lead editorial in Friday's Mountaineer prompted me to write tota by way of explanation of nated Press report on the Paul Jursey shory.

ner in which UP "played" the Here are some others who weren! notice is tory, I suppose I am in a measure C. B. Martin of Martin county, a day false impression" which got out, ris who will represent Montromery somethitizen that morning and said they There are others, too.

inderstood Dorsey was in the jail | C. P. Hathaway, who will repreat Waynesville-1 believe the Citi- sent Gates county in the General Meat 14-2 an correspondnt passed that info Assembly, didn't receive an invita- Vill dison to Asheville. They wanted the tion. He served four years, was an indicate Sylva background and the latest cusign when discharged, developments. I went to Sheriff And so the GI Democrats, as said indicate; Welch and asked him to confirm before, must get strength from the great he report that Dorsey was at other quarters to be effective. They room is Vaynesville. He did I asked him must give more attention to the welfare of disabled veterans and to greater representation of enlistrouble there similar to what re- ed men on such groups as court fam J M portedly hapened the night before martial boards, etc. To be a possible tent political organization, they send a control of the political organization. of they're going to do something

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he rumous When I came back home I teleshoned UP the background on the ducts Association has denated \$10.5 [abe, they naturally played it heavily, out perusal of their early reports loss not indicate they carried anyand which had not be in the Citizen and local reports from Sylva, with the exception of the new info that Dorsey was in iie Waynesville jail.

Then, about 8:00 o'clock that vening a taxi driver from Waynesille came by home and said a rowd was gathering at the Waynestille courthouse, at least three nghway patrolmen and all deputies sheriff were in or about the - (Continued on page 8)

ALONG BROAD Walter Winch

A former screen star, who made a fortune, lists her youthful hip- area... band, on her income tax question also naire, as a dependent, ... Wherein Rolls-Royer in Saratoga belongs to

Mrs. Leo Best, of our Hotel Plaza My item, that the Warma-James Crawford contract is unsigned and verified to me. The reason 2 -Dr. Tom Stringfield: "I think demands a clause that her ever months. "Humoresque" is lean held back because the studio wants and a W. C. Allen: "I have always it in completion for next year - ()... dorf, Oct. 1.

> iously ill in a Los Angeles hospital The nurch-sought Nilings is many reported in Vienna, . . Lev Auto Lea will be best own for femous 10st grand Bill Blackwell, Sept 25.

New York's newest faladous tools on party thrower is thick Cowell, I had don't remember seeing his name in print before. He has a Park Beatter Know Ave. home that well, he cated are tains 300 green at one time. And mount that's almost mightly, ..., the zoes mot yest in for gold in a big way notice

Capital Lette

ENLISTED MEN - Now Home velocity seems to be a move on to form years some sort of an entisted men to accogroup, which will not be so political to see a in mature. Frank Packer sa these in the L. Winte I am not holding myself fellows, was the only legislatur-en-out of the empletely responsible for the man-fisted man invited to Pinchurst submarblame for one segment of the sergeant in the war; Garland Gar- 15-UP called me after the original county, a sergeand doe Branch the word alva story had appeared in The Martin state senator, a sergeant

But there is plenty of time-

NOTES-The N. C. Dary Pro- tion mir at Sylva and the confirmation 000 to Better Health setup, about forsey was at Waynesville. Since which you've been reading so small will a P had not had the story original- recently. As the proposed full and

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