

LOOKING AT WASHINGTON

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Russian Power Dominates Entire Polish Discussion

There are many individuals in the United States and Great Britain determined to make the test of Russian sincerity the willingness of the Soviet Government to accept our conditions in regard to Poland. There seems to be no reason to suppose that Marshal Stalin has any intention whatsoever of surrendering Polish claims or that the Soviet Government will peacefully return Poland any part of the former Polish Republic that belonged to the Poles prior to the first World War.

Another fact that seems to be clearly established is the determination of the Russians that the Government of Poland, whatever it may be, shall be composed of individuals pledged to a friendly policy toward Russia. Apparently, the government of Czechoslovakia has already accepted such an attitude as the basis of future relationships with Russia.

With the Russians standing firm on the question of territory and the friendly personnel of the Polish Government, the only question left for the Anglo-Americans to determine is how far they will go in attempting to seat the London Poles, who it should be remembered, were driven from Poland in 1939 and, since their arrival in London, have claimed to be the only spokesmen for the Polish people.

While no sensible person expects the United States or Great Britain to go to war with Russia on the Polish question, there are a number of citizens who seem to think that the two Western democracies should keep the issue alive, permitting it to fester and inflame post-war relationships with Russia.

If we look the facts of the situation in the face, we must admit that there is no force on earth, short of an overwhelming coalition army, that can coerce the Russians on the Polish question. The Red Army has demonstrated its power in Eastern Europe and unless there are nations ready to introduce a similar force in the same region, the solution of the Polish question must depend upon a conciliatory adjustment, satisfactory to the Soviet.

We certainly do not assert that the Russians are entirely right or that the solution that appears possible represents the best theoretical disposition of the issues involved. We merely say that it seems to represent the only available solution and suggest that, even for the Poles, there is more to be gained through a policy of friendship with the Russians than by attempting to renew the precarious balance that Poland attempted to occupy between the two great powers prior to the outbreak of the second World War.

Egypt's Plan For Jap Islands Ignores American Blood Shed

Egypt would place mandates from the last World War under the supervision of the new world organization, now being formulated at San Francisco.

This looks fairly harmless but it would mean that almost all of the islands which American fighting men have recaptured from the Japs in the Pacific would be surrendered to the control of the world organization.

The Egyptian delegation, we presume, made the suggestion with a straight face regardless of the fact that Egypt has done little or nothing to down the aggressors of the present war and that, in the last war, if the outcome had depended upon Egypt, the Kaiser would have remained in Berlin to issue orders for other nations.

You might wonder how Egypt gets that way? You might also ponder the situation in the world if any organization is ever set up that permits wayside powers like Egypt to have a controlling voice in the management of mundane affairs.

The Egyptians, like a lot of other people, are prepared to devise ways and means of settling everything. Then, if trouble develops, they will not be able to take a full share in the job of protecting what they have attempted.

The United States, having fought the Japs almost single-handed so far, and having practically ousted Japan from her island bastions, should not hesitate to retain such islands as may be necessary, in view of our strategists, to prevent this country from having to shed the blood of another generation of Americans to keep the peace of the Pacific.

Tax Reduction Bills Appear In Washington

The campaign to reduce taxes is applying pressure on the members of Congress but President Truman says he will fight any reduction until Japan is defeated.

Congressmen, however, will be anxious to "accomplish something" for voters and especially for corporations which exert control in their districts. Consequently, it is safe to predict that the sentiment for reduction will grow in Congress and that it may be necessary for the President to veto legislation effecting reductions.

Emphasizing that there can be no reduction in taxes until the war is over, the President said millions of individual bond holders must be protected and that the only way to make

good the obligations of the United States is through taxation.

Three Cabinet Members Replaced By Truman

The nation had its first Cabinet shake-up in many years when President Truman announced the retirement of Attorney General Biddle and Secretaries Wickard and Perkins on the same day and, for good measure, the news that Judge Marvin Jones would return to the Court of Claims. Since the early days of the "New Deal" newspaper and radio experts have been predicting the disruption of the Cabinet. Many of them anticipated the late President Roosevelt and told us the changes to occur but, for some reason, they did not materialize.

Attorney General Biddle will be replaced by Assistant Attorney General Tom Clark, of Texas; Secretary Wickard by Rep. Clinton Anderson, of New Mexico, and Miss Perkins by Judge Lewis B. Swollenbach, formerly U. S. Senator from the State of Washington. Mr. Anderson will also take over the War Food Administration when Judge Jones retires on June 30th.

The shifts somewhat broaden the base of the Cabinet, with New York and Pennsylvania giving place to appointees from Texas and Washington, but we see little political significance in the changes which probably represent the almost inevitable personal readjustments that follow a change in the office of the Presidency.

It may be that other resignations will be forthcoming. Until they do we shall not speculate nor attempt to interpret the changes in terms of grave political import.

Death Of F. D. R. Did Not Leave U. S. In The Dark

The idea is advanced in some quarters that the death of President Roosevelt, who reached certain agreements with Stalin and Churchill at Yalta, leaves our State Department in the position of a man who has signed a contract, the terms of which are known only to the other party. Consequently, it is said, the Russians can do as they please and we have no proof that President Roosevelt did not agree to the course.

The argument entirely overlooks the fact that any agreement between Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin at Yalta was a matter of common consent, known and understood by the three principals involved and some of their assistants. While the death of President Roosevelt may be something of a handicap to the nation, the continued existence of Prime Minister Winston Churchill assures a source of information that is dependable. In addition, except for some with abiding prejudice against the Russian dictator, there have been suggestions that Stalin himself is a reliable source of information.

Prime Minister Churchill, and others, have made public their belief in the good faith of Marshal Stalin. If this is untrue, then there is little use for the United States or Great Britain to attempt to reach any agreement with the Russians or their leader. The fact that both nations continue to negotiate indicates an opinion that they are dealing with parties who, after making an agreement, can be expected to carry it out in good faith.

Peace Time OWI Might Perform Service

The Office of War Information has been under attack from various sources and, recently there have been suggestions that the agency be discontinued.

We hold no brief for the OWI and would not attempt to say that its record is perfect. Nevertheless, during the war it was necessary for the Government to have some agency to coordinate publicity releases and to perform other duties in connection with the dissemination of news.

While the end of the war will terminate the emergency for which the OWI was created, it should be obvious that the Government needs some similar organization to function efficiently and to handle similar matters in times of peace. There is need

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for an agency to which any American citizen can appeal in the effort to secure information about his Government.

Both Parties Ready To Renew Tariff Battle

The Congress of the United States is beginning the first phases of a political war which will probably interest the people of this country for some years and may conceivably form the line which will eventually divide the major parties.

The House of Representatives is taking up the bill to extend the Reciprocal Trade program for three years. Under the present reciprocal law, tariff rates could be cut by mutual bargaining with other nations 50 per cent below the rates of the Hawley-Smoot Act which was passed in 1930.

The pending bill authorizes a 50 per cent cut on rates as of January 1st, 1945, thereby permitting an

other reduction in rates that have been reduced under previous acts the full 50 per cent from the Smoot-Hawley level.

We will hear the old familiar arguments on both sides of the tariff question. By keeping up with the debate as it proceeds, the average citizen may secure some understanding of the issues involved. At any rate, since citizens have to vote in a democracy, it might be a good idea to seek information on the question.

Let's Not Ration Recreation In '45

A few hours alone with one's family away from the chores and responsibilities of the home and the farm, will give a renewed interest in our job of tomorrow and a greater appreciation of life in the country, says

L. R. Harrill, State 4-H club leader for the State College Extension Service.

"For the home group let's plan a family picnic," he explains. "Select a good location and enjoy a meal out in the open with the songbirds to furnish the music and the great Mother Nature to furnish the picture—'Sunset'—probably the greatest of them all. The plans for such a picnic or meal need not be elaborate.

"Good, wholesome food that can be prepared and served outdoors is the important thing, and there are many dishes that become more appetizing when prepared and served in the open. The actual preparation and cooking of the meal will be as much fun and recreation as any other part of the evening and should be participated in by every member of the family. Hard boiled eggs, when cooked over an open fire, become a delicacy as does bacon broiled over the open coals; and for desert—whoever heard of a better one than home-made ice cream? But, don't let the meal scare you or work a hardship. Remember, it's all for fun. Use what you have to the best advantage. You will have lots of fun planning the meal.

"When the meal is finished and all dishes and equipment packed and the grounds cleaned up, let's turn our attention to other things. While our

little campfire is still burning and as the sun sets and radiates its golden glow and paints an undecipherable picture, we have a perfect setting for a story-telling scene—one by father, one by mother, one by Peggy and one by Jack.

"This is going to be lots of fun! If you don't believe it, just try it and see! The best picnic in the world is the family picnic."

That Nagging Backache

May Warn of Disordered Kidney Action

Modern life with its hurry and worry, irregular habits, improper eating and drinking—its risk of exposure and infection—throws heavy strains on the work of the kidneys. They are apt to become over-taxed and fail to filter excess acid and other impurities from the life-giving blood.

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