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Acheson a Liability

Now that President Truman has reversed the previous policies of his administration regarding Korea and Formosa, and is sending military and economic aid to those areas, we are able to observe how full of confusion and double-talk the Fair Deal has been on the subject of foreign questions.

Of course, it goes without saying, all patriotic Americans are in favor of this new stand, to hold back the tide of expanding Communism in the Far East.

We approved aid to the Chinese Nationalist government, when it was feebly trying (if) to stem the tide of the March of the Kremlof (and we have learned since how little sympathy Secretary of State Dean Acheson had for Chiang Kai-Shek's forces in that unsuccessful scrap).

We agreed with all, including many members of Truman's own party, that Acheson no longer retains the confidence of the majority of his countrymen. Acheson, regardless of his own ideas, has proved himself incompetent to deal with the rigors of international diplomacy.

Acheson, friend of convicted Communist Alger Hiss, tolerator of Soviet sympathizers in his State Dept., wearer of the white shirt and long tails... why should we try to criticize him now, when most people who read know he is a real liability to the Truman administration, and to his own country.

Let Acheson have his own individuality. Let him have his own ideas and convictions... but only when he is a private citizen, without the tremendous responsibilities of our State Dept., where policies are made that affect the lives of the entire world.

We have no quarrel with Acheson, the person. We do have a quarrel with Acheson, Secretary of State.

When the current world tension is over, we trust that Mr. Truman will accept (even "with reluctance") the resignation of a man who, however sincere he was and is, is no more fit to do his job than a store dummy is to prevent some burglar from smashing in the window of the store where it is draped with clothing and stealing the contents—including the dummy.

Soon we hope we'll be able to say: "Good Bye, Mr. Acheson... you're a chip that can be spared from the bureaucratic cordwood now piled up in Washington."

"The Spirit Dwindles"

Reviewing the situation of the United Nations Organization after five years, Alistair Cooke in the Manchester Guardian, April 27, reports that while the enormous building of the "permanent" headquarters rises higher every day "the spirit dwindles" and Mr. Trygve Lie's journey to Europe has been undertaken frankly in the hope of saving the United Nations.

This is a sad result for members of such bodies as the United Nations Association.

With due respect to their altruism it might have been more effective if they had remembered that peace and justice, like charity, begin at home.

If nations are simmering with class war within, with all trades organized in pressure groups competing for privileges necessarily at public expense, it is hopeless to expect that negotiations between agents of governments can bring peace among the peoples.

The innumerable occasions on which such negotiators have expressed the intention of lowering trade barriers and their complete failure to do so is only an illustration of their impotence while present economic fallacies prevail.

Should We Join the Parade?

Hamtramck and Pontiac have formally protested the 1950 census results for their areas.

Hamtramck says it can't believe its population has decreased, as statistics indicate. Pontiac says its population gain is more than has been announced. Reports say at least one whole city block in Pontiac was not counted.

Southfield township objected to learning that it had lost population in the past three years since the special county census. Then a clerical error was discovered last week in Southfield's total. Some 8,000 persons had been "missed" by the bureau's adding machine.

From Our Point of View

It is said that the average American hog renders 30 pounds of lard. Equally true, we learn, is the fact that another kind of hog renders the fenders and sometimes entire cars, not to overlook the occupants, and often himself. Question: which is the better hog?

On the one hand, the federal government spends much money and effort to prevent the manufacture and distribution of phony currency by counterfeiters. On the other hand, that same government, by political manipulation of its financial books, operates some of its agencies on a phony basis. Moral: of course, you'd hardly expect a wrongdoing policeman to arrest himself.

The temperature on and surrounding the earth is getting warmer, the scientists how inform us. Glaciers in the polar regions are melting—if they were completely melted ocean waters would rise until even such places as Washington, D. C., would be inundated. Well, even that's a hard way to break up federal bureaucracy, isn't it?

The honest workman delivers the time he sells with the same certainty that he expects the farmer to deliver the bushel that he pays for.

Democracy appears to be a country where the average man is more concerned with a 10-dollar family budget deficit than one for 10 billion in the national budget.

We don't know what Chiang Kai-shek's exact place in history will be, but historians undoubtedly will credit him with being the first man to perfect the mobile capital.

A star that is 27 times hotter than the sun has been discovered. The strange part about it was that an astronomer made the discovery, not a Hollywood press agent.

It would require 14 years and 98 days to count out a billion one dollar bills. Perhaps, to effect governmental economy, the money spent by public officials should be only in one dollar bills—or would more people be added to the payroll to overcome the handicap?

Remember that old saying: "Hell is paved with good intentions"? Don't you think that applies to those who would lead the United States into Socialism, via their "do-good" plans?

We have discovered that the woman doesn't always have the last word. The men sometimes get it. This occurs when the man says, "Yes."

So They Say . . .

Paul Hoffman, Economic Cooperation Administrator: "Eleven years ago we had three dictators to worry about. Two are gone and I expect to live long enough to see the third one gone."

Harry Emerson Fosdick, retired preacher: "If we wish to preserve liberty and democracy, we must not think of them as static."

James M. Cox, Jr., newspaper publisher: "The daily newspaper should always be available to the masses of this country and if the day comes when that is not so, we are going to find ourselves in trouble."



Happenings of Long Ago

Bits Of News Glanced From Old Files Of The Eccentric—The Items That Make Up The Historical Background—Of The Birmingham Of Today.

50 years ago JULY 6, 1900 A party of our people visited the town of Rome, Mo., and the verdict is a beautiful town, fine streets, lawns, trees, shrubs, etc.

F. A. Stebbins of Adrian, an old-chum of A. T. Wines, visited him one day last week and stayed over Sunday last. Old times and old friends were used to play for an hour or more to the joy of both.

During the heavy storm one day last week the home of Supervisor Port was struck by lightning. The electric fluid followed the telephone wires into the house and made things lively for a few minutes. No serious damage was done.

The village has made a move in the right direction in the trimming of the shade trees throughout the town. In some of the branches hung so low that it was almost impossible to walk along the sidewalks without being struck in the face with some of the limbs or leaves.

Two pretty fountains have been added to the west side. One is a spray fountain in Tanglewood park and the other is at the road side nearby. The latter has a large stone basin and from which it will be possible for dogs and horses to slake their thirst. The credit for this donation goes to Miss M. Baldwin.

20 years ago JULY 10, 1930 More water was pumped through the village main during the 24 hour period ending yesterday than ever before according to John B. Farris, waterworks engineer. He stated that 2,511,200 gallons went to service Birmingham, the largest amount since July 16, 1929.

R. J. Corvill, a resident of Bloomfield township 25 years, has been named county supervisor succeeding Robert V. Moore whose resignation was accepted last week. His appointment was made just before noon Tuesday and he left at once to take part in a meeting.

The village commission has voted to provide \$250 to assure properly supervised play for Birmingham boys this summer. The sum will be used to carry on a systemized recreational program for boys of school age.

Representatives from Birmingham and surrounding communities will meet with Walter Drury Tuesday to discuss a village-wide song plan. Drury, an expert in this field, is a member of an Ann Arbor firm, one of the best in the state.

Leigh Lynch, Jr., 16 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Leigh Lynch, Sr., became the first member of the Orchard Lake country club to make a hole-in-one when he drove 115 yards at the seventh hole Sunday. This is his first year of golfing.

5 years ago JULY 12, 1945 Russell H. Fisher, 256 Abbey road, has been named commander of all American Legion posts in the 17th Congressional district which includes all of Oakland county and a section of Wayne.

After The Storm by BEATRICE McDONALD O, lovely sky, where lately rode the dull Fury of clouds that now have passed beyond My path of grass and trees, filling my pond With every little hollow brimming full Of clear fresh shining sweetness... Sky you are Almost too beautiful! Now mirroring All the dear treasured loveliness of spring, Summer, autumn and winter, every star; Slim crescent and full-bounded silver moon, Petals of all the flowers that come in June; Like lengths of narrow satin ribbons laid One strip against another till it made A rainbow arch... I gaze and feast my eyes And heart and soul with lately storm-tossed skies!

This week I want to suggest you continue to drive the skunks back into the woods.

Another strong dose of the "perfume" was injected into the air this past week with the Communist invasion of South Uralia, Hungary, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, Rumania, and Austria.

What do you do when you encounter a Skunk? Stop and sniff it! Bring it into the house and feed it! And if it desires to take the bait, stop, drawing a line and telling them that if they step over it, they'll get blasted! Oh! Where do they belong?

LOOKING AHEAD

Last week I discovered that a lot of people do not know the term "deficit financing" means.

When they heard the term spoken or had seen it in print they'd formed the habit, they said, of mentally "skipping it."

Deficit financing is its simplest definition means spending money you haven't got, operating beyond your income, spending borrowed money.

YOUR INDEBTEDNESS means that you owe more than you own. If you continue to borrow the \$100 month after month the in-

terest soon bites deeply into your pocket. The debt itself becomes bigger and bigger. The result in time, is bankruptcy if repayments are not made.

MICHIGAN MIRROR

The "arsenal of democracy" for World War II is getting ready to be shipped to the front.

Governor G. Mennen Williams has asked members of 45 cities, all over 10,000 population, to appoint civilian defense directors at once.

The governor was assured by Rep. Victor Knox, speaker of the House, that the War Relocation Authority will be expanded to include Michigan for any emergency.

At the SOO locks the government is making a big bet on a security precaution, labeled as a "10-day test."

Have You Met . . . Mr. and Mrs. John D. Dinkelo from Whiting, Ind., who now reside at 1772 Greenleaf road? They have three children, Carter, Dirk and Janjie. Mr. Dinkelo is employed with Sarrinen and Sarrinen Architects.

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AT WASHINGTON The Congress approved extension of the Draft, empowering the president to draft needed manpower from men short. Michigan's selective service machinery is being kept on a standby basis for possible emergency use.

All in all I can say is be calm, don't get hysterical, get your cover, get your gun, and don't leave

IT'S ENCOURAGING to see the United States finally drawing a line and telling them that if they step over it, they'll get blasted! Oh! Where do they belong?

WELL, SIR, what have we been doing in regard to these Bolshevik skunks? We said nothing when they were confined to Russia. It was their woods and they could do as they pleased there.

I WANT TO breathe clear pure air, not be stifled with the stink of Communism! Can you smell the stench yet? Then let's do some perfuming!

DEFICIT MEANS TROUBLE

That's deficit financing for an individual and government for a nation. It means that you are spending more than you are taking in.

THEN WOULD COME a default on government obligations, and money from the millions of people holding government securities; and perhaps inflation engineered by the Federal Reserve Board.

THE PRACTICE, if prolonged by the government, would have but one result: finally, caused by the government finally destroying monetary values by runaway inflation.

Yes, "deficit financing" means trouble if long continued.

By Gene Allan

one inevitable result: An artificial shortage, thus created, will skyrocket in price to astronomical levels.

Michigan's big news of the week is the hurried preparation to get under way the construction of the new atomic power plant at the site of the old "Pearl Harbor" to American security.

It's war does not come, the preparation may be regarded as constructive for test training purposes.

People's Column

The Detroit National Letter for the People will be published by the Michigan League for Human Rights.

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