

Truman-Acheson Foreign Policy Is Weak, Fearful

The Truman-Acheson foreign policy, insofar as it relates to the problems of Communism, emphasizes the pattern of "containment."

What they mean, stated briefly, is to keep Communism within a definite area, to prevent it from spreading world-wide.

The statistics show that Soviet Russia has been able to add to the enslaved population of this earth many hundreds of millions of human beings—people who, prior to the close of the war were, comparatively free, outside the orbit of the Kremlin.

Approximately 100 millions of human beings for each of the six years since the war's close have lost their national liberties. That is the record.

AND IN THIS PROCESS the record also reveals that the foreign policy of the United States, fashioned and carried out by the Truman-Acheson administration, aided and abetted Russia in accomplishing her subjugation of the people of Poland, Czechoslovakia, Rumania, Bulgaria, Hungary and China.

That same foreign policy allowed the Korean war, with its calamitous impact upon 120,000 American soldiers!

Indeed, our foreign policy may be likened to efforts to "contain" an epidemic of disease through the weak processes of cure only, without the added necessity of setting in motion the processes of prevention.

Communism, like any organism that contains life, holds within itself the principles and pattern of expansion; the only alternative to expansion is contraction and final elimination.

YET BOTH TRUMAN and Acheson, through their vacillating and fearful policies, have not stopped the expansion process.

Why Does Truman Fear a GOP Victory?

On his whistle-stop campaign, President Truman foams at the mouth as is his usual pattern. Everything Republican, he shouts, is all wrong. Only Democrats and the Democratic party is deserving of power in governmental affairs . . . so he says.

Did it ever occur to you that he has more than a party interest in this election? Is it not possible that he fears that

esses. Toleration of Communist sympathizers within the very structure of the federal government has aided the Kremlin in its world-wide march.

It was Acheson who made that unpatriotic statement when he said: "I will not turn my back on Alger Hiss." It was President Truman who said, following the Potsdam conference with Stalin and Churchill: "I can get along with Uncle Joe."

So what can you expect from leaders whose record has proved a failure?

With the score tied in the ninth inning, two men out and the bases loaded, does the home team manager send in to bat a player whose batting average for the season is low?

Of course not!

A GOOD PINCH-HITTER is sent into the game.

Isn't that the current plight of the United States, not only in the field of foreign policy but equally on the home front?

And isn't that reason enough why, at this crucial point in American history, the voters of this nation should send to the White House a man of the clean, able and patriotic character of Dwight D. Eisenhower?

We think it is!

We join with millions of other citizens who believe that "Ike" is one great American who can lead us against the spread of Communism . . . against the spread of extravagance and corruption in the government at home.

Indeed, "Ike" offers us the best and perhaps last protection for our liberties . . . for he knows how to annihilate the expansion program of that Soviet barbarian force that seeks to "contain" all free people within the enslaving controls of Communism!

if the Republicans get into office they will reveal more corruption in the federal government . . . and Little Harry doesn't want any more of his friends embarrassed with court proceedings—for were such a thing to happen Harry would lose more lustre.

Indeed, Harry might be called to testify right in court . . . and that would be mighty tough going.

From The Eccentric's Point of View . . .

Gen. Eisenhower entered the present political campaign with about as much practical knowledge of politics as a buck private does about winning a World War. But the General, being intelligent, is catching on. More and more he is proving himself a scrapper—a role that the American people expect him to enact.

A Memphis, Tenn., man, after waiting 41 years for his wife to return home, applied for and received a divorce. The charge was desertion. The news item failed to mention whether or not the man's names is Job.

Although most American newspaper editors are favoring Gen. Eisenhower for President, he isn't getting all the news

breaks normally expected. Many of the TV newscasters and interviewers, plus newspaper columnists and reporters, appear to oppose Ike. So what you often read and see over TV, as well as straight radio, are apparently slanted against the Republican success Nov. 4. Between now and election day you, too, may observe this tendency.

Addressing a Baltimore, Md., crowd, plus nationwide TV, Gen. Eisenhower one evening last week talked about the cost of preparing and maintaining a competent military establishment. What he said was said as non-partisan as anyone could make it. He pointed out why the military budget is so high, and offered plans to correct it. And who, may we ask, on earth today is better qualified to talk on that subject than "Ike"? Even Governor Stevenson would have to agree to that.

After spending 20 years in the same place, doesn't it strike you that some of those Democrats holding federal offices in Washington would be willing to move on to another town?

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Happenings of Long Ago

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

50 YEARS AGO October 10, 1902

An express train, trying to make up lost time, plowed into the rear end of a slow freight just north of Birmingham Friday evening. Although no one was injured in the wreck, the freight's caboose was destroyed.

The vestry of St. James church would be pleased to have one of their long dining tables returned to the basement of the church to learn where it can be found so they can use it. The Memorial association, also would like their flag and staff, with the brass spear, returned promptly.

We are happy to announce the safe return of Miss Adeline Steiner from a three months sojourn in Europe. She sailed from Montreal last June to visit England, Holland, Belgium and France.

F. G. Pearlall is way down in Georgia on a trip with Atty. Jerome Robbins. Maybe you think the boys won't have a good time!

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Martin of Otter Lake, who have been visiting in the Baldwin public library, had again been elected president of the Michigan Library association. Her election to that office last year made her the first person ever chosen from among the smaller community-members of the association.

Plans have been completed for the reception of the Rev. Dr. Russell D. Hopkins, new pastor of the First Methodist church. The affair, open to the public, will be in the church parlors.

20 YEARS AGO October 13, 1932

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Voters in precinct 6 are reminded that at the November election their polling place has been changed. Hickory Grove school on

5 YEARS AGO October 16, 1947

A By control program, involving the Birmingham Division of the Birmingham business district next summer, City Manager D. C. Egbert revealed to commissioners Monday night. Egbert said many other areas had used the system and found it very helpful.

Increasing misconduct on the part of small boys around the school athletic field has alarmed school and city officials. The playing field has been damaged on several instances with additional damage being wrecked on the bleachers and other equipment.

Davis, Hunter, Scott and company have announced their intention to move their main investment securities office to Birmingham to begin business on Nov. 17. Now located in Detroit, the firm will continue that office, opening the new location in the Wilson building.

A rapid expansion of utility services is predicted for Birmingham by George Miller, president of Miller homes, largest Detroit builder. Miller pointed out that the steadily increasing trend of new homes here will create the need for the program.

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HORSE SENSE AND NONSENSE BY ALICE E. MORGAN

This is National Newspaper week, an observance one hears little about.

Other "weeks" fall under headings which, generally, have a commercial aspect and are part of the changing hand wagon. Sentimental businesses hon merrily aboard and have a field day.

Newspapers, themselves, are given the little attention which is drawn to their "anniversary week," why we do not know. The newspaper certainly plays an important part in the lives of most of us.

The basic job, of course, is to bring the events of the world to the door of the reader. How it does so varies greatly, for an ordinary year can become a feature story, a small event can be played up into something which will live long in memory.

It can bring you items of tremendous importance. Even a tiny item can have a powerful impact on your present and future.

Your newspaper can forward you, put you on your toes and unite the public into a strong front, ready to successfully combat whatever threatens the well being of the public.

paper is now up to you, the reader. Ask yourself—"Do I really get out of my paper what I should?"

It tells you of trends, it alerts you to coming events. It records to you things which have happened.

Do you avail yourself of this information? Do you read your paper editorially by your paper, or merely to pass the time away while you wait for a cup of coffee, the bus or the messenger boy?

DO YOU THINK as you read your paper? Do you follow daily events and digest the opinions expressed editorially by your paper? Do you heed its warnings? Consider its urgings? Listen to its information and advice?

No matter how hard the reporters and editorial staff labor, no matter how excellent their work, no matter how accurately they do their job, it is lost if it is not read.

The average newspaper has one mission—to inform the public, be it through advertising, reporting or editorials. How much value you make of your newspaper is up to you.

Once, long years ago, we knew a man who was considered very well informed, and an outstanding authority on current events, foreign or domestic. He wasn't an educated man, but still he had a wealth of information crammed into his head. Asked about it he said:

"I take three papers, a Republican paper, a Democrat paper and the hometown weekly—and I read every word. Then I remember."

★ Smile A Minute . . . "Oh, darling, I love you so. I'm not wealthy like Jerome Green, I haven't a car, or a fine house, like Jerome Green. But darling I love you. And I love you, too, darling; but where is this man Green?"

A European actress says all she has to do to get her picture in the papers is to wear a gown featuring a daring neckline. Well, it's just further proof that "advertising pays."

Bureaucrats love to write memorandums to each other. There now is so much memo writing and message sending that the New-Fair Deal administration operates 25 separate and distinct telegraph systems over its own leased wires, which total 325 miles. Over these circuits go an estimated 17 billion words each year. This is the equivalent of 283,333 book-length novels . . . just in memos and messages.
When he was in Europe on a recent 8-week "listening and looking" tour of countries still outside the iron curtain, George Bowie met and talked with many people.
The Europeans, generally, are convinced that Russia will not march of her own volition," he told the Birmingham Rotary club at a recent meeting.
The Community House directors have engaged Mrs. William Lynch to serve her third winter as welfare aide in Birmingham. She will hold regular office hours each afternoon to interview welfare applicants.
A wave of "collecting" highway signs in the area led two boys into the hands of police over the weekend. Police feel that prompt apprehension and punishment of the offenders is the right way to put a stop to the fad.
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Therefore, the European actress does not understand why Mr. U. S. has not officially recognized Red China, like we have recognized the Communist in Yugoslavia," Bowie pointed out.

The New-Fair Deal has been busy over the past years creating plenty of bureaus. Heaven knows they had to. In what else could they keep the growing number of taxpayers' shirts?
After hearing all the jokes about the "poor, forgotten pedestrian in California traffic" I'll have to see to it to believe it. But I've been told that all traffic must give the pedestrian the right-of-way if he steps off the curb into an officially marked crosswalk, regardless of what the traffic signal indicates.
The Democrats are claiming this nation has become "a land of plenty" under their 20-year domination. With this I heartily agree—plenty of taxes, plenty of debts, plenty of spending and college waste.
A college coed should remember that her future husband will be much more pleased if he gets the neighborhood gossip along with a wonderful meal, than her brilliant analysis of the world situation along with canned beans or burnt offerings.
Whatever your target may be, it's a bad practice to aim at it, close your eyes and pull the trigger . . . someone may move the target.
Women, although they wear high-heeled shoes, don't like to. This is given away by the fact that when not in motion, they balance on one foot, resting the other lightly on the high heel of the shoe. This relaxes their leg and ankle muscles, forced into such a strained position when walking. Then, shift! and the balancing act is repeated on the rest of leg. If you don't believe this, observe it yourself. The lady never stands still for very long. (Men, would this constant physical shifting have any relation to the gambler's habit of changing their minds so often, too?)
If you're thinking of digging up your lawn next spring and starting over, why not lend it to the neighborhood golfer to practice on? Then, in a day or two, you'd be ready to grade it and spread the seed.
According to a survey conducted by a University of Wisconsin psychology class, the average person during his lifetime devotes:
20 years to working
7 years to talking and outdoor sports
5 years to shaving and dressing
7 years attending movies, theaters and other amusement
1 year talking on the telephone
2 1/2 years eating and sitting down at the table
2 1/2 years to smoking and gum chewing
2 years to waiting
2 years to playing cards and games
Included in the above are these special estimates of other activities:
5 months spent typing shoes
30 hours a year, or a total of 87 days, just looking at mirrors
4 hours a year (nearly 10 days in a lifetime) merely wiping one's nose.

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