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...er Tight

...ensorship Prevents ...ints Of Peace Progress

In general, there are two sup... ...able theories as to the news ...ter by to be followed in govern... ...—local, national or inter... ...nal. First, under our tradi... ...of a free press, the people ...ld be told all that there is ...know of public affairs. Sec... ...according to a modern ...on, the technical business ...government should be done ...secret, to avoid misunder... ...dings and false interpreta... ...—with results to be an... ...nced at the end of the pro... ...ing period.

...the postwar conference now ...session at Dumbarton Oaks, ...nference of Big Four spe... ...ts which is of greatest ...rt to us all, is a perfect ...for discussion. Newsmen, ...for two formalized press ...ferences in which only gen... ...ities were discussed, have ...barred. The delegates, to ...ure, are chiefly engaged in ...ing generalities—and there ...many details for discussion ...h, if aired, might lead only ...fts between allied peoples. ...there is a more vital con... ...tion. The press itself feels ...ghy that it should be given ...eral idea of the progress ...talks, the basis upon ...discussions were opened, ...the trend of developments. ...people themselves, feeling ...ently about the whole ...ed, probably harbor a ...resentment.

...certain that the busi... ...the technicians would ...understood by the gen... ...lic. It is equally cer... ...that a plain-language ...of the basic agree... ...and the issues involved ...be understood — and ...be issued. In such a ...ous problem as this, it ...us, the peoples of all ...have the all-important ...and deserve to know ...being done—regard... ...the consequences.

...ice Vote

...Over 100,000 ...South Carolina

...day South Carolina's ...primary ... ...ballots. One ...a majority of State ...offices and seven ...including the ...governor. And prior to the ...there had been cast ...about 18,000 ap... ...ballots. It is not easy at ...to see why so ...the number of ballots ...should be necessary at ...primary election.

...only security in ...that may exercise ...more ap... ...ballots. But there ...over 100,000 ballots ...with records from ...years as numerous ...have been no ...

...appears that ...may well ...there is ...

...the opposition for ...Governor Broughton ...Cherry ...

...Cherry ...

...Home

...Democracy ...Washington

...Mary, President ...Chamber of Com... ...has a tool at its ...

...Washington, ...that ...

...is a very real ...

...way ...

...ancient evil ...

...has been ...

...local and state gov... ...perseverance—and ...

...all over the ...

...will be battle ...

...in their own battle... ...nothing as assault ...newspapers. Federal ...

...course is a hint ...

U S community. No man can say that City and County Governments here are operated at peak efficiency, though we venture their record compares favorably with those of similar communities.

There is, for example, Mr. Cathy's suggestion that county consolidation could save taxpayers many millions o dollars, eliminate duplication of effort, and promote greater efficiency. There is scarcely a valid argument to that statement. Think, for instance, of the chances we are wasting in Mecklenburg, by carrying on duplicate functions through City and County Governments, when all Mecklenburg citizens might get together on a common-sense plan of consolidation and work toward elimination of bureaucracy at home.

Run-Down?

Score The FDR Cabinet Yourself, And See

In no particular is the New Deal more vulnerable to the digs of Tom Dewey and the Republicans than in the mediocrity of its Cabinet. Quarrelsome was the word that Tom flung at it, probably having ickes, the self-confessed curmudgeon, in mind. But the weakness of the departmental advisers Mr. Roosevelt has retained about him seems to be less of disposition than of ability.

Take Hull out of the Cabinet and there wouldn't be a foremost Democrat among them. Furthermore, there may be some doubt that the Secretary of State himself, by reason of his age, and the enormous complexity of foreign affairs in these times of upheaval, is ideally cast for the role. There is, of course, no question of his intent or integrity or his public stature.

But for the rest, it would be interesting to see which of them are esteemed as first-rate, which as merely passable, and which, in addition to Miss Perkins, as downright unsuitable for the portfolios they hold. The little reader may do his own grading, and herewith is provided a convenient score card. For those he deems first-rate, count 5 points; for passables, 0; and for the unsuitable, subtract 5. The net may prove something or other.

Remember: First-Rate (5) Passable (0) Downright Unsuitable (-5).

Hull
Morgenthau
Stimson
Biddle
Wallace
Forrestal
Ickes
Wickard
Jones
Perkins

Any score of less than 20 would indicate that, in the reader's opinion, Mr. Roosevelt is fairly open to the charge of letting the regularly-constituted, present-to-be Influential Cabinet deteriorate. A score of 10 or below would indicate that he has let it go to pot.

How, Now

Are Federal Payrolls Actually To Stay Put?

Today's statement by J. J. Currin, head of the Charlotte office of the Civil Service Commission, is faintly disturbing. Mr. Currin, translating new Civil Service regulations, reported that no immediate reduction of the Federal payroll was anticipated after the termination of the war. That was unsettling enough, but there was more.

If and when there is a major reduction, and a great many employees lose their jobs, the Government will do its utmost to place them in private industry—*or to get them another Government job!*

We're at least partially aware of the economic consequences of turning hundreds of thousands of Federal employees out into the cold, cruel world. But the picture of these armies of Federal employees (sometimes charged with overmanning the war effort) continuing to march in peacetime is too much for us. And the idea that those lopped off will be tucked in somewhere else goes to prove the old adage that, once a citizen lands on the Federal payroll, nothing can

The Merry-Go-Round

By Drew Pearson

WASHINGTON

MOST important college of amateur physicians anywhere in the world, approximately 200 strong, now meets Tuesdays and Fridays at the White House. . . . These are newsmen assigned to cover the President. They assemble, make careful scrutiny, write lengthy analyses of the President's complexion, nervousness, every facial expression, try to interpret these in relation to his health . . . Actually the President looks thinner, not too well tanned, but calm and fit, though he shows obvious sign of wearying at the scores of questions thrown at him during press hours . . . FDR still know how to turn charm on and off, calls newsmen by their first names, teases them about "dope stories."

Since his return from the Alaska trip, Roosevelt is seeing more people than in the last six months, is growing more aware of domestic issues, though he would like to keep aloof from politics.

HENRY WALLACE — still the Vice-President — has just returned from a very unusual trip through the South, almost unpublicized, but with a definite political aim . . . Wallace is already laying groundwork for 1948, has mended fences with bankers, businessmen, educators and editors in Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana and Texas . . . He called on delegates who voted for him, was the house guest of Mayor Wilson Wyatt in Louisville, Mayor Tom Miller in Austin, spent a week-end at the home of Georgia's Governor Arnall . . . Wallace told one and all that the big job of liberals and Democrats was re-election of Roosevelt.

In Austin, Texas, Wallace learned that Governor Cole Stevenson gets up at 5:30 every morning, brews his own coffee in the kitchen. Next morning, Wallace and portly political adviser Harold Young showed up at the Governor's Mansion at 5:30 A. M., found the Governor was sleeping late. At 5 A. M. Stevenson came down . . . Wallace and Young traveled all night by plane from Austin to Louisville, arrived haggard and weary at 6 A. M., went to Mayor Wyatt's home . . . Wallace ducked upstairs, dozed for three hours, leaving Young to handle newsmen and callers while Mrs. Wyatt kept Young awake with large cups of coffee . . . Later, press stories commented on how fit Wallace looked, while his aide "Harold Young couldn't take it" . . . Wallace, who prides himself on wearing out traveling companions, added these clippings to his scrap-book.

DUMBARTON OAKS — Secretary Hull's message to the opening Dumbarton Oaks peace parley had whole paragraphs paralleling Woodrow Wilson's statement of Jan. 16, 1920, on the eve of the first League of Nation's Council meeting . . . "It is our task here," Hull said, "to help lay the foundations upon which, after victory, peace, freedom and a growing prosperity may be built for generations to come." . . . Twenty-four years ago, Wilson said: "It will bring the League of Nations into being as a living force devoted to the task of assisting the peoples of all countries in their desire for peace, prosperity and happiness."

PEACE TALKS — While the Russians don't attach too much importance to Dumbarton Oaks, Stalin thought enough of the meeting to send his personal interpreter along with the delegation . . . John Foster Dulles, Dewey's foreign affairs adviser, brought Dewey's personal publicist, Jim Hagerty, to Washington with him . . . Cracked one newsman on greeting Hagerty: "You weren't due here until Jan. 20" . . . Replied Hagerty: "I'm here to ease the joint" . . . Folks who tried to pin Dulles down on the question of the secrecy surrounding Dumbarton Oaks conferences caught Dewey's adviser in a trap . . . Dulles tried to condemn secrecy to newsmen, but was reluctant to be quoted on the question.

Isolationist Toboggan — Judging by the telegrams and phone calls colleagues are getting from Nevada's Senator Pat McCarran, he is racing against political death. He has been frantically calling Senators, some of whom vigorously disagree with him, imploring them to endorse him for re-election. . . . This is nationally significant. It indicates a complete reversal of his position six years ago, when he bellowed that his renomination was purely a State matter and pulled all sorts of wires to keep Administration forces out. Now, like fellow-isolationist Bennett Clark of Missouri, he has suddenly clutched FDR's coat-tails. . . . Running against McCarran is dynamic Lieutenant Governor Vail Pittman, Nevada newspaper publisher and younger brother of the late Senator Key Pittman. As chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, the elder Pittman was the leading advocate of stopping the Jap war lords by economic measures, way back in 1936, before it got too late. . . . Younger brother Vail is like him. . . . McCarran was a leading Senate isolationist, played into Hitler's hands along with Wheeler, Nye, Clark. . . . The world will be watching Nevada in the September primary to see whether the Far West is isolationist.

WAR PRODUCTION ROW —You could have knocked Donald Nelson over with a feather when Charles E. Wilson popped his resignation. . . . Here is the inside story of what happened. One day before leaving for China, Nelson called in top WPB executives for an arms-around-each-other love feast. He said he wanted no hard feelings; he loved everybody. Then he called on Charley Wilson, who was to be acting chairman while Nelson was away. . . . Wilson got up, slightly flustered at this show of friendship, hemmed and hawed. Then he got madder and madder, ripped out a hot attack on Nelson's aides for sniping at him. Finally, he announced he was resigning. . . . What Nelson didn't know was that Wilson had had a secret meeting with his own personal staff the day before, had pounded the table, said he wasn't going to take it any longer and was getting out. . . . WPB insiders say Wilson chiefly couldn't take cross-questioning from Congressional committees. . . . Actually, Nelson's aides were only being loyal to him. They refused to join the wolf pack which attacked him.

Indian Typhoon — When Ambassador William Phillips' famous letter advising Roosevelt that India was a U S problem leaked into print, the British Government sent instructions to all British consuls in this country to inspire letters to editors, plus editorials in the local press. One man in New York alone wrote 76 letters to different newspapers . . . Later British consuls sent copies of editorials etc to the British Embassy with accompanying notes showing what a good job they had done. . . . The Embassy, Joseph Hennessy British public relations man for India, left off the accompanying notes sent the next batch to Olaf Caroe in New Delhi so that Olaf could see what a good job Hennessy had been doing. Olaf then sent . . . Sir Olaf . . . that he had been . . . the Philippines . . . so far . . . editorials . . . was . . . slow . . . be published . . . and there . . . do to stem . . . conditions . . . British . . . India . . . into . . . One . . . can't prevent . . . Indian newspapers . . .

Right Behind You, Son!

—By Dorman Smith

Censorship Threatens Peace Talks

By Marquis Childs

WASHINGTON

THE Dumbarton Oaks conference is not a week old and yet an unpleasant quarrel is in progress over how much the press is to be told. The newspaper men protesting against the closed door policy at Dumbarton Oaks do not ask to be allowed to sit in on the meetings of the delegates. They know it would be impossible to hold such a conference with reporters listening to every word.

But they do want to be told in a general way what is happening. While they do not express it so precisely, they want an end to the leaks which result in one or two favored reporters getting news denied to the majority. The point they make—and it's a sound one—is that if you have a superfluous official news policy, then energetic newspaper men are bound to get exclusive stories. They can profitably trade on previous connections that other reporters may not be so fortunate as to have.

Privately, Britishers close to the conference say they want to liberalize the news policy. That's a proper objective, but it can't be done by slipping inside stories to a few.

It will only compound the confusion. Denials and evasions and stories to counter other stories are the atmosphere in which the preliminary meeting to organize world security is to be conducted, then the public will be ill prepared to understand what is taking place. The way will be wide open for politics.

Behind the present dispute is the niggardly information policy of the State Department. While there's been a marked improvement in recent months, the old tradition of "no news will cause no trouble" is still strong. Most permanent officials in the State Department have a firm belief that the dispensing of information is a vulgar business which somehow violates the canons of professional diplomacy. While they concede that public opinion should be formed, they argue that that function should be left to some other agency of government. It is apparently a conditioning which goes with their training and is re-enforced by all their experience as professional diplomats.

Those within the department advocating a more liberal information policy have had to try to overcome an entrenched distrust of information as such. It has been an uphill battle, especially in the face of Secretary Hull's inherent caution, which, in spite of his seems to increase rather than diminish.

The question of information . . . public is really part . . . question—whether the . . . partment is equipped to . . . Trented like a step-child . . . gress, the State Department . . . always limped along for . . . money. Our ambassadors . . . isters have never been paid enough to live up to their responsibilities.

Efforts to modernize the Department have gone only a little way. Under the iron hand of tradition, and divided by an internal feud, the State Department has lost in recent months some of its most able young men. They left because they saw no opportunity to do the kind of job they believed should be done.

The bitter irony is that it has always been money enough when the pinch came, to wage war. But the Department des . . . peace has always been starved and stunted.

Here in a small way by liberalizing the news policy at Dumbarton Oaks, the State Department could show it is abreast of the times. In the struggle for peace which is bound to be long and painful and difficult, the current conference is the opening engagement. The communiques from the peace front should be at least as full

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith

"Yes, dear, I know my new ... ing, but help is so scarce ... take what ...

Parisians Got Along If Friends Of Nazis

By HAL BOYLE

PARIS, Aug. 25—(Delayed)—(AP)—The average Frenchman didn't do so badly under four years of Nazi rule — unless he worked for a living.

BOYLE

For those who played ball with the Germans, or who had a big bank-roll to draw on, France remained one of the world's garden spots—a free-flowing land of borrowed plenty where you could buy anything you wanted.

But you had to have the price." Said Alec Jean Grecier, who has earned a moderate living for the last 29 years of service as a waiter in the Grand Hotel.

He who looks like a maga... ...cartoon of the typical Frenchman with his neat pin... ...and his expressive gestures ... he had ... ...

Everyday Counsellor

By Herbert Spaugh

FROM ...

It means so much ... that our people ... and millions ... world are praying ... for ...

Why ...

Harassed

JOHN ...

The Pa...

Soldiers

Quadru...