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America's Town Meeting

WILL A Third Party bring us peace and prosperity? That question will be discussed tonight in a coast-to-coast broadcast from Charlotte in America's Town Meeting of the Air.

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How To Stop Harold Stassen?

WASHINGTON observers felt us there was a determined Republican Old Guard effort to stop Harold E. Stassen, the young former Governor of Minnesota, start of the Republican nomination for President.

There is the case of Theodore Roosevelt in 1912, who swept primaries in nine states but lost the nomination to William Howard Taft.

Remembering the stampede for the independent Mr. Wilkie, the Old Guardsmen are determined that Mr. Stassen will not repeat the performance.

The Proper Study Of Antkind

GRIMLY determined as we are to hold onto the few illusions this cruel world still has left, we are looking for a study on the theory that if the proper study of mankind is man, the proper study of antkind should be obvious.

And here goes another illusion. A scientific study of Army ants in Panama showed that about 40 per cent of them appeared to do nothing.

Highly adaptable, like men, ants have spread over the world in 8,000 species, subspecies and varieties.

Perils Beset The Middle Way

MODERATION is the saddest casualty in ideological battles that rage today. When Communism wins a national fight, it has lost in Czechoslovakia, it extends its tentacles to Italy, and it extinguishes all opposition.

This is one of the threats against which men of good will must act. They must look in the ferment which plagues Latin America. They must see it in the lowering sky of Italy.

The Bogota insurrection has petered out. The sources of discontent, the poverty and under-privilege remain. It will serve democracy poorly to attribute the insurrection wholly to "Communist direction," even

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Questions From Italy

By SUNNER WELLES Former Under Secretary of State

MORE THAN half of the Italian people have rejected Communism. They have decided that free democracy is better than a police state directed from Moscow.

Many of us seem completely to think that this men that Italy's course will be definitely set in the elections mark only a first step.

The Communist Party of Italy is still the most powerful in Western Europe. It is going to seize power in the near future.

The living standard of most Italians is miserably low. There is a lack of cultural resources are national handicaps that can only be surmounted when there is once more a peaceful world.

UNTIL the Western democracies have all met successfully the social challenge which each faces, in greater or lesser degree, they will not have won their contest against Communism.

The Kremlin, however, sees that present trends are generally responsible for the Brussels pact is our indication. The Italian elections, the organization of the sixteen Western European states, and the customs union between France and Italy are other signs.

There is increasing evidence of growing hope for the future among the Western democracies. If Russia is prepared to renounce the pact it now wears this year before American rearmament begins, the Western world will be free to reorganize.

IN THE long struggle that looms ahead the Soviet dictatorship enjoys one major advantage. Its policies are being carried out by a government that is not permanently broken.

Keep The Diplomats Talking

THE MOSCOW conference which followed did not bring the results hoped for, and Brynes was criticized by some for Russian appeasement. However, it kept both sides talking.

This is one important thing to be remembered about any dispute—whether it be a threatened labor strike or a diplomatic conference—keep both sides talking.

That fellow who told police he was speeding because he was about out of gas and was hurrying to a filling station was also a fast thinker.

'That's One Of Those Jet Jobs'



Democracy Goes On Trial

By SUNNER WELLES Former Under Secretary of State

AMERICAN policy cannot be ruthless. It has often been incoherent. Recently it has shifted as often as the controlling influences exerted upon the Executive.

The danger of war will be eliminated by these sentimentalists, the fellow-travelers and the peace-at-any-price fanatics.

The Western democracies are not to concentrate on the immediate objectives. The masters of the Kremlin shape their policy to reach objectives that can often only be attained in the distant future.

Quote, Unquote

IN Maine a baby sixteen days old is wailing. There seems to be no limit to infantile procreancy. Next thing you hear you'll be told he can't think up his own ideas.

Some reflecting feeling of frustrated verbiage when the subject is a conference that has produced a suitable jingle to conclude his column.

It won't be long now until the files will be keeping the papers from sitting around doing nothing.

Speaking of television, it's likely to mess up with a lot of things we prefer to keep ourselves—Greenville (S. C.) Piedmont.

Dr ew Pearson's - Byrnes' Strategy: Keep 'Em Talking

WASHINGTON hadn't been willing to talk to Stalin, the President replied to the effect that he wasn't going to kick anyone's boots.

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Joseph Alsop Stassen Snowball

THE conspicuous fact about the 100-stop-Stassen movement is that it has a jelling quality.

DEWEY and Taft camps talk openly, with a good deal of happy relish, of the fact that the Stassen forces are considerably more confident than the Dewey and Taft forces.

From this rather curious difference one may infer that the Dewey and Taft camps are not so sure of forming the combination to stop Stassen.

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Samuel Grafton The Task In Italy

NOW that we've won in Italy, and now that a week has elapsed for the Italian election, it is time to go into the question of what we've won.

We in America tend, I think, to take too much of a sporting countenance to the Italian election.

Only in politics, the game is not to win, it is to win the old one ends, or, rather, they overlap; the last play in the old game is to win the new one.

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Silent Mr. Harriman

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