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U. S. Faces Risk Of War In Near East

SECRETARY Dulles's grim warning about the danger of an attack on Turkey by Syria and Soviet Russia slashed across the nation's consciousness like a razor stroke. It was simply the latest in a whole series of rude jolts to public complacency. If it alerted the nation to the seriousness of the current situation in the Middle East, it also alerted the Soviet Union to the death of U. S. determination to stand by its international commitments at any cost.

What that latter warning means is that the United States is willing to risk the full fury of an atomic hydrogen war to protect its interests in the Middle East. No softer interpretation is possible at this time. The peril the nation finds itself in today is a direct consequence of the failure of U. S. diplomacy in the Middle East. It was brought on by the movement of Syria into the Soviet orbit and the virtual collapse of the Eisenhower Doctrine.

One More Matter Deserves Scrutiny

NEPOTISM (nep-oh-tiz-m), n. Favoritism shown to nephews and other relatives; bestowal of patronage by reason of relationship. WHILE conflicts of interest in government service are clearly illegal, the rules governing nepotism are less strictly defined. At best, however, the practice reflects exceedingly poor taste on the part of responsible government officials.

If County Commissioners are sincerely interested in cleaning up their own house, they should also probe this aspect of recent indiscretions in county government. It is improper for an officeholder to do business with the county, it is at least unbecoming for the close relatives of officeholders to be the beneficiaries of county business.

Such instances have already been admitted during the current investigation of Drainage Commission transactions. It is altogether possible that no "favoritism" was shown in these rather minor business dealings. The procedure is poor, however, because it invites criticism and suspicion. Public confidence does not thrive on suspicion. But good government thrives on public confidence.

Who Packed It?

CRITICS of the Supreme Court's "new liberalism" often blame Fair Dealer Harry S. Truman for packing the high bench with left wingers. Let's look at the record. All of Mr. Truman's appointees (Burton and Clark, and Vinson and Minton before them) range from the right to the far right. Two out of three of the conservative Eisenhower's appointees (Warren and Brennan) are liberals.

Needed: Time To Stop, Look And Listen

SEEKING shelter from the assorted storms of midcentury living, harassed editorialists around the nation have been playing a game that has nothing to do with the Big Issues. They are asking this question: "What sounds or odors made the sharpest impression on you as a child? What do you remember with the deepest intensity?" Van Wyck Brooks, the writer, long ago published his own nominations: "The winding of the clock on Sunday morning; the mowing of the lawn and the faraway beating of carpets; the whirring of water sprinklers; and the rocking of hammocks."

Yes, as Edward R. Murrow would say, we can hear it now. But other impressions linger even more persistently in memories: "The hollow voices of hounds baying in a deep wood, the smell of cedar and the genial crackling of a log fire in a

From The Richmond News Leader DEEP SUBJECT: DO SHEEP SLEEP? OUR congratulations today go to Dr. Joan Munro, of the Department of Agriculture, Aberdeen, in Great Britain. Dr. Munro has demonstrated that no problem is too difficult for the scientist to conquer provided he (she) gives it a hard, honest effort. This is precisely what Dr. Munro has done with the puzzler about sheep. The question that had stumped scientists for ages was simply: Do sheep ever sleep? To be sure, there were many who rose at scientific gatherings and stated that it was their view that sheep sleep, but none could sustain this theory under close examination by their peers. Always the scientists who believed that sheep sleep summed up their weak arguments with the feeble statement: "Well, they must sleep. They simply must."

must be faced bravely and honestly. No amount of Monday morning quarterbacking will alter current conditions. Turkey is the right flank anchor of NATO defense. It holds the strategic Dardanelles as well as some of the mountain barriers which protect the Middle East against land invasions. Its airfields, leased by the United States, provide bases, in case of war, for attack against the underbelly of central Soviet Russia. But with Syria under Communist domination, Turkey is now threatened from the south as well as from the north.

Despite the war talk, Washington is reported to be relatively calm. It is felt that Soviet bluster concerning Turkey is merely part of the Kremlin's propaganda effort to make the most of Russia's current "position of strength." This may be so, but the stakes are too high for the game to be taken lightly. The United States has no choice. It must maintain a firm and determined posture in the Middle East. It must be clear to America's friends and enemies alike that peace is our objective. But it must be equally clear that peace cannot be bought at any price; that some things are worth fighting for. The alternative is slow strangulation.

Blindness In High Places

U. S. Policy Is Self-Defeating

By WALTER LIPPMANN

A FEW days after Sputnik was launched, Mr. Dulles left Washington for a "vacation" at his island retreat. This was a sensible thing to do if it meant that instead of making statements, he was taking time out to think whether and how Sputnik signifies has affected this country's position in the world.

He will not, we must suppose, have comforted himself as did the President at his press conference, with the notion that Sputnik is a "scientific achievement" which has no serious "military" importance. He cannot entertain the crude idea that there are two separate compartments—one for science and one for the military—that there is some vast difference between launching a missile and launching a satellite. Mr. Dulles cannot have any doubt that a nation which can launch Sputnik is very far advanced in science, engineering, and in industrial capacity. Nor can he doubt that if this advance continues or, as it might, if it is compounded and becomes cumulative, there will be radical alteration in the world balance of power.

RUSSIAN SUPERIORITY

In this connection, we must remember that in world politics men commonly discount what they believe is the future, treating what they think will happen as if it had already happened. Thus in the few years after 1945 when this

country had a monopoly of the atom bomb, the world regarded us as more powerful than in fact we were. Now, as a result of the successful test of the hydrogen bomb and the launching of Sputnik, Russia looks enormously powerful. Almost certainly the truth is that she is not now decisively superior but that if present trends continue in Russia and in the United States, she will achieve decisive superiority.

The discounting of this expectation by the rest of the world is having a profound effect on the American position. Mr. Dulles, in his island retreat, can hardly have failed to ponder deeply the consequences. For what he and his country are faced with is the disparity between our actual power and the positions to which we are committed, the objectives we have declared for, in our foreign policy.

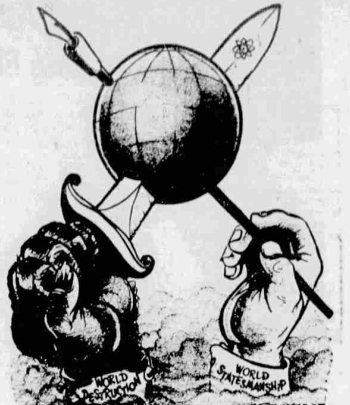
These are days when our people, who have been hearing much bad news, are becoming of a mind to listen to some hard truths. One of them is that the Eisenhower-Dulles foreign policy is on many critical issues based on a wishful estimate of our own power and a self-deluding notion that because our intentions are righteous, our hopes are destined to be fulfilled. Again and again, the Eisenhower-Dulles policy is a refusal to recognize the facts of life. A policy which is not grounded in the real world will have objectives that are unattainable and will produce consequences that are unforeseen.

Thus there is our China policy, which is based on the notion that if we extract the Peiping government, it will eventually collapse, be overthrown, or surrender. While we wait for one of these happy endings, we subsidize a Chinese government in Formosa which can never be the government of China, and is manifestly deteriorating. Because of this fundamentally false estimate of the realities of power in eastern Asia, our prestige has been declining since long before the launching of Sputnik. For our aims are no doubt righteous, but in the hard and sour-realities of world politics, good intentions are not a policy.

FAIRY TALE

Our German policy, which has been largely dominated by Dr. Adenauer, is based on the curious notion that Russia can be induced to surrender, to allow Eastern Germany to be swallowed by Western Germany, and to let a reunited Germany be incorporated as the strongest European military power in NATO. If there is a single responsible and informed man who, when he is of the record, believes in this fairy tale, I have never met him. Most of those who say they believe in it really believe that it is just as well if Germany is not reunited.

A German policy which is so unrealistic and so ambiguous must be excluded, and what is more, the Arab states, who want to work both sides of the street, object to excluding her.



The Challenge

The common characteristic of China, the German and the Middle Eastern policy is the crucial assumption that our power and influence are so great that our adversaries—Russia and China—will have to surrender. Since they show no signs of surrendering, since they show many signs that they are growing in power, we do not have negotiable policies. As a result, when an event like the launching of Sputnik discloses that we are far from being all-powerful, our prestige and influence are profoundly shaken.

People's Was City Council Fair To Charlotte Grocers?

Charlotte Editors: The News: THERE seems to be some very unfavorable ideas related to the small grocer, and this should not be. When the City Council collected his or her license tax, it did not mention the days or hours for operation. Did it give the drug stores the Sunday hours they may remain open? Then why does it tell the small grocer what hours he can open and close? Do City Councilmen think they are playing on the levels? He cannot call this fair, for what's sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander. Therefore, if the drug stores open and close as they choose, this same rule or law should apply to the small grocer.

It's hard to be small, but there are so many in that class. There are many people who do not have the money, the lex boxes or the freezer lockers and they must buy from day to day, not for the week or the month.

I do not favor Sunday operation, but if necessary, due to circumstances, then let's cooperate and let them enjoy this privilege. Let the small grocer do the best he can with what he has to do with.

Personally, I don't think anyone should operate between the hours of 11 to 12 noon. But the beer stands can run; then why should the little grocer be barred?

Please do that which is fair and right by the handicapped, financially and otherwise. I do not favor liquor, but I support the ABC stores because I did not favor the bootleggers; however we have them, and I suppose always will. If we are to have an evil, then let's have it in the smaller way.

Charlotte Editors: The News: I GREATLY appreciate your editorial on Oct. 14 "The ABC Must Walk A Narrow Road." It is very hard indeed for that road to be walked by any man who is not in himself straight and narrow in the best meaning of those words. Advocates of the ABC stores have said long and loud and most emphatically that only sober men of unquestionable character should be given the re-

sponsibility of heading up a multimillion-dollar organization. An informed person can easily see how great the temptations could be to a weak man in such a position.

The record also shows that liquor and corruption and all kinds of moral rottenness go hand in hand. There never has been nor can be a clean liquor business. It makes dirty bodies of those who use it, it soils and disorders homes where it is used, and it blackens and befouls character. No individual, city, state or nation can habitually handle sour and fall to be blackened.

You often raise questions in your editorials, Mr. Editor. May I ask you one and also ask the same question of the better citizens of our fair county? Do you really think that a man who has been tried and convicted of a crime by a jury of 12 men and found guilty in spite of the fact that the chief justice of Charlotte and the sheriff of Mecklenburg County went all the way to Raleigh to testify as to his goodness, should head up a county business involving the expenditure of almost a million dollars a month? Consistency is a jewel that almost all advocates of the ABC system never possess or display.

—H. L. FERGUSON

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If I was black I would feel out of place among white folks and I think the honorable Negro does, too. But he is being egged on to push himself on the white people by his ungrateful parents who seem stubborn and want to do something they imagine is smart.

I love a Negro in his place, the same as I do an Indian or any other nationality, but I wouldn't try to marry one of them. Would you?

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At my request, Mrs. Hester showed me a fairly recent photograph of him. The prolific mind and staunch American political fundamentalist was matched only by his handsome features. The deeply set, lustrous brown eyes, encircled by a "soft twinkle," would convince the most unsympathetic that the image was that of a superior man in the loftiest sense.

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Charlotte Editors: The News: I HAD come into this world as a Chinaman I would surely be proud of and I would resent anyone calling me a white man. But our Maker saw fit to make me a member of the white race and I am equally proud of it.

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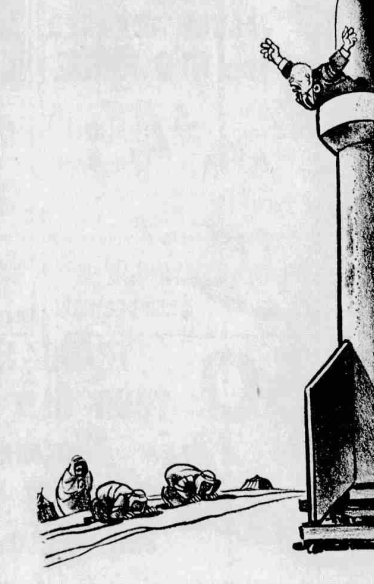
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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON

WHILE the nation's capital is paying homage to the beautiful Queen of our leading Western ally, the Western world is haunted by certain ominous similarities between Khrushchev's tactics in 1957 and Hitler's tactics in 1937. It was in 1937-38 that Hitler started taking over Austria and large banks of Czechoslovakia purely by psychological warfare.

Merchandising Might He did it by exhibiting the might of the Nazi Army, by showing foreign diplomatic motion pictures of Germany's military might, and by subversion inside Austria and Czechoslovakia. He didn't have to fire a single shot.

Today, 20 years later, awe of the Russian ICBM, warnings over the Sputnik, plus savage amazement from the Kremlin

Khrushchev Apes Hitler's Tactics

WASHINGTON

are doing the same thing for Khrushchev. In the past week, the Arab world, much of it previously pro-west, has started swinging into the Soviet orbit. Here are the swings:

Chamoun's Turnabout Swing No. 1—President Chamoun of Lebanon, hitherto a staunch friend of the United States and no friend of Syria, now is backing Syria and wants to renounce the Eisenhower Doctrine. This reversal came about one week after Khrushchev launched his Sputnik and 48 hours after Khrushchev growling viciously at Turkey, warned that Turkey would not stay alive more than 24 hours in case of war.

Lebanon leaders, listening to Khrushchev, knew that if the Red Army once obliterated Turkey it would sweep on down into the Arab world. So they

jumped to get on the right side of the fence.

Saud Backs Syria Swing No. 2—Simultaneous with Lebanon's right-about-face, King Saud made a statement which just about tore up the Eisenhower Doctrine. Saud had been wined and dined by Eisenhower, receives his total income from American oil companies, has no reason to love Russia. Yet he lined up with Syria, a country which is becoming almost wholly dependent on the Kremlin.

Nasser's Noises Swing No. 3—Col Nasser has recently been making noises about a friendlier Egyptian policy toward the United States. But one week after the launching of Sputnik and 70 hours after Khrushchev unloaded his savage verbal blast against Turkey, Nasser landed troops in Syria

to support Syria against Turkey.

All this fits into a pattern—a pattern all too similar to that which Hitler used to terrorize central Europe shortly before the start of World War II.

Royal-Go-Round

The State Department has issued a "protocol" warning against tiny renditions of the Star Spangled Banner and the Queen's Anthem (God Save the Queen) by outdoor bands. . . . The White House had "no comment" on a London newspaper query about how the Eisenhower would address their royal guests during their four-day visit. Apparently Ike and Mamie hadn't made up their minds. The State Department, however, there won't be any corvyn, unproven ad libbing by members of Congress as in 1939 when former Congressman Nal Patton of Texas loudly greeted the King and Queen of England (Elizabeth's parents) as "cousins."

Check the "TV Highlights" in your excellent paper. Saturday's bill of murrer described the Perry Mason show as "a black-mailed and a man who was executed for homicide." The 8:30 "Have Gun, Will Travel" highlight "homicide and a white mob." The following "Gunsmoke" program includes "Guns of a half-witted dirt farmer" and "homicide and a white mob." The 10 o'clock performance features "a lovely girl" discovers the identity of her father's murderer and in doing so marks herself for sudden death."

The TV producers' preoccupation with killing, murder, hold-ups, death and fighting must be of concern to the heads of families with children.

—MATTHEW BOONE