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NATO MOVES IN FEAR
'Lonely Voices' Urge New Negotiations With The Soviet

By MARQUIS CHILDS

PARIS
WHAT we are seeing with the meeting of the NATO heads of government in Paris is a new phase of the cold war with the certainty of greatly increased tensions...

As the NATO alliance is being strengthened militarily, Moscow has chosen simultaneously to hold out the familiar bait of a neutralized zone in Central Europe along with the threat of reprisals for those nations that accept missile bases...

Once again the "cement of fear" is counted on to hold the alliance together. Whether it will be sufficient in view of the conflicting forces making for neutralism is an unanswerable question.

REALISTIC DEFENSE
The steps to be taken in the aftermath of the conference—the location of missile bases, the provision of nuclear weapons for NATO allies...

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LESTER B. PEARSON
Desire is Undying

to satisfy the Europeans and yet sufficiently limited to avoid a showdown with Congress on any basic change in the present law.

TWO HATS
That formula is built around Gen. Lauris Norstad, who wears two hats, as supreme commander of NATO forces in Europe and as an American Air Force general.

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GEN. LAURIS NORSTAD
Keeper Of The Keys

holds out the hope of a neutralized zone in Central Europe... European admiring and sympathetic with the heroic action of the President in coming here...

What lies beyond the next phase of the cold war question? Is it no more than a further piling up of armaments on both sides...

LOVELY VOICES
George Kennan, in his Heath lectures in London, and Lester Pearson, in his Nobel Peace Prize address...

Here again Dulles, in his case with the support of the British, insisted that America's commitment is to peace in the world...

But values that seem kindly to terminate in the not too distant future after the end of the termination of peoples, not alone in Europe but throughout the world.

Is City Council Afraid Of The Public?

MAYOR SMITH needn't fear being thought willing to compromise with critics of his plan to zone parking matters in a thick blanket of secrecy.

Nothing in his statement yesterday indicated any measure of compromise. He obviously intends to go ahead with his sponsorship of secret meetings between Council and the City-County Planning Commission.

One part of the criticism, however, wasn't aimed at reaching a compromise. We simply want the mayor to wash his hands of the whole silly business of harding public affairs behind closed doors.

But it is, after all, the public's business. That's why the city charter says, without qualification, that Council meetings "shall be public."

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Public ignorance on this point might have saved Council a bit of criticism, but it surely could not have contributed to an understanding of the zoning program and one of its defects.

In a well-governed city, there simply is no way to prevent criticism of public officials, nor to make thin-skinned officials happy in government.

If Mayor Smith insists on instituting a policy of secrecy in city affairs he ought at least to put the matter to a vote of Council. Councilmen can't be sure of the public behind closed doors.

The Luxury Of Laziness Is Dangerous

THE public has been dangerously negligent in overlooking an obscure law requiring doorways serving 40 or more persons to open outward.

For this lapse, the public has only itself to blame. It has forgotten the terrifying tragedies that prompted the law. It has permitted its public officials the luxury of laziness.

In Charlotte, Asst. Chief Safety Inspector James Bell surveys the vastness of the danger with concern but his efforts to cope with it are "less limited."

model, we make them promise to fix their doors before we grant the building permit.

The fact must be faced that this "handing" of the problem is hardly adequate. Doors opening inward could become dead traps in case of fire.

Postscript To A Year Of Racial Ire

ALTHOUGH it was a simple story, the four short paragraphs put out by a wire service from Columbia, S. C., belied its real dimensions.

When David Langley, a white newspaper carrier, was robbed of \$18 by a Negro youth, the sum, plus an extra half-dollar was restored to him by Negro subscribers on his route.

Depending on the circumstances of the subscribers, it also might have been a lot of money to give to a wrong they had not committed.

The \$18 came out of a still vast fund of friendship between the races in the South, a friendship based on human feeling rather than on racial hatred.

There is nothing wrong with group action, so long as it does not reduce the individuals comprising the group to automaton control by the propaganda of the group.

Horace Butler's anger over David Langley's misfortune is a hopeful postscript to a year of racial suspicion and violence in the South and the rest of the nation.

From The Green Bay (Wis.) Press-Gazette

A POET LOOKS AT LIFE

THERE is something about a poet — at least some poets — which is able to put a nice bright shine on everyday matters.

Mr. Frost was asked by a United Nations committee to write an appropriate verse about the gift of a hunk of iron from Sweden which may be cemented into the U. N. building as a symbol of strength and unity.

Mr. Frost takes a dim view of the emphasis upon "togetherness." He is opposed in general to anything which tends to make people rely upon anything else.

viduals answerable first only to others or to ourselves? Is some ideal beyond ourselves? Is the United States to be answerable first to the United Nations or to its own concept of what is right?

Each generation needs a Henry Thoreau. It is tribute to America that despite Madison Avenue hucksters, educational leavings toward conformity and the over-emphasis upon subsidies and bonuses...

Nixon Disappointed
Vice President Nixon had hoped until the very end that he would go to Paris with Ike. He studied NATO problems carefully, was well informed, but failed

A Defense Of The 'Square' In An Age Of High Fashion

By ROBERT C. RUARK

PALAMOS, Spain
THE old lady took a long, searching look at herself. She was wearing a box, a kind of cloth coffin. It was about as high on the style ladder as you could climb.

"Damn and blast and mumbo jumbo!" said my good woman. "I'm upset and more upset tired of being stylish and ugly."

and love me are going to appreciate the fact that I didn't change into this fray. Said I: "Even so, I think you're pretty good."

'Now That You Ask—No, Virginia—'

"Start the law with Virginia," she snapped. "And you know for the extra knicker, American men look better as they are. They were never narrow look. You can see more of their bodies than New York than I ever remember."

"Yes, Virginia," I said, "what if the world will not be the better place of your mate, here, the times are still wild, and the hot crowds still pull people and you still find it hard on my eyes. No cap has ever covered my jacks, which have been allowed to remain in square mode to give a little camouflage to my ears."

"That I have, madame," said I. "And to expect to confirm, I am not a wily-stabby woman, saved off by the wind of my own story in Paris which made me say I'm not a wily-stabby woman, saved off by the wind of my own story in Paris which made me say I'm not a wily-stabby woman..."



Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round Ike Scorned Need For Adlai's Views

WASHINGTON
SHORTLY before he left for Paris, Eisenhower let off a little private steam against Adlai Stevenson. He said he had never listened to Stevenson while Adlai was campaigning against him for president, and he didn't propose to start now.

to reckon with his rivals, Sherman Adams and Jim Hagerty. They told the President on the idea that Dick should stay at home.

Authority. He's never had a strike before, always got what he wanted. He turns the city about \$3 million a year, by saving on foodstuffs. He would like to see the city get the benefit of this \$3 million to build new subway stations and make repairs.

Extra Benefits
The rest of the country is going to get more of Manhattan's basic trouble which caused the subway strike, local reason for the strike is the rebellion of skilled labor against industrial unions.

Three Suits
Headaches for the Kansas City Star continue. Last week these suits were filed against it—as previously reported by this column. They came from the Independent, also Vice, Craig Sinclair, publisher of the Kansas City Star, and William Neff, publisher of the Johnson County Herald.

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In New York, Mike Quill, head of the Transport Workers, has been close to Mayor Bob Wagner and the City Transit

publisher, has already collected around \$100,000 from the Star based upon its anti-trust operations for which it was convicted.

Look Away, Dixieland What Supreme Court?

DURING a lull in the storm at 1314 N. W. Tennessee, where court-ordered desegregation suits stirred a national as well as a community tangle, a team of segregationists interviewed a sampling of Anderson County Commissioners about the incident. The interviewees received some unexpected responses to their questions.

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Anderson County Commissioner, Esselhorst made a personal request that publisher Neff, who had been indicted, not be prosecuted. Roberts had been among the first to propose the president. His indictment was dropped.