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An Opening Gambit? Behind The Berlin Crisis

By WALTER LIPPMANN

WASHINGTON
Each day makes it seem more likely that the Soviet move in Berlin is the opening gambit of an extensive diplomatic operation dealing with the whole German question.

Soviet government lives in dread of another Hungary, and realizes that there is a great risk in the continuing military occupation of Eastern Europe.

THE LONG VIEW

On our Western side a serious negotiation is not likely to begin soon because policy is made by Dr. Adenauer and Mr. Dulles. Their terms call for the liquidation of the East German state and the extension of the frontier of NATO to the Polish border.



The Whole Question Of Germany Is At Stake

The American successors of Mr. Dulles will have to change our position.

On the long view, perhaps the greatest risk we are running at present is that we shall become alienated from the Germans who will succeed Dr. Adenauer. The risk is greater than we realize.

ANOTHER HUNGARY

It is not probable, I think, that on the whole German question there will be any really serious negotiations for the next two years. For a serious negotiation would be one in which at the end of the negotiations the Soviet government would agree to withdraw from Central and Eastern Europe and back within its own frontiers.

THE WHOLE QUESTION OF GERMANY IS AT STAKE

It is reasonable to assume that the Soviet operation in Berlin is addressed to the German successors of Dr. Adenauer and to the American successors of Mr. Dulles. That is why the gambit in Berlin is only the beginning of a long game.

Why Turn Back The Clock To 1945?

THE administration of juvenile justice in Mecklenburg is a three-cornered job. It is too big and complex for one man or one agency.

It would be genuinely tragic if Commissioners took this opportunity to banish Mr. Kurall entirely from the juvenile court picture. Such a move would merely turn the clock back to 1945.

We have great confidence in the abilities of Juvenile Court Judge Willard I. Gitting. But it is not fair to saddle him with burdensome and exacting administrative and social work responsibilities.

Experts have insisted that the administration of juvenile justice be concerned with the total social problem rather than only the particular offense committed.

In 1946, County Commissioners and the City Council moved to place the social work function of the juvenile court under the supervision of the superintendent of public welfare.

This innovation — and others — gave Mecklenburg County a model system. It has been studied and imitated by other communities. It can still work well if responsibilities are precisely defined and a spirit of cooperation is prudently maintained.

It is unfortunate that misunderstandings have developed and increased legal technicalities have reared their peculiar heads. But, as we said Dec. 2, the dispute can have a healthy effect if wires can be uncrossed and doubts removed about who's in charge of what.

Such complaints as investigations of complaints, diagnostic studies, supervision of children on probation, social work with families of neglected and delinquent children, statistical recording and reporting, are properly within the sphere of the superintendent of public welfare — since they can be correlated with the family and children's services already under his direction.

Consequently, the clarification of responsibilities Commissioners are expected to set forth on Monday will be of the utmost importance to the future of juvenile delinquency. Let them ponder their decisions well.

Old-Fashioned Terrorism Is Merely A Mob Calisthenic

By ROBERT C. RUARK

I HAVE wondered, in light of the last several bloody years of world-wide insurrection, if and when democracy will be so it had to retaliate in kind. Especially if "democracy" might be a cloak of demagogues.

into cafes under the desert carts.

Cuba outside of Havana, to ward Oriente, is not safe for man, beast, or bystander, and that includes the American troops in Baghdad which cheered the defiled bodies of Premier Nuri and King Abdul Ilah, as they were dragged through the streets; the same mobsters who sacked the mansions of the murdered King Faisal and his wife, and the time they cheer the repulse by Premier Abdul Karim Qasbi of his best buddy's effort to topple the right-hand in the murderous Iraq coup, just got too big for his britches.

Democracy in the best sense is government by the people, for the people. So the Egyptians throw out silly King Farouk to get Nasser and now they wind up with an absolute dictator Nasser, who has done more to Hitler to disturb the world prior to a global conflict. But nowhere have the people benefited either in government or in popular advantage.

It seems to me that there is only one answer to force — and that is force. Regrettably as it may seem, I follow the tenets of an old English gentleman on a grouse moor in Scotland. Somebody had been shooting carelessly, and had spattered a friend in a neighboring bird with bird shot. The old gentleman, well heated, knickerbockered, British to the core, stood up and announced:

"If I am shot even by accident in my station, I can assure you that I shall follow an old family tradition and fire back."

MURDER IS MURDER

I am with the gentleman all the way. Murder is the false name of democracy or a struggle for freedom — freedom from what, and for whom? — is still murder, and have long since ceased bleeding for the mobs who are employed as thugs by people whose whole plan is personal power, not idealism.

If the Mossie law must be invoked against indiscriminate murder, I say, invoke it. My grouse-shooting British friend and I are for Moses.

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Exultation For All The Wrong Reasons

THE virtual liquidation of the French Communist Party in the Sunday election may be a good thing. But does it justify all the exultation in the American press?

Is it enough to ask of any world event whether it is good or bad for communism?

Asked of the Franco election, it misses the point altogether. The French Communist party deserves no funeral tears from republicans anywhere. Before World War II, its many contortions, from dancing to the music of Hitler after the Hitler-Stalin pact of 1939, were called by Moscow. During the war, it played at resistance. After the war, it exploited its role in the Resistance as a tool against domestic political enemies.

ist votes are ideological in origin. Gen. de Gaulle, though not of obvious skills, is apolitical if not anti-political. He has a haughty disregard for the necessary bickering of republican politics. So, it may be said, had Jacques Duclos, the hoary old mastermind of Communist obstruction who met his downfall last Sunday.

De Gaulle, like President Eisenhower, partially symbolizes the impatience of politically-naive people with the rituals of traditional politics. The general is no Caesar. But the impatience which sustains much of his power is the fuel upon which caesarism sometimes feeds. It leads to idolatry of the political savior, the statehouse messiah, and the governmental Santa Claus.

The real danger symptoms of Sunday's election are only incidentally related to the demise of the Communists in parliament. Many exponents of center republicanism are out, particularly Pierre Mendes-France, the MRP, or Popular Republican Movement, typical of the moderate Catholic parties which have, in post-war Europe, brought an end to the bitter struggle between the Catholic old regime and the anticlerical left, has been weakened. With the MRP, the older radicals, and other centrists drained and their leaders vanquished, the French destiny falls to the huge new power of Jacques Soustelle, UNR leader, a strong man and adventurer who helped consolidate the Algerian revolt last spring.



There is Only One Answer To Force

figures as bank managers. Bombs explode here and there as terrorists in North Africa roll the bombs

People's Platform

A Write-In Vote Can Make Him President

Gov. Orval Faubus says Congress, not the Supreme Court, makes the laws of the land, and all Americans know that he is right. The left wing rabble who hounded the late Sen. Joseph McCarthy to his grave, because of his fight against communism, and the left wing press, has turned on Gov. Faubus but Gov. Faubus can yet become President of the United States by a write-in vote, if not on a third party ticket.

Railroad Decisions Are Like Dresses

DECISIONS on the railroads are like women's dresses. They don't fit. Why, the makers of these decisions don't know their business to start with.

'I Can Defend Myself From My Enemies; God Save Me From My Friends!'



A Special Muse For Prosperity Week

WE were just trying to think of something clever to say about National Prosperity Week, which we are now having.

The Muse would not appear — or, if hidden, would not be heard.

Then it struck us that what this country needs, perhaps, is a Prosperity Muse. This Muse need not be heard only by hurried editorial writers during Prosperity Week, but by ordinary American citizens as they seek to surfeit themselves with milk, honey, cash, and consumer goods.

eye, she would have a reasonable facsimile of the Hope diamond, yet it would be really a rather cheap ersatz rhinestone, made by Du Pont. She would, perhaps, wear a \$38 Macy's imitation Dior dress. On one wrist she would have a tattoo and she would be smoking a special filter-tip with nine filter tips. In one hand she would display aloft the rear fender of a '39 auto with 16 tail-lights; in the other, she would wave a list of the possibilities for buying goods on down-payments — at only 16 per cent interest. Her hair would be rayon or nylon, and it would dangle plainly over her single rhinestone eye. The most important thing would be her motion; with a hippy rock and roll, she would all the while keep a milk hula-hoop going at 30 feet per second.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

A LOT of history was behind Adolfo Lopez Mateos as he solemnly swore to uphold the laws of the United States as he stood in the ornate Behind him as he stood in the ornate Palace of Fine Arts was the red, white and green of the Mexican flag with the angry eagle of Mexico killing the snake of the Mexican desert, symbol of the age-old struggle that has been Mexico's against mountains and jungle, hardship and evil. And before him as he spoke the crowd roared approval when he said, "We will cooperate with the United States but we will not be pushed around."

Dulles Didn't React

John Foster Dulles, who sat stiff-faced in the tier of boxes and did not stir a stem at this point because he did not at first get the Spanish translation of that challenge to the U.S. A lot was behind that remark.

'We Will Not Be Pushed Around'

Mayor Invited

They've invited the Mayor of El Paso last year elected a Mexican as their mayor by an eight-to-one vote, and this week he was invited by Mexico to attend the inauguration of the new President.

Chamizal Dispute

Yes, a lot of history lay behind that simple but impressive ceremony — much of it bitter, most of it forgotten, but not all. Mayor Deles of El Paso governs a city of which a 30-acre semi-island in the Rio Grande, Chamizal, has been in dispute with Mexico for three quarters of a century. The capricious Rio Grande has put the island now in Mexico, now in the United States until a French arbitrator, called in shortly after the American Civil War, awarded Chamizal to Mexico.

Quiet Election

The many bloody Mexican revolutions which followed have finally evolved into the "Party of Revolutionary Institutions" which has brought two decades of tranquility and increased prosperity to Mexico. Adolfo Lopez Mateos, the new President, was the hand-picked candidate of that party. He was elected last July in an election which saw more votes cast and was the quietest in Mexican history.

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THE SMELL OF AUTUMN

CHAPEL HILLIANS have recently been in ecstasy over the colorful fall foliage. Many walks were taken, many drives along less traveled roads. But that part of fall is waning and another part of the season is almost upon us. Fall in Chapel Hill as in other parts of the state is a season that delights the nostrils. It is a season of fragrance.

It is particularly pleasant to stroll near a restaurant with its luring smells of broiling meats and herb flavoring. Freshly baked bread usually has an aroma all its own. In the fall of the year its enticement is increased.

There is much beauty to meet the eye: the deep blue sky through the lacy limbs of a tree. But fall is a sensuous season that also appeals to the sense of smell.