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Give Light and the People Will Find Their Own Way

Government Propaganda

THE booklet styled "our foreign policy," just published by the State Department, must be the Truman administration's reply to the similar treatise, "Background to Korea," issued recently by the Republican national committee.

There seems no other explanation for the notable omissions, distortions and plain untruths in a document purporting to be an objective review of American foreign policy.

The political propaganda of this kind should sail under its own colors, and its publication costs should not be charged to the taxpayers.

The over-all subject discussed is communism and how that threat is being met under Secretary of State Acheson's guidance by creating "situations of strength."

THIS, we are told, has been "the whole purpose" of the Marshall Plan, and the Point Four and military assistance programs. As might be expected, however, the explanation flounders whenever it touches the subject of China. It is there the most obvious contradictions occur.

On Page 42, it is remarked that at the end of World War II "the Chinese Nationalist and Communist armies were getting ready to fight a civil war over the exhausted body of China."

But on Page 90, an effort to prove there was no chance to save China includes the statement that in 1945 "the Nationalist government had undisputed control of the country," yet failed to restore the confidence of the people. The facts, are, of course, that the Communists had held control of substantial sections of China since 1927.

The Nationalists failed, this document continues, despite "prodigious American aid" and "the wise counsel of Gen. Marshall." How helpful was this aid?

According to President Truman's statement of Dec. 18, 1946, on turning over surplus equipment to Chiang Kai-shek, "no weapons which could be used in fighting a civil war were made available through this agreement." And what was the "wise counsel" offered by Gen. Marshall? Why, to form a coalition with the Communists, the very thing which marked the undoing of Poland, Hungary and Czechoslovakia.

SUMMING up the case for itself, the State Department explains that "to intervene in what was then still unquestionably a civil war between Chinese Nationalists and Chinese Communists would have meant reversing our history and our character, abandoning our principles and our good name—and risking defeat."

The fear of defeat may have had some validity, in view of the weaknesses revealed in our military establishment by our intervention in Korea. But it is dishonest to intimate that American troops had been requested. All that Chiang Kai-shek ever wanted from us was credit, arms and moral support.

As to reversing our history and abandoning our principles, the State Department booklet says that "Greece was already in a state of civil war" at the time of American intervention there. Korea was involved in a civil war of even larger proportions when we intervened there last June.

THE booklet also makes the interesting statement, in its review of the world situation in 1945, that "independence movements were brewing in the Dutch and French colonies of Indonesia and Indo-China." But it neglects to explain why American arms are being used to resist the independence movement in the French colony of Indo-China. To be sure, the revolt there is Communist-led. But so was the revolt in China.

The United States might have maintained one of Mr. Acheson's "situations of strength" by supporting Nationalist China in the same way we have supported Western Europe. But we have nothing to gain by supporting French colonialism in Indo-China, even if we win.

'We've Flushed the Covey'

L. GEN. WALTON H. WALKER, commanding the U. S. Eighth Army, was telling how his men were pursuing the small, disorganized enemy bands still below the cut-off line in South Korea. He said:

"We have flushed the covey and we are now kicking up the singles."

It couldn't have been better put by an old huntsman from Texas, which Gen. Walker is. Born in Belton, Bell County, Central Texas, it sticks out all over that he's thinking even now of how he used to beat the brush on fall days, behind a good dog and armed with a double-barreled shotgun, for a mess of quail.

FOR the benefit of unfortunates who have never known such delights, and in collaboration with our leading office nimrod, we'll try to translate the general's nostalgic allusion:

Quail travel in coveys. When you flush a covey, if you are a good shot and not too startled by the flurries of their wings, you may knock down one bird. A superior shot may get two, one with each barrel. And if you're real lucky, you may draw a bead just as two birds cross in flight and get two with one shot—ending with three birds on a covey rise, an extraordinary performance that you'd be entitled to brag about for the rest of the season.

ONCE the covey is flushed—a covey is anywhere from a dozen to 30—the birds fly off in all directions, each trying to save its own feathers. So you try to spot where these birds go down. Then you take your dog to each spot in turn and kick the single birds out of the brush, blasting away at them one at a time.

As any old quail hunter knows, it's when you're kicking up the singles that you get the most birds.

Good hunting, general.

DEAR BOSS... By Dan Kidney

Jacobs Aids Walsh Cause

Makes Flying Trip to Speak For Democratic Colleague

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2—Dear Boss: Rep. Andrew Jacobs, Indianapolis Democrat, made a flying trip to Anderson to make a campaign speech for his colleague, Rep. John Walsh, and returning to Washington this week-end had some salty comments concerning the "revelations" of Sen. Homer E. Capehart (R. Ind.) that President Truman is plotting against Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

"Passing through Indianapolis, I read a banner headline 'Capehart Blasts Truman.' When asked to comment, I merely said it wasn't news because that has been going on for five years," Mr. Jacobs declared.

"Returning to Washington I expected to hear those rumors that the President was about to relieve General MacArthur. Since Homer Capehart is a Senator, I felt he wouldn't be so irresponsible as to make this yarn out of whole cloth. But the Washington papers were devoted to the President's fine congratulatory message to the General.

"Therefore, it appears the 'Capehart Blasts Truman' was just a single gun salute to Sen. William E. Jenner. The shot was heard round the immediate vicinity of New York and Pennsylvania Streets in Indianapolis.

Roosevelt Favors General

"I SUSPECT that President Truman appreciates General MacArthur and the Marines, too. He should. After all, they have forced Capehart and Jenner to fall back from Korea to Formosa.

"Our Republican Senators shouldn't forget that it was a Democratic president—Franklin Delano Roosevelt—who displayed the greatest confidence in General MacArthur's military leadership in World War II. President Truman has continued to do so, as his glowing message to the general in Seoul shows."

Mr. Jacobs already had gone on record supporting President Truman's right to cancel General MacArthur's VFW message, which was one of the points raised in the Capehart criticism.

Addressing the House at the time, the Marion County Congressman pointed that the general was out of bounds in addressing himself on political matters which are entirely within the province of the Secretary of State. He denies that either President Roosevelt or Truman ever interfered with the general in military decisions. Another matter that Senator Capehart included in his anti-administration charges while addressing a GOP rally at Southport last Thursday night.

Mr. Jacobs classed this portion of the senior senator's address as being in the same category as a broadcast by radio commentator Henry J. Taylor in which he accused the President of scrapping a plan to defeat the North Koreans without using U. S. ground troops.

In his own weekly broadcast at that time, Mr. Jacobs had this to say about such charges:

Men Not Substituted for Armor

"POSSING as a great authority he informed the people that that war could have been won by our Air Force and Navy without the intervention of ground troops. Of course, we all know that the Air Force and the Navy are both there fighting with the ground troops and that the boys were not substituted for the armor of planes and ships.

"I need not mince words. I think that this broadcast was the most evil and wicked attempt at undermining your government that I have ever heard from a supposedly responsible source. It is certainly easy for this person, Henry J. Taylor, who has no responsibility, apparently not even the responsibility of refraining from uselessly distressing the relatives of our fighting men. Yes, for Henry Taylor, who has no responsibility, it is easy for him to say that wars can be won in the air when military history and military experience and military men who have the responsibility of winning, say it simply can't be done.

Undermines Government

"AN ADMINISTRATION, peacetime or wartime, is subject to criticism, but such blind appeal to emotion as was broadcast by this individual, Henry J. Taylor, undermines not only the administration to which he is bitterly opposed, but it is an assault upon the government of the land he professes to love."

"With such individuals trying to thus undermine your government about the only hope we have is in the proven wisdom and discernment of the people."

NEWS NOTEBOOK... By Peter Edson

Laughs in Congress

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2—One of the biggest laughs in the last Congress was supplied by Rep. Clare Hoffmann, fiery Michigan Republican. He is one of the House's more persistent one-minute speakers on every subject.

"I came here in January, 1935," Hoffmann said on this occasion, "and if there is anyone on the floor today who was here then, can he recall any time when we were not in a real or synthetic emergency, when we have not been in a great crisis? Will he please rise and tell me when it was? No one is on his feet.... None seems to recall such an occasion."

REP. CECIL R. KING of Los Angeles rose. He is one of the quietest of congressmen, a hard worker, but seldom if ever making a speech. But this time he delivered a mouthful: "I am afraid the gentleman by his presentation has implied that the emergency was created by his arrival here."

The House roared with laughter. Hoffmann flushed with anger and replied: "With an apology to the gentleman from California (Mr. King) may I suggest that his statement is insane, nonsensical and childish. The voters of my district on the 12th of September... approved whatever I have done by 76 per cent of the votes cast. Did the gentleman do as well?"

Rep. King replied quietly in one of the most amusing understandings of the year: "I haven't checked."

AGAIN the House members gawped. What they knew and what Rep. Hoffmann apparently did not know was that Rep. King had just been renominated for office as the candidate of both the Republican and Democratic parties of his California district.

NO issue was made of it at the time, but many of the arms used by Communist guerrillas in the Greek war of 1948-49 were new weapons manufactured in the Soviet zone of east Germany. U. S. military ad-

'Look—No Controls'

By Talbert



HOOSIER FORUM

"I do not agree with a word that you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it."

"It's Time to Grow Up"

By F. M., Indianapolis.

In reply to the lady who signed herself "A Republican" and tried to console a "C. D. C." from Terre Haute, I should like to direct some information, just to keep the records straight.

President Herbert Hoover entered the White House in March, 1929, with a strong Republican Congress to support him. The depression began with the stock market crash of October, 1929. It was the awful economic repercussion that followed that brought a Democratic Congress in 1931. Let us get the facts straight, even if we differ in opinions.

I do not blame President Hoover for the depression. I do blame him for not showing aggressive leadership in solving the problems. We found out after he left the White House that there was a great deal he might have done to help. He just sat and waited for prosperity to come around the corner.

NOW, some smart aleck is going to say "Yes, something like getting us into a war?" As a matter of historical fact, this nation shed its isolation skin and made its debut as a world power with its advent into the Spanish-American War.

President William McKinley, a Republican, was President. We pushed Spain out of the Western Hemisphere and acquired the Philippines, but more important, we became a naval power and a great world trader.

It was our sea lane that involved us in World War I when they met the threat of the German U-boat. The fact that we were sitting in the middle of the Pacific did not keep us out of World War II, either.

THIS is not a censure of President McKinley. America simply grew up and put on long pants. It is a pity the people did not do the same. In this atomic age, when we can talk around the world in a few moments, when we can travel around the world in a few hours, when news is on our radios almost in seconds after the event happens, when we are so involved economically that what happens in Brazil, effects our breakfast table, it is becoming sillier and sillier for these folks to run around in their mental and political rompers.

Vote how you please, but face the fact, you are a big boy and a big girl now, and you live in a country that has become a major power among the major powers of the world. That means "man-sized" responsibilities.

We Need More Like Jenner'

By G. A. Tippins, Plainfield, Ind.

Gutter Politics by Oscar Huston of Ellettsville is an attack against a man who has youth, energy, and above all—the real American guts to come out and speak what he thinks is right. As far as Bill Jenner not being dry behind the ears yet, this is only an excuse of Oscar's to let off pent-up Democratic steam. After all, did Oscar ever vote for Bill Jenner?

Isn't it true, that Gen. Marshall gave up China (maybe on Harry's orders) but nevertheless did he, didn't he?

OSCAR states that Bill Jenner is unfit to represent the voters of Indiana. I say he is one of the truest outspoken GIs we have ever had in Washington, and we do need more like him up there. As far as putting the "hex" on Homer Capehart, I believe that Sen. Capehart is big enough, old enough, and still carries in his makeup from being a warrior from World War I enough courage to take care of himself.

No, Oscar, I am beginning to think that these GI Joes, who battled for you and others in World War II have got too much on the ball for you—you will not retire him to Bedford. The citizens of Indiana need more like Jenner, who will speak out against those who want to sell America short.

So, in closing, "Oscar," let's don't be hard on our GIs who are in the Senate, and seek and find the truth, then expose the corruption of the Democratic administration without fear of personal reprisals.

Fine Public Service'

By Shirley N. Harman, President, League of Women Voters.

It is indeed gratifying to observe the fine public service The Indianapolis Times is doing in reminding voters to register.

We have been surprised to find that many, many citizens do not know that a voter may register in any registration branch, whether or not the voter lives in that ward or precinct.

We believe some emphasis on that point might be helpful in that the congestion during the evening hours could be relieved for employed people who have no other time available.

Women might register at a branch adjacent to some club or church meeting location. Salesmen making customer calls could stop at any registration branch they see in operation. This, of course, is in addition to the regular year-round registration handled at the Court House.

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



PRICES... By Earl Richert

Your Bread Dollars

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2—The baker and the grocer, according to latest figures, now get 71 cents of every dollar you spend for bread.

The Bureau of Agricultural Economics says that's 10 cents more than the baker and the grocer took out of your bread dollar in 1947.

The farmer's share, meanwhile, has dropped to only 38 per cent. Also, he said, costs have gone up and are still increasing on plant equipment, delivery trucks, wrapping materials, taxes, overhead, maintenance and repairs.

"THESE costs should be included to show the true picture," he said. The Agriculture Department never has accused the bakery and grocery industries of making undue charges on bread although that is the impression created by their several studies.

The department, in analyzing where the consumer's bread dollar goes, never has gone into the cost components that make up the grocer-baker margins to try to find out whether they are justified. It reports only what the margins are.

These statements, said Mr. McCarthy—in a letter to Agriculture Secretary Charles Brannan, "convey the impression that the margins of 61 per cent in 1947 and 71 per cent in 1949, received by the retailer and baker, represent profit to them."

"That is far from the truth, which I am sure you must realize."

MR. McCARTHY said the profits of the baking industry consistently had been among the lowest in the food field, averaging less than four cents on each dollar of sales over the years.

He said labor costs had gone up so much that this item now takes nearly 50 per cent of the baker-grocer margin on

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