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THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Nothing is more unpleasant than a virtuous person with a mean mind.

—Walter Bagehot

EDITORIALS

MALIK'S TALK MEANINGLESS

There is no reason for anybody to get excited over the news story that records the declaration of Jacob A. Malik, one of Russia's top diplomats, that he favors a meeting of top leaders of the United States and Russia to negotiate for peace.

Making his statement to a "Maryland Committee for Peace," the Russian expressed his approval of practically everything that looks like peace. He declared that the Russian government would pledge not to be the first to use the atomic bomb. He was also in favor of general disarmament, the outlawing of atomic weapons and the free interchange of ideas and information between the peoples of the two countries.

There is nothing in the record of relations between the United States and Soviet Russia to indicate that the statement is anything more than propaganda. At no time has the Russian Government given any indication of a change in attitude which alone would make possible a successful conference between the diplomats of the two nations. Moreover, the words of the diplomat are belied by the activities of his government which, so far, show no indication of change.

The situation is aptly summed up by Lincoln White, press officer of the State Department, who declared: "We have had enough of words. What is needed now is action to give practical effect to these expressions of good intention." Only when there is "action" along the lines suggested by Mr. White will there be any need for the people of the United States to pay attention to the propaganda line of Russian officials.

DEFENSE AGAINST AIR ATTACK

The President has submitted to Congress a report revealing a master plan for organizing civil defense against air attack throughout the United States and its territories.

The Chief Executive suggests that Congress study the report before introducing legislation. Meanwhile, the Chief Executive plans to go ahead and establish a full defense administration on a temporary basis, using emergency funds to get the new agency started.

President Truman declares that the plan under consideration will require the unselfish participation of many hundreds of thousands of citizens. Present plans call for a beginning at the state government level and the national government will not exercise operational control but will attempt to coordinate defense operations and establish and supervise air-raid warning systems and the requisite communications networks.

Some 125,000 copies of the report, containing 162 pages, will be sent out to state and territorial governors, mayors of municipalities of 5,000 population and over, state civil defense directors, members of Congress, high government officials and newspapers and radio stations.

We know that there are some citizens who assume that these plans are unnecessary. Nevertheless, if war comes to this country, there is the possibility that we will need such a program in order to enable stricken areas to act effectively in meeting the emergency. Because it would be foolish to imagine that the United States is immune from enemy damage, it would be equally foolish to ignore the necessity of planning to meet such an occurrence in the event of war.

Furse's Fresh Flashes

A local man just back from the hospital says they call one of the nurses up there "Appendix" because only doctors can take her out.

Read this statement by a famous dress designer the other day: "Black is a good reliable color in which a woman can't go wrong." Flipper Fanny, our dainty little contour twister, tells us that evidently this person hasn't been around very much.

It sounds much more dignified to say that we are moving in cycles rather than running in circles, but it amounts to the same thing.

We are thankful that spurs are not standard equipment with these Hopalong cowboy outfits.

The hardest thing in the world to keep in cold storage is a warm temper.

The great trouble with helping the man who asks for assistance is that he will be back the next week asking for more.

A hick town is where a man develops character instead of a reputation.

If you are worried about taxes in 1950, you can start thinking what they will be in 1953.

Which reminds us that Christmas is only eleven weeks away — do your Christmas shopping early — and pay cash!

OFFICIALLY U. S. IS AT WAR

The people of the United States who clamored for the immediate return of American service men from overseas, when the actual fighting ended in Germany and Japan, will realize their mistake when we point out that up to this time no peace treaty has been made with either Germany or Japan.

The state of war continues so far as official declaration is concerned, certain economic and legislative controls are in force and there is considerable difference of opinion as to the methods to be used in relaxing these controls. No unanimity of opinion is yet apparent on the extent to which the governments of these nations can be returned to the full control of their citizens.

DOWN MEMORY LANE

20 YEARS AGO . . .

Bernard Galloway, one of Plattsmouth graduate students who are enrolled at Peru State Teachers College was elected president of the junior class. . . Miss Patricia Ferris was selected to be "Miss Plattsmouth" at bridge opening on October 17th; choice was made by members of the high school classes. . . Bess Gearheart Morrison, noted speaker and reader, appeared in dramatic reading "The Woman Hater" at the Presbyterian church sponsored by the Q. Z. society. . . Mrs. Alice Pollock Perry entertained at a one o'clock luncheon at her farm home, members of the Rockford College Club of Omaha composed of a group of ladies who were former students at Rockford College, Rockford, Illinois.

10 YEARS AGO . . .

Cass County 4-H Clubs were represented by 14 boys and three girls entering their prize seeking baby beeves or swine in the competition featuring the thirteenth annual livestock and horse show at Aksarben, Omaha. . . Misses Florine, Kathleen, Ruth, Norma and Betty Schafer of Nehawka, Helen Puls of Murray, Wilma Friedrich, Maria Lentz and Rev. A. L. Lentz of Cedar Creek and Marilyn Hennings of Louisville attended the choral union rehearsal at Nebraska City. . . John V. Stapp engaged on river work with the engineering staff was located at Nebraska City with the transfer of the offices to that point. . . Mr. and Mrs. Leland Laase announced the birth of a daughter Oct. 1.

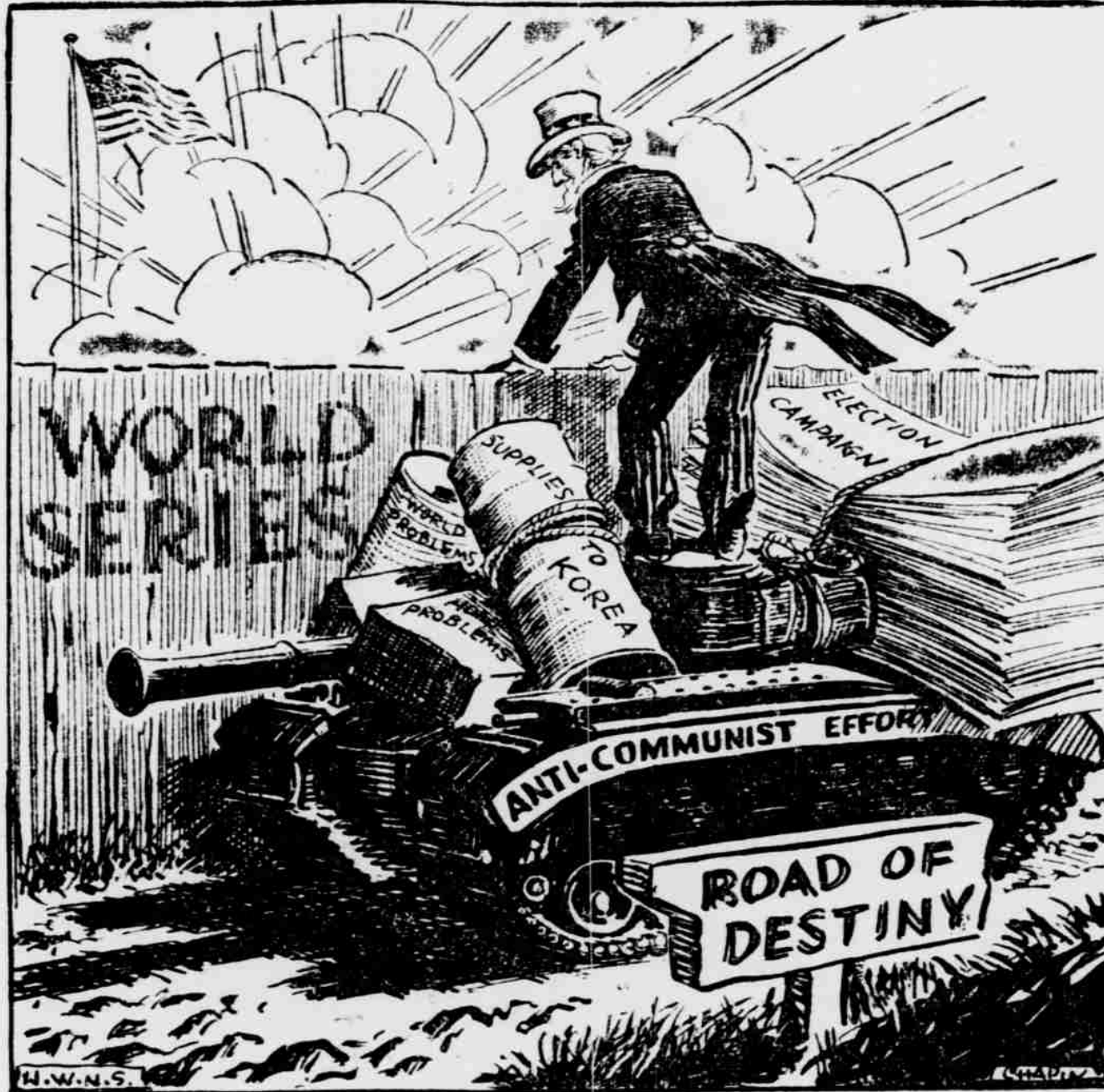
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DREW PEARSON SAYS:
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WASHINGTON: — It is now possible to get a reasonably accurate picture of what the Kremlin had in mind when it invaded Korea and the impact our victory has had on Kremlin thinking. This picture comes from intelligence information pieced together from various parts of the world and, while its accuracy is not corroborated, it is probably reasonably correct.

BRIEF RESPIRE



At the time of the Korean invasion, the Kremlin was convinced that the United States would not resist. This conviction came partly from the Soviet embassy in Washington and was unwittingly confirmed by the top U. S. adviser to South Korea, Col. John E. Baird, through his Korean mistress, Kim So Im.

Through the unsuspecting Baird the Korean Mata Hari learned of various secret directives all showing we had written off Korea and did not plan to return in case of North Korean attack.

Subsequent events indicate that Colonel Baird may have done his country a great favor.

For banking on American inertia and the difficulty of mobilizing the United Nations, the Kremlin had prepared a series of "revolts" in other areas to follow the Korean attack — Formosa, Tibet, French Indo-China, civil war in North India, an invasion of Yugoslavia and Greece, an Azerbaijan attack on Iran, and a drive to push the Allies out of West Germany.

If these could be accomplished, the Kremlin planners were convinced that anti-Communist governments in France and Italy would fall and the history of Czechoslovakia would be repeated.

UPSET TIMETABLE
What upset the Kremlin timetable was the sudden decision of President Truman to order U. S. troops into Korea plus Secretary Acheson's well-planned maneuver to get U. N. Security Council approval for our counterattack. From two reliable sources, we know that the Kremlin was dumbfounded.

The 14 men in the Politburo had never expected anything like this, and the Soviet Embassy in Washington was ordered to report immediately as to what went wrong.

This upset threw other Soviet moves off schedule. Communist

Veterans' Column

By RICHARD C. PECK
Cass County Veterans' Service Officer

HOSPITALIZATION BENEFITS:

Many veterans are unable to understand why it is often difficult to obtain hospitalization in a VA hospital when they believe they are entitled to the benefits. Usually it is not a matter of entitlement but rather a lack of facilities which makes necessary adherence to an order of priority. The order of preference for admission to a VA hospital is:



Richard Peck

First — War veterans requiring hospitalization for a service connected disability.

Second — Veterans of peace time service requiring hospitalization for disability because of which they were discharged on S. C. D. or for which they are receiving a pension.

Third — Veterans honorably discharged from war service and those veterans of peace time who were either discharged for disability incurred in the line of

troops, it will be recalled, were all set to invade both Formosa and Yugoslavia, but the attacks were delayed for reconsideration of strategy.

WHAT NEXT FROM KREMLIN?
What will happen next is hard to predict. However, two factors seem worth examining. Because the Kremlin's intelligence was so bad regarding Korea, they appear to be worried about trusting intelligence reports from other countries.

Also it appears certain that the current peace from which Malik and Vishinsky are waging at Lake Success is aimed to lull us back to appeasement.

The last thing the Russians want is an alert, heavily armed U. S. A. Hence the friendlier speeches, the rumors of a Stalin-Truman meeting and the talk that Vishinsky will attend an American football game.

Meanwhile there will be riots and exploratory probes in Germany, probable uprisings in Azerbaijan, plus Communist successes in Indo-China.

If we appease, the Kremlin will go back to its old bulldozing. If we continue tough, they should be a bona fide change in Kremlin policy, though this would be a miracle.

'HEADLINES BRING TROUBLE' — H. S. T.

President Truman got some stimulating ideas on how to "win the peace" the other day from Harold Russell, armless Commander of Amvets and star of the movie, "Best Years of Our Lives."

"Instead of waging a 'preventive war' against Russia, as some people advocate, our policy should be one of 'preventive strength,'" suggested Russell. "That doesn't mean we have to hold still waiting for any further acts of Soviet aggression. But it does mean that the door for peace must be left open at the U. N. conference table. I'm not one of those who believe

that war with Russia is inevitable.

The Amvets chief hotly assailed Congress for failing to pass an excess profits tax and for appropriating more money for "pork barrel" projects than for atomic research.

"Profit dollars should go to war the same as men," declared Russell. "Our guys are fighting and dying in battle and unless we back them up at home, the whole thing becomes a mockery. We've all got to make sacrifices — industry, labor, the farmer — all of us."

"Everything you've said makes sense to me," agreed the President. He added that he was grateful to Amvets for not waging a personal war on his cabinet, "like some outfits."

"That would have put you in the headlines," said Truman, "but I didn't go after headlines either, when I was chairman of the Senate war investigating committee. And yet in a poll conducted by a leading magazine (Look), I was the only member of Congress chosen among the 10 most useful government officials."

His problems really started when he began to get big headlines, added the president. "Now look at the trouble I'm in!"

CIVILIAN DEFENSE NEPOTISM
Civilian war mobilizer Stuart Symington is one of the most efficient operators in government, but he has one weakness — his family.

On the same day President Truman sent his special message to Congress warning American cities to prepare for atomic attack, he left the vitally important job of preparing these cities against attack in the hands of a charming socialite who got his job only because he was Symington's brother-in-law.

Jerry Wadsworth, now acting head of civilian defense, is a tall, amiable, teddy-bear sort of individual, who at the age of 50 has made no career for himself but happens to have two powerful relatives: (1) His father, GOP Congressman James Wadsworth of New York; and (2) His brother-in-law, Democrat Stuart Symington, former secretary for air and now head of the national security resources board. From his father he gets a boost from the Republicans, and from his brother-in-law he gets help from the Democrats.

In fact, shortly after Symington came to Washington as war assets administrator, likeable, inexperienced brother-in-law Jerry turned up as his assistant.

Later, when Symington was given the security board, his brother-in-law came to work under him in civilian defense.

Now, with the resignation of Paul Larson as chief of civilian defense, Wadsworth is left in acting charge of the job held by dynamic Mayor Fiorello La Guardia of New York. And this is an atomic age!

TRACTOR PAYS OFF WELL
Falls City, Neb. (UP) — One Richardson county farmer is positive that inflation is a reality. He bought a tractor in 1941 for \$1,350 and after using it for seven years, sold it for \$1,670.

STUMPED BY STAMP
Milwaukee (UP) — Mrs. Eugene Stamm was puzzled when a package on which she had pasted some 10-cent stamps was returned with the words, "void as postage," stamped on it. Then she examined the stamps more closely. They were war savings stamps.

THIS WEEK IN Washington

TURN FOR THE BETTER
The Korean war news, the upheaval in the President's cabinet brought about by the resignation of Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson, the unexpectedly bitter denunciation of Gen. George C. Marshall by Sen. William E. Jenner of Indiana, and the first orders of the new war production control organization were the highlights of the Washington picture recently.

Johnson's resignation was not expected until after the November elections had passed some of the pressure upon President Truman for the alleged sins of omission in the preparedness program in Korea. But despite these charges the navy, the army, the air force and the entire defense set-up have performed a miracle of logistics in the transportation of men and material over the 6,000 mile supply line to Korea, as evidenced by the recent landings of upwards of 40,000 men and a mountain of material at the new Seoul front.

It is significant that the same people who were loudest in their praise of Johnson's economics a few months ago are now loudest in their denunciation of the ousted defense chief, and that our military defense as evidenced by recent happenings in Korea were not as weak as the first few weeks of the war indicated.

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As finally adopted, the new tax bill will increase individual income taxes about 17 per cent and corporate taxes about 15 per cent. In general, the individual income tax boosts will about equal the tax cuts voted in 1945 and 1948. Agreement was reached to let the excess profits provision wait until next year, but to draw up such a measure early in 1951 and make it retroactive on corporation profits to July 1, 1950.

Among other late action was a bill to shelve cotton acreage allotments, but to set up peanut acreage quotas for 1951 and 1952; postponement of action on the controversial senate-passed central Arizona project; approval and authorization of construction of the \$76-million Palisades dam project in Idaho; granting the states permission to set up home guards while the national guard is serving abroad and authorizing the federal government to supply the arms and ammunition for the new home guard units; and placing at the bottom of the list of most legislation the two statehood bills for Alaska and Hawaii.

The senate has set up a sub-committee of its armed services committee to serve as a watch-dog for investigation of the national defense program. The new seven-member group is headed by Senator Lyndon Johnson of Texas and will act similarly to the old Truman war investigating committee. The committee has the blessing of President Truman and, by its own admission, it is proposed to "reactivate" the Truman committee which showed so effectively what a legislative investigating committee could do during a grave emergency when close understanding between the legislative and executive branches is essential to the national security.

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LETTER BOX

The Journal welcomes letters from readers for this column on any subject. Your name must be signed to all articles intended for publication, however, by request, it can be omitted from the letter appearing in print. (Contents do not necessarily express the opinions of this newspaper.)

Plattsmouth Schools
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September 21, 1950
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Dear Friends:
Thanks for your splendid support, enthusiasm, and many efforts and accomplishments during the past summer and the King Korn Carnival.

We truly appreciate your interest and favors.
Sincerely,
Ward F. Pscherer
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Ward Pscherer
Director

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1 To detect
2 Thread
3 Ancient pistol
12 Knowledge
13 Cupid
14 Medieval shield
15 Water channel
17 Legal punishment
19 Pertaining to the teeth
21 Girl
22 Narrow valley
24 Conjunction
25 To stifle
26 Electrified particle
29 Capers
30 Colloquial father
31 Fate
32 Exclamation of incredulity
33 Sun god
34 Cleaning implement
35 By
36 Theatrical dance
38 Ancient bronze
39 Vehicle for hire
40 Upon
41 Poker stake
42 Cats' cry
43 Ironquill tribesman
46 The Devil
51 Through
52 Fore part of a ship
54 Tableland
55 Ocean
56 Sort
57 To leak

VERTICAL
1 Sea cow
2 Discreet
3 City on the Thames
4 Country of W. Arabia
5 Note of scale
6 To bestow
7 Christmas carol
8 Sea eagle
9 Reconciliation
10 Believes
11 Makes fun of
12 Type measure
13 Cry of sorrow
14 Vocal sound
22 River of Arizona
23 Plunder
25 Go away!
27 King of Israel
28 Goddess of peace
29 Bard
30 Projecting part of a building
34 Sea cow
36 To shout
37 City on the Thames
39 Dried coconut kernel

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