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NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

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NEW STATE POLICY RETREAT TO RUSSIA

WASHINGTON. — In complete official privacy, the state department has spent some weeks getting up a new statement of American foreign policy. The only great question of policy, of course, is how to treat Russia. On this, the paper was not fundamentally in its original form.

The Byrnes paper established at Moscow and London since mid-December, has been substantially this: Press as point which would be ultimate objective to Russian claims. Retreat on policy as much as possible and accept Russian contentions. The apparent but not genuine purpose had been to entice Russia out of her nationalistic isolation into dealing in the world of affairs.



Byrnes

This has kept world news rather calm; but events behind the news, particularly from Europe, are seeming up boldly and may break pandemonium. Do not be surprised, let yourself be currently misled into believing the domination of the French government by Communists and Socialists is a permanent arrangement, or that the name of De Gaulle will remain forever in retirement from French politics.



De Gaulle

Give greater notice than has been given to the victory of the Belgian Catholic party over both Communists and Socialists. Belgium is half French, with all the same elements of French politics in miniature. Indeed throughout Europe, even in Yugoslavia, the resistance to Communism is taking the only effective form yet evidenced in the gathering together of Catholic elements.

I have heard American statesmen say these christian groups are the only ones in the world today who know how to resist Communism, theologically or politically. These groups have a firm strategy themselves.

KING PUT ENGLAND ON DEFENSIVE

Britain was the first nation to talk up to the Soviets, but the diplomatic resistance of Bevin at the London CFM conference was tactical rather than fundamental. The Russians had raised the question of British influence in Greece, primarily to cover their own tracks in Poland, the Balkans, Iran, Turkey and other places where they are attempting to extend their influence. They forced Britain to the defensive by raising this question. After accomplishing this purpose, and succeeding in getting USSO to allow Moscow to deal separately with a pro-Communist Italian prime minister installed at Velletri for the purpose — Russia withdrew her Greek charges against Bevin.

The common current belief that Bevin may have found a way of treating with Moscow therefore is unjustified. He notes proved "the lie" to them and they backed down, true enough. But when you add up the results, you will see Russia won the action she wanted from USO, while Bevin won nothing except the red herring.

President Truman, meanwhile, is recognizing that the army seems to know how to get along with the Soviets, without losing their shirts, better than our tough and confused diplomats. He views General Marshall to go to China to get Chiang into a peace with the Communists, and now he selected General Eisenhower's chief of staff to be ambassador to Moscow, instead of a diplomat as a postscript.

Army men, by nature, should be more interested in results than in the political ideas of justice for this and that, which have so confused our diplomats in recent years. Typical example: Joe Davies, who thinks Russian spying on Canada justified, but no doubt would cry out against any Canadian spying on Russia, whereas any realist knows all nations have always spied on all others and always will.)

This new reliance on army realists is the most hopeful development in American foreign policy, to correct to those childish but perverse accumulations of reporting generalities the state department plans to put out under the claim that they are great state governmentals. I doubt it in most instances, if a recent pronouncement by Mrs. Roosevelt does not contradict it. Mrs. Roosevelt has been anticipated as a spokesman for the state-bought which pressured Byrnes into the appeasement policy, sending him in retreat.



New 'Hold Line' Policy Doesn't Satisfy Anyone

An old Greek philosopher once said: "Give me a theory and I will find an argument to support it."

In his address to the nation on October 21 President Truman declared a simple policy, (a) easy and simple in fact; (2) that management could raise wages in general without raising prices (3) that labor must be moderate in wage increase demands and (4) that we must get back to collective bargaining. His talk was quiet, candid, plain, in upholding his theory. But it didn't work.

His pre suggestive pronouncement of February 15 is the direct opposite. (1) It permits more than moderate wage increases (2) it permits increases in prices and (3) it throws collective bargaining overboard and restores wage controls under the National Wage Stabilization board. In other words, the President has returned to wartime controls of wages, prices and production until reconversion is complete. And the President has an excellent set of arguments to support his latest theory.

Something Had to Be Done

Will it work? Labor doesn't like it. Management doesn't like it. And perhaps the public doesn't like it. But something had to be done to alleviate the economic chaos in which the country found itself ground between the millstones of stubborn management and equally stubborn labor. And now with a bang in the old price line. It remains to be seen whether Chester Bowles can do the job. Some say here he has been given an impossible job.

Bowles says he can hold the price line if he has the co-operation of all concerned. He won't get it, though. He has become the symbol of price control, something that nobody is still fighting against, particularly the National Association of Manufacturers.

It is no secret here that big business men want inflation. They have the dollars, they have the plants and real estate and with inflation they will get more dollars, although lower valued dollars, and their plants and real estate will soar in value.

Inflation only hurts the little fellows. Those with fixed incomes who depend upon their savings in bonds and insurance. Rising inflation cancels and the value of their dollars invested in bonds and insurance drops. their buying power infrequent and grows year. Bowles says he must have the OPA law for at least another year, and although the NAM and other big business men are exerting tremendous pressure to permit the law to die June 30, it appears as though enough votes may be mustered to extend it.

If Bowles has his way within the President's official family, he may save something out of the chaos and inflation which have marked handling of this reconversion program. He is a fighter, he is courageous and he needs help. He gets little or none from congress and up to now has had none from the executive branch of the government.

Inflation Is Feared

Farm organizations are finally rallying around the Bowles standard because they see in his the last bulwark against an inflation which will be ruinous to agriculture. The Farmers Union has lionized Sam "the first and outstanding statesman to agriculture in 1945" for his hold-the-line policy. Because when Bowles held the line against inflation of values of industrial goods he was putting money into farmers' pockets just as surely as if he had raised farm prices.

But Bowles new axes we must continue subsidies. And farm organizations here have just adopted resolutions saying that subsidies are ruinous to farm prices. In a two-day meeting of organized dairy farmers of the National Cooperative Milk Producers federation a black picture of doom and despair was painted because of subsidies on milk and other farm produce. Dairymen were going bankrupt, they said, and they threw a big banquet for 250 congressmen to prove it.

At the same time the Farmers' Union was honoring Bowles with a pat on the back, Jim Patton, head of the Farm organization, declared the President's own program, which Bowles must take work, was a $250,000,000 bribe to business.

On the same day they adopted a resolution declaring government subsidies would ruin them. They issued a joint bribe from major national farm organizations indorsing the Flannagan school lunch bill. This bill is, after all, a $50,000,000 annual subsidy to agriculture for purchase of surplus farm crops for the lunch program. So there is continuing prospect for confusion. The belief here, however, is that labor peace generally may be here soon and that if Bowles can get his war the reconversion program may start moving smoothly.

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