

Street Diplomacy

...to King Saud and widespread Ameri-  
...proposed Tito visit raise the question  
...policy — the people of the pred-

...the last day of democracy if the people can't  
...to select their president, but they themselves  
...to exercise the executive department."

...American Jews naturally resent Saud's attitude to Israel  
...Wagner's cold shoulder to the touring tyrant  
...play to a sizeable section of the big city's  
...Catholics are outspoken against Tito and his per-

...the Church in Yugoslavia — so outspoken that  
...already changed his mind about coming to our coun-  
...and if Spain's General Franco announced an invitation,  
...that a shout from Protestant pressure groups  
...try to dampen his welcome too.

...Democracy has gone too far if diplomacy has to enter to  
...weighing whims of current public preferences. If Saud,  
...Franco and our government then we will have to  
...to having such people come to our capital to call on  
...President.

...Assuredly we disagree with the way such men as Saud,  
...Franco run their countries, but "You don't promote  
...to have such people with whom you agree," ex-  
...President.

...And there perhaps is the key to this whole controversy.  
...President had explained to the American public why  
...to having these foreign leaders to Washington, then  
...the American public would have accepted his  
...policy.

...Pope Pius once said, "I will deal with the devil himself  
...it will help," as he dispatched a nuncio to negotiate with  
...Mao.

...There is, however, a way to deal with any number of  
...demands, it is to deal with them as they are. Business is  
...the key to that way. We don't serve our druggist  
...because we want a tube of toothpaste.

...If Saud, Tito, Franco and assorted others have deals our  
...government is making, while our President can tell us  
...about it and then meet his visitors without the emotional  
...reactions which embroiled Saud and threaten to erupt as  
...our diplomats come to Pennsylvania Avenue.

...World Responsibility  
...Arabia, Korea, Egypt, Normandy — once mere names  
...in a grade-school geography book have surged to front page  
...in American newspapers.

...The United States has changed from the isolated island  
...positioned by George Washington to its present position as  
...the world's leader for freedom and progress.

...Two World Wars, the Korean action, and America's  
...role in the United Nations has thrust world responsibility  
...on this nation born with the wish "to be alone."

...The currently disputed "Eisenhower Doctrine" alleged  
...by its critics to give war-making power to the President is  
...an aspect of this "bold new program," as Truman  
...called it back in 1949.

...President Truman launched the famous "Point Four"  
...multi-million dollar aid program to assist backward areas  
...of the world. He promised financial and technical assistance  
...to nations in need of better health standards, more wide-  
...spread education, development of natural resources through  
...modern agriculture and mining, industrial progress. Truman  
...considered this Point Four program America's answer to  
...the Soviet's Cold War.

...This world outlook still faces stern critics who believe  
...that the less we have to do with other nations the better  
...off we will be.

...Obviously, the world is a different one than Washington  
...viewed from Mount Vernon. People and nations had their  
...problems then — but they were not of global significance.  
...Today, border disputes on desert sands in Arabia can dis-  
...rupt traffic in London's Trafalgar Square.

...Major world threat, of course, is the Communist tyranny  
...which in forty years has engulfed half the world and has de-  
...fied all attacks against it — Nazi military might, American  
...diplomacy, Hungarian revolt.

...CATHOLICS, conditioned by their faith to have a uni-  
...versal outlook and warned for decades about the Communist  
... scourge, find the new American foreign policy congenial  
...territory.

...We are, however, beginning to realize that world re-  
...sponsibility is not just a question of saving souls. The pro-  
...cess involves spending money, building bases, sending men  
...and materiel to dots on maps which in reality are cities  
...where people urgently need our aid.

...Joseph Breig  
...I, Too, Throw Up My Hands  
...The fouled-up Tito visit episode  
...indicates an appalling inadequacy  
...of communications between the  
...government and the American  
...people.

...Such inadequacy is highly dan-  
...gerous to a democracy and a  
...highly dangerous to all man-  
...kind when the democracy is a  
...powerful nation bearing  
...a world responsibility.

...The New York Times said that State  
...Department officials "throw up their hands"  
...over the problems of conducting  
...foreign policy by the face of bitter  
...complaints of public opinion.

...But did not the Department  
...advance that such  
...expressions were inevitable  
...because it was done to prepare  
...the nation for an invitation  
...to peace?

...There was no Washington  
...which understood the feel-  
...ings of Catholics — and other  
...Americans — about a man  
...whom they considered a  
...persecutor? It still  
...remains to be seen if  
...the State Department  
...is really serious enough to  
...prepare for peace by  
...inviting a man who has  
...been shown that a Tito visit  
...might help to preserve peace.

...world peace by neglecting to let  
...your own people in on your  
...plans to welcome a man whose  
...record and philosophy they  
...detest.

...A State Department official  
...said that while "nobody wants to  
...chaosen public opinion, the public  
...should know that these unin-  
...hibited outbursts make it very  
...difficult to conduct foreign  
...policy."

...Of course they do. But the de-  
...partment might have prevented,  
...or at least modified, the "un-  
...inhibited outbursts" by explaining  
...as fully as possible why it want-  
...ed to invite Tito. It did not do so.

...Anthony Eden displayed the  
...same kind of blindness toward  
...public opinion when he received  
...Tito, and later Krushchev and  
...Bulgaria, in England.

...I AM A CATHOLIC like other  
...Catholics. I am an anti-commu-  
...nist like other anti-communists.  
...I am a lover of peace like  
...others who love peace. And I  
...am a rational being like other  
...men.

...Most of us, I am confident,  
...will later to reason any time  
...government officials choose to  
...reason with us. If they are able  
...to produce convincing reasons  
...for a proposed course of action,  
...we will accept it.

...I think we would have swal-  
...lowed our feelings and controlled  
...our emotions. If we could have  
...been shown that a Tito visit  
...might help to preserve peace, we  
...would have accepted it.

...I am not saying that a Tito  
...visit would do more good than  
...harm. I do not know. What I do  
...know is that nobody really dis-  
...cussed the question with the peo-  
...ple. No wonder the whole affair  
...turned into a fiasco which made  
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...courage from certain nations in  
...striving for independence, and  
...perhaps even advance religious  
...freedom.

...We are not too simple-minded  
...to be able to understand that  
...sometimes good statesmanship  
...involves some curious relation-  
...ships. We know, for example,  
...that the Vatican, right along cor-  
...dially receives ambassadors from  
...all kinds of nations, with all  
...kinds of governments, philoso-  
...phies and ways of life.

...WE KNOW TOO, that it is not  
...impossible for Tito to change.  
...Both faith and experience testify  
...to us that many a "Saul has be-  
...come a Paul."

...Finally, we realize, many of us,  
...that Americans must develop  
...greater political maturity in  
...bilities which events have thrust  
...upon them.

...But how can we be expected to  
...behave maturely if we are not  
...treated as mature citizens; if  
...proposals like the Tito visit are  
...sprung at us in Jack-in-the-box  
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...and all the rest produced to make  
...clear the word of God to the  
...sons of God.

...THIS DEVOTION to the Bible  
...is not a characteristic reserved  
...to an age long past. It is still a  
...distinguishing mark of the Chris-  
...tian Church. And no Catholic  
...should be unaware of the external  
...signs of that devotion in his  
...Church. For behind his Catholic  
...Bible there is a whole world of  
...scholarly effort designed solely  
...to make that Bible a more intelli-  
...gent part of his daily life.

...Outside the ancient walls of  
...the city of Jerusalem there  
...stands an inconspicuous Domini-  
...can monastery. Little  
...marked by the ordinary pil-  
...grim to the Holy Land, it has  
...been one of the great centers  
...of Catholic biblical scholarship.  
...It is the Ecole Biblique of the  
...French Dominican Fathers.

...The Ecole was founded in 1890  
...by Father Lagrange, one of the  
...great Scripture scholars of all  
...time. The influence of this hun-  
...dle Dominican, who died in 1933,  
...is hard to overestimate. But it  
...can be partially gauged by the  
...scholars he himself trained and  
...by the works which have eman-  
...ated from this school.

...Among those scholars is Father  
...Vincent who, according to the  
...leading American archaeologist,  
...William F. Albright, is "facile  
...princeps" (easily the best) in the  
...field of Palestinian archaeology.  
...To be mentioned, too, is Father  
...Abel whose work on the geog-  
...raphy of the Holy Land is a  
...classic in its field.

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