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A STAMPEDE SLOWS UP

T Is to be hoped that Governor Scott's outright opposition to repeal of the motorehicle inspection law, plus the prevalence of cooler heads in the State Senset, will also down this will stamped to get rid of a law merely because its enforcement has been faulty.

No one has advanced any logical criticism of the basic theory of the law—that highways will be safer if automobile owners are forced to keep their vehicles free of mechanical defects which might cause accidents.

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Instead, all of the criticism and complaint has been heaped on the Motor Vehicle Division for its admittedly unsatisfactory method of inspecting the whicles. In justification to Col. L. C. Rosser, head of the department, it should be pointed out that the General Assembly gave him no funds for einforcing the new law, unto that he had to operate on attendance of the control of the two-year period that motorists put oft to the very last the little task of existing their cars checked, and ran into jampacked lanes.

GOVERNMENT SERVICE

AFTER several months of investigating the vast operations of the Federal Government, the Hoover Commission has desided that a good part of the waste and inefficiency can be traced directly to the ifficulty of attracting, and keeping, competent Federal employees.

Its solution as submitted to the Con-ress: Make Government jobs more at-

The Commission, among other things, queried almost 4,000 college seniors in 84 colleges and found that the two main considerations in choosing a job were eatary and chances for promotion—and that, private enterprise offered more in each category that Government.

In three respects, they found Govern-ment more attractive than private busi-ness: security of job, opportunity for public service, and more benefits such as leave, time off, and retirement pay.

But the Commission pointed out to the Congress that the Federal Government must find some way of attracting some of the most highly qualified college graduates

Until someone can prove that something else is responsible for the reduction in fatal auto accidents since 1946, the State's traffic safety program, including the vehicle inspection phase, must get the credit.

There have been other criticisms; for example, the failure to post proper notices that the lanes would not operate on rainy days. But most of them have reflected deficiencies of enforcement, not of the law itself.

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Col. Roser has indicated that he would approve a change in the law making only one inspection a year mandatory instead of two, and there is a good deal of sentiment in favor of that amendment. The Governor's statement that he war 'sort of against' outright repeal, plus the striking reduction in N. C. automobile statilities in-the past two years, are sufficient reasons for the Senate to counter the House repeal action so the two may gas logically actions of the two may gas actions of the two may gas logically actions to the control of the

each year if it hopes to keep its services at a high level.

The Commission further discovered that there is a constant, heavy turnover in Pederal employees, with 7,000,000 to the result of the resu

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As a nation we have been reluctant to
pay our public officials salaries commennaturals with those they could sarn in private enterprise and for understandable
reasons, not least of which is a desire
for economy in everyment. But the Pedeard Government we have today is the bigget enterprise the world has ever known,
and it would seem a fooliah policy to entrust it to any but the most competent
hands.

ARMY SIGNALS CROSSED

were made:

1. The report of the investigation should have been a restrained, factual, carefully-documented paper. Instead, it was a highly-dramatic, editorialized, over-written "thriller" which was calculated to frighten the American public instead of informing

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2. In the case of an American, Miss Agnes Smedley, the report flatly said she was a spy but failed to present proof. As an Army public relations officer admitted, "It is not the policy of the Army Department to pin any charge on anybody unless it has, actually on hand, the definite proof."

proof."

Miss Smedley's attorney pointed out that
this was just another use of the "smear
first—investigate later" technique which
threatens to undermine the whole U. S.
principle of justice—that a person is pre-

MARQUIS CHILDS and other Washington have done the nation a signal service in pointing out the arrors in the method used by the Army to publicise the Tokyo spy investigation. Two basic, and very vaild, objections were made:

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warded to Washington.

Somewhere the signals got crossed. If, as Tokyo says, the document was merely an official report on an investigation, it was needlessly dramatic. It appears to have been written for public consumption. On the other hand, it is a story that properly belongs to the American public and should have been released as quickly, and as fully, as possible in keeping with national security.

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One danger in the procedure used is that protests over the unfair method might divert public idention from the findingstand make us forget that in Tokyo clever Soviet spies were able to keep Moscow informed of virtually every Japanese Government scittly. It happened there, and it can happen here.

From The Hickory Daily Record

JUGTOWN CARRIES ON

anized industry.

The current issue of "Ceramic Age," national publication, carries a very interesting reference to Mrs: Clara Maud Cobb Hilton, wife of a potter who has his establishment four miles west of Marion.

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From early hophood her husband had worked in the Juptown potteries—such as the small ones that ones fountied in Carbon and in which the Hilton mann them potteries with their machine methods had destroyed the crude, hand pottery merket, when Mrs. Hilton fame forward with a contribution that not only the countied the destroyed the crude, hand pottery merket, when Mrs. Hilton fame forward with a contribution that not only favore a confeitable one.

saved her husband's business but turned it into a profitable one. Having reared her family and finding it necessary to help support her grandenli-dren. Mrs. Hilton decided to decorate her husband's ware so as to make it more at-terials were necessary, she went to a local hardware store and bought some brushes and cologing ordice. Without being swan of it, she instinctiven/ployed in the critical perfect of the coloriest of the coloriest rating of Rockwod Pottery—a distinctive by American creation.

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According to Constance A. Cone, grand-aughter of Dr. Ross Coffin Purdy, famous eramics engineer, the underglaze paint-ne of Mrs. Hilton is accurate and beauti-

WHE traditional genius of the Jugtown potters, and particularly members of Ellion clan, apparently has not died increase modern times of mechated industry.

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generations in this area by Hilton potters.

Incidentally, in view of these traditions, it seems appropriate that Hickory should be the-site of a modern, new-process pottery— Hysyn—in which a varied line of art-ware and lamp bases is being produced for the discriminating trade throughout the nation.

Many a man who says he must leave his birthplace to work because a prophet is without honor in his home town overlooks the fact that he is no prophet.—Ellaville (Ga.) Sun.

A colored preacher in another town was hearing confession. In the middle of it, he stopped the young sinner, saying: "Young man, you sin't confession, you's braggin." —Pittsburg (Texas) Gazette.

And then there's the sad case of the voter who won't be able to make it to the polls to vote against the road program because of the condition of the roads.—Little Rock Arkanian Gazetts.

'You're Darn Lucky To Be Getting This'



Sumner Welles

Way To A Workable Pact

THE American people cannot postpone a decision upon the issues raised by the proposed North Atlantic Defense Pact.

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The past forty years have, however, shown that
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and Belgium, Taritain would go to their support, the
rist World War might have been avoided, refers that we have a support of the control of the control

The Kremlin is intensifying its aggressive expan-President Truman has announced his desire to gotiate with "a number of countries . . . a collective tense arrangement within the terms of the United

tions Charter."

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee has de-red that, "the best deterrent to aggression is the tainty that immediate and effective counter meas-s will be taken against those who violate the ice."

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establishes the principle of one for all and all for one, but which reserves to each state the right to determine when aggression has taken place and the nature of the assistance it will render in the common defense—represents as far-reaching a commitment as Washington can constitutionally make.

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Such action would be entirely consistent with our mational oblications under the United Nations Charlet and the Control of the C

People's Platform

Prohibition Won't Work

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Joseph Alsop

Hole In The Curtain

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Points At Issue

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Drew Pearson's Frenchman Sees 'Most Beautiful Thing'

GRAND CANYON, Aris. — Perhaps I shouldn't admit it, but in all my many wanderings about the USA I have never been to the Orand Canyon, and it finally took the The Sants Fe Railroad hivited the French Merci Train visitors to be its, juests at the Grand Canyon for a day and since they have been traveline all hours of the day and since they have been traveline all hours of the day and since they have been traveline all hours of the day and since they have been traveline all hours of the day and since they have been traveline all hours of the day and since they have been traveline all hours of the day and since they have been traveline all hours of the day and since they have been travelined about the Arise of the day and the second to the Cantel filters, to I am the written about the Cantel filters of a national traveline and the second to the Cantel filters of the state and the contract of the Arise of the Cantel filters of the Arise of the Cantel filters of the Cantel filters

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Perhaps that is better than having all the good American soil wash down to Mexico — which is what happened before Boulder Dam was built.

Wild Donkeys Chase Deer