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'Lafayette, We Are Back Again'

New Weapons' Propaganda Is Cover For Service Jealousy

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AGGRESSION IN KOREA

TO MOST of us on the Eastern Seaboard of the North American continent Korea is as far removed from reality as that fabulous land behind Alice's looking glass. The few servicemen who were with the occupation army there toward the end of the war remain as an unconformably dirty land setting with political gangsters.

PRELUDE TO A STRUGGLE

AT THIS early stage, it is risky to translate Saturday's Senatorial primary election into terms of State-level politics. If one does so, however, the immediate and obvious conclusion is that the election was the prelude to a mighty struggle for the governorship two years hence.

Governor Kerr Scott's "Go Forward" program—a program that has had the two-fold purpose of expanding State services and building up Mr. Scott's reputation—received its original momentum from three events: 1. Scott's own upset victory over Charles Johnson in 1948. There was dissatisfaction with the old conservative "Ebelby Dynasty" and Scott rode it into the governor's chair.

IN WHICH WE ACT AS ARBITERS

UNLIKE some other modern tongues, English has no academy of ancients to prescribe how she shall speak and write. The voice of the schoolmar is loud in the land, but mostly it goes unheard and unheeded. A good deal of what we say is proper, rather than the ivory tower, is the proper arbiter of usage.

That English has been spared the emulating influence of linguistic doctrinaires is one big reason why today it surpasses French, Spanish, German and other contemporary instruments in precision, expressiveness, flexibility and up-to-the-momentness. (Some who speak those tongues will protest, but there is really no argument.) Having no deans to set over it to guard its chastity, English wanders merrily in the market of language, and the spoils of such trafficking augment its treasures. Since its rules are merely the record of custom, it is perfectly free to invent new words, or give new meanings to old ones, as occasion demands.

Now type, like most English words, has several meanings. It may be a verb or a noun or a noun in its compound sense. It may mean either the little pieces of metal with which these words are transferred to paper, or something that serves as the model, pattern, standard of a class, the way in which it is written or spoken. English, with its tendency to alter untrammeled affixes and words, the of it that leaves her all the balance to think with? Well?

we have established an advisory military commission there. North Korea is a Russian satellite. The invasion of the separated South was, the West is confident, ordered by Russia. This is a display of naked aggression by a Soviet puppet against a U. S.-sponsored government. In calling Russia's hand, we have already dispatched arms and planes to Korea. We risk the possibility that South Korea's army will display the same weakness that defeated Chiang Kai-Shek's government; and we must remember that the South Koreans in a general election a few months ago demonstrated a lack of confidence in the government of Syngman Rhee.

Although North Korea has no leader of the stature of Mao Tse-Tung who welded together China's "agrarian reform" group, we must not bank very heavily on morale in South Korea. Nonetheless, our only course is to continue to aid so far as possible the democratic elements in South Korea and we must urge strong and immediate action by the United Nations to quiet the guns in Korea.

The United Nations, though severely handicapped by Russian sympathy for North Korea, is not so weak as its detractors insist. As Senator Frank Graham said in Charlotte yesterday: "Our chief hope is still in the United Nations. The UN has prevented the third World War from starting in Iran, Greece, Palestine or elsewhere. We have hope it will be able to hold in restraint the situation in Korea."

PEOPLE'S PLATFORM

TO SCOTT in the 1949 session of the General Assembly. When the recent primary battle began shaping up months ago, there was no man around whom the conservative vote in North Carolina would step into the picture. The rest is history.

Thus Mr. Smith has won more than a seat in the U. S. Senate. He has also won the leadership of the conservative voters in North Carolina. The major test of his ability as a leader will come in the next two years when there will surely be a determined effort by the Smith forces to capture the important governorship, and put the brakes on the "Go Forward" program. Unless we are badly mistaken about Governor Scott, that canny gentleman will have a man in the 1952 race and will back him to the hilt. If the conservatives can defeat the Scott candidate, the present governor might as well retire to his Haw River home. If Scott elects his man governor in 1952, the stage will be set for Scott to challenge Willis Smith for Governor's seat four years hence. What a battle royal that would be!

Much can happen in four years, or even two. It may be that Scott has lost more personal prestige from the election Saturday. His grip on the farmers, labor, school teachers, and Negroes may have been loosened to such an extent that he can never again regain it. We will have to wait and find out.

even 18 touchdowns last year for Charlotte Central High School, many of them coming on elusive-type runs. . .

No doubt there are graver things being done to English nowadays. We reserve the right to get mad about them later on. Just now, however, we are bent on resuming type from this fable worse than death. . .

From editorial in Greensboro Daily News Tuesday, June 20, census figuring High Point was set mad about them later on. . .

Eight-column front-page headline in same paper Wednesday, June 21: "Greensboro is State's Third Largest City." . .

Three policemen were among five persons chosen as the poorest persons in the city, each speaking a language which carried a nightgown. . .

How they're using sound waves to locate beds of oil. A portable apparatus is being used in the field. . .

People's Platform Municipal Gas Systems Favored

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (The News) A COPY of your editorial in The Charlotte News on Thursday, June 22, has been forwarded to me by an interested party in the Carolinas. . .

Natural gas is the cleanest and cheapest fuel that can be obtained for domestic and commercial use and is also the cleanest and most economical fuel that an industry can use. . .

It is our opinion that the City of Charlotte and other municipalities would be very wise in following out the recommendations as contained in your editorial. . .

People's Platform Praised PENELOPE EDITOR: The News succeeded admirably in its editorializing in connection with the candidacy of Willis Smith to the greatest extent in its editorial column. I know of no paper in the state that allowed its readers to see the handwriting in the same way. . .

Attorney General J. Howard McGrath, with a good eye for straight-shooting, has got himself betwixt and between in the McGrath wire-tapping scandal. . .

Report Gathered Dust NEWS-MAKING thing is that the Justice Department had an official report on the wire-tapping methods from the Birmingham case. . .

Shut-In Society EDITOR: THE Shut-In Society is making great strides in this state in bringing cheer and comfort to our unacquainted. The Society has membership for well people as well as shut-ins. . .

Quote, Unquote AN OLD timer up the street says mail delivery only once a day will get very little work. . .

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round WASHINGTON (The News) Attorney General J. Howard McGrath, with a good eye for straight-shooting, has got himself betwixt and between in the McGrath wire-tapping scandal. . .

McGrath Won't Prosecute Wire-Tapping Browsers' Committee, and a report was filed with the Justice Department, though commencing with tapping in the American case, proceeded to do nothing about the wire-tapping scandal. . .

Gubernatorial Merry-Go-Round BACKSTAGE WITH THE GOVERNOR: Governor Dewey Springs that Governor Lammie (Tuff's friend) was sure he had the best of the recent campaign at White Sulphur Springs. . .

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Washington (The News) THE "NEW WEAPONS" propaganda is reaching stunner speed. . .

"PIPE DOWN" "Why the hell," said Truman, "do these guys pipe down?" . . .

SLOWS DEFENSE But in fact, the American, British and French planners have only been able to make the Atlantic program of the European ground force requirement, precisely because of the assumed needs of the European force. . .

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