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THE MEANING OF KOREA

These are the key points in the new Far Pacific policy announced Tuesday by President Truman.
1. U. S. air and sea forces will give the Korean Government troops cover and support.
2. The Seventh Fleet will prevent any attack on Formosa.
3. The Chinese Government on Formosa will cease all air and sea operations against the mainland.
4. U. S. Forces in the Philippines will be strengthened and military aid speeded up.

THROUGH success of American forces in Korea is imperative, the war in that Eastern land is overshadowed by the magnitude of the new foreign policy announced in Washington Tuesday by President Truman.
That policy, though specifically Far Eastern, is world-wide in significance. It commits us to defense of friendly areas anywhere on the face of the earth, and it states we go to war against Russia if that nation uses force in an attempt to control nations friendly to the West.
We do not believe the new policy to be "too late" or "too soon." It was adopted precisely when the American people would support it.
Communist aggression Sunday justified the use of force by the United States. We are not protesting whether the Third World War has begun. Or if it will begin tomorrow. Or if it has been permanently averted.
Stalin knows. But Stalin is maintaining a characteristic silence. We can only hope

THE COST OF OFFICE-SEEKING

THE Greensboro Daily News, in one of its spirited editorials for which it is famed, notes that a special Senate subcommittee will investigate the expenditures in the contest for the Carolina Statehouse in Cary. Citing the numerous attractions in Tar Heels—the fishing at Nees Head, the Lost Colony, Wrightsville and Carolina Beaches, the dog races in Currituck, cool in the Watauga, and the famous resorts in the western mountains—the Daily News says:

"Even if you don't find a thing wrong with our primary, Messrs. Commissioners, there is no place to visit like North Carolina these days. That's what you should be thinking about if we've got you, and we'll be delighted to share it with you. . . .
Well, that's all very fine. But we suspect that the Senate subcommittee will find out that the pleasures of the Old North State if they really mean business.
No one will ever know precisely how much money was spent in the recent primary. Certainly it was many times the amount reported by the candidates. The law requires a report on expenses incurred at the Statehouse. It does not cover expenditures at the county and precinct level.
It costs too much money to run for office, and it's costing more and more every year. If the candidate doesn't have the money, he has to get it from others. In return, he has to perform favors for his supporters, favors that sometimes are not in the best public interest.
Frankly, we don't know just what can be done in the first place, it would be impossible to enforce a law requiring individual reports from every person making a political contribution. In the second place, public opinion is not sufficiently aroused to support the passage of such a law, much less its enforcement.
The day may come when the candidate who obviously is spending the greater amount of money will be rejected by the voters. But that day is still a long way off.

THE OTHER SIDE

A CRITICISM often leveled at newspaper is that they play up bad news and play down good, thus contributing to an atmosphere of gloom and foreboding.
The charge is not without justification. News is the definition of the exceptional, the out-of-ordinary. And the exceptional, since it disrupts the even tenor of our ways, is likely to have overtones of tragedy, of evil.
It is rarely the man of sterling virtues, the good family man, the good provider who breaks into the columns of newspapers; rather is the Lothario whose love nest grabs the headlines. And that reader, is not he who is the victim of a wicked, learned through long experience what it is you like to read about, what you will spend your nickels for. Your newspaper is what you make it.

WHAT'S HAPPENING TO BASEBALL?

MEMO to Sports Ed.: pardon us while we write another of those "high time" editorials, this one dealing with matters usually in your purview.
It's high time, it seems to us, that something be done about the spread the major league hitters have over the pitchers. The scores are beginning to look like football results. And that's not good for the game, the beauty of which lies in nice balance between offense and defense.
The scores at the American League season last Friday: Tigers 10, Yankees 9; Indians 13, Senators 4; Red Sox 11, Browns 9; White Sox 11, Athletics 8. Even in the National League, scores were lopsided in favor of the offense. That day, 31 home runs were hit in the majors, an all-time record; 11, another record, came in the Yankee-Cardinals game.
There are two scores: Giants 12, Dodgers 9; Dodgers 10, Pirates 12; Red Sox 11, Browns 11. The Giants parted seven runs in the bottom of the seventh. The Cardinals beat the Dodgers 11 to 11 (note that the strategy was to score in the game played on the night) and up to seven runs eight.
Price about half of the year, of course.

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effect against Dr. Graham the Supreme Court decisions against segregation in Texas and Oklahoma universities, which fell heavily for the opposition. . . . It is true that the Fair Deal was an attempt to do a little more for equality and intermingling. As a matter of fact, Dr. Graham was a considerable force in the opposition to several characteristic Fair Deal measures. . . . It is to be doubted that the earlier attack on Dr. Graham on the part of the Communist Party was more effective. . . . Smith's Significant Victory In Primary The Norfolk Virginian Pilot says that the line of the Smith attack were unmistakable. He championed what he called "hard headed" Senator Graham with being out of tune with North Carolina thinking. . . . On the irresponsible fringes of the Smith campaign these attacks were directed by Communists and intimidated Socialists and even Communist tendencies in Senator Graham's own party. . . . Smith's Significant Victory In Primary Even though the line of the Smith attack were unmistakable, he championed what he called "hard headed" Senator Graham with being out of tune with North Carolina thinking. . . .