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COUNCIL MAY REGRET HASTY ACTION

The natural gas question is slated to come before the City Council again this week. There is a possibility that the Council might approve the transfer of the gas franchise now held by Duke Power Co. to the Piedmont Natural Gas Corp. We urge the Council once again not to take any precipitous action that the people of Charlotte might have cause to regret later.

We doubt that the members of the City Council have yet had access to all the facts they need to make an intelligent decision. They have heard Piedmont's story, and it sounds good. But two other companies have also applied to the Federal Power Commission for permission to tap Transcontinental's pipe line and distribute natural gas in the Piedmont Carolinas.

It so happens that there are other considerations, and they thoroughly confuse the picture. Within the next few days the FPC will be holding a new hearing. It promises to be a drawn-out affair, lasting weeks and even months. Transcontinental is seeking authority to extend its present pipe line into New England and sell gas to other cities.

MURDER IN KOREA

WORDS cannot express the combined grief and anger that Americans felt on hearing yesterday of the first atrocity on the Korean peninsula.

POLITICAL MANEUVER DEFEATED

The confirmation yesterday of Sumner Pike as Atomic Energy Commissioner is reassuring evidence that the Senate's present bent is to put national security above politics.

LOGICAL AS CAN BE

HOW the French cruiser, Georges Leygues, came to be known to British sailors as the Betty Grable because of a warning to all students of strange names and derivations thereon.

tribute the gas; (B) approve the sale of the Duke franchise to the winning company, or to some other private concern; (C) institute municipal ownership and operation.

In no respect is it imperative, or even desirable, for the City Council of this time to approve the transfer of the Duke franchise to any company that doesn't even have the permission of the FPC to bring natural gas to the city.

The only possible benefit from action at this time would be in Piedmont's favor. Conceivably, FPC could bolster its case before the FPC by displaying contracts to buy existing municipal systems.

Has the Council considered the possibility that Piedmont might not win its case before the FPC in that event, would not the Council find itself in an uncomfortable bargaining position with the winner?

Is the Council sure that Transcontinental has access in the field to the extra natural gas Piedmont promises to deliver to Charlotte?

Well, I got no answer last evening—freedom. But freedom is both a relative as well as an elastic term. Freedom to the colonists in 1776 meant something different from what it does in this day and generation.

Yesterday Senator Hickenlooper told the Senate that the railroad should not be subject to AEC requirements. That was all. Against Hickenlooper's judgment we have the judgment of President Truman, all other members of the AEC, and several outstanding scientists, all of whom know better than Mr. Hickenlooper what the AEC requires.

mind is certain to confound the duty scholar of 3000 A. D. if he happens to stumble upon it in the archives.



People's Platform

We Win War And Throw Away Victory

Editors, The News:

I spent the forenoon and much of the afternoon yesterday, the 4th, working in my garden and the evening listening to the radio program coming over NBC, which program was frequently interrupted by a most insidious reminder of conditions here in our own country.

It is a feeling of absolute frustration. After all, it is worth it! This is the obvious question.

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JOHN W. HESTER.

About The Primary

Editor, The News: CHARLOTTE

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON

ONLY a few leaders realized it but, at the national convention, the President's hand was outstretched to the voters.

very clean weapons for promotion by the Democratic party for a seat in the United States Senate has reached its denouement in the nomination of Smith, we may estimate with fair accuracy the political merits or demerit of the election.

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As a result of the primary we observe two facts. First, if the Republican party had had leadership through the years that party could elect a separate leader.

ROY H. EAVES

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WASHINGTON

He did not believe the President should have to intervene personally in every strike.

Keeping The Record Straight

around \$18,000,000. This was the cost of real estate in the Western world, before the problem got out of hand. It is \$18,000,000 we shall have to spend now.

By a combination of these causes the war economy was formally closed in November, 1945. Forrestal's last plan for a serious defense effort was rejected by Congress.

There was no alternative to doing what President Truman then did, to knowing forces with force. But the President's policy was to know the member who were the guilty men.

Buck Rogers Weapons Won't Win War, But Doughboys Will

THIS would be a costly way to preach a sermon, this trouble in Korea, but we are paying the price and we might as well get the lesson.

Remember all that who-struck-John about the next war, the push-button war, the war of airplane, of guided missile, of germ and insecticide.

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McCarty's Reds

WHEN Senator McCarthy last week hurled his usual barrage of vitriol at the State Department, claiming that it was in charge of the Korean policy, he overlooked one thing.