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ELECTORAL REFORM SUFFERS SET-BACK

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Senator Lodge's plan got a 64-27 endorsement by the Senate on Feb. 1. It retained the electoral vote structure, but proposed to divide the electoral vote of each state in direct proportion to the popular vote cast in that state...

Apparently, Republican and Democratic Representatives from city-concentrated areas were willing to "sacrifice their dominant positions... to the North Carolina delegation voted solidly in favor of the amendment...

MISGUIDED MYSTIC

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IN WHICH CREDIT IS GIVEN

THE second fiscal year of the 1949-51 biennium began on July 1. Before it is over next June 30, Governor W. Kerr Scott may have the last laugh on numerous prophets of gloom, including this newspaper.

war, and it had the sanction of the United Nations. So Hank reluctantly broke with the Progressives, and said he would stand with his country.

Now the Communist Daily Worker has jumped on him. In those same columns that have praised Hank and Progressives, they now denounce him for snobby jingoism.

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There was a sharp drop in income tax, especially corporation income tax, during the past fiscal year. The decrease was \$11,112,950. But the sales and franchise taxes produced more than had been expected, so that the net loss in the general fund was only \$9,079,508.

Having voiced the fear repeatedly that the Scott Administration would eventually lead to higher taxes or deficit financing, we think it only fair to admit that the State's business affairs have been managed well in the first fiscal year, and to give Governor Scott and Budget Director Coltrane due credit for their accomplishment to date.

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In life, General Evangeline Booth was a symbol; in death she will be a lasting inspiration.

The season's first watermelons were dumped in Jackson last week with a \$2.50 price tag on the largest. One was almost afraid to look for fear of being charged 10c a peck—Jackson (Ga.) Progress.

The whistling sound you may hear out in the bushes or woods near a country road comes from the chiggers, sharpening up their diggers in hopes... Greenville (Miss.) Greenwood.

The fact that a swerving jeep hit a man hopping his lawn offers another excuse to postpone or sidestep the chore—Greenville (S. C.) Piedmont.

The work of this remarkable woman has been felt not only in London, where she was born, but in towns large and small throughout the United States and Canada. It has been felt in Charlotte through the vigorous program carried out by local officers. Thousands of children have been the means of their religion through the youth groups directed by the Salvation Army and millions of the world's unfortunates have learned that they are never completely alone.

The first Upon peaches have been shipped. As soon as they can get to New York, go through the relation through a produce company and shipped back to Georgia the local grocers can have them on their produce counter for us to buy—Thomason (Ga.) Times.

ECONOMY ON U.S. INFORMATION PROGRAM APPROPRIATIONS

HERE LOOK AT THE UNUSUAL PLAN

'Unforgettable Experience' Driving The Parkway

By HOLT McPHERSON (In The Shelby Daily Star)

WHEN I was Governor of this Rotary District, one of the principal projects supported strongly was the Blue Ridge Parkway which holds the high promise for Western North Carolina than most folks here...

The Blue Ridge Parkway, which shortly will be open all the way into Asheville from the miles south of the Skyline Drive through the Shenandoah National Park in Virginia...

There is nothing anywhere like this Parkway. The fact that it's within a day or two of any driving distance of over half the people in the United States is causing folks to swarm to it in ever increasing numbers...

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DRIVING the Parkway is an unforgettable experience. A miracle of highway engineering, the mountain-crest road is so skillfully graded and hanced that it is possible to drive at 45 miles an hour in perfect safety.

Senior citizens with the seasons. Spring brings out new wood and various mountain flowers. Early Summer brings in rhododendron and azalea, just fading as we were there. Autumn clothes the mountains in the tier of color of turning leaves...

Along the Parkway are all the amenities you could ask for. There are picnic grounds and rest houses, and a fine dining room. There are also a number of excellent hotels and motels.

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Johnson's Penalty Crippled American Defense Program

ACCORDING to current reports, Representative of Defense Louis A. Johnson, of all people, is now getting ready to return to the great advocate of a powerful American defense effort. It is long past time for this checkmate to be read by the newspapers can now be seen in the Secretary Johnson's previous appearances in the role of the great economist.

Perhaps the most interesting comment on Johnson's defense "reconnaissance" was contained in a report from the Korean front. It shattered American unit, just withdrawn from the rocky hills. They exhausted effort spoke for them all in two brief, but effective, sentences: "You don't fight two tank-equipped divisions with a 30 caliber machine gun, never saw such a less damn war in all my life."

GOOD REASON Johnson had good reason to be bitter, as the story of the American armored force will show. There has never been the slightest secret about Soviet armored strength in Russian World War II tanks were consistently better than ours. The huge Russian armored force of over 2000 tanks was retained on combat status when peace came. And as long as three years ago Russian equipment of new tanks was known to have reached 200,000 tanks, many of them the great six-ton heavies.

When James V. Forrestal launched the American rearmament program, a vigorous attack on the tank problem was conspicuously absent. Instead, after President Truman sharply cut back the program in 1948, appropriations and authorizations were still provided to give this country a respectable armor force. When Johnson took office, the order had already been given for the first step in the reduction of our medium tanks were in fact to conserve scarce and more powerful guns, so that they would at least be fit to meet Russian tanks of equal weight.

Almost at once, however, Johnson announced his "armored program" to cut 14,000,000 defense outlays approved by Congress. Tank modernization was one of the first items to be cut. The result was transformed into a Johnsonian "economy" as early as 1949. The result was that we now have no tanks—literally, none at all—except the few that the Russian army has in the field.

People's Platform A WORTHY CAUSE EDITORS: I WISH to comment and recommend Willie Keever's article or letter regarding "Shut-In Society," in a recent issue of The News.

This is a worthy cause and one which should receive the attention and help of all of us. In her letter she asks so little of us who consider ourselves more fortunate. To whom else can they turn? I have written to Mrs. R. V. Reid, 2011 Broadway, Remondette, Mo., asking if I might be of service to those who need help.

Quote, Unquote I thought our town was always going to be just a rural one. But I was wrong. We are definitely going forward. Best Puckett showed up at the Johnson house the other night wearing a tuxedo. John was supposed to wear one, too, but the man that owned it was out of town and John couldn't borrow it.

The last word we had from Moscow was that the U.S. had decided not to invest television until after color had been brought nearer a state of perfection—Memphis (Tenn.) Commercial Appeal.

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Explanation Due Americans For Conspiracy Of Optimism

THIS IS an urgent necessity, as is shown by every indicator of the situation in the Korean Peninsula. President's bold move in ordering force against the North Korean invasion will involve a serious reaction of the United Nations was unquestionably good. For political and partisan considerations.

But the almost unbroken chain of reassures since then has dispensed the original confidence response. People are more and more questioning the wisdom of the action. They are asking certain questions, and above all:

Why are the North Koreans fighting so hard and so skillfully and why has the South Korean resistance been so ineffective? How can the United States have superior weapons of the North as compared to the South? Why in view of the seeming deficiencies all down the line, do we have to spend so much money in the past four years on national defense? Answers to the last one question are being sought in the past. It gets down to the extraordinary cost of today's complicated weapons and the vast extent of American commitments.

In one week this Spring, the American people were told that the United States was in the best shape ever following any war in its history. Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson said that the rest of the world was better than in any previous peace-time period, and Secretary of State Acheson said that the State Department was more efficient than it had ever been before.

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