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PARING NON-DEFENSE EXPENDITURES

N NORMAL circumstances, we do not approve of the so-called "meat axe" technique for cutting the Federal budget—1. e., passing an amendment to the big appropriation still reducing every appropriation a flat 5 per cent. or 10 per cent. It is not a sound budgetary practice, for the very simple reason that it makes no distinction between the lush "port barrel" projects and the legitimate enterprises of

projects and the resument government.

These are not normal circumstances, however, and since it is becoming clear that the U. S. Senate does not intend to allow any item-by-tiem reduction in the whopping \$34 billion appropriations bill, the "meat aws" is the only thing left.

Senators Bridges and Byrd have introduced an amendment designed to allow any intended and amendment designed to all the second of the appropriations bill. They would simply cut all non-defense

spending by ten per cent. So far they have obtained 30 signatures to the amendment, and there may be others.

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We hope the amendment passes. It should be clear to the Congress by now that the Korean War and the stepped-up military preparedness program at home and abroad is going to cost much more than the initial \$10 billion estimate by President Truman. That means a great boost in the national debt, barring a tremmendous increase in taxes. Further deficit financing will feed the fires of inflation, and heavy government non-defense buying in an economy running at full capacity will simply create new shortages.

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The safety and security of the nation are at stake. If there was ever a time when non-defense expenditures should be cut back, this is it.

SATURDAY'S BOND ELECTION—II

OF THE \$5,750,000 in public improve-ment bonds Charlotte voters will pass upon Saturday, \$2,000,000 will be spent to enlarge the city's sewage system to meet current demand and provide some margin for future growth

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The disposal plants on Sugaw and Erwin Creeks have a capacity of 5,500,000 gallons apiece. Both are now handling sewage at the rate of 8,500,000 gallons daily, As a result, efficiency is down about, 40 per cent. Some \$800,000 for allons daily as a result, efficiency from a former bond issue is still available for redesigning and eniarging the disposal plants. To that will be added \$1,150,000 of the new borrowed money.

will be added \$1,15,000 or the new por-rowed money.

In addition to making the two plants
100 per cent efficient, the bond money will enable the City to put into effect its new industrial waste ordinance. That ordinance provides for the acceptance into the sewage system of the two creeks. Not until industrial wastes are taken out of the creeks will they be clear and odor-less. Thus there is a special reason for

Creeks to approve the sewer bond issue.

When the cit yextended its limits in
1849, it took in much territory that had
aiready been developed for residences.
These sections would have posed a considerable problem in themselves. But that
problem has been increased tremendously
by the mushrooming of other new residential areas both inside and outside the old
city limits. The remainder of the \$3,000,000 bond issue, about \$850,000, will be spent
for new sewer lines to areas not now served
and to replace several existing lines in
the main business district that are now
overtaxed.

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An efficient and inclusive sewage system is just as essential to any city as a safe and adequate water supply. The \$200,000 does not represent the maximum that could be spent wisely; it represents, as in the case of the water bonds, a bare minimum. We urge most earnestly that Charlotte voters approve the \$2,000,000 sewer bond issue.

DOUGLAS LOSES AGAIN

BY THE END of the current session of the Sist Congress, Senator Paul Doug-las of Illinois will have little to show for his valiant economy efforts except the mee'rs of battle. Economy is not popular in a Congressional election year, and Senator Douglas has been shouted down every time he raised-this voice. Last week, for example, he tried in suc-cession:

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1. To cut \$100 million from the \$385 million appropriation for the Bureau of Public Roads.

2. To hold the House-approved celling of \$401,500,000 on the Post Office Department's authorized defect.

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3. To reduce RFC funds by \$6.7 million.

4. To cut the \$12 million provided for the Forest Service's development of forest

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5. To slash \$90,713,000 from the funds for reclamation projects in the West. These were his major targets. Day after day, as the Senate took up the huge ap-

propriations bill, the Senator from Illinois tofgreed amendments to save a few hundred dollars here, a few thousand dollars and the second of the Taft-Hartley Act, Federal aid, to education, the Kern Natural Gas Bill, and others he generally is found voting with other Senate liberals But, unlike most of them, he watches every expenditure closely. He doesn't fire with a shotgun, as does Virginia's economy advocate Harry Byrd. He uses' a rile and aims at each target as it comes along.

Douglas is not spectacular. His outstanding characteristics are his rugged honesty, his doesed persistency, and his keen.

his dogged persistency, and his keen, analytical mind. It may be that his deanalytical mind. It may be that his de-termined drive for economy will make him unpopular among the voters in his home-state. It so, he will not be without honor elsewhere, for he's rapidly storing up tremendous prestige and respect in these hinterlands.

ATLANTA WATER RESOURCE CONFERENCE

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As WE ENTER the new mobilization As economy, it will become increasingly difficult for Congress to make wise decisions on many Federal projects involving the economic and social needs of the mation. Many programs still in the blue-print stage will have to be scrapped unless they tile in with the plants to put the country on a war footing.

One far-reaching program, it seems to many experts, will have to be developed and that concerns the conservation and enlargement of our water resources. They are linked just as closely to a wartime economy as they are to a peacetime era.

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Commission, headed by Morris L. Cooke, is now sponsoring a series of conferences throughout the country in order to give state officials, representatives of conservation organizations and private citizens an opportunity to give their views to the Commission which is now in the process of making a nationwide survey. The survey, when completed, will go to the President with recommendations for specific steps to be taken to provide greater water resources to meet 'the needs of our rapidly expanding population and industrial activity.

Flood control, navigation, hydro-power, stream pollution and recreation are a few of the stream of the stream of the stream of these conferences hed in the area west of the Mississippi River. More recently meetings have been conducted in Columbus, Ohio, and in Springfield, Mass. The final conference will be held at Allanta next Monday at the Hotel Henry Grady. Representatives of state agencies as well as private groups and citizens will be heard from Georgia, Alabama, Lou-Maina, Mississippi, Florida, the Carolinas, Tennessee and Virginia. Chairman Cooke has announced that since this will be an one-day conference in Alanta, there will be only a limited time for oral presentations and discussions. Consequently, Mr. Cooke has suggested that those appearing at this conference prepare memoranda amplifying their remarks.

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The actress who bought a \$0.000 house to get a place where her three-year-old daughter could play missed lots of fun. We like to play with our children ourselves.—Greenwood (Miss.) Commonwealth.

'Can You See Us Now?'



People's Platform

About That Foot Bridge

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-EDW. A. ROSENBLATT.

rangements.

The feeling I can assure you is mounting by the hour, even in Sunday School and at church Sunday. So I would suggest that you settle this matter before the wrath of this settlon, which voted over 1.800 against becoming a part of this city, is turned loose

-EDW. A. ROSENBLATT.

Objects To Sewer Bonds

CHARLOTTE It is now proposed to build addition to the present written to Mayor publish it. It must be interesting to all to knew that publish it. It was not feasible to remodel the present disposal is city as getting plant.

-WILL D. ALEXANDER.

... With Reservations

Editors, The News:

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Tempting Opportunities For

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Aggression

By Joseph & STR...

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Internal Quarrels On Past Mistakes Lose The Future

By MARQUIS CHILDS

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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round Indian Lady Ambassador Chides Acheson

Filte only woman ambassader in the Washington diplomates corps is Medame Pandit Nerhru, the sister of the Prime Minister of India. She is a lady of frail figure, great cignity, and a sort of sustere beauty. Washing the Washington She was a substantial of the Washington She washington, which was a substantial of the Washington She washington, which washington to the Sate Department the other day to hand Secretary of State Acheon a note written by her Prime Minister brother, asking the United States and Russia for peace in Kores.

'Imperialistic America'

WHAT most people in this country don't realize is that the Communist radio pours a daily stream of propa-ganda into the villages of, China, Northern Indo-China, and as much of the Orient as possible, telling how the im-perialistic United States has invaded Korea. Naturally, nothing is said about Russias part in the North Korean invassion, or that the United Nations scancioned the Ameri-nation of the China of the China of the China of the China the China of the China

invesion, or that the United Nations sanctioned the American resistance, and in in the village square is the chief means of communicating with a large part of Asia, a lot of Orientals have come to believe that to send Philippine Gen. Carlos Bomulo, President of the U. N. Assembly, to Korea to show Assatics that other Asiatics are emphatically behind the United States. This has been proposed at Lake Success, but fear of treating on General MacArthur's toes as Supreme Commander has caused besitation in Washington, and the Commander of the Command

Clumsy Press Relations

THE National Defense Department has a clumsy way of winning new Allies for the U.S.A. in the Korean war. Louis Poy, American correspondent for the Paris Prese, one of the largest Prench papers and viagorously and Communist, recently sought to attend the Defense Department briefling on the Korean war which is given to newspapermen every day. He was told by the office of Der Hargu. Chief of the Pentagon Press Branch, that it would take 28 hours to get permission.

been a nessman in this country for 13 years.

Later.when the Frenchman turned up at the Army
briefine, he was stopped at the door.

"This is a United Nations war." For protested, "and
France has been fighting the Commies in the Far East
can't listen to some General give out information that is
going to appear in the papers, next day!"

Nevertheirs, he was barred. Also barred at first was
Swedish Newsman Roll tamborn of the "Stockholm Tindmanen," though later both were told they could attend.

Merry-Go-Round