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THE PRESIDENT'S TAX MESSAGE

THIS WEEK President Truman asked Congress for a \$5 billion increase in personal and corporation income taxes. The purpose of the increase is two-fold: (1) to prevent inflation by draining off surplus purchasing power, and (2) to pay the cost of our military preparedness program pending the development of a more comprehensive tax program.

is in this bracket that a good deal of the inflationary purchasing power should be drawn off. In passing, we would observe that the President's suggested scale for graduated corporation taxes is fair and reasonable as far as it goes. The question is whether it goes far enough.

Below \$5,000 there are 2,415,300 taxpayers. 51 per cent of the total number, whose combined net income last year was \$28,893,200,000. Their combined tax bill was \$8,220,190,000.

The President proposes to raise \$5 billion in new taxes. Obviously that is not enough to meet the inflation caused by deficit financing.

SATURDAY'S BOND ELECTION—IV

IN THREE previous editorials, the editors of THE NEWS have set forth briefly their reasons for endorsing the water, sewer, and street bond issues. All three are very basic to the continued growth and development of the City of Charlotte.

break all the bottlenecks and let motor vehicles flow smoothly into and out of the business district. He estimated the cost of the whole vast enterprise at \$4,500,000, part of which, City officials believe, will be contributed out of the Federal Highway Commission, and the Federal Government.

THE END OF A CONTROVERSY

ALTHOUGH a great mass of evidence was introduced in the Latta Park Recreation Center hearing before Judge George B. Patton this week, the case really turned on two major points.

glad that the issue went to court! The calm, judicious way in which the question was argued will do much, we believe, to smooth feelings that otherwise would have been left ruffled. And a precedent has been established which, we believe, will facilitate the future work of the Commission.



WHERE WILL THE TANKEE IMPERIALISTS STRIKE NEXT?

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People's Platform Reflections Since 'The Black Day'

Editor, The News: PINEBURST
I'm complimenting you for editorial: (1) 'IN WHICH CREDIT IS GIVEN'.

I have always believed that the worthwhile things in life are brought about by the concerted action of men of 'moderation' and 'compromise'.

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One letter since June 24 which I do not want to comment upon was from the gentleman from Chatham County, in your issue June 30.

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WASHINGTON
'IT IS essential to the national security,' the committee declared, 'that we have knowledge and information, but such knowledge and such information may be withheld unless they are related to the ideal and principles by which we are to be guided.'

The need for this so urgent and so important a study is to see how any American can stand in the way of it. But there appears to be no need, at least as far as we know, to tell our own troops who are doing the fighting what this conflict is all about.

War correspondents in Korea have reported that the best training and the most advanced of a powerful military machine. In one of his early dispatches Homer Burt, of the New York Herald Tribune, described a combat unit that he had seen in the fighting. An officer estimated that one-fourth of his men were barely literate, having only the equivalent of a fifth grade education. They were obliged to take a course in the use of their arms, pass simple army general classification tests, and so on.

'I have talked to enlisted men and some young officers,' Burt wrote. 'I also had the opportunity of talking with them in Korea and what they were fighting for and why they were fighting.'

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Why Should Stay Home, Let Army Be Rough On Rookies

By ROBERT RUARK

NEW YORK
An officer, on training and responsible for the welfare of his personal life and more privilege than the mass-produced G.I. of today, and work for him, in anything so large as an Army, must be commanded. Since a military organization, to function, must have a certain quality of man, a democratic force is therefore impossible.

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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON
OUR Ambassador to Russia, Gen. Brentwell Smith, recently told a club of Washington Post Columnists how a Soviet propaganda film backfired.

The Russians are intensely interested in how the movie in the American town or city lives. Gen. Smith told the Post Columnists that the Russian propaganda picture, 'Rusky Vapors,' played in 300 theaters simultaneously in the Soviet Union. But it lasted only two weeks.

We had American observers at the theater almost every night. The audience reaction was interesting. In the East Side of New York—that we would consider extremely poor housing.

'I was darn good looking, housing Russia would compete for. Between the gentlemen, suits were clean-shaven, and air-conditioned. My God, how many clothes they have! Look at them!'

'Then the film showed the little Westchester bungalow of the down-trodden reporter who was being his job and his wife because he had written something good about the Soviet Union. The audience was not interested in what was happening to him, but they were gasping at the scene. The reporter was in the kitchen.'

Lush Campaign Funds
BIG-TIME money is still pouring into Senatorial primaries, and it is attracting attention from the New Hampshire battle between two Republicans, elder statesman Senator Charles Tobey and a younger man who formerly ran the office of New Hampshire's Senator Styles Bridges, seems to have an abundance of funds to spend in his campaign

Lush Spending Makes Another Primary

WASHINGTON
against Tobey. Yet he resigned from his job with Senator Styles Bridges, and he has no law practice, no other important means of support, and has been giving all his time to campaigning.

His campaign chest is not yet open. However, Truman's close friend Ed Pauley once told me that he had contributed an amount to Senator Charles Tobey. This was after Tobey had made a Senate attack which defeated old man Pauley for reelection.

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virtual ease of the civilian economy, has worked out a common-sense scheme for the administration of controls.

At least it sounds like common sense on paper, though oilmen have raised eyebrows as to whether it will really work.

What Wymington plans is to place the administration of controls in the hands of the present Government agencies instead of creating a new agency. For example, it would have the Labor Department handle manpower and labor problems; the Commerce Department handle price controls; the War Relocation Authority handle the Interior Department, coal, oil, and electric power.

The Commerce Department, Wymington points out, has 56 bureaus. If it were to be broken up into 10 or 12 bureaus, he would have the Commerce Department handle all war controls affecting business.

Such a plan, he says, is a most laudable idea. However, they point out that out of the Commerce Department's 56 bureaus, only 10 are actually doing anything. For example, the Civil Aeronautics Administration; another large group is with the Coast and Geodetic Survey; and others are doing nothing at all. They would like to see the Interior Department, coal, oil, and electric power.

Another criticism is that war controls have to be administered impartially and for the best interests of all. In Wymington's plan, it is not clear how the various agencies would be able to do this. It is not clear how the various agencies would be able to do this.