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THE United States Air Force appears to
have, been caught with its jets down
in Korea. Just as the Army found-ticouldn't fight a war without the infantryman, so UBAF is finding it can't fight
in Korea without the. propeller-driven
fighter planes which top Air Force brass
had been asying all alony were obsolete.
Since the end of World War II, the Air
Force had been busy junking its old piaton-engine fighters—mainly the workhorse F-51 and F-4T—and switching over
to the ultra-fast jet-propelled F-80 and
F-86. Despit Army pleas for a strong
ground-support air force. UBAF kept its
eyes steadfastly on preparation for global
atomic war, did such a thorough job of
conversion to jets that when the U. 8. got
in the present annouling war there was
only one squadron tabout 58 planes of
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Although the fire groups of F-80s stationed in Japan at wars outbreak were outmoded to some extent by newer models. American pilots were mighthy proud of their sleek aircraft. They went roaring off to the Korean battle fronts, within a maiter of days cleared the skies of enemy aircraft. Then they turned their attention to such important ground targets as enemy strengpoints, supply lines and depots, tanks, reads and bridges. And that's when the jets fell down on the job.

The whole trouble lay in their vaunted speed. Too fast to land on the tiny airstipp in Korea, the F-80s had to fly from bases in Japan, consequently could sprand little time over their ground targets. They were further handleapped by the peculiar currents and the product of the production of the peculiar country is all high altitudes and high speed.

pilots, of course, had to fly at low altitudes, throttle down to speeds where they could be reasonably sure of hitting their targets. But when they did so they found their planes drinking up fuel at such a rapid rate they were in danger of not having enough for the long trip frome.

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The Air Force took a calculated risk in assuming that if we ever had to fight it would be an atomic war where the speedylets would be invaluable of the state of the combatter of the classic form of World War II with its combate form of World War II with its combate in organizing and keeping up the Air National Guard, with its combat-ready aircraft, appears to be one of the wiscal military investments way and ance world world War II.

STRANGE BEDFELLOWS

THE Weshington Foot, after a timely bit I of research, has come to the conclusion that the Korean situation has caused a "general exchange of bedfellows all over the place." Specifically, the Foot cites the camaraderie now existing between the rightist Chicogo Tribune and the leftiss Fraude and Deliy Worker.

Prauda, attacking President Truman's ecision to send planes and ships to Korea,

who authorized the American Govern-ment (i.e., Mr. Truman) to take this step? In petting its armed forces into action did the step of the step of the step of the step object about their loyalty, to which Truman and Acheson make such a display? ... It was not the United Nations, nor say other inter-national body, that authorized the Govern-less. ... United States to take these ac-

is an illegal declaration of war... It is beside the point to say that Congress may or will back M. Truman. The fact is that Cong as has not been consulted." To such the Representative from Har-em Vito Marcantonio, adds his voice: The

ent "has usurped the Powers of Con-by declaring war without its con-

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the world well-being Said the Tribute.

"Mr. Truman's thinking, if that is the word for it, is ... confused by his own political to the said of the sa

The Daily Worker's version differs

"These war moves of armed intervention are only in the interest of the powerful bank-ers who mint their profits from the lives of the plain people here and throughout the world."

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Finally, the Tribune and the Daily Worker's draw the same moral. Not one American in a thousand," says the Tribune, "believes that the defense of Korea is worth the life of a husband, a son or a brother;" "The interest, the will of the American people," says the Daily Worker, "is for peace... Our country, our sons, our daughters are in grave danger. Concludes the Foot:

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INCOMPETENT DRIVERS ELIMINATED

A CONVINCING demonstration of the tremendous value of North Carolina's driver re-examination law is given in the latest volume of "The North Carolina Motor Vehicle."

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Reporting on the result of examinations conducted in April, the publication reveals that seventeen per cent of the drivers who applied for licenses that month failed to pass their examinations.

Here is the complete statistical break-

miscellaneous, 0. When you translate those statistics into human beings you immediately become aware that our highways, unsafe though they may be, are immeasurably safer than they would be if these \$500 persons who didn't know the road siring whose who didn't know traffic rules, who couldn't pass the road test, or who were driving defective equipment were out on the roads endardering the lives of other persons.

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There are several interesting angies to home statistics. Most significant is the resection of so many drivers who have
established drivers' hences. This
seams that the re-examination law is
liminating incompetent drivers who now
old licenses under the old law, as well

as preventing the licensing of new ones. In the final analysis, the driver reexamination law, effective though it may be, is still only a partial answer. The State of North Carolina desperately needs a sporkable system of motor vehicle inspection so that mechanically unsafe automobiles may be banned from the roads, and it needs ever-greater emphasis on highway safety. We have hopes that the Governor's new safety advisory commission will develop a formula for a new mechanical inspection law, and that it will find some way to impress upon all motorists the urgent necessity of following the rules of good driving.

After watching the squabbles that often develop in the splitting of estates, we can aympathise with the foll fellow whose will contained just the following. "Being of sound mind, I spent every dam cent I had."—Wweyrass (G&) Farmer.

Some mothers hire a baby sitter when what they really need is a lion tamer.—
Fort Myers (Fla.) News-Press.

We hear folks talk about a Sunday con-science and a week-day conscience. But many of them don't understand what the difference really is. The Sunday conscience is that which dictates what other folks ought to do. The week-day wariety is an exhibition of how we do ourselves.— Lemar (No.) Democrat.

It is not the world that's out of joint, it is the thinking going on in it.—Green-ville (5. C.) Piedmont.



'White Is Black. Black Is White. Night Is Day-'

People's Platform

Play Center Opponents Scored

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The Senatorial Election

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Wholesale Reassessment Of **US Policy Is Most Vital**

By JOSEPH & STEWART ALSOP

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Security Resources Board Will Coordinate War Effort

Drew Pearson's Korean Attack Surprised Chinese Reds

Satellites Shield Moscow

It is obvious from various reactions picked up in Meacow that the Kremlin expected us to operate as Ne old
League of Nations—debate, procrastinate, and do nothing.

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United Nations, may have thrown of on the other hand,
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Capital News Schedule Capsules

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The line was fixed in 1845 in order to prevent the Red Army from woming farther south and taking all of Korea. It was on Aug. 12, 1845, that the Red Army moved into Korea. This was before the 38th Parallel was drawn and Reds would sweep over all Korea, after which it would be impossible for the United States to get them out.

Nearest U. 8, forces at that time were on Okinawa, 600 miles away, and it was 'mpossible to get U. 8, troops to Miles away, and it was 'mpossible to get U. 8, troops to Korea until Sept. 8.

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In Southern Korea in which the Korean poole, long desired the right to vote made an excellent record. Approximately 3 per cent registered, of which more than 50 per cent to deed—deeptie a Community terror campaign.