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THE NEWS FROM KOREA

"PERHARS the most common reaction of Americans to the persistent successes of the North Korean forces is one of surprise," read the opening words of an article on Soviet military strength in the Aug. 15 issue of "The Reporter", a fortnightly news magazine,

"The man in the street cannot under-stand why American troops commanded by an officer with the reputation of Douglas MacArthur should be consistently outmaneuvered and defeated," the article continues. "He understands that the North Koreans have been armed, supplied, and trained by the Soviet Union, but he is perplexed at their ability to advance without

THAT perplexity was somewhat diminished today as American and South Korean troops hammered nearer Chinju, Red-held city just 35 miles west of Pusan, and pushed back söme of the North Koreans who had leaped the Nations River and South and South Coreans and Pushed Back some of the Nations River and South So

narrowing beach-head around Pusan ns to have reached a point where U. S ensive action" is possible. Eighth Army seems to have reached a point where of "offensive action" is possible. Eighth Army communiques today reported "successful action in every engagement with the

enemy."
Yet the communiques cautiously re-frained from calling the "successful ac-tion" a general offensive. It's a long way back to the 38th parallel.
It is hard to forget the recent evidence of the vast size of the North Korean forces and the almost uncanny ability of their leaders to move their units when and where thay desired.

And even now there is no certainty that U.S. and South Korean forces will be able to hold the shrinking beach-head. We are encouraged by the successful assault on Chinju—but Chinju isn't Seoul.

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It must be remembered that the North Koreans are across he last water barrier before Pusan, even though their beachheads are taking a solid pounding. They have some tanks across and, under cover of darkness, will be moving more men and materiel. The Allied army is still too small to cover the entire stretch of the river.

The recent defeats of American soldiers by numerically superior forces were certainly destructive to the morale of the fighting men—and they were hard for us at home. The spectacle of U. S. soldiers facing what one general called the possibility of "an Alamo" defeat was not comfortable to consider.*

Perhaps out "offensive action" has heiped to restore morale in Korea, given hope to fighting men—many of whom must have contemplated the likelihood of being pushed into the sea. That restoration of morale is important to our forces; but we must guard against over-optimism at home on the basis of a two-day offensive.

The North Koreans have come a long way in six weeks. They have paid a terrible price in human lives for their victores. They apparently believe they can succeed in removing U. 8. troops from the Korean peninsula. If they cannot do it alone, they have the might of Red China behind them—and that might has already been offered to them; if they should come to consider the task of expelling U. 8. troops, from Korea too large, they would not hesitate to accept troops and tanks and planes from the Chinese Communists.

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and planes from the Chinese Communists.

The news from Korea is good today but there are many tomorrows before ultimate victory. If we are to achieve ultimate victory, we must abandon the concept of the Korean fighting as just "another job for the Marines"; day by day it becomes clearer that this is not a minor "police action" but a defense of our nation calling for the best we have to offer.

A 'YARDSTICK' OF PROGRESS

PROGREMITY of the post-war years has been constant for Charlotte area business and industry. Practically everybody shared this progress and economic well-being. One trouble has been that "yard-sticks" for dependable measurement have been few and mostly inadequate. Large dimensions made the specture difficult to

Now American Banker sends to The Charlotte News a statistical compilation which reveals an amazing record at Charlette in totals of check payments against individual bank accounts. That is gratifying and encouraging. This compilation furthermore shows that the two Carolinas as a whole have done remarkably well in this respect, thus providing strong and fully appreciated support for Charlotte's feedership as the Carolina tinancial scritter.

The new peaks, successively set in 1948, 1949 and 1930 by Charlotte, place Charlotte and this area in a definitely more favorable position than the United States as, a whole, with respect to percentage gains over the preceding periods under analysis. Those periods were the first half-years.

Financiers, manufacturers; distributors and retailers through recent years have given recognition to the strong and expanding producing and consuming position occupied by Chariotie and lis companion Carolina cities. This recognition, in one way at least, has been given substance in the form of tremendous investments in new manufacturing enterprises, especially

in the textile industry. This inflow of in-vestments is continuing and week after week announcements are made of con-tracts awarded for construction of addi-tional great plants, textile and diversified other industries. Also, distribution has kept the pace.

kept the pace. Economists are quick to emphasize that possession of money doesn't create business—but the spending of money is the fact that makes for progress. American Banker's report of record-breaking apendings is a "yardstick" that is at once dependable and clarifying. The Charlotte Clearing House in the first six months of this year handled checks, drawn against individual bank accounts, totaling \$1,584.—189,000 in value of the progress 199,000 in value.

199,000 in value. That total was almost as high as the combined total of bank debits for the next two highest ranking North Carolina cities. The Charlotte total was almost equal to the combined total for the four principal South Carolina cities. It is important, too, in this connection, to bear in mind that bank debits mean money spent for goods and services.

and services.

Analysis of Charlotte's and the Carolinas' economic trends are privileged to feel an even greater satisfaction in the American Banker's report. They know that the fundamental economy steadily is being strengthened in its most closely watched and most strategie factors—industrial diversification and industrial-agricultural balance.

From The Winston-Solem Journal

THE RING IN THE CITIES' NOSE

CARTOON in The United States A Municipal News graphically discloses the current plight of most American cities. the current plight of most American cities. A bearded old fellow with corn-cob pipe and huge straw hat is prancing along, leading a harassed urban citizen by a stray which is attached to a ring in the city man's nose. The urbanite is carrying a pleared which reads: "1900 Census Shows Half the People Live in T Counties." But the old guy called "Rural Vote" is chuckling as he strides along with his town vettim in low; "But I run the State."

The city and suburban areas of Ohio aren't alone in the "misery." It's that way in many of our states if not practically all of them. In North Carolina, the populous industrialized Piedmont is badly outvoted in the General Assembly by representations.

usous industrialized Piedmont is badly out-voted in the General Assembly by repre-sentatives from rural counties in the East-ern area of the State. In other states the of realistic reapportionment of statives to legislatures in accordrepresentatives to legislatures in accord-ance with population growth and concen-tration also has been long neglected or detegred. So much so that the U. S. Con-ference of Mayors recently stated that the existing situation is "Utterly repug-nant to the basic concept of democratic recesses of government". The big stake at issue revolves around as and other vital State legislation which

in many instances today tends to discririnate against and victimize towns as many measures usual veitus to discriminate against and victimize towns and cities in North Carolina and other states. The finantial plight of our cities, for example, it steaded revening not continued to the continued of the co

funny all 13,145 get into their cars and drive down First Street at 5 P. M.—Fort Myers (Fla.) News-Press.

Illness of Bushman, Chicago gorilla, could have been due to despondence induced by gandering at the people who came to the zoo to see him.—New Orleans States.

An Interview With J. Edgar Hoover

How Communists Operate

EDITOR'S NOTE: What should a citizen know . . . It concentrates its work upon the heavy in-about subversive activities? What should he do? . dustries and those of a war character." Is there any danger to the U. S. in the mild-mannered acquaintance who insists that Russia is facing America today.

President Truman recently asked that organ-tions and individuals report to the FBI all im-mation "relating to espionage, sabotage and sub-structures"

retive activities."

To get an inside view of some of the problems that the President's request shed, U. S. Nees should be a problem of the problems of the pr

Q. Do you think, Mr. Hoover, that Communista are basically agents of a foreign country, or do you draw a distinction between those who are philosophical Communista and those who are tools of the Communist say rings?

Communist spy rings?

A. The teachings of Communism are directed toward one final result—world revolution and the trumph of international Communism. The schlevement of this aim would mean the violent and compensation of the schlevement of th

rainer inan our own Government?

A Most emphatically, as I mentioned in my previous answer, the ultimate loyalty of fully indoctranted Communist Party members is to Moscow, retrieved to the communist properties of the communist properties of the communist properties of the communist properties of the communist party is today a grojan horse of disloyalty, colled like a serpent in the very heart of America.

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A. The hast premise of Communism is decil and hyporise. The Communist philosophy teaches that every available means must be utilized to achieve the munist still lie. Chest and resort to any tacties which will gain his end. He will advocate today exactly what he denounced yesterday. And with a carrying out party polict. The connept of mogality and fair play, as practiced in our democracy, is along repurpant to him. Moreover, the Communist. And repurpant to him. Moreover, the Communist. Known as "Assopian language," in their literature and repurpant of deceive and erad, to dother their true throught. This dentation, the status of the communist. The status of the communist. The status of the communist is a status of the communist of the

or does it mean informal adherence?

A. When an individual joins the Communist Party
he agrees to accept, in full, the principles of Maraism-Lennism. I mentioned previously that to accept
these teachings means, in the final analysis, working
for world revolution—in the boost of Russian imperialism—and the destruction of American democ-

There is no halfway point: The individual accepts fully these obligations or he does not become a member. If later he refuses to abuse by these rules—as defined by the party hierarch—he is "expelled". This is no "informal adherence." You are either a full member or an "enemy."

Q. Are there any sections of the country which are relatively free from Communists?

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A Communists may be found in most sections of the United States. Of course, in some areas, the Communists are more thickly located than in others. But, as a general rule, the Communists area less strong in agricultural areas. And there is a reason for this.

Q. In what centers do Communists tend to cagagregate?

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considerable suspicion about them?

A. The matter of prosecution, of course, is the exclusive responsibility of the Department of Justice Plowerer, to successfully national a prosecution legal are technical, requiring evidence, which is often most difficult to obtain because upies do not carry on their activities in the presence of witnesses but retained in observed in the presence of witnesses but retained in observed in the presence of witnesses to the contrained in observed in the presence of witnesses to the contrained in observed in the presence of witnesses to train the contrained in observed in the presence of the contrained in observed in the contrained in observed in the contrained in observed in the contrained in

A. When the figure of 55,000 Communists in the United States was made public, there was considerable speculation in party circles as to the accuracy of the figures. Later, when detailed tabulations by states were made public, the Communists in various districts manifested great concern as to where we obtained our figures.

Q. Are there many Communists who have con-sed and turned in valuable evidence to the FBI?

A An individual who has seen the error of his ways and has been converted from the ensuaring tentacles of Communism can be as reliable as any other type of witness. Many former members of the Communist Party have been of invaluable assistance in our investigations.

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Q. Do you believe that pittless publicity will be helpful in running down Communists.

A Absolute? The Communists by their very nature, are conspiratorial. They operate under a clean of secret. Communist can be defeated by an exist of secret. Communists can be defeated by an exist of Marxist-Leninist chicanery. The newspagers and magazines, the radio and territorial professing the ratios of the true character of Communisms. are resolved.

them to the FBI?

A A Communist is not always easy to identity,
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U.S. Should Shudder When Comparing Balkans To Korea

By STEWART ALSOP

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By MARQUIS CHILDS

WASHINGTON

TWO RECENT episodes has been a law unto himself. While the most of the the dislomatic and the military in oir Government are without that the dislomatic and the military in oir Government are with a same team. This lack of team play was one of the reasons for the trapedy of Korea. Involves General MacArthuris' visit to Chiang Sander of West and the waste of the control of the came over the manner of the control of the came over the waste covered in the came over the waste covered in the came over the waste covered to the covered of the came over the waste covered to the covered of the came over the waste covered to the covered of the came over the waste covered to the covered of the came over the waste covered to the co

US Hasn't Worked To Spread Democracy Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

Meanwhile in Washington we entertained such im-ortant Oriental visitors as the mayor of Tokyo and mer-ers of the Japanese Parliment at cheaper hotels near the intensition, where we allow only \$10 a day to cover all leads, hotel tomo and everything else—all because a nig-arity Compress. Base cut "the exchange of persons" budget These distinguished visitors are rold that President Tru-nan is too busy to see them, though Stalin takes time to el leading Orientals. However, many state and city of-cials—with the notable exception of Boston—have dome such best to the properties of the contract of the con-traction of the contract of the contract of the con-traction of the contract of the contract of the con-traction of the contract of the contract of the con-traction of the con-traction of the con-traction of the con-traction of the contraction of the con-traction of the con-traction

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Moral Mobilization

THE above pertains only to channels for telling the story of America to foreign countries It does not pertain to telling the story of America to Americans—which also

what we need—is hope. We live too much in an age of fear. We worry containably We worry about what happens after we reach the 38th parrallel in Korea, what happens after we reach the 38th parrallel in Korea, what happens after we reach the 38th parrallel in Korea, what happens after we reach the theoretic hope about arming to the teeth. Lamp ourselves to the bone, living in a world where the atomic bom may be dropped at any moment. These are plustifiable worries. They cannot be discounted to the state of the specific plustifiation of the state of the specific plustifiation which we have the some time ago when he proposed that we take the lead in demanding world disarmanced. This is are warmongers, but more than anything else, it gives the world hope

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THE time is soon approaching when with both total
mobilization and moral mobilization, we should notify
Moscow that we are ready for any eventualities, and that we
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