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A GRAVE DISSERVICE

IT MAY BE as we said yesterday, that worldwide diplomatic and military considerations will eventually force a withdrawal of United Nations forces from Korea. Officials the decisions have been made...

CIVILIAN DEFENSE GAINS SPEED

PROBABLY not until men are at work on concrete and steel bomb shelters will Charlotte fully appreciate the feasibility of atomic attack. It is hard to believe that some day soon a plane flying high overhead might drop a bomb on Charlotte...

USEFUL COMMUNITY SERVICE

WHEN we stop to sum up all the contributions to the welfare of the community by the Salvation Army we are surprised at the scope of the organization's program. It includes everything from providing a ping-pong table for underprivileged boys...

From The Washington Star

MR. TRUMAN'S HELPERS

THERE are those who think that the President should pay more attention to advice from the Senate in a time of great national crisis like the present. So, for whatever they may be worth, The Star has culled from the news columns the following offerings of Senators who...

Senator Connally, who is too old a hand to venture out on limbs that may be sawed off, thinks that the Security Council should be called upon to take appropriate action to bring about a quick showdown in Korea. Senator O'Mahoney would serve the Russians with an ultimatum to get the Chinese troops out of Korea.

The chances are that the President will not find these suggestions very helpful. It might be simpler for him, though the result would be somewhat chaotic, if he could adopt all of them and then wash his hands of the whole business. But as President, he cannot escape responsibility for the consequences of his judgment.

AS THE Korean tragedy unfolds, it becomes apparent that the political view in which the United States is caught is almost at the time as the military one. The next few days will determine how much can be salvaged politically and diplomatically as well as militarily.

These are critical times. The American people are sorely distressed over the sudden impetus toward World War III. At this moment, it is incumbent on members of the Congress, and other self-appointed experts including the editors of American newspapers, to show restraint...

about protecting us from attack by air. On Monday, Mayor Shaw named Stanton W. Pickens Civil Defense Director for Charlotte. Following up the excellent ground work laid by Col. Lawrence Simpson, when the retired Army man served as CD Director, Mr. Pickens will see to it that the city is prepared for an emergency as rapidly as the complex problems of civil defense will permit.

That Mayor Shaw recognizes the necessity for immediate action was shown early this week when he called a full-scale planning meeting of transportation, law enforcement and first aid experts for Monday, Dec. 18.

The form of production is particularly appropriate. The Army will attempt to reclaim the men for society by using them to reclaim the waste material of the city. The men will collect scrap paper, magazines and other material that might be recycled.

The program is an admirable one—a welcome addition to the Salvation Army's long tradition of community service.

It is gratifying to learn from an authority on physics at Birmingham University that it would take about 20,000 years of intensive atom-bombing to destroy the whole surface of the globe. It hardly seems worth the effort, does it?—Manchester Guardian.

Pipe-smokers of our acquaintance for the most part stay out of prison because they can't hold a pipe in one hand, strike a match with the other and wield a knife or fire a pistol.—Greensboro Daily News.

The estate of a tobacco farmer of Pitt County has been valued at \$1,750,000. This represents a lot of allotments.—Greensboro Daily News.

Turning an objective over to a committee sometimes works and sometimes doesn't. J. B. Hughes, resident of Dublin, expressed the danger recently when he declared if Moses had been a committee the Israelites would still be in Egypt.—Joplin (Mo.) Globe.

A man has a perfect right to sleep in a hammock, under a tree, and any person who rouses him from sleep is a sinner of the dirtiest type.—Banks County (Ga.) Journal.

Peace Hopes Slim Indeed In Far East

By MARQUIS CHILDS

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Korean tragedy unfolded yesterday in a way that suggests that the political view in which the United States is caught is almost at the time as the military one.

The United States must make efforts going much further than any that have yet been indicated to avoid the disaster of an impossible and endless war on the Chinese mainland.

Over the week-end a faint flicker of hope has revived. In part, this is the result of the fact that the Indian delegation, in the course of the talks, has shown a realistic hopelessness. It seemed to shut the door on all Western cooperation as long as Communist China was outside the U.N.

This is indeed a faint ray of light in a very dark sky. How Communist China could be admitted to the U.N. has not been presented is hard to see. Yet the fact remains that in view of the military situation, America's bargaining position is far from strong.

By his counsel and his presence, Nehru would contribute to a settlement of the Korean problem. Too often in the past the Indians have not been consulted when their presence would be affecting Asia. And our ambassador in New Delhi, Loy Henderson, has been particularly embarrassed to discover that the British had been in the war the last time he was in London.

As to the military way, the only reason it has not yet been tried is to bomb across the North Korean border in Manchuria. It is technically correct to say that General MacArthur never formally requested permission to attack in Manchuria.

What President Truman said about the popularity of generals is in dire need of a restatement. We are in the midst of a spiritual understanding and union with the human race.

Strong forces are at work undermining the faith and the moral of a nation, making the truth of our Christianity false beliefs and false prophecies of the future.

MACARTHUR IGNORES CIA (AP)—The United States, including several European, diplomatic, know of the overall intelligence picture in the Far East.

1. First the British urged that MacArthur halt UN troops on the 38th parallel.

2. When this was overruled, the British proposed that MacArthur halt his army about 40 miles south of the 38th parallel.

Kindly General Bradley (AP)—General Bradley at times overreacts. He is not to blame kindly Gen. Omar Bradley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, for not being tougher with his friend in Tokyo.

This Would Be A Perfect Time For You Guys To Shut Up



People's Platform

Memories Of Early Autos

NEWTON

I HAVE written the following letter to Mr. Osmond Barringer of Charlotte:

The excellent picture of one of your early autos, published on the front page of The Charlotte News on Nov. 30, bringing back special vivid memories to me.

My job was to chuck the differential gear housing which were sweated on the tubes which enclosed the rear axles on a shaft and machine the male and female halves to fit each other.

Most of my work was on the small, single-seat runabout with the steering wheel, and I remember the period (I suppose) watching a driving test with their first touring car on an inclined driveway running alongside the factory building down to the river wharf.

Those carefree racing days when the world seemed a hundred times larger and not far from home are gone. There was mystery and adventure and one of your chief worries was that you might have to hire a horse to tow you home.

The Democracy Of Truth

CHARLOTTE

IN this year of 1950 and 1951 the American people are in dire need of a restatement of the truth. We are in the midst of a spiritual understanding and union with the human race.

Strong forces are at work undermining the faith and the moral of a nation, making the truth of our Christianity false beliefs and false prophecies of the future.

AMERICA needs to establish a goal, to stand for that goal, regardless of the slacking of faith, for we alone have the means by which the truth may be carried to others of the human race, less fortunate.

Korean Defeat May Herald Doom Of West



THE citizens mourned and the city mourned; they had lost the flower of their youth. They had lost the flower of their youth. They had lost the flower of their youth. They had lost the flower of their youth.

THIS is a fragment from the account of how the people of Athens received the fearful news of the death of their young men. It is a fragment from the account of how the people of Athens received the fearful news of the death of their young men.

DISASTERS' AFTERMATH (AP)—The "conservation unalterably" means the final regional disaster of any nation that wishes to survive. It is necessary, therefore, to try to do the best we can to show the disaster in Korea has affected our situation all over the world.

First, the situation in Asia has deteriorated so far that it may well prove impossible to contain the backwash of the disaster. It is at least time to consider the possibility of a new one that their success in Korea will mean the end of the Chinese attack again in Indo-China, and perhaps to seize Hongkong. Meanwhile, the Japanese are being encouraged by the spectacle of our misfortune, seeing their country being attacked by the United States, to attempt to throw off the yoke of the occupation of the East.

Second, however, enforcing this policy will be extremely difficult, if only because the main objective of Prime Minister Truman's current meeting with President Truman is to prevent "retarding" a Chinese war. Full scale war is a present possibility.

Third, the revealed discrepancies in the meeting between the West and the East are now drawing terrifying on our side as they were in the past. The meeting between the West and the East are now drawing terrifying on our side as they were in the past.

Prayers Needed

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I WAS much impressed with a sermon on the radio Sunday by Billy Graham, who is a wonderful man called by God to try to get souls saved.

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Note Of Appreciation

LOUISVILLE

I WISH to thank you for the editorial and for the space you gave to the charter of the Inter-American Press Association, in my view most important of the United States.

Stuff And Nonsense

MCBEE, S. C.

THERE is a lot of stuff these days written about love-making, purple passion, how to get him to love you, and how to get him to love you.

Attlee Washes Dishes

CHARLOTTE

THE Right Honorable Clement Attlee, now Prime Minister of Britain, once served a brief term as dishwasher in the kitchen.

Bradley Gave MacArthur Full Authority

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Bradley usually concluded that the commander in the field should be permitted to make the final decision.

Korean Errors Admitted

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HOWEVER, Bradley, an honest man as well as a great soldier, did not admit, under questioning in Korea, when conferred at the White House with the President, Cabinet chief, and Congressmen.

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