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PEOPLE AND PROGRESS

MOST-of us think of North Carolina as a fine place to be born, an excellent place to grown up in, an agreable area for making a living and a comfortable puce to die, when the time comes. Hence, it is a bit puzzing to find out from the Department of Commerce that 202,000 persons moved away from North Carolina bitween 1939 and 1959. One wonders where and why they went.

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Of course, the use of "moved away" is an oversimplification which the Department of Commerce probably wouldn't tolerate. It refers to the figure (292,000) erals. It refers to the figure (22,000) as a minus met migration or "out-migration". What it means is that according to birth and death statistics. North Carolina should have gained approximately 782,000 persons in the 1940-1950 period. It didn't; it gained only 480,000. The truth is that the state did have a natural increase of approximately 792,000 of decided not to stay in North Carolina. We roust remember, of course, that the decade was one in which the greatest war in history was fought, a decade in which thousands upon thousands of North Carolinians were moved to the earth.

earth.

Some of them didn't come back—a few because they couldn't, many because they found greener pastures. In last week's issue of The State, George H Lawrence, the Superintendent of Public Welfarz for Buncombe County, wonders why other pastures are greener. He also concerns himself with the fact that the people who left the State during the past decade were the cream of the crop. Through counting out the too old, the too

young the too sick and the too poor, Mr. Lewrence decides those leaving were "mostly between the ages of eighteen and 30, of the middle income group, physically and mentally sound, and probably among the best educated of our people." He adds:

"There is every reason to believe they are mainly young people of initiative who have become convinced opportunities are better elsewhere. In large measure these young people probably come from the aegment of the population most desirable to retain."

That is, of course the crux of it, at this time, opportunities are better elsewhere. Our outstanding public school program and our fine colleges and universities, public and private, are producing a surplus of well-trained ambitious wount man and women the contraction.

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young men and, women who are just the
sort of people the professions and industries of the North are anxious to receive. It
has become a tradition in North Carolina, and elsewhere in the South, for young
men and women of promise to 'go North';
it has become almest a rule to withhold
judgment of success until a young TarHeel has proved himself above the MasonDison line.

However, year by year the State is developing a broad program of diversified
industrialization to make use of the talenia of its young folks. We cannot work
up too much alarm beer the fact that
young North Carolinians are going where
their talents can be put to immediate use,
portunity is available in North Carolina
hees young 'people will stay at, home—
and that opportunity is being developed
rapidly.

STREAM POLLUTION

CATAMBA RIVER defenders notwith-catanding, the stream that skirts our city could run the Ganges a close race for pollutien. The mud that gives the, Catawba ity unlovely yellowish tinge is bot an im-portant factor, except aesthetically, but the chemical waste that the industries of Charlotte. Gastonia, Bessemer City, Mt. Holly and Belmont pour into it every day as it nears the South Carolina-border is of wast importance. Domestic waste adds to the pollution. the pollution.

This combination of industrial "dump-

Ing" and domestic waste has caused the State Stream Sanitation Committee to refer to the lower Catawba as "probably one of the worst polluted areas in the

one of the worst polluted areas in the State".

The unflattering description of the waterway Charlotte has come to call its own appeared in the Committee's report to the Governor released last week to prepare the way for an anti-pollution bill which was introduced in the General Assembly.

In addition to bestowing that dubous distinction on the Catawab, the report pointed to pollution in the French Broad River with Asheville as the heigh off-energy, the Yadkin (with the towns above Winsson-Sajem to blame), the Neuse (with Durham and Goldsboro at fault), the upper Haw-sa a result of Greensboro industriest and the Dan-Smith River (with Leaksville-Spray responsible).

It would seem to us that the industries would realize the importance of clean, pure water not only to the general public but to the industrial future of the state itself. However, they have proved short-sighted in this respect and many of them continue to use the nearby stream as a garbage can.

A MATTER OF JUDGMENT

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The President's recent budget message was a big, fat book. Eyen the partial fext, published by many newspapers, ran to more than a page of solid type. The budget message, following closely the State of the Union message and the Economic Report, devoted thousands of words whereas Mr. Tuman's reguest, for funds for some of his controversial Fair Deal proposals were given almost perfunctory treatment. The alert corps of capital newsmen, however, spotted the Fair Deal Items, chased around getting comment from certain Congressmen, and fired away with a barrage of stories. In the minds of many messpaper readers, the Fair Deal proposals became the heart of the Wudget, when in reality they received relatively minor attention.

The public's stake in the fight against pollution is a big one: its health. Many communities are dependent on the Catawba, the French Broad, the Yadkin, the Neuse, 'the Dan-Smith, the upper Haw for the water they drink. The report covers two years of study by the Committee, and provides sufficient evidence to warrant the establishment of a permanent State Stream Sanitation Commission with rather broad supervisory powers over the disposal of wastes in the waters of the state.

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The Commission's function would be to find instances of pollution and decide what's needed to clear up the condition. The powers would include the establishment of rules governing the disposal of waste, the issuance of revocation of permits to discharge waste and the issuance of reproduction companies to discharge waste and the issuance of reproduction companies to discharge waste and the issuance of reproduction commissions.

permits to discharge wasfe and the Issu-ance of subpoenas compelling the attend-ance of witnesses and the production of essential data when pollution is discovered. The weapon the bill would give the Com-mission is the authority to fine any per-son violating or refusing to comply with a final Commission order from \$50 to \$500, with each week of continued violation after the conviction constituting a separate offense.

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Some industrialists have objected—and will probably continue to object—to giving the State power to compel them to adopt waste processing methods.

Nonetheless the primitive method of waste disposal used by many of North Carolina's industries should be halted now. With technological achievement ai-most everywhere else in the State, it seems foolish to allow the streams of the State to be poisoned day by day.

Last week James F. Byrnes was inaugurated as Governor of South Carolina. The main point in his remarks on foreign policy was a thumping endorsement of the Administration's emphasis on the defense of Western Europe, Korea, however, is in the headlines these days, and news writers picked out of the Byrnes address his remarks about Korea. Mr. Byrnes did not, as the headlines sind, call for withdrawal from Korea. He called for withdrawal from Korea if the U. N. falls to condemn China as an aggressor, and to authorize air attacks on Manchurian bases, and a naval blockade of the China coast. This qualification is important, and is almost impossible to put into a headline. Even so, many readers probably failed to grasp the real significance of the Byrnes emforement of European defense, and his unwillingness to divide our limited land forces between Europe and the Far East.

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Every reporter must exercise his judg-ment in writing a news story. Wire editors ment in writing a news story, wire causes must use their judgment in filling the stories, and desk men must exercise judg-ment in writing headlines. All of them are working against time. Even if there were ample time, not all newspapermen would agree on the most newsworthy angle of any major event.

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There is no remedy that we can think of within the framework of a free and competitive American press. Newspaper readers and radio listeners about a lways remember, however, that the possibility of erroneous judgment is inherent in high-speed, capsule reporting, and should be careful lest their own thinking be led sating.

Monopoly Air Line Service For Overseas Draws Nearer

By MARQUIS CHILDS

WASHINGTON
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and more appealing. They offer free champagne, free perfume
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STEP TOWARD GOAL

People's Platform Rudderless American Ship

At Mercy Of Foreign Storm By JOSEPH & STEWART ALSOP

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safe, What, may I saw has this min once described.

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-GLENN DUNAWAY.

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know business was that good. It seems that inflation has struck salvation. Looks like song leadflation has entres should be contained to the conflation has merchandise in the Temple these days.

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Sacred as do some of the draft-foodgers in their religion, we wouldn't hesitate to give it up for our country! If our great hand shumply insisted we take

every cross and image of Christ and spit on it, and it was for the country's good, I'm sure we wouldn't heislate in our patting the state before the soil, of, I'm sure those bad ole 'doodgers' just caudide up for a five-year nap, and awaken most refreshed to carry on living-riting he asay. I take his 'fife, healthy resamples' further, and say we should even go back to 'an eye for an eye'. I truly think we abould go whole-heartedly back and take up some valuable things that went by with the good old covern't witches!

-NED BASS.

Unimaginative Crime

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Editors, The News:

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Drew Pearson's Wake Island Conversations Revealed Merry-Go-Round

(Ed. Note—This is another of Drew Pearson's col-ums giving hitherto unrevealed information regarding our Korean defeat and the events leading to it.)

WASHINGTON

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Aloi of books have been written about the historic World War II decisions made at Teberran and Yalas, but nothing either official or semiofficial has come out about the wake Island conference last Fall which preceded one of our most disastrous defeats in history.

Because land defeat has come out about the wake Island, and because it has given an equally serious setback to the United Nation's goal to prevent agression, it is only proper that the public know something of what transpired at Wake Island. The President of the United States flew haftway round the world to confer with General MacArthur, yet adde From newsmen, nothing has been published regarding what happened on this mid-Pacific island.

The direct talks between MacArthur and President Truman took place with no one else present, no atmospraphic notes taken it is next to impossible, therefore, to report took alone, it is next to impossible, therefore, to report to the proposition of the proposition of the proposition of the proposition of the trump. MacArthur, Gorall Backley and the other military men are still as secret that each copy is numbered.

Touchy Formosa

President about Formosa, and he cut further discussion short with the curt reply:

"General MacArthur and I have discussed Formosa already and se are in complete agreement on the subject."

This appears to contirm reports that one of the chief of the continuation of

MacArthur assured Truman that he could "finish the job in North Korea" in a short time. According to the stenographic notes he said:

"I hope to be able to have the 8th Army back in Japan by Christmas. I may be able to send a convoy into Promayang

by Christmas. I may be able to send a convoy into ryomyang muncilately; muncilately; south of the convolution of the convolution of the Christmas and the convolution of the convolution of the MacArthurs reply was: "They could have intervened earlier when it would have been declave, but that time has passed. We are no longer fearful of their intervention. Although there, are several hundred tipusants about the Table River, it is not linely that they could count us much trouble."

even if they decided to cross the Yain River.

At the same time that Macarthur described his plans
for completing the ecoquest of Korea, he also argued against
keeping American troops in Korea.

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he frozen North Korean vasies to the Yain River if the
plan was to march right back again in time to return the
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garding this risky move.

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"I have had the same trouble," MecAribur replied. The nonraphic noise show laughter at this point. Richight of the Wake Jaison meeting was the brilliant location of one man. MacAribur completely dominated conversation, and virtually no effort was made to chal-ge his opinions or to warn him that the Chinese might y well intervent.





'They Went Thataway'