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MOB VIOLENCE IN TAR HEELIA

COLUMBUS COUNTY, N. C., is adjacent to Horry County, S. C. where many acts of mob violence have taken place in recent months. That may or may not explain why a gang of white nightriders broke into the home of a Columbus County Negro last Thursday night and, finding he had fled, beat up his wife.

The report of Sheriff Hugh W. Martin of Whiteville leaves much to be desired. It will not until Monday night—four days after the event—that Sheriff Nance made the news public. He explained that he kept quiet to aid the investigation, but that he had been able to identify any of the men and that no clues had turned up.

GROWTH OF THE HIGHWAY FUND

The News does not wish to belabor the point, made in two previous editorials, that money should be provided for city streets from present Highway Fund revenues without adding new taxes. There is, however, a little more information on the subject that ought to be presented.

The Municipal Roads Commission report on its long study of the city street problem had this to say about Highway Fund revenue: "The Commission's belief in North Carolina's ability to accomplish such a program (state responsibility for city streets) is supported by the growth of revenues from the highway taxes during the past decade. In fiscal year 1940-41, total revenues totaled about \$37,000,000 and supported a road system of almost 40,000 miles. Revenues declined to \$25,000,000 in 1941-42, but rose to \$33,000,000 in 1942-43, to \$45,000,000 in 1943-44, to \$55,000,000 in 1944-45, to \$65,000,000 in 1945-46, to \$75,000,000 in 1946-47, to \$85,000,000 in 1947-48, to \$95,000,000 in 1948-49, to \$105,000,000 in 1949-50, to \$115,000,000 in 1950-51. This shows an increase of 200 per cent in highway revenues in the past decade."

JOINT HEARINGS NEEDED

CONGRESS should have a great deal of its own time, and that of other public servants, if it would simply expand the system of joint committees.

A start has been made. There are joint committees on printing, the library, the revenue, taxation, reduction of non-essential Federal expenditures, the economic report, atomic energy, and foreign economic co-operation.

EXERCISE IN ITALICS

THE people who decide on the Pulitzer and Nobel prizes for literature, art, science, and peace are, for the most part, a young lady who is publicity director for a cosmetics house. If anyone ever was the master of hopped-up, scattergun prose, Miss Castle is the lady.

"For you who are tired of common, ordinary fashions . . . for you who dare to be different . . . we reveal new editions of our utterly unconventional, custom-styled 'A La Carte' nail enamels and matching lipstick . . . 6 wild-and-wonderful mid-year shades born from the imagination of Miss Castle's (The Italics are Miss Castle's)."

NAMES INTO NOUNS

TOPICS of the Times, the editorial was remarking recently on Sinclair Lewis' addition to our vocabulary of several new nouns and an adjective—all stemming, of course, from the surname of his character, George Folanbee Babbit.

The column mentioned a number of these—malapropism, benedict, legree, Rip van Winkle, etc. The list could be expanded almost indefinitely—and, indeed, will constantly go on growing as the years pass and dramatics continue to create characters. We even borrow from other tongues, as when we speak of quixotic behavior or call a hypocrite a tartuffe.

But probably no writer—even allowing for Shakespeare with his Hamlet (any moody fellow divided in his mind) and Remo (any romantically inclined young man)—has ever done this so well as more

O'Donnell's Timing Right For Russians' Propaganda

WASHINGTON (By MARQUIS CHILDS) MOSCOW has prepared it for one of the Soviet's propaganda assaults, the International Conference on the Far East given by Maj. Gen. Bennett (Hose) O'Donnell, who has now served behind the scenes for purposes of World Communism. Above all, the timing was ideal from the Russian point of view.

The O'Donnell interview came just prior to United States' invasion at Lake Success was trying to persuade reluctant delegates of Asian and European countries to go along with the resolution declaring Communist China an aggressor. Those delegates, or rather their respective countries, are fearful that the initial resolution is merely the first step leading to unlimited conflict with China.

So, even the general and in his brass, gay says that we must drop the atomic bomb on China. He is a professional soldier, presumably. He talks about high policy, telling the world that this is already a global war. Moreover, it is the way in which he put it that makes it so useful to the Russians. "They'll understand the lash when you put it on them," says General O'Donnell.

OLD COLONIALISM. When the news of the atomic bomb was dropped on Japan, it was a picture of the bent back submitted to the lash of the white master. For all the talk of democracy, and not alone the handful of Communists in China, but the old colonialism in a new atomic form.

Red Preparations Hardly For 'Show' Purpose Alone. By JOSEPH & STEWART ALONE. These facts in turn suggest the change that the Korean experience has made in the foreign policy and tactics. Last June, there was no doubt that the United States intended to initiate the feat of Hitler between 1932 and 1933, when he absorbed Austria and Czechoslovakia, and then shot, by the simple expedient of frightening people out of their wits, the Soviet Union.

Such is the simplest summary of the present position. It did not occur the equally striking pattern on the Indo-Chinese front—a Chinese invasion of the island of 250,000 men stands ready to drive southward when and if the Sino-Russian war ends, after gives the order. Nor did the previous Russian war, and after gives the order as the recent appearance of at least one and perhaps two additional Russian divisions, plus large puppet forces formed from Japanese prisoners, on the island of Sakhalin.

WESTERN eyes, the interest of the Kremlin today is to avoid the war that is being outwardly sought by the United States. People therefore believe, even now, that the United States is not a "red" threat. But the Kremlin is entirely capable of the grossest miscalculation. It is not only the military example of the rulers of Russia but also allowed two more years of the Russian Revolution. The Western world would have been a plume of smoke, and the United States also the law of national survival that policy must be formed, not only in the United States but also in the United States.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON ONE of the big things bothering Congress about drafting the new national security law is how it would have hounded home President Roosevelt when he opposed a second front in Europe. The Prime Minister in typical Churchillian language, "propose to lose the seed of the British Empire."

What he had in mind was the fact that in 1914, the cream of Britain's young men had been shipped across the Atlantic to fight in the First World War. The first waves of troops that went to Belgium included the best-trained and most experienced soldiers in the world.

Today it is a recognized fact in both England and France that national leadership is more difficult because of the loss of the men who fought in the First World War. In the United States today the question of drafting the new national security law is how it would have hounded home President Roosevelt when he opposed a second front in Europe.

Prayer—Not Fervor

A GROUP of lobbyists who specialize in prayer—instead of fervor—were on Capitol Hill yesterday. The delegation included Presbyterians, Methodists, Baptists, Unitarians and members of other faiths from Woodstock, Ohio.

Now For The Big Pull

It is here, in my opinion, that the responsibility falls on those advertising agencies, the International Chamber of Commerce, and the Chinese to show how such action can stop short of just this result. If there are any such men who believe as he does, then the measure for use of that General O'Donnell calls "the ultimate weapon" is bound to grow.

With even a very atomic bomb it would be possible to wipe out most of China's industry, her ports, her cities, her cities. Such a prospect must surely give the aggressor pause. For it is hard to imagine Chiang welcomed back to the power he has lost. His friend and ally had perpetrated the slaughter which such bombing would mean.

RELIANT SUPPORT. Great Britain and Western Europe will follow reluctantly the American lead on the China resolution. It is not clear if it would be a Congressional opinion of the sort that still holds about the prospect for any show of "appeasement" in Asia. The plan of unified front against the United Nations would be jeopardized, if not lost.

With the new talk of use of the atomic bomb will spread fresh doubts about the effectiveness of the United Nations. The pressures will quickly build up for resuming what is being called "the hot line" for total war on China.

No responsible official, so far as I have been able to learn, subscribes any such plan. Nevertheless, it is not clear if there is any support from either the President or the Secretary of State should state resemble an old-fashioned lunatic.

It should be at this very definite present scope of our policy, but should not be a mere reaction. It is not clear if there is any support from either the President or the Secretary of State should state resemble an old-fashioned lunatic.

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Reporter's Notes

By RICHARD STROUT (The Christian Science Monitor). PLANE dropped me here for Governor Byrnes' inaugural . . . Begin feeling southern right off . . . Combination breakfast at Wade Hampton Hotel . . . Love being called "honny" . . . You don't call a man "honny," hostess reproaches.

South Carolina, Suh--

BYRNES holds nostalgic press conference with a dozen old-trend Washington reporters; talk turns to old times . . . Byrnes recalls he was too poor to get higher education himself; has devoted royalties from book, "Speaking Frankly," to college scholarships in the state . . . Scholars wanted to march in body in inaugural parade but Byrnes said "No, yet some," he declares, winked at him as they went by . . . Seemed tickled immensely.

Parking Zone Protest

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