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OUR LONG RANGE OBJECTIVE

Now that the United States Senate has followed the House of Representatives in asking the United Nations to declare Communist China an aggressor, it is time to re-examine the situation in which we find ourselves.

Let us say at the outset that this newspaper believes China should be formally declared an aggressor by the United Nations, even though it may be unwise, or impossible, to invoke effective sanctions at this moment. China has committed aggression against South Korea and has waged full scale war against the forces of the United Nations. The honor of the world organization is at stake, and the U. N. has a tremendous obligation to the thousands of young men who have been killed or cruelly maimed fighting under its banner.

That honor can be preserved and that obligation fulfilled only by standing firm on the principles of the Charter. If the United Nations is unwilling to brand China an aggressor, then its charge of aggression against North Korea loses substance, and it becomes pertinent to ask if U. N. forces should not be withdrawn from Korea. The answer has been said: we should make a clear division in our thinking between the formal labeling of Communist China and the invoking of sanctions. The first is a question of honor, of integrity, of dignity, the second is a matter of military strategy. It may be, as some officials believe, that a limited air-sea war can be carried out against Communist China to neutralize Mao Tse-tung's striking power without involving the United States in a U. N. member. This newspaper is not competent to decide that question, and we doubt seriously that members of the Com-

gress have enough information to decide it. But we do fear that hasty, impetuous action, collectively by the U. N. or unilaterally by the United States, may jeopardize both our long range goal and our immediate strategy for meeting that goal.

It is easy to forget, in the rush of our emotions, that America's long-range objective is to avoid a third World War. We hope to avoid a third World War by becoming so strong and by making our free allies so strong that Russia can be hoped for victory, or at least that the cost of victory will be greater to Russia than any possible benefits therefrom.

The precise ingredients in the strengthening of the free world is time-time for our own rearmament, time for General Eisenhower to rally the spirit of Western Europe and put together an effective defense force to develop and protect those far-flung areas of the world upon which we depend for strategic raw materials.

If we are too impetuous, we may lose that priceless ingredient and find ourselves thrust into a war that is being fought on the enemy's terms.

If we are too hasty, we may break up the grand alliance against Communism and lose the very allies that we are counting on. This is not a time for emotion. It is a time for cold, intellectual weighing of all the factors, military and diplomatic, that are involved in the considerations of a limited air-sea war against Communist China. It may save our inspired national pride to "teach those so-and-so's a lesson," but it may plunge us into a third World War before we are ready.

LET'S GET A RULING

PERHAPS the special legislative committee investigating the new coliseum at the State Fair will have made its report by the time this appears in print. If not, Tax News would suggest that the committee, on its own initiative, ask the National Production Authority for a ruling on U. N. members. This newspaper is not competent to decide that question, and we doubt seriously that members of the Com-

mission, James Free quoted an NPA official as saying: "A project like that would not have a chance to obtain an NPA directive today. With such a project as this, we have to deal with concrete for defense plants and war production generally, we are going to have to do without other educational buildings that would be highly desirable at any other time."

Whether the State should be spending public money for such an elaborate place to put on a display on display one week of each year is an entirely different question. The 1949 General Assembly decided in the affirmative when it set up the appropriation, presumably because it would be an incentive to young farmers to sell their state to raise better livestock to show in the fancy arena.

The question for the legislative committee is whether the State of North Carolina is going to try to evade Federal regulations drawn up to preserve for all of the citizens of this great land strategic materials needed in the defense program. The least the committee can do is to get an official ruling.

IRREGULAR TRUCK SPEEDS

NORTH CAROLINA motorists will be happy, we take it, to learn that the special committee of legislators and highway officials is giving serious attention to the problem of heavily-loaded trucks that creep up to the brow of a hill and then hurtle down the other side.

The irregular pace of trucks is not only a nuisance, it is also a hazard. Impatient motorists, finding it impossible to pass the big vehicles on either side of a slope, often take long chances. Raleigh reports say that the answer may be found in regulations governing the power and load factor of trucks. In other words, a truck of a specified weight would be required to have a motor powerful enough to maintain reasonably normal speeds uphill. True, manufacturers and automobile engineers have already determined horsepower ratings for various loads, it is reported.

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WINTER BLOC



HERE'S LOOKING FOR THE WASHINGTON POST CO.

Collected By Bill Sharpe

TURPENTINE DRIPPINGS

Family Responsibility

(Greensboro Daily News) When one sees—as he not infrequently does if not deficient in both physical and spiritual wisdom—some six-foot tall burping over a table of what passes for a night club in these parts and realizes that those who gave him birth as well as those whom he helped procreate are being fed, clothed, sheltered and ministered unto by strangers, one wonders if the generation did not burp a lot of the guts out of it.

A decade or so ago the average North Carolinian of even a common-school education would have been bitterly ashamed to have seen the name of a close relative on the outside pool list.

Can there be any continued social security if there is a steady increase in the number of those who not only believe the world owes them a living, but an extra girl friend or so and a 1951 automobile?

We are not going to wish a Happy New Year to any resident of Guilford County so minded.

Strike

(Pinehurst Outlook) Certain Representatives were unwilling to vote on a bill last week and unwilling, apparently, to go on record against it. Their answer to the dilemma was not to answer the state to raise better livestock to show in the fancy arena.

Good Enough

(Sanford Herald) Mrs. Joe Watson tells that she asked a mechanic to fix her car. "Can you fix the motor so my husband will never know I beat it?"

The mechanic replied, "I doubt it, but I can fix it so you can ask in a few days how he beat it."

Never Too Cold

(Waxhills News) One of the best questions, "Is it too cold to snow?"

According to the weather experts in Washington it never gets too cold to snow. Records from Alaska show that snow has fallen when the temperature was 56 below zero—so what? It is not too cold in such weather.

One of the heaviest snowfalls on record comes from northern Maine, where the snow was measured at 96 inches, on the level and not in drifts.

Like most snow over industrial areas is not uncommon. The flakes appear colored particles of dust from unexhausted engines, so that no quonum, blue and red snow.

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War Declarations Outdated

(The Robesonian) "Teacher, are we in a war or not?" "Yes, we are in a war, but it's dated."

School children need not worry if they have trouble understanding that. They'll still be sucking their thumbs about town. From 1933 to 1941 Virginia are guessing what President Truman means when he says that the United States is not at war with China.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

(L'AMOR) girl of the underworld is beautiful Virginia Hill in whose racketeering Bugs Siegel was murdered. Like most of the hoodlums, Virginia, now Mrs. Hans Hauer, files an interesting income tax showing record.

In 1947, for instance, Virginia reported that her income was a flat \$16,000 from "wagers on roulette" and "the Jewish Old Ladies Home in Los Angeles. Born in 1904, she is now 47 years old. She attended public school through the 8th grade, and in 1933 went to Chicago as a waitress and girl scout town. From 1933 to 1941 Virginia oscillated between Chicago and New York, sometimes stopping at the Madison Hotel in New York where she met Joe Adams and Frankie Costello.

Well?

ALL reports, both public and private, agree that General Eisenhower had a psychological breakdown. It has been an unqualified success. Far more than the actual steps taken to overcome North Korea's defiance in this is the current hope stirred by Eisenhower's confident, vigorous presence.

He referred to himself jokingly as a "psychological" breakdown. And that phrase expresses the impact that he has made on the "psychological" breakdown. It has moved from one to the other.

This is, of course, the answer to the controversy of the Secretary. Already the force of the Eisenhower mission has reduced the Secretary's position to a secondary status. The fact of Ohio has modified his position to that of a "psychological" breakdown.

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When Winter Comes

(Watauga Democrat) What time Winter began at 5:15 A. M. on Dec. 22, Blum's Almanac, which has been depended upon by the people of the South for about a century and a quarter, gives the start of the period of grim frigidly as Dec. 22, 11.01 A. M. Residents of the immediate locality, who have been observing in a pretty solid way of Winter for about 30 days, would argue that neither of these eminent authorities was even close on the day Winter began to cut her annual capers.

Gain' To Catch Up

(V. C. Marley, Asheville Courier-Tribune) Everybody asks me how things are in Rameau? I tell 'em the drug store and Baptist Church and barber shop are runnin' on full time. Us Methodists may go to workin' overtime.

Not Missing Much

(Mrs. Thea Davis, Zebulon Record) "One or two times in my life I have been on what was called a sleighride, and they were mainly a courtesy title that gave the affair its name. The sleigh was either a hastily constructed sled or a traction mounted runner, or a buggy taken from its wheels with axles fastened to whatever was on the sliding on the sled. The sleigh was pulled before the ride was completed, if not before the sleigh was.

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One Way

(Camden Chronicle) One of the best ways to protect a wedding ring, they say, is to dip it in dish water three times a day.

Relief

(Allen Barber, Spring Hope Enterprise) This pleasant news of underworld figures is that World War II are being told all over again plus a good supply of new ones. Well, the Hadacol jokers were getting a little nose on the wall.

Invasion Of Japan

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Psychological Bomb Burst Coded Highly Successful

WASHINGTON By MARQUIS CHILDS do this to the satisfaction of almost everyone. On the basis of his findings that Eisenhower tends to confirm the estimate for additional American divisions to be sent to Europe in the next nine to ten months. This was a total of six American divisions in Western Europe.

The biggest gamble is on whether Russia will move in Europe in 1951 in order to prevent this accretion of power. Neither Eisenhower nor anyone else can question the fact that the Kremlin in Moscow can answer that question. Besides his testimony before Congress, Eisenhower will make a nationwide broadcast, repeating his survey. The emphasis will be on the determination of America and the Western Hemisphere to stand together through a common defense effort.

That has been the stress of everything Eisenhower has said on his current tour. And it is an important contribution to his Senate speech, we have let the Soviet Union know that we are not going to peace while too many policy-makers in this country make inflammatory statements and give credence to the Russian charge of warmonger.

It is also the reason for the new barrage of Soviet propaganda aimed at France and Britain. The far propaganda linked to the question of the Soviet treaties with the two countries is intended to undermine and destroy the confidence and co-operation Eisenhower is bringing to the Western Hemisphere. The latter, as they see it, means a possible conflict on the most important terms.

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Varied Service Objectors Make Good Brom-Pushers

By ROBERT C. RIAUX NEW YORK AS CONTINUATION of our report message on the punishment of the draft dodger, the governor, even the conscientious objectors, the military and naval alternatives in handling the man who is too proud, too scared, or too indignant to serve his country with his fellow men in the country.

What one doubts is whether the man and his capacities as a soldier-diplomat he will be able to help the country. There is no U. S.-Chinese war going on, officially. But the man who got into this country, as Eisenhower has declared, means that he is not a "psychological" breakdown.

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