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Oh, Yes - Too Bad - Now, My Next Plan Is...

Changes Appear Small For Negotiated Korean Peace

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A FLANK ATTACK ON GOV. SCOTT

TWO-EDGED knife for trimming the power of North Carolina governors has been fashioned by the joint appropriations committee of the Legislature.

Under the appropriations committee's scheme, authority in both areas would be vested in the Advisory Budget Commission, composed of the chairmen of the Senate and House appropriations and finance committees.

held to the governor, and it should be safe enough to leave the emergency and contingency fund under their supervision.

The Highway Fund is a different matter. This newspaper has long felt that the governor and his appointees should have latitude in spending highway money.

COUNTING THEIR CHICKENS, ETC.

ALTHOUGH it may be as late as June, before cities get any money under the Powell bill, some members of the City Council are already rubbing their hands in glee over the prospect.

At Wednesday's Council meeting, Mr. Boyd put in an early plug for three major street-widening projects, and it is an interesting coincidence that all three are in his neighborhood.

Having had some slight interest in the whole problem of city streets, their relationships to the State Highway System, and the rights of city dwellers to enjoy some direct return from the gasoline tax they pay.

and use Powell bill money to do additional work. At a time when the Federal Government is greatly increasing its tax demands, it is just possible that there will be considerable sentiment for using Powell bill money to relieve the City tax burden.

Second, the Council should give some thought to using part of the Powell bill money for residential streets instead of lavishing it all on the major thoroughfares.

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POSTAL RATE INCREASES

A LETTER in today's Peoples' Platform calls for an editorial footnote.

This newspaper does not oppose now, and has not opposed in the past few years, necessary increases in mail rates for newspapers and magazines.

Letters at the rate of cents an ounce have become a money maker to the amount of about \$100 million a year, according to the magazine editor.

It may be interesting to recall that a Greenview, S. C. newspaper did not care to publish the contents of this letter after editorially denying that the newspapers and magazines were largely to blame for the postal department's deficit.

WHAT'S IN A WORD

FOR WEEKS, the philosopher-strategists of Time and Life have been beating the drum: War is here, now. NOW, NOW, NOW.

Obviously, a war against an enemy with whom we cannot live in peace can end only when he is thoroughly crushed and surrenders unconditionally.

But it is a moot question as to who is getting a "subsidy." In the case of newspapers and magazines, the subscribers are the beneficiaries, if there is any subsidy.

All this is quite reassuring. The Time and Life people used a word that was a little scary, but now we can relax. It was as if somebody in a crowded theater had shouted, "Fire! Fire!" and then blandly corrected himself: "For fire substitute Light! Light!"



People's Platform

Letters should be brief, written on one side of the paper. The writer's name and address must be signed, but may be withheld from publication in the discretion of the Editor. The News reserves the right to condense.

Newspapers And Postal Rates

Editors, The News. SPARTANBURG, S. C. The annual loss of \$200 million in handling newspapers and magazines is the biggest reason the Post Office operates in the red according to U. S. News & World Report magazine of March 9, 1951.

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Our Starving Kids

AFTER reading Tom Espeerman's stories about little hungry Negroes and maybe some little hungry white kids, too, I thought I would send you a copy of a list of Government surplus packages that can be had from CARE, 30 Broad St., New York City.

Reliable Congressmen

HERB JONES (of the Bally Manufacturing Co.) made a statement to the House subcommittee on the House subcommittee on the House subcommittee.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

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How About It, Mr. Duke?

Editors, The News. CHARLOTTE. WHEN a household is on an electric alarm clock, as mine does, and when Mr. Duke's electric current goes off during the night, as it does unparadoxically often, the result is downright havoc.

The Ideal Woman

Editors, The News. I like a woman that can really appreciate a man. I like a woman that can really appreciate a man.

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WASHINGTON. THE effort to bring about a truce in the kind of peace... The diplomats tell mightily to build up an agreement among the four...

At the same time at least some American force would be committed to Korea... The belief has been growing here for some time that the Chinese would be the great beneficiaries of allowing the war in Korea to dwindle away.

You Want To Cry When You Think About This Country

By ROBERT C. RUARK. NEW YORK. NOTHING SEEMS to make a great deal of sense these days... The President of the United States has not the butt of many bad jokes, and a great many of them deserved.

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