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DECISION BY THE VOTERS

DISPITE the absence of competition in the mayoralty division, yesterday's municipal election turned out to be more spirited than last week's primary.

The Council that will take office next Monday with Mayor Victor Shaw promises to be a strong and effective group.

The sixth man in the Council race was Herbert H. Baxter, former Councilman and Mayor, who returns to the political limelight after a two-year retirement.

THE MACARTHUR TESTIMONY—II

BARING new overt acts by Communist aggressors that would quickly and automatically resolve the current national debate on foreign policy, the Congress and the people of the United States are facing a choice between the MacArthur plan of action and that advocated by the Administration and the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

As General MacArthur said in his historic address to the Congress, "It seems an absurd and an unjustified act to consider the problems of one sector oblivious to those of another is to court disaster for the whole."

ON THE question of increasing the present 2,462,000-man ceiling on U. S. armed forces.

"Oh, Senator, you are far ahead from me. I have had no part in the policy discussion of the United States. I have been a theater commander, confined myself to the best way of doing it."

On Universal Military Training:

"I have never given the subject the slightest thought, Senator. ... Whether it is the best way, after we look at it all over, the experts seem to think that it is so. I have never given the matter any study in the last few years."

On the issue of Hong Kong if Britain supports aid by Chiang Kai-shek or bombing of Manchuria:

"I could not tell you, Senator, except by direct dealing with the British, except the small matter of operating under their laws. You know much more about that than I do."

On the strength of the Russian forces, air and ground, across the Bering Straits—forces that might threaten Alaska in the event of war:

"Alaska? That is not my theater, Senator. I couldn't tell you."

This question was asked by Senator McMahon. "You'd it delay victory in Korea if Congress were to insist that the President act as President of the United States only, and not as agent of any other power, national or international, and, in stead of working through the network of U. N., we prosecuted the war on a national basis only, with our actual fighting allies."

"I will have to pass that one up, Senator."

IN ANSWER to a question by Senator McMahon: "... if you happen to be wrong this time and go into all-out war, I want to find out how you propose in your own mind to defend the American nation against that war."

"That doesn't happen to be my responsibility, Senator. My responsibilities were in the Pacific, and the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the various agencies of this Government are working day and night for an overall solution to the global problem. Now I am not familiar with their studies ..."

On the number of U. S. atomic bombs in the stockpile:

"I do not (know), I have no more information on that than the average citizen would have. It's classified to a very select circle, you know."

On the state of civilian defense in the United States, the questions once again by Senator McMahon:

"General, are you aware of the kind of civilian defense we have in the United States today?"

"Only in a general way, Senator. ... You know it is very sketchy."

"I would assume so."

"How, you thought about the possibility of the Russians launching a surprise attack on the United States and its vital production centers through atomic sabotage?"

The seven new Councilmen combine political and business experience of a high calibre, and they can, if they so elect, become one of the best governing bodies in Charlotte's recent history.

Equally gratifying was the warm response of the voters to the urgent need of retaining the three experienced City School Board members who sought re-election—Chairman R. M. Mauldin, J. Gordon Christian, and J. P. Hobson.

The very creditable showing made by the two candidates of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People—Kelly M. Alexander who ran for the Council and the Rev. James F. Werk who sought a place on the school board—was of more than passing significance.

His aggressive fight against rent control and public housing a year and a half ago.

After The Yalu, What?

MacArthur's Own 'Limited War' (This is an excerpt from the official record of the MacArthur hearing, as referred to in the editorial, "The MacArthur Testimony—II," elsewhere on this page. Editors, The News.)

In a general way only. Once again, that isn't my theater of responsibility, Senator.

On Western Europe's capacity for turning out atomic bombs and other instruments of war:

"Senator, as I said, I have not made a study of the matter. I suppose it has, but I don't know."

A QUESTION by Senator McMahon: "Now, General, do you think that we are ready to withstand the Russian attack in Western Europe today?"

"Senator, I have asked you several times not to invade me in anything except my own theater ... I don't pretend to be the authority now on those things ... The Chiefs of Staff, or others here, are the ones to answer that query, not me."

On the principle of collective security, as exemplified in the North Atlantic Pact:

"I have only superficial knowledge of the North Atlantic Pact, Senator. I am not prepared to discuss it in any way, shape or manner."

Senator McMahon asked MacArthur if he had any opinion "as to when we will be best prepared for a war that would include the Soviet Union, if one had to come?"

"Such studies as that, Senator, are made by higher authorities than my own. They are made by the Chiefs of Staff."

Q. Do you think that we are increasing our armed services fast enough?

A. That is a question we wouldn't attempt to pass on, Senator. I haven't seen the studies that have been made. It is a responsibility of the Joint Chiefs and other groups here."

On the desirability of sending food to Yugoslavia to help that nation resist Russia:

"I have had no chance to even consider it, Senator. I would not attempt to pass any special judgment on such questions as that."

Elsewhere on today's editorial page is a long excerpt from the record outlining the probable conclusion of MacArthur's own "limited war"—a war that has a single objective: "to force the Chinese to stop their attack on our troops."

IT SHOULD be noted, in all fairness, that General MacArthur rigidly adhered to his own theater, resisting the temptation to give off-hand opinions about matters beyond his jurisdiction.

But the many times in this global strategy about which he has no information and expressed no opinion are the very questions that the Joint Chiefs of Staff must weigh in calculating action on our troops.

If the American people have the same confidence in the integrity and the professional ability of the Joint Chiefs that General MacArthur expressed on several occasions, they will certainly give them credit for trying to keep all these global issues in proper perspective.

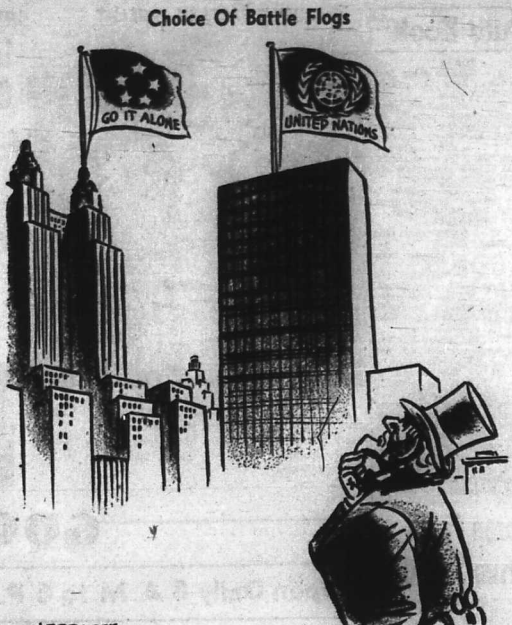
We can remember when a country mother who used butter coloring caused as much whispered gossip as a babe born out of wedlock.—Berio (Ga.) Herald.

Probably the worst thing about a sales tax is the fact that it will make a bunch of Mrs. Oats of a bunch of Christs.—Cairo (Ga.) Messenger.

Your wife may be as pretty as she once was, but you can rest assured of one thing, it takes her quite a bit longer.—Cairo (Ga.) Messenger.

NO BATH FOR RITA

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I can't visualize an enemy who had been cleared of Korea staying in a state of belligerence. I believe he would fight to hold his line along the Yalu until he was convinced that he could not do so.

Now if he were so convinced, I believe that a rational treaty could be drawn up with him at that time. If we were so successful as his, his entire country would be in jeopardy.

He would be subject to attack which might not only overtake the government in existence but might threaten the very security of segments of China. And that he would so recklessly deny the realities by not accepting the defeat which would be entailed by his being forced to stop his aggressive action in Korea doesn't seem to me to be reasonable.

General MacArthur: Such a contingency is a very hypothetical query. I can't quite see the possibility of the enemy being driven back across the Yalu and still being in a posture of offensive action. I don't believe that the hypothesis you draw is quite as reasonable as you seem to think.

Senator Johnson: You think it is unlikely that if your program was carried into effect and we were victorious, that we would be required to retain anything like the manpower that we have in Korea at this time?

General MacArthur: I should certainly prefer not, sir.

Senator Johnson: And you believe that it would not be necessary?

General MacArthur: I believe it would not, I believe there should be—there could be—some arrangement made then so that the South Koreans, placed in the full posture of defense, with such support as might be necessary from our fleets and air forces stationed in the Far East, that that would be sufficient security, the reasonable security, that the conditions would demand.

Quote, Unquote

Well Jack Sanders can go back to work. We heard he lost a crop last year following the football team. This winter three of his cows started to milk while he was following the basketball team. Jack still has a boy in school too. By the time Charles graduates Jack will be a pauper.—DeKalb (Ga.) Kemper County Messenger.

IN THE PURSUIT OF SPRING

Winter. It is Winter all right. In the highlands the valleys are all mist and fluffy clouds. A thin mist hangs about the tops of Mitchell Mountain spring run colder for a spell and the air is top-coolish. Where's the Spring? This, too, will pass, for in our seasonal shortness of memory we forget that it comes and goes with regularity. In any case, it is good discipline. Spring is not to be taken for granted. We must earn her attention. So it is that blooming May retreats a step and reminds us of the Winter past. All the richer, then, is the coming delight. Across the come and up the mountainside the trees are across of convex panels, for all the world like the shades of enamel in the paint color book.

Nothing can change all that, and nothing will, it is really Spring. She is only playing hard to get.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WHILE the most glamorous man in the USA was in the USA was also near Washington, the most glamorous gal in the USA was also near Washington, though she kept a long way from the Senate.

After trying to cover the latter show, I got out to the farm late one afternoon to find a much more difficult problem staring me over the fence.

Up until that point, things apparently had gone well. The farm hands had misting over the dairymen's children did not even ask Miss Hayworth for an autograph, nor did our conviction colored helper, Harry Clippard, or the slightly excursive while the dogwood, the tulips, and the iris put on a glamor show rivaling anything in Hollywood.

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Writers In Korea Could Tell The True Story Of The War

BY MARQUIS CHILDS

THE civil war in Washington has pushed the Korean war out of front page prominence. Unfortunately this has obscured the achievement of a general who has proved that he was right by the only means available—stopping the enemy.

While he has now transferred his headquarters to Tokyo, the success in Korea owes a lot to the leadership of Lieut. Gen. Matthew Ridgway. To understand this it is only necessary to recall the situation prevailing when Ridgway took over last Dec. 26.

The retreat from North Korea had not been halted. There was still talk of disaster. Tentative plans were approved in the Pentagon to fall back to the old Pusan beachhead in the south and then to evacuate American troops from there to Japan, with the remnants of the South Korean army going to Okinawa.

Ridgway was flown out to take over after Lieut. Gen. Walter Walker was killed in a jeep accident on Dec. 23. It was one of the darkest periods in the Korean conflict. On five months the new commander reassembled a new group of the United Nations forces and put new money and new conviction into an army that was pretty well demoralized.

MacArthur denies that his forces were dangerously split in the drive into North Korea. He goes so far as to insist that they were defeated exactly right and that he would share against them if he had it to do over again.

He insists in the same connection that there was no rout, no disaster, as the 8th Army fell back. This, says Gen. MacArthur, was a planned retreat.

New stories written by combat correspondents on the scene at the time were almost entirely untrue. Some of these correspondents have since returned to their posts.

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When Jailings Start We'll Admit Hearings Did Trick

BY ROBERT C. RUARK

IT HAS BEEN SAID that the mills of the gods grind slowly, and so I suppose we should be patient and wait for the sweeping reforms hinted by the Kefauver committee. In the meantime, however, the mills of the gods grind slowly.

Harry Russell, an old-time Capone mobster who literally used the governor's office to muscle into the Illinois State Police, was tried and acquitted. The colorful gentlemen who were jerked up before the television cameras retreated behind their constitutional rights, and generally seem immune to any kind of law.

All the fuss and fury of the Kefauver investigation provided a powerful piece of entertainment for the onlooker, and bred a mass interest in the case. The witnesses were quick to snap at the technicalities.

Jimmy Sullivan, the suspended sheriff of DeSoto County, who houses the Miamis, has been reappointed to office by Gov. Fuller. He is a strong supporter of the Kefauver committee.

Warren's arrogance in reappointing Sullivan has been a bold slap at the power of reform. You notice Mr. Will O'Dwyer is still our Ambassador to Mexico, although the Kefauver report charged him with abatement of crime, and a witness accused him of bribery.

O'Dwyer's status since he left his post in Chicago, Illinois, has been extremely cloudy, but nobody has done anything about it.

However, I saw it was no use. Rita Hayworth is a charming gal and a swell sport. She didn't mind the water shortage at the farm last fall. I called her up and she said she had never got a bath all year, and I gathered this was not the grounds for their impending divorce. So I had sort of an inkling of what was coming.

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