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#### REMEMBER THE PEE DEE CRASH

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Across the bridge hurtled an automobile accoupled by two men, one from West Virginia, one from North Carolina. It was going too fast to make the curve, and it smashed head-on into the approaching New York car. All five women were killed. The two men died. Sister Mary Gerard lost her mother and three sisters—her entire family. One cannot but have mixed reactions about the two men. Death is always tragic, but in this instance it was the driver's tragic, but in this instance it was the driver's

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Various attempts to tighten North Caro Various attempts to lighten North Caro-lina's highway safety rules came to naught in the 1951 General Assembly, mainly be-cause there was no great and overriding be-built demand for them. Perhaps the Pee Dee crash will still be in the public memory when 1953 rolls around.

### IF THE TRUCE TALKS BREAK DOWN ...

SINCE Soviet U. N. delegate Jacob Malik
Suggested Korean armistice talks last
June 23, there has been a great deal of informed discussion about the prospects of
peace. But there has been a virtual absence
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On the other hand, a long military stalemate may result if the U. N. troops are able
to throw back the invasion. A stalemate under such conditions will involve artillery
bombardments, rhids and limited local drives,
and high casualities will be investibable.
The third alternative would be a major
U. N. diffensive which might conceivably
include another Inchon-style landing far up
munits supply problem increases
and the communits supply problem increases
and the Communits supply problem decreases
as the battle line moves North.
Neither of the three alternatives is a
pleasant prospect for a free world hopeful
of peace. But they must be faced, and faced
resistically.
It has been sald many times that the
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Korean War is but an incident in the larger world struggle between freedom and Communist slavery. If that is true, and we believe it to be true, then it follows that the leadership of the United Nations should without further delay tell their people fully and frankly what is in store for them if the incident fails to end in a truce.

# ELECTORAL REFORM NEEDED candidate in any state. Furthermore, it places a premium on large minority blocs in certain big, key states. It hinders the development of nationwide two-party politics because it discourages Republicans from invading ancient Democratic strongholds and vice-versa. To become law, the amendment must be approved by both houses of Congress and by 36 states. Last year it passed the Senate, but lost by a 76-vote majority in the House. Instrumental in defeating it was a strange coalition of Fair Deal Democrats and Republicans. The Democrats most of them from big cities, feared the city machine voling would be imparted. The Republicans feared the plan would give the South greater control over national politics. The strange of the strange of the plant would give the South greater control over national politics. Particulated the plant would give the South greater control over national politics. Particulated of these selfisions greated evisition of the electron college, The Ladge resolution will restore popular regresentation, it will cancel out the influence of minority blocs to wijich both, parties pander, and it will encourage the development of a two-party system in the South and other one-party stress. It should be passed.

ELECTORAL REFORM NEW MINUS the fanfare that accompanied last year's public debate over the issue, another effort to revise the archaic electoral college system is being made in Congress. Introduced by Rep. Gossett of Texas before he retired from Congress, the joint resolution would not alter the present system of allocating electoral votes (one for each Senator and each Congressman). But it is not to be a state's electoral vote and of giving all of a state's electoral vote and of giving all of a state's electoral vote to the randidate who leads in that state, it would divide them between the candidates on the basis of the popular vote of the vote of the popular vote of the popular vote of the vote of the popular vote of the vote of the popular vote of the vote of

It is unrepresentative because it effectively isfranchises those who vote for the losing

#### THE 'FLEEP' IS HERE

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a few other aeronautical items added.
This skephbian—its civiling counterpart is
already flumping along over highways and
flyways—can be converted from aircraft to
road vehicle and back to airplane in a matter of minutes, by one man.

Considering the past and present successes

From The New York Times

## THE LAND

ITS GOOD TO GO, and it's good to return, as every traveler knows, and half the joy of the return is the store of things you bring with you, particularly the things of the mind and the memory. Particularly is this true if you've traveled a familiar land, your own hemeland, for then you've gone to renew old associations, You return as from a visit with old friends.

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hus it is when one bravels about the erica one knows. It changes from season sesson and from year to year, and yest it is lamentally the same land. Con stands a taller in Othio, and-corn is late in Iowa-iare like fields of waving gold in Ne-laz, or bound and shocked where the sea-has been early. The harvesteris move his to the whest fields of the Dakotas, ing behind them be yellow stubble and full blus. The range is lash in Wyoming-cietties the high ranges in the Colorado-tisms, and the lupine writes to field-all decreases the season of the colorado-tisms, and the lupine writes to field-all the properties of the colorado-ce of the colorador of the colorador of the season of the colorador of the colorador of the season of the colorador of the colorador of the season of the colorador of the colorador of the colorador of the season of the colorador of t

Summer lies upon the land, and tun varie-harvests Tipne. Flood and drought laws one place or another stricken, and yet the big picture is one of plenty. Three, is neither— worry nor uncertainty in the land itself: And perhaps this is the greatest of all the things the traveler brings back—his knowledge, re-inforced, that doubt is a man-mage-thing; that conditionen has Folory this Trees, in the soil; that America, the land, is still firm. Summer lies upon the land, and the varied arvests Tipen. Flood and drought leave one

From the social pages of our favorite after-noon newspaper. . . "low decolletage filled in with illusion." A fancy phrase for "falsies",

A Chicago doctor says looks, to some degree, are defermined by diet. Now what woman will want to est plain food?—Fort Myers (Fla.) Ness-Prezs.

High heels were invented by a girl who was once kissed on the forehead.—Rogers-ville (Tenn.) Review.

Sometimes it seems that there couldn't be any kind of a change except for the better. -Lamar (Mo.) Democrat.

'Say, What Ever Happened To Freedom-From-Fear?'



Military Planners Ponder

# The Role Of Population Bombing

By JOSEPH & STEWART ALSOP

SOME of the most brilliant men in the Defense Department are taking a hard new look at American strategic planning. They are beginning concept—the way we intend to flight a war if war comers—should not be recast, root and branch. A nation's war strategy war strategy war strategy.

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All this gives no grounds for complacency—the complete of the present air power dispute, the Air Force will men certainly with the Sowiets. Europe is still, as of today, almost certainly indefensible. Yet the planner, rightly or śrongly, look forward to a tumowhen the balance in conventional military power ent Europe will have a really serious defense.

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or occurrent by guided missiles.

This means, for example, that the Navy can
now for the first time deliver bombs even from
the lighter carriers, and that Air Force delivery
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tional military power begins to be restored, our basic strategic concept should change also. The fact is that our war strategy has rested squarely on population bombing.

To put this ugly fact bluntly, our willingness to use atomic bombs against the largest Russian population enterers, in order to cause enormous civilian casualties and thus to disrupt the Soviet industrial and political system. This strategic concept, however hideous morally, has been wholly correct, since this willingness has been the only deterrent to Russian aggression.

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DOUSTUL "ViCTORY"

Yet its weakness is very evident. Population bombing preduceds that alliance with the Russian and consider the real key to victory. A war which ended with the great cities of Eurasia—or even only of the Soviet Union—in ruins, is not a war which could properly be said for have been won.

Population bombing is the most "economical war which could properly be said for have been won.

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on unlimited population bombing simply could not result in real political victory. And this is why it is good that these questions are being asked, however cautiously, in the Defense Department.

# 'Pitchmen Of The Press'

Fulton Lewis Jr.-I

(This is the first of three articles on Fulton Lewis Jr. from The Providence, R. I., Journal's Peabody prize-winning series of 1850, replinted by permission of The Journal Articles on West-brook Pegier will follow. —Editors, The News.)

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# Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round The Iron Curtain Must Be 'Laced'

ing is another of his dispatches from Central Europe-)
The most important answer to the alarming question put
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to the nature water.

Curtains. Americans, including the U. S. Government, have neglected the importance of this barrier between East and West.

We have failed to realize that there will always exist the danger of war with Russia as long, as this curtain exists; as long as the Moscow radio can tell the Russian people anythin they want about us and the Russian people have no way of knowing the opposite; and as long as there is no free pailment, no free church, in free press, no free public opinion to prevent the Kreenlin from the contract of the contrac

claring war.

We have also failed to realize that even if we fight a

r with Russia and win, actually our victory will be

noprary unless we can convert the Russian people to

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Finally we have failed to realize that Russia has never

en conquered by force of arms. Nappleon tried it and

beggged down on the read to Moscow. Hilter also

Rut the Kaiser, having been atopped in Latvia, picked

Lenin is Switzerland, put him on a special train with

even blinds, and sent him to Russia. It was after this

tak Russia, under a new Bolbstwit regime, finally sur
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In other words, it was propaganda and politics which really defeated the Czar.

Weather Balloons

THAT is one reason why I have been hammering home.

I the idea that we should use any and all kinds of propaganda, including weather balloons, to penetrate the Iron
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stellites. The what cles is happoning inside Russia. one this neutrain. Stills has imposed the free Curtain for the specific reason that he fear contact between the Russian people and the outside world.

He knows, and a small segment of the Russian people also know, how American and Soviet troops drank vodta together, tosted their mutual firmedhip together on the aboves of the River Eilbe and firmed hip together on the above of the River Eilbe and the Russian people also know, how American and Soviet troops drank vodta have visited Vienna, Warraw, Prague or even shell-pocked Berlin, have returned to tell their friends about the culture and economic progress of the free world lying beyond the Soviet border. Some of these soldiers, have shown such munions, that it has been necessary to isolate them, following their discharge, from their native villages.

Stalls also knows that when the Nasis advanced into

Stalin also knows that when the Nazis advanced into sia in 1940 the astounding total of 3,600,000 Russians rendered to the Germans.

surrendered to the Germans.

We in the West did not know about this wholesale surrender until after we had seized German documents and interviewed German officers, after V.E. Day. Bait Stalin knew. And he knew that the German Army never would have penchated Russia as: it did if many of the Russian people had not actually welcomed it, and if whole segment of the Red Army had not been eager to surrender.

ssia, right down to the Caucasus. In other words, the ir, with all his tyranny, commanded more loyalty than

Russia, right oown to an experience of the Iron Curtain.

These are some of the reasons for the Iron Curtain.

These also are some of the reasons why we must make the reasons are to the reasons where the reasons with the reasons where the reasons we are to win permanent peace over a period of years.

Counterpropaganda

PROPAGANDA balloons floated across the Iron Curtain
have their drawbacks. If they disrupt satellite and
Rassian public opinion enough, the Kremlin is bound to
start the rumor that they are carrying bacteriological valtae-germs almed to ruin the crops of the Communist

The Kremlin may also plant a bomb with an alleged propagmida balloon, arrange to kill someone and then claim that Westerners are trying to murder the Russian people.

Some counterpropaganda like IIIs is successful happen. But when two nations suffer such strained relations as the USA and USER you can't make those relations the USA and USER you can't make those relations that the louder that the counterproper than the counterproper than the louder the Kremlin squawks and tries to visit that the louder the Kremlin squawks and tries to visit the meaning of friendship meanages to the Russian people the more it is certain that such propaganda is hurring. Proceduratedship bullooms floaten as the according to the counterproper than the co