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AN EXAMPLE FOR TAR HEELIA

THERE is no doubt in my mind that speed is the greatest killer on the American highways... Pennsylvania Highway Safety Advisory Committee...

License is automatically revoked for three months if he is convicted of driving 51 miles an hour or more... Pennsylvania road deaths totaled 2,632 in one year fatalities dropped 23 percent to 2,033.

- 1. Where the maximum speed is 30 miles an hour, the death rate is 20 per cent below that of the national average.
2. In three states where 45 miles is top speed, the death rate is 41.4 per cent below the national average.

North Carolinians, who read daily accounts of fatal automobile accidents traceable to speeding... Pennsylvania's example when the 1953 General Assembly meets.

SHUTTING OUT THE PEOPLE

AN IDEAL two-party system of government, as we see it, would give the rank and file voters some voice in selecting candidates for the Presidency and the Vice-Presidency.

Republican Party hierarchy, has first call on the GOP nomination... American people are mere spectators.

The other day, President Truman openly nominated Senator Taft as the Republican Party candidate next year.

Since the people do about 11? Not a great deal. Lacking a nationwide Presidential primary, there is little they can do except make known their wishes at every opportunity.

Now Senator Brewster of Maine joins the fun... he quipped, The Senator did not say so, but he also pointed up an accepted fact—that Senator Taft, because of his strength in the

Republican Party hierarchy, has first call on the GOP nomination... Similar supervises have been awarded by Lewis to entire organizations who he quipped are being kept in line by the Republican Party's outcome in the election as a "resounding repudiation."

THE SECRETARY'S TROUBLES

IT SHOULD BE apparent by now that it is impossible for a Secretary of State to please all of the people all of the time.

In spinning the various Russian "peace" moves... One of the better-known "new letters" which has been "reporting" with obvious relish every attack on Acheson in the past.

From everywhere, the cry for the "new Acheson" has been the same: Acheson is pro-Communist, Acheson is an "apester," Acheson is a "pinko," Acheson is too soft toward the Communists.

Just as there is some chance for salvaging the "new letters" by the same token, there is always a danger that an angel might fall. Orator General Gurney, a Republican from South Dakota, would be slain in Lewis' hearing.

TOO MANY COOKS...

RECENTLY there has been considerable Congressional agitation for the inclusion of Turkey, Greece and Spain in the Atlantic Pact.

Factors which would certainly aid in the establishment of closer relations... On the other hand, unified civilian control would be much more difficult to achieve if the dictatorship of Spain and the embryo democracies of Greece and Turkey were included.

Meanwhile, several knowledgeable persons have been pointing up the need for a political authority in the Atlantic Area... McCormick of The New York Times writes that the need for a unified political authority over the military high command is not filled by the Atlantic Council.

We old folks were lucky. When we came home from school with low grades on our report cards we simply got a licking. Our sole comfort was the fact that we were not the only ones who were.

And Senator Gillette notes that "outstanding leaders of our Atlantic community... are beginning to recognize the underlying dilemma: democratic cannot permit safety decisions to be taken without civilian approval and civilian direction.

It's good to know there is driver education in the schools here, even if it's not discovered any effects of it... When you add the high cost of living to the cost of living, too, high yield, certain inflation with inevitable deflation.

"Pitchmen Of The Press"

Fulton Lewis Jr., II

(This is the second of three articles on Fulton Lewis Jr. from The Journal, "Pitchmen Of The Press" appearing in the August 15, 1951, issue, reprinted by permission of The Journal, Atlanta on Westbook Pegler will follow. Editors, The News.)

EVERY night on the radio from Monday through Friday... describes a titanic battle between the good angels and the angels of the Devil.

This war of the angels is for control of the social and economic structure of the United States... Regular listeners to Lewis' "top of the news" come quickly to recognize the good angels and the bad angels, as revealed in the gospel according to Lewis.

Some of Lewis' favorite angels are Senator Taft, Senator Byrd, Senator McCarthy, Senator Wheeler, Senator Bridges, Senator Hiram Johnson, Senator Mundt (who once called Lewis "the fairest and most accurate commentator in America"), Representative "Charlie" Halleck, Representative Velde, and Representative Nixon.

There are also organized squadrons of angels, including such organizations as the American Legion, the National Committee and the House Un-American Activities Committee.

DEVILS IN THE STRUGGLE... The devils, on the other hand, include President Truman, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, Senator Humphrey, Secretary of Agriculture Brannan, Federal Security Administrator Ewing, former Vice President Henry Wallace, the late Harry Hopkins, and a host of others.

The squadrons of devils include such angels as the Democratic Party, the Americans for Democratic Action, the CIO, and the British Labor Party.

Needless to say, Fulton Lewis Jr., is on the side of the angels. The list of angels and devils, as well as the matter of his own attitude, is a look at the persons and organizations consistently quoted by Lewis with criticism (in the devils' column).

Sometimes devils are elevated to temporary angelhood. Sometimes angels fall from grace. According to Lewis on February 17, "probably the best-loved, most respected, high political officeholder, so far as the press is concerned, in the last 30 years."

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Democrat Tydings plummeted out of the sky... The division of angels and devils is not a matter of understanding Lewis' reporting technique.

One program — that of April 5 was selected at random for an analysis of Lewis' statements for and against his angels. On that night he devoted eight seconds to three main items: (1) The administration agriculture program; (2) the administration budget; and (3) the Senate hearings on the charges of Communism in the State Department.

On item 1, the agricultural program, Lewis devoted 30 seconds for 15 minutes and 30 seconds — all of it against the program. He quoted all antiprogram sources, including the National Federation, the National Milk Producers Association, the National Council on Farm Labor, the National Representative Harold Cooley of North Carolina.

On item two, the budget, he devoted 25 seconds (three minutes, 45 seconds), 140 seconds of it quoting Representative Harry Ellender of Oklahoma, and almost all the remaining 85 seconds to his own arguments against the budget.

On item three, the State Department hearings, he covered the results in 15 minutes and 30 seconds to the entire subject — 39 seconds presenting the testimony, 59 seconds his own attack on the testimony.

The next day, he started with the same subject, but he expanded his security. He devoted 45 seconds to explaining the reasons for his own attitude. It was on that day that it was Owen Lattimore's day in court. He had been charged with espionage activities by Senator McCarthy, charges which Lewis had attacked at great length in April.

On April 20, two persons appeared before the Senate subcommittee. Louis Budenz, who gave anti-Lattimore testimony, and another man, who gave pro-Lattimore testimony. Many leading parties divided the field, but the bulk of the testimony was given by Budenz and Thorpe. Lewis devoted 20 seconds to Thorpe, and 430 seconds to Budenz.

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"Don't Let It Go To Your Head, Junior"

EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN PRES. SHVERNIK AND PRES. TRUMAN

HEREBLOK... Ridgway Will Stand Firm

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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round Balloon Barrage Of Curtain Begins

Project Arises Curiously... The reason for night launching is that the balloons are scheduled for arrival at 6 to 8 A. M., just as the Czech Republic is going to sunrise. Two types of balloons are being used: One regular rubber balloon, manufactured by Dewey & Almy, carries a load of about three and a half pounds, or 2,200 letters.

Use Special Balloons... The other is a pillow-type balloon made by General Mills, which also contributed generously of its experts and time to help this operation. The pillow balloon, while carrying a lighter load, comes down in earth and bounces along the ground in erratic fashion, but to excite curiosity, across its side, in large red letters is written "Svoboda," which means, freedom. Incidentally, Svoboda is the name of Haras Stasses, grandfather of the Soviet Empire, as appropriate, as an American part Czech descent, that he is attending this launching.

Nobody should get the idea that this friendship balloon barrage to the people of Czechoslovakia is a free gift from the Government. It is not too sure of those people Government can do to promote people-to-people friendship and to make the Iron Curtain a lace curtain.