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#### ONE LINK IN A CHAIN

THE sound and fury that is certain to arise from San Francisco this week will, be confusing to the American people unless they remember certain fundamentals of the developing U. S. foreign policy toward the Far East.

The signing of the Japanese Peace, Treaty is but the forging of one link in a chain to check further Communits expansion in the Far East. It is true that the work on this link by Blackmith John Foster Dulles has been accompanied by louder clanging and more spectacular displays of sparts than the other links, but it is no more important to the strength of the whole chain.

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Last Thursday, the United States and the Philippines signed a mutual defense agreement. It had two objectives—protective against Communist attack on the key Philippine Islands, and insurance against the remote threat of aggression by a remilitarized

On Saturday, a similar pact was signed by the U. S. New Zealand, and Australia. It It also was aimed at Communist expansion toward the Southwest Pacific, but it also served to quiet Australian and New Zealand apprehensions over provisions in the Jap-anese Treaty permitting that World War III-aggressor to rearm.

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Thus the treaty restoring Japan to the ranks of sovereign nations, the signing of water the restoring to the restoring of the restoring of the restoring to the restoring to

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The provisions of the treaty have aroused Russia, and Mr. Gromyko may be expected to lead a vigorous effort to rewrite the document to prevent Japanese rearmament. Prime Minister Jawaharial Nehru of India is abstaining from the conference for reasons as a submitted of the control of the con

### MEMO TO DURHAM RESIDENTS

A ROARING hot-weather dispute in Dur-ham over the fluorination of that city's A ham over the fluorination of that city's water supply has moved the Winston-Salem Journal to wonder why the project stirs great controversy in some cities whereas it has been accepted quietly in others, like Winston-Salem and Charlotte.

Knowing all too well Charlotte's penchant for pertinacious disputation, we had the same thought some weeks ago when reading about the big fuss in the District of Columbia over fluorination. But we never got around to writing an editorial about it.

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There was an interesting sidelight to the
Charlotte experiment which may be of some
value to our neighbors over in Durham as
they wrestle with their problem. As we recall it, the City officials went through all
the motions of turning on the valve which
was to add a tiny amount, off luoride to the
City's water supply. Newspaper reporters
and photographers were on hand to record

the event. Then the City officials sat back to wait for complaints.

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They came in by the dozen. One woman asid washing her hair in the City's fluorinated water took the curl out of it. Another complained that her child wouldn't drink the stuff. There was a report that someone's pet cannry had died after sipping a little water. Somebody else's goldfish gave up-the struggle for existence. Another taxpayer complained that clothes wouldn't wash clean. For a week or two the complaints rolled.

complained that clothes wouldn't wash clean. For a week of two the complaints rolled in. When they quieted down to a trickle of one or two a day, the City revealed its little hoax. Actually, the valve want turned on that first day at all. No fluoride had been added to the water in the days when the complaints were pilling np. When the valve finally was turned, everyone was so sheepish about earlier protests that the action was greeted with complete silence.

We pass that little story along to Durham for what it's worth.

## A NOTE OF WELCOME

FEW Tar Heels know and love their state better than Bill Sharpe, and none excels him in the sit of writing about North Carolina. Hence it is a happy combination of circumstances that finds Bill joining forces with Carl Goerch in the publication of The

State Magazine. The first issue of the magazine under the new regime is bigger and sprightlier than ever. Its lead editorial, "Largh" Time", confesses to and experiences with previous howly editorials and says simply: "In 18 years, Carl Goerch has established The State as a valued and welcomed publication in thousands of North Carolina homes. The new Associate publisher comes on the Job pilly waves of this achievement and hop-ling its make some contributions of this own.

yet without presumptions as to his ability to do so. If there is any attitudinzing appro-priate, it would be in the spirit of the moun-tain boy over in Swain who watched a suc-cessful base fisherman at his work. No, he said, he couldn't cast so well. But, he said, he bet he could, if somebody would lara him how."

No one needs to larn Bill Sharpe how to No one needs to larn Bill Sharpe how to write, as any one can see on reading Murphy To Monteo under the cartoon on this page. And we take it that Bill swill spend much of his time writing from now on, which means that he will add a full measure of peartenin' to a mixture that is already heady.

We welcome him back into the writing business, and wish him well.

for: I do not know about Democratic plat-

forms."

Senator Johnston explained. "It is something," he said, "on which to ride into office."

Now, now, Senator Johnston, be careful
with those frank definitions. Nou're okay
for five more years, but think of your cohorts up for re-election next year. It's soon
time for that platform to become year. But you
date of the people" and the "will of the
great membahs of the pahty of Thomas
Jatferson".

## WATCH THAT LOOSE TALK, SENATOR

SENATOR LANGER of North Dakota was talking. He was unhappy about the rec-brd of the Democrats. Senator Johnston of South Carolina arose and spoke—

"The Senator talks about the whole Repub-less platform and the whole Repub-less platform, and tells us what should be done and what should not be done. The Senator knows what a platform is for—" Senator Langer interrupted:

"I know what Republican platforms are

From The St. Louis Post-Dispatch

## THE NEPHEW TEST

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nephew as his incentive.

ONGRESSMAN SABATH of Illinois, who has put his name to many good works in his 45 years in Washington, hurt his reputation sorely with his comment on President Truman's appointment of Sabath's nephew, Joseph J. Drucker, to be a Federal judge in Illinois.

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said he worked for the bill to create the judgeship with the appointment of his to vote on the leading brands of cigarettes to vote in our elections, the story of government might be different.—Greenville (S. C.) Fiedmons.

Last-Minute Speed-Up Of The Door-To-Door Campaign



## Murphy To Manteo

(NOTE: In addition to handling public relations for the Carolina Power & Light Co. and collecting "Urpentine Drippings" from Tar Heel newspapers, Bill Sharpe has been writing a Surjective of the Greenbown Daily News called "Biasteo to Murphy". The first issue of The "Biasteo to Murphy". The first issue of The change of the Carolina of the Carolina

News, with the author's permission.—Editors, The News.)

By BILL SHARPE

A FIER this contribution, Mantes to Murphy next.

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The change is not made to improve euphony, but when you read from lett to right, as most people do, you can read from west to east. Anyway, ever since someone conceived the idea of boring the Murphy has been running in second place, and it is time the town received a promotion.

It is not now recalled who started the phrase which afterwards was echoed by a thousand crators, in the contribution of the contribution of the contribution of the contribution of a matter of fact and geography, Hatters is more easterly than the contribution of fact and geography, Hatters is more easterly than the contribution of the contribution of the contribution of fact and geography, Hatters is more easterly than the contribution of the contrib

see."

And inasmuch as the crossroads of Suit, N. C. is more westerly than is Murphy, and the Outer Banks village of Salvo is more easterly than Manteo, "from Salvo to Suits" also would be proper. On my map, it seems that the little town Rodanthe (originally Chiemmcomice) really is the most eastern settlement in North Carolina. And whethy is the most western. Let literal-minded people try to make something of that combination.

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No Symbolic Town
Tyle Constant repetition of the phrase to embrace
I all of varied North Carolina is indicative of
the state's incurable provincialism. Anyone who
moves around this commonwealth is frequently reminded that North Carolinians have a peculiar preoccupation with their state. It is not at all like the
most provincial trace is not at all like the
nostalize pride of South Carolinians, nor the
idolatry of quality folk in Virginia. It is more a
capacity to 'use' and eajoy their environment without regard for the rest of the world.

Some think there is a simple coal this is
been identified as being the state capital, or the
University, or the Democratic Party, or some other
thing. This isn't true. To a great many North
carolinians, Raleigh is just another mid-Carolina
town where it is hot as hell in Summer, and noisy
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There is a strenuous cult of old grade who
make the same mistake about Chapel Hill. They
rever it both as a cultural shrine and laboratory
where the design of North Carolinia is worked out
by a moderately super race of humanitarian linker.

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ers. This most probably is not true, but even if it wers, it would have nothing to do with the feeling the average North Carolina (Mante Mante) and the search of the search o WISH TO Blow a kins lodary to feast permitted to hive up a feast permitted to talk of the formidable barriers of the Banks and the mountain, which fenced us in, and mande us look inward. He might well have added the accountry side; out towns were really little community centers, creatures of rural living, and rural habits and attitudes persisted the attitudes and community centers, creatures of rural living. A community centers, creatures of rural living, and rural habits and attitudes persisted the attitudes he had now attended in the read, even though that bend now attended humbreds of miles aways.

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## Alsops Ask \$100 Question Of Those Who Know History

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## Revenue Act Change Would **Boost Saving For Future**

By ROBERT C. RUARK

WISH TO hlow a kins today to the New York State Bar Assa. The New York Sta

# Drew Pearson's AF Plans Based On Future Situation

By THOMAS K. FINLETTER, Secretary of the Air Force

Atomic Weapons Increase
THERE are, however, some changes that we can estimate
at the end of this two-year period for which we must
he atomic weapons recourse of both ourselves and of our
potential enemies will increase importantly.
This requires a major development in our planning.
Heretelore we in the Air Force have not been able to think
in terms of being able to use stomic weapons for the
desterms and must make our plans accordingly. This does not
mean that this tetical operation is to become the main
task of the Air Force. The job of the Strategic Air Command will not be diminished by this new development. On
will have more weapons it can use.
Incidentally, when thinking about these various functions of the Air Force we must not fall into the error of
what someone has called monogamous thinking—that is the
notion that you can't be married to more than one idea
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WASHINGTON
HERE are a few of the problems that we the Air Forces are thinking about at the moment.

1. The perennial problem of "lead time" sounds like adult subject, but it conditions all Air Force planning. What lead time means is that it takes about two years from the time you make a decigion to buy planes until you get them into your flighting units. This means that what your weapons will be then and what conditions will be then.

It is not frue, as has sometimes been said, that military plans are usually based on fighting the war which is just over; but if you are to avoid doing this you have to east your mind constantly forward to the conditions will be increased because it will be a surface of the provent. Herefore we have to early onguided missiles taking over any important part of the job we will have two years from mow. I do look forward to the time when the air arm will be a faiture of what are called inhabited and uniportantly.

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O'N the whole. I shink that unification is at the top with the service Secretaries and the Joint
Chiefs of Staff. The spirit of healthy rivalry among the
services cannot and should not be suppressed. But it is
not get beyond certain self-impose and the self-impose of the services of the self-impose of the self-impose of the military establishment, but I do not agree with this. I think that we in the United States have gone about this much rather be deveting all this money, materiel and effort to the things of peace. I think it is for us to remember that peace is the ultimate objective of all this. We do
not have to werry about the negative side of this question of the week of the self-imposed peace and the self-imposed peace of the self-imposed peace that the self-imposed peace that the search shops and prayer that this military force of ours will never
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We also have to think about peace in planning the kind of forces we are planning. One of the primary objectives, in fact possibly the primary objective of our military force must be to make it a deterrant to war. This is not an emply phrase: It affects the planning the kind of planes that they we are thinking of, and the kind of planes that they we are thinking of, and the kind of planes that they we are thinking of, and the kind of planes that they are the first point of the kind of planes that they are the thinking of the kind of planes that it has to use, At the same time we have bould a force which will protect the country from disaster if our efforts fall and war comes. But this different quality of our force is something that we must said do have constantly in mind.