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### BARKING UP THE WRONG TREE

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IN HIS COLUMN on this page today,
Robert C. Ruurk goes to the heart of the
Universal Military Training debate. Maybe
UMT lan't good, he says, but it's better than
what we ngw have. Furthermore, the agreement that UMT will make us 'militaristic.
Many persons bemons President Truman's
"welfare state". We don't buy their reasonlag, not when "defense" (a more respectable
synonym for 'military') expenditures account
for well over half the Pederal budget, and
for will over half the Pederal budget, and
for three per cent. It's lime to face the plain
fact that we are now a military state.

The churches, farm and labor groups and
plain citizens who are now using all sorts of
irrelevant arguments against UMT could usefully aim their fire at this increasing militarjustified by our leaders on the grounds that
in 1855 (a few months ago if was 1954) we
will be string enough to withstand Russis,
and can taper off. Such reasoning is naive
because Russis will meanwigh increase her
military strength. So in a couple years there
will be calls for more "defense" expenditures,
to meet Russis's expanded, production and to
reason the complex of the complex of the should.

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be obsolete. Thus we will spend ourselves into bank-ruptcys preparing for war, unless we use some of that money at getting at the cause of war, which in most cases is "stomach communism", the unrest of hungry men.

You Light stomach communism by sending American farmers, businessmen and teachers—the kind who aren't afraid to sleep on the ground, wear dirty clothes and drink goat's milk—to countries like Indonesia, India, Iran and Italy. They teach people of the countries in the sending the se

airplanes alone do not, that they and we are friends.

If we only prepare for war we shall have war. Thus this peace program should be enlarged, at the expense, if necessary, of some of our war expenditures. The burden of war preparation should be spread, wisely and justly, over, the manpower of this country. That's what the UMT proposal will do. UMT would train would train would read to the being trained. likelihood of war would be less. UMT would train the men who make the best soldiers, at a time when they can best afford to leave civilian life. The present system uses many older, poorer soldiers, who have already tought, and whe have to leave established homes and businesses. UMT makes sense in these times, and we hope-list opponents will turn their attention to the nonsenical absence of a program of peace. There's a cause which really needs pushing.

## SYMPATHY VS. THE LAW

HAD Judge Susie Sharp the wisdom and compassion of Solomos, the adoption case before her yesterday would still have been a tought one was the claim of the Compassion of the claim of the Compassion of the Compas

But the N. C. adoption law is not based on sympathy so much as it is on the careful professional case work that seeks, insofar as is humanly possible, to match the adopted child and his new parents in the most har-monious and promising relutionship. That is not to say that welfare officials, here or elsewhere, are infallible in their judgment. Certailay the leaving of the child with the foster parents for so long made the separation more cruel. But somewhere the law has to draw a line, and place final responsibility. That respo-

But somewhere the law has to draw a line, and place final responsibility. That responsibility has been put on the Welfare Department. Judge Sharp, having once before been overruled by the State Supreme Court on this question, had no choice but to order the child surrendered.

### THERE'S A BETTER ANSWER

thairman McCarran and other members of the Senate Internal Security subcommit-ec, including North Carolina's Willis Smith, titen state their, desire to maintain what tenator Smith has called "a high standard of evidence" in their hearings.

The following account of John Carter Vin-rent's testimony, as reported by Neal Stan-rord in The Christian Science Monitor, makes as wonder about the height of these tandards.

"Asked if he had been praised by any Communist official, Mr. Vincent unguard-edly replied in the direct negative. He did official, Mr. Vincent unguard-edly replied to the direct negative. The did not be the state of the state

sure the witness did not want to change in answer. "When he stood firm on his criginal reply, it was then read into the record that at a banquet Mr. Vincent had attended (presumably in Moscow, where had accompanied Secretary of State James P. Byrnes to a foreign ministery meeting) a Sorviet official, had offered a toast to Mr. Vincent (see had been done with all other Tunnent (see had been done with all other had been

nice about him.

"Mr. Vincent was then asked if he wished to change his testimony. When he tried to explain that he had not considered a dinner toast to be the intent of the question, he was reminded that he had answered unequivocally and now wished to change his testimony."

We have the impression, after reading the above, that the subcommittee was encouraging what it might consider perjury. Mr. Vincest was naive in not hedging his answer, but his denial can hardly be countered with an account of a commonplace diplomatic dinner toast.

The subcommittee's investigation of Vincent hinges, though, on a charge that may in-deed be perjured. Last August ex-Communist Louis Budenz told the subcommittee that

"from official reports I received" Vincent was a Communist.

But in 1950 Budenz told another subcommittee that he knew of no connection Vin-

was a Communist. But in 1805 Budens told another subcommittee that he knew of no connection Visicent had with the Communist Party. The conflict between Budens' statements seems more important than a banquet bouquet seven years ago.

We do not know whether or not Mr. Visicent is innocent of all the charges which have been hurled at him. But we are distressed by the technique used by the McCarran Committee, and the reaction of accused diplomats. Ambassador Jessup, when accused last year, stressed his American First activity, as if to show he was ultra-conservative. Now Mr. Vincent uses a similar line testifying that he is a "Jeffersonian Democrat, a Lincoln Republican and an admirer since youth of Woodrow Wilson' and never "Joined and Owodrow Wilson' and never "Joined and South of Woodrow Wilson' and present the way and say something like this."

We would like to see one of the wilmsess look of Pat McCarran in the year and say something like this.

"Sure, many Communists probably have

if we keep our eyes, ears and minds open".

The fact that no, wriness, to our knowledge, has spoken in such terms may mean that fear of reporting an unpopular appraisal or mentioning an unpopular idea has intimidated our Foreign Service officers, and others, even more than we think. But such statements should be made, and repeated, before all of us, especially before those who place a premium on conformity, such as the members of the McCarran subcommittee.

JUDGE BOBBITT FILLS THE BILL

The jeweler/tells us that his sale of pocket watches is small but holds constant. But, unaccountably the sale of watch chains is showing some increase. That arguess the suppicion that, as a lot of houses have TV serials but no TV sets, some people are weering chains without watches.—Monigomery (Ala.) Advertiser.

We hope that he does announce. Our en-unitsum for his candidacy is in no way a -d root beer.—Carlebed (N. M.) Currest-suit of his residency in this county. Rather

it stems from the conviction that the Stata Supreme Court ought to have the best judi-cial talent North Carolina has produced. Judge William H. Bobbitt fits that require-ment.

'Lie Down! Roll Over!'



# People's Platform

Weigh Welfare State

Editors, THE NEWS:

AN OLD Kinston friend of mine writes me that,
while he approves what I say, he is aware of
the fullity of my saying it, that I can't stop the
trend until disaster overtakes us.

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## VA Bills Progress

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Editors, The News:
J. M. writing to say that just as I stated in
my letter appearing in The Charlotte News on
Friday, Jan. 25. I have brought before the Vetmediate consideration of the two bills now pending
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other members of the Committee by unanimous vote decided to have the entire committee hold the bearings
as substantial amount of time.

The bills referred to are H. R. No. 3316 with reference to the change in the fundamental organization of the Veterans' Administration and H. R.
No. 3116 by we want' Administration to handle vierans' insurance matters.

This I trust explains the status of the bills that
are now pending before the Veterans Affairs Committee and takes them out of the 'pigeon hold'.'

Enclosed herewith is a copy of an article appearing

a Editor. The News reserved the right to concenne.

In The Washington Post of Jan. 31, Isiling that at the Wednesday session of our Committee two bills were voted down which would have required considerable expenditure of money and is a saving to the government. The first bill was voted down by a motion to table. The second bill was by roll call yote and on the roll call vote was defeated. I might add that I voted for the motion to table and against the other bill as I was of the opinion that both the other bill as I was of the opinion that both the other bill as I was of the opinion that both the other bill as I was of the opinion that both and the other bill as I was of the opinion that both the other bill as I was of the opinion that both the other bill as I was of the opinion that both the other bill as I was of the opinion that both and the opinion that both the

HAMILTON C. JONES Representative, 10th N. C. District

# Taft The Logical Candidate

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that the only candidate for the Republican Presidential nomination who is willing to put the New
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that weasel words won't win an election, a "me
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be his purpose to put the New Deal on the defensive
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and other similar idiocrasies peculiar to his temperament.

Senator Taft has the facts and can present them so the American people can understand, and place the blame on those who are responsible for the critical situation we are in today, and inform the road to state secialism. No one doubts Senator Taft would conduct an aggressive offensive against the New Deal's loose fiscal policy, extravagancies, bungling mismanagement of both domestic and foreign affairs, and efforts to deduce the people with the control of the control

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PHYLLIS PEACOCK, Instructor
Needham Broughton High School
(Editors' Note—Copies are on the way.)

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# Service Treated Shabbily By McCarran's Biased Committee

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### Congressmen Press For Weil's Expulsion Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

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Mindssenty was hauled into a Communist courtroom under the contraction of the contract of the con

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is impossible. However, the underground in Hungary is well informed and in close touch with Hungarian extise in the United States. Furthermore, accretia are not casily the state of the st

# Worry For Ike

What worries the Eisenhowerites is the reported steady progress of Taft forces in sewing up delegates. Taft's political machinery has been built up for years, and the men who operate it know almost every important GOP leader in every state in the Union.

# Traveling Senator

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In addition to his newspaper and radio interests, which have required him to travel a lot in recent years, Ne have required him to travel a lot in recent years, Ne heavy responsibility or replacing the late Senator Wheery, Senator Seaton's family, however, is quite happy about the whole idea. Recently Seaton's nine-year-old daughter Caristine was saked by her schoolteacher in Hastings, Ne brasks, how she felt about her dad's election.

"I guest the main thing mommy' and the rest of us like about it is that he'll be home more," she replied,