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IN DEFENSE OF PROPERTY REVALUATION

The news account of the League of Women Voters' candidates meeting here Wednesday night took note of an interesting omission. Although the recent countywide property revaluation has been considered one of the hottest issues in the race for County Commissioner, no one brought it up at the candidates' meeting. That, we think, is as it should be.

The News has the feeling that the County Commission and the City Council have been criticized in the County. We are not of course, in 1960, to order a scientific revaluation of all property in Mecklenburg County. Not being qualified in such matters, The News is not prepared to defend the precise method used for carrying out the revaluation. It does, however, strongly endorse the original decision, and it believes that it was necessary to employ a competent professional firm to do the job.

RUSSELL TORPEDES 1952 REVOLT

Dispel the protestations of Senator Dixie that the South will revolt against an "unacceptable" civil rights plank in the Democratic Party platform, the possibility of a successful coup seems extremely remote. Dixie resentment against the national administration has centered upon the person of Harry S. Truman, not his program. The canny Southerner, who occupies many of the best chairmanships and who has a smooth working arrangement with conservative Republicans in Congress, have had Truman's Fair Deal program, including the civil rights plank, completely overlooked. They know it. They have kept hollering about it just because it's good politics with the home folk.

CLARENCE POE POINTS THE WAY

When many minds are brought to bear upon a problem a solution is usually found. Certainly when one considers the number of persons who are engaged in the way of peace and security he cannot but be encouraged. Many of the world's greatest minds constantly deal with this overriding problem, and it likewise concerns millions of us unthinkingly.

WHAT GIVES?

Certainly the capture of Brig. Gen. Francis T. Dodd by Red prisoners on Kojia Island raised a number of questions in the minds of Americans. For example: Where were the U. S. guards? How about those two previous riots on the island, in which 90 prisoners and an American soldier were killed? Why all the secrecy?

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

Twenty years ago, if you had told an American diplomat that the school children of the United States would be taking an active part in American diplomacy, he would have thought you were crazy. Nevertheless, several thousand high school and primary students today are doing exactly that. They have written messages to their fellow students and to the people of America in the following languages: Russian, Bulgarian, Czech, Finnish, Korean, Japanese, Yiddish, Arabic, Hebrew, Indonesian, Hungarian, Thai, Italian, Burmese and French.

by a percentage of the total property valuation on the books, they had no leeway for issuing bonds. Especially critical was the need for heavier investment in school plants. Democratic Party has said its house was laid (and listed) before the war. Furthermore, because tax listing had been carried out by assessors chosen from the township in which they worked, there were evidences of favoritism to friends and neighbors at the expense of the general welfare.

That, it was imperative, in fairness to all, that a single uniform standard be applied to property—agricultural, residential, commercial, industrial—if inequities were to be eliminated. And it was important that this standard be in keeping with the best professional practices. For that reason, the County was not permitted to select the one of the top-ranking firms in the nation to do the job, a firm that had a wealth of experience in other North Carolina cities and counties as well as in other states.

There were also the differences with certain members of the County Commission, and it has tried to express those differences honestly and forcefully. But property revaluation is not a matter of theory. We stand by that decision today. And we voice the hope that the thinking folks of Mecklenburg County will realize that revaluation is not a matter of theory. It is a matter of fact when it was made in 1960. We stand by that decision today. And we voice the hope that the thinking folks of Mecklenburg County will realize that revaluation is not a matter of theory. It is a matter of fact when it was made in 1960.

Guns And Charity Aren't Answers

To the 96 members of the U. S. Senate and our 435 Representatives in Congress: THIS SUPREME need of the free world today is to win to our side the hearts and minds of one billion underprivileged people. We can do this not by guns, but by charity, but by stimulating self-help by farm demonstration work and other proved methods.

Helping Others Helps Us

I have just appealed to the lofty Christian duty to help those less fortunate than ourselves. But in this case by helping others we shall also help ourselves and the whole free world. Every body talks about tremendous tax burdens, but no one knows better than you that the only way to really reduce this burden is to provide better guarantees of world peace.

School Children Make Good Diplomats

I worship as I please; my neighbors worship as they please. Yet we're the best of friends. Soon, I will enter college. There it is my privilege to follow the career and occupation of my own choice. I love America and I'm willing to shed blood to preserve our liberties, our freedoms, our opportunities.

Refuting Moscow's Lies

THIS from a Southern American city is a lot different from the constant yammering of the Moscow crowd that the favorite spots of American cities on Sunday is lynchng Negroes. When I was in France last month, I learned unfortunately that even some of the French people have swallowed this lie.



An Appeal To 531 Kings

by CLARENCE POE, Editor
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Decisions -- And Billions -- Needed For Air Defense

perhaps even 50 per cent destruction of the firebases, and in four to five years, we can theoretically achieve a full air defense. This is a defense so strong that even airside air missions to the most vital American targets will look like a rehearsal of the machines and atomic raw stuff. This theoretical possibility of a near-total air defense squarely before our eyes is not a mere hope. First, it rests on the newly developed weapons now tested or being developed by several nations, all guided missiles, Nike is only useful for "point defense," but it has the ability to destroy all the destruction of B-1's flying at maximum speed at 35,000 feet. Nike and the other guided missiles, and the many other complex devices needed for an effective air defense system, must be ordered and produced before they can be used.

Washington

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Feeble Air Defense

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