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THE KETTLE LID IS LIFTING

LET'S say the electricity bill you pay each month runs about \$10. Approximately \$2.50 of that \$10 is used to pay the cost of producing the electricity. The remaining \$7.50 takes care of the power company's other costs.

Atomic-powered washing machines and egg beaters, then, are not just among the comic. Nevertheless, the industrial power reactor program upon which this nation has now embarked has ramifications that stagger the imagination.

Last week Dr. Karl Compton, chairman of the board at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, estimated that proven resources of uranium, atomic energy's source, will provide an amount of power 23 times greater than known resources of coal.

There, oversimplified to be sure, is one of the reasons why peace-time application of atomic energy will not immediately revolutionize the power industry, even after completion of some three years of atomic industrial power reactor.

HAMILTON WILL HAVE TO PROVE SINCERITY

REPENTANCE and humility are not characteristics of Thomas L. Hamilton. The former Imperial Wizard of the Carolines' Ku Klux Klan exuded arrogance and self-righteousness before the law cracked down on his organization.

Dr. Compton also made a point that warrants particular attention as the nation makes its preparations for the new industrial age. He wonders how far along this country would be in the automotive field if the government, instead of private industry, had developed the internal combustion engine.

"If anyone upheld the principles of the Klan," he said then, "we would have a better society."

We hope he means it. But he'll have to prove it. He will have to prove it by subsequent actions if he gets the parole he seeks. His repentance could be genuine. It may also be calculated public sympathy and Parole Board leniency.

MEMO TO SECRETARY ROBERT STEVENS

THREE colonels and another unidentified officer have made the U. S. Army look downright silly.

The unidentified officer who is making the Army look silly put out an order calling for "active discouragement" of soldier participation in war not clubs and other "blind correspondence." Reason: "The Army is afraid some poor little soldier might get subverted by mail."

The officer, Lt. Milo J. Radulovich, is a student at the University of Michigan. The courts martial board acknowledged his personal loyalty and his excellent service and academic record. But the colonels thought he ought to get the boot because the diater supported some Communist causes.

The courts martial decision is scheduled for review, which may take it up to the office of the Secretary of the Army. The pen pal ban presumably proceeded from that office, or one close to it.

NO FOREIGN SCIENTISTS—NO ATOMIC BOMB

OUR favorite morning newspaper objects to that notion of a foreign-born inventor as inducements to foreign United States defense industries.

Probably would be no atomic espionage. More importantly, there probably would have been no atomic secrets worth stealing in this country. There might have been no American A-bomb. At the least its development would have been delayed, and United States military strength thus would have been considerably less than it now is. Too, if the foreign inventors had not found a friendly reception in the United States, they might have taken their talents to another country, and helped give it the all-powerful weapon.

That's an interesting line of reasoning. Let's apply it to just one field, nuclear weapons, and follow it out the window. Foreigner Albert Einstein worked out the theory of relativity, which led to the development of the A-bomb. He then came to this country where he continued his work and, among other things, got the United States government going on A-bomb research after receiving word from other foreigners about new scientific findings.

Fishing is an absorbing pastime. A news picture of a fishing pier shows both sides lined with fishermen all facing the water while a pretty girl in a short skirt walks down the pier, with a single fisherman turning around—King'saport (Tenn.) Times.

Foreigner Enrico Fermi discovered that bombarded uranium became radioactive, then joined Einstein in this country and helped develop the A-bomb.

On a visit here Mrs. Ivy Baker Priest informs us that the life expectancy of a dollar bill is nine months. As treasurer of the United States she ought to know, but ours never last that long—New Orleans States.

Shortly thereafter foreigners Hans Bethe, Leo Szilard, Edward Teller and Eugene Wigner came to the United States. They and numerous British (foreigners of course) and United States scientists, working under American-born J. Robert Oppenheimer, produced the A-bomb.

Some day a representative of foreign royalty is going to visit America and state that he has an interest in all its hot dogs, and we'll be in favor of giving him the key to the city.—Florida Times-Union.

It is true that if these "foreign inventors" had not been admitted to the United States and encouraged to work here there

Lifting doesn't make much noise, but you can hear a knock a block away.—Ellenville (Ga.) Sun.



People's Platform

Letters should be brief. The writer's name and address must be given, but may be withheld from publication in the discretion of the Editors. The News reserves the right to condense.

\$500 Per New Telephone

Editors, The News: I point out a serious typographical error in the first edition of your Oct. 21 issue! In the "Trade Winds" column it is stated that the average investment per new telephone is \$50. That should have read \$500.

Several others a block away live in the Free State of Rural Mecklenburg and they were running around huzzing about their freedom and urging their fellow dogs in the city to rise against their oppressors.

She Up And Got Married

Editors, The News: I am a handsome Marine in Korea who would like to correspond with people back home as a former from Charlotte, and read your paper every day while I was in the States.

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It Wasn't His Dog's Day

Editors, The News: My dog is a problem. I've tried to teach him to read but he just can't seem to concentrate. Because of this he didn't know there is a city ordinance saying he must be confined from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. or be subject to arrest.

My girl was writing me via a while and then went and got married on me.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON: A HIGH-level highly important debate has been going on inside the White House over one of the most vital issues facing Ike and the nation—the hydrogen bomb and how much the American people should be told about it.

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The Lost Art Of Banister-Sliding

By WILLIAM CHAPMAN WHITE In The N. Y. Herald Tribune: THE HISTORY of the human race shows many instances of man's loss of some art or skill. Conditions or environments have changed, so that the skill of making certain sorts of Chinese pottery, and even the technique of riding a high-wheeled bicycle are unknown to the present generation.

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Some of the men who had the skills died out with their secrets; in other instances the world around changed so much, or men in it, that skills were forgotten and forever lost.

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Combating Depression

PRESIDENT Eisenhower held a significant meeting of his top economic lieutenants at the White House the other day regarding the economic outlook at the meeting he told them it was just as important for the nation to build defenses against business depression within as against aggression from without.

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Money For Israel

BARTLEY Crum, one Wendell Wilkie's manager on the West Coast, now bet-

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TO KYO: Large domestic food production, complete with all the sharply restricted luxury imports constitute a Japanese survival program. In the existing circumstances, the only means of maintaining the success of such a program. This is the establishment of a strong Japanese government willing to take the necessary drastic measures of belt-tightening, conservation, and so on. At least a temporary degree of the economic methods of the good Doctor Schacht under the description and weak government cannot attempt this sort of thing. BUSINESS IS WILLING.

The second obvious act is that the Japanese business community on the whole seems to be willing and eager to do just about as far from pleasant dose as rapidly as possible. The leaders of business are chief among them. Governor Ichimada of the Bank of Japan, are the chief advocates of the kind of planned economic measures that would send any American businessman into a free enterprise apoplexy. It is from the businessmen, among the most conservative of men, that the conservative politicians, who would like to go on taking it easy, have their support.

The primary of most pressing Japanese industrial is simply to live and let live. It is in the areas of industrial raw materials were look in the west. Her old export markets, like the United States, have been mortally hit by the invention of nylon and the growth of cotton textile plants in countries that used to be Japanese markets. The engineering and manufacturing industries that should now provide Japanese exports are actually higher production, because of the cause coal and iron must be imported at great cost.

For these reasons, Japan at present must buy abroad a minimum of 400 million dollars worth of goods more each year than Japan is able to sell abroad. American spending has been the article of importation. It is this that prevented Japanese bankruptcy and prostration. But American spending for the Korean War has also touched off an inflationary spree in Japan which has upped the import requirements this year to over a billion dollars.

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