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NATIONAL MILITARY TRAINING IS NEEDED

THE U. S. maintains "stand-by" industrial plants which, in event of war, can be pressed into operation quickly. It maintains a "stand-by" fleet of ships which were used in the last war and which will not be out-of-date if there's another war soon.

serve for six months. Then they would be transferred to the Ready Reserve, in which they would serve for seven and one-half years.

A LITTLE LESSON FROM HISTORY

SOMEONE once said, quite aptly, that it is the trouble with the American people that they haven't read the minutes of the last meeting.

Farm Bureau meeting in Chicago Tuesday. The inference was that among those who had been at the meeting, at least, the President has lost ground.

NIXON, STEVENSON TRIPS SERVE THE NATION

VICE PRESIDENT Richard Nixon has returned from his trip around the horizon. He handled himself admirably in several touchy situations. He made no diplomatic or political boners.

Partisanship on foreign policy will be achieved. But the influence of Nixon and Stevenson upon their supporters in Congress should help materially to hold political responsibility at a minimum during the coming debate.

GREMLINS

DOWN at the bottom of this column, Bob Mason of the SARGON HEMALD mused about typographical troubles that he and Al Resch of the CHATMAN NEWS have been having recently.

It happens to all of us. Yesterday we had a beaut.

The coming session of Congress, with the next fall's elections looming large on the horizon, will put to the acid test the political responsibility of both parties.

Between editions, a change was made in the wording of the lead editorial, which was supposed to wind up with this sentence: "This NATO Council meeting, and future gatherings of NATO leaders, ought to concentrate on the urgent and neglected goal of Atlantic unity."

ABOUT TYPOGRAPHICAL ERRORS

OUR ONLY reaction was amusement when we recently read our neighbor Al Resch's explanation in the CHATMAN NEWS of how he happened to refer in his columns to Kerr Scott as "irresponsible."

As did a Marine general for whom a friend of ours served as Public Information Officer in World War II. The camp paper came with a picture of men hitting the beach with guns held high over their heads.



"Maud, dear... is there open season on red-necked reindeer?"

People's Platform

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

Deodorizing The Ether

CHARLOTTE EDITOR: THE NEWS: As a citizen of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County, I would like to take this opportunity to thank James Christian Pugh and Mr. Maurice Townsend for their efforts to produce better music.

who will be unfaithful, but in the masses the innate goodness of this country is beyond dispute. It must never be forgotten that Mr. Cherry and his kind have entirely abandoned one of the high principles that has made this country great, i.e. "A man is innocent until proved guilty."

Greater Faith Needed

CHARLOTTE EDITOR: THE NEWS: CONGRATULATIONS on the 65th birthday of the News. My similar anniversaries be limited. I occasionally quarrel with you, but except for those occasions when you are angry, you are, at heart, my number one newspaper with progressive, forward looking views.

Everyone must have read how a group of communists staged a demonstration against General Marshall (in my book the greatest living American) under one case of subversion in government.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON SOME of the boys at the Republican National Committee are about as ready to jump on the bandwagon as a politician that they are and that communism won't be an important political issue next fall after all.

Dulles in his crusading search for peace. Some people, however, may not appreciate the importance of Dulles' current mission in Paris.

People's Platform
McCarthy Blast At Davies
Doesn't Jibe With Facts

DAVIDSON THE NEWS: EDITOR: THE appearance of your Dec. 7 editorial, "Do You See Live He," several days ago has written expressing approval of Sen. Joseph McCarthy's efforts to expose Communist activities in the government.

states the Times, found no basis for such an indictment. In disproving McCarthy's assertion that he wanted to see Communists in "key spots" in the CIA, let us listen to the testimony of H. Munsom.

It has been for quite some time McCarthy's method to use what is commonly referred to as the "Big Smear" which is customarily followed by hammering headlines in newspapers all over the country.

... was reconstructing the utilization of (a mixed group of Communists and liberals in the "cold war") for the purpose of consultation and guidance in preparation of materials calculated to be useful to us, indirectly, through an intermediary, and in such way that the intermediary would be ignorant at any time that they were furnishing those suggestions or ideas, recommendations or materials directly to the Central Intelligence Agency.

I have noticed that some of your readers have contended that McCarthy is not guilty of blackening the name of the innocent. I would like to give forth with a specific example to prove that McCarthy is guilty of distorting the facts.

McCarthy's accusation that these persons were to be given key spots in the CIA was completely disproved by this further statement of Munsom: "I have indicated that these persons, as a unit or as a working group, be set up or established by the Senate for the confines of the CIA establishment and geographically outside the United States."

THE DAVIES CASE In his speech answering former President Harry Truman on the White case, McCarthy eventually got around to actually accusing his own party of harboring Communists. His lone example was that of John Paton Davies, former member of the Policy Planning Staff of the State Department.

Furthermore Mr. Munsom states that Davies did not suggest himself as the intermediary connection or even suggest one; rather, he indicated, according to Munsom, that the intermediary should be a person of CIA's own choosing.

CHERRY PART and parcel of the old Acheson - Lathrop - Vincent White - Hills group which did so much toward delivering our China hands into Communist hands; (2) He was unanimously reprimanded by the McCarthy Committee on the Justice Department connection with a proposed indictment because he lied under oath about his activities in the Central Intelligence Agency.

It might be added that Gen. Walter Bedell Smith, at the time he was under the Senate for confirmation as Undersecretary of State, testified not only to Davies' activities in connection with the plan described above. I certainly hope that the State Department investigation of Davies is thoroughly conducted and come up with the truth on this controversial figure. If evidence in fact is as convincing and overwhelming as he should be tried in the courts and of course, convicted and punished.

Now, if Senator McCarthy cites only one example to prove that he is right on anything concerning the communists-in-government issue, one may be certain that it is the most, extreme and flagrant case he is able to bring forward. Charges cannot be substantiated when the facts are brought to light.

But the point I am making here is that McCarthy has smeared (2) a man with charges which have not been proved and have no basis in fact. Contrary to the "news of some Communist-in-government" in the People's Platform, I believe it is definitely coming to the point where McCarthy is being investigated by a fair trial and the doctrine that a man is innocent until he is proven guilty are being applied in the methods of this demagogue.

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Two-Dollar Haircuts

THE BARBERS JOURNAL in New York City is editorially announcing a hairdressing price of \$2 for a haircut. This may be what it is to cut a hair cut at a head of hair cut. At the same time it is quite possible that all the talk about barbers more than good. The ladies are already frightened to any permanent. It is not inconceivable with two dollars at stake, that the same ladies are clipping their husbands' sons and boyfriends' hair.

has to pay higher prices for everything else with the profits of his business. He is not, however, that someone no swiftly raising prices will result in any loss of business. It is hard to be expected that the men will look as well as the ladies often do. Also the barbers shop—as it has long been—a place where men meet to talk and date. Anything which might threaten it as a secure and argumentative place, is a dangerous thing, at a dangerous time, three, talkative American freedom, too, talkative. The haircut is only an item but the barber is an essential American institution in the modern world.

'Magnificent' Support

CHARLOTTE EDITOR: THE NEWS: IT is not possible for me adequately to express my appreciation for the support which your issue has given to the People's Platform. I am pleased to receive from Editors McKnight, Young, and Retneer, and from your reporter, Miss Blair, a copy of the People's Platform. It is a magnificent success of the campaign and upheld the great public service traditions of the Charlotte News.

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Spies Issue Unproductive In Two Elections

Here is part of the record: Pacts With Dictators PACT No. 1.—Was signed in 1935 between France and Russia—a solemn pledge to "mutually assist" each other in case of war.

These also are the people John Foster Dulles has to worry about. He knew when he went to the curbside that the Jealousy between France and Germany which for 98 years has caused the most bloodshed in the world, is the breach between France and Germany was not healed with a united European front. He knew that any two nations apart. In that case war is almost inevitable once again.