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THIS VETERAN 'RIGHT' IS WRONG

THE NATION owes a great debt to those citizens who suffered wounds in its defense. They are, of course, deserving of the best medical care, for free, of rehabilitation, employment aids, of pensions to compensate for their decreased earning power. However, preferential treatment for the veteran, when carried to an extreme, can be detrimental to veterans as well as non-veterans and their government. In at least one respect this extreme position has been reached. It is in the matter of veteran preference in Federal employment.

The Hoover Commission recommended that all persons who pass the Civil Service examination be placed in one of four groups. Those under its plan, the 10-point preference afforded disabled veterans would be limited to those with at least 10 per cent disability. Disabled veterans would no longer be automatically advanced to the head of civilian service lists.

ALL SORTS OF WAYS TO GOVERN

NORTH CAROLINIANS who complain about too much government may not realize how well off they are, compared with the rest of the nation. The state has 2.69 per cent of the nation's population, 1.63 of the nation's land area, but only one-half per cent of the nation's governmental units. While in the U. S. as a whole there is a unit of government for every 1,231 persons, in North Carolina there is one for every 6,681 persons.

There are more than 300 counties in the U. S. which must share their towns and cities with other counties. Ten of these (Rocky Mount, for example, which lies in both Edgecombe and Nash Counties) are in North Carolina. There are 100 municipalities within its borders three other municipalities—Battleground, Whitakers and Sharsburg—which it must share with other counties. Virginia has 28 "free" cities not located in any county, as are Baltimore and St. Louis. This year Virginia abolished two counties, while some parts of cities.

BOOK BANNING—FINAL CHAPTER

WEDNESDAY an impressive 44-page report was released by the International Information Administration over the signature of Louis L. Johnson, its director. In it are summarized details of the overseas information program which have been overshadowed by charges against IIA, withheld by overcautious officials. Here are the highlights of the report.

1,125 copies of various anti-Communist books by David J. Dallin. This tabulation is impressive support for Dr. Johnson's assertion that "book banning is a recent but incalculable amount to a minute fraction of one per cent of the books on our shelves." The documentation immediately raises the obvious question: If then the books circulated have been so preponderantly anti-Communist, why didn't the IIA immediately say so?

Denatured News For Busy Executives

THE average jerk gets his news out of the newspapers. But as one of the informed elites, I get my facts at considerable expense from a set of News Digests. Confidential Bulletins and News Digests. They hold everything down to this:

PAR EAST: Embargo on mah-jongg sets indicates trend of new policy. Preserved lanes and mah-jongg in China disappearing from the delicatessen shelves, calling for tightening of belts. Reprisals not looked for, but don't be.



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.

Remove Robble-Rousing McCarthy

McCarthy should be replaced by our capable and respected FBI, Joe and his investigation committee are crude, robblerous, amateurs of the Keystone comedy variety. Let's remove this rank waste of the taxpayers' money. JACK TAYLOR

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The Council for better bus service has been unanimously endorsed and approved by the members of the Council on which I have served, and those men are entitled to credit along with me.

Appreciates Editorial Fairness

I wish to take this opportunity to commend you for your fine editorial page and your utter fairness in commenting on controversial subjects, and personalities. Even when I have occasion to disagree with you (as your backing of General Eisenhower) I must always admit that you have a sound, reasonable argument, which is more than I can say for other newspapers in this area.

Demagogues Thrive On Fear

Freedom to express many views is a prime virtue. Persons who believe progress will be made by submitting to any form of thought control. All totalitarian systems, whether Communism on the left or fascism on the right, are unworthy of praise. If they are being constitutional and democratic, detest both concepts.

A Thank You From Councilman Boyd

It is a great honor to be named as a member of the City Council. I am sure that you will find me a worthy representative of the citizens of this city. I am sure that you will find me a worthy representative of the citizens of this city.

Send Food By Balloon To Satellite

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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

TWO years ago this Summer, Harold A. Stassen, the present Mutual Security Commission chairman, and I were on the German border sending propaganda leaflets carried merely by balloons.

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HERE IN BERLIN, the infinitely dangerous unresolved dilemma of American foreign policy is starting to become visible. The nature of this dilemma is very simple. There are all sorts of reasons why the United States should now engage in an all-out political and diplomatic offensive for German unity. But it is difficult to engage in an all-out offensive for something you do not really want.

REVOLT DRAMATIZED ISSUE In the second place, the June uprisings have transformed the situation for the West as well as for the East. It has dramatized the issue of German unity, and the one had for the policy of "integration before unification."

If You Would Age Happily Don't Neglect The Vices

A DOC WHO'S got his business from now on is Dr. Russell Cecil, who specializes in geriatrics, or problems arising after middle age. I'm a doctor, I'm aging fast.

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