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Must Korean Veterans Fight Again?

MARRIAGE, mortgage, diapers and exams. These were the basic ingredients of a way of life familiar to millions of World War II veterans. Now a new group of veterans, from the Korean War, are leading similar lives. They are establishing their businesses and families, completing their education, planning a productive future in civilian life.

It is therefore unpleasant to bring up a grim question concerning them. But it needs to be asked, and answered. It is: Must these young men leave their homes again, in event of the war, to fight once more?

The answer is "yes," as things now stand, for many of these veterans.

If there is another Korea, some of them will be called up promptly, just as World War II veterans were yanked out of school and away from their families and businesses to go to Korea. Meanwhile, younger single men will stay at home, just as many of them did during the Korean War.

The veterans will be called up because they are trained. It will of course be unjust that they be called up twice—or perhaps a third time for some men who served in World War II and in Korea.

But that is one of the basic injustices of the present defense system. And it will continue until a universal military training program goes into effect.

The U. S. lost precious time training recruits after Pearl Harbor and after the Korean War began. Young soldiers suffered in battle for lack of adequate training. In another war of the U. S. may not be afforded the luxury of training after hostilities begin. Nevertheless, the lessons of the past have not been sufficiently impressed upon those responsible for the nation's future.

Just prior to the Korean War Congress passed a law providing for the training of all able-bodied young men, for a six-month period, between their eighteenth and twentieth birthdays. Volunteers, and draftees if necessary, from this trained pool would serve in the regular forces for two years. All trainees would be obligated to the reserve for eight years.

Specific enabling action is required to put the law into effect. Congress has not taken this step.

It should do so now. For UMT is more just to individuals, and a better defense program for the nation, than the system it would replace.



People's Platform

Letter 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.

Select Constable In Fall By Write-In

Charlotte
 Editors, The News:
 I'm writing to the people's platform—I could not keep quiet any longer. I have been expecting any day to see some come out and object to what I think is the most outrageous and peculiar situation voters have been called upon to face, that of having to choose between two men with police records—not one, but several offenses—for constable.

Debutante Ball Coverage 'Splendid'

Charlotte
 Editors, The News:
 THE directors of the Debutante Ball have done a splendid job of covering the ball by The News.

Hotheads Should Listen To Men Of Judgment

Charlotte
 Editors, The News:
 I SEE in the People's Platform letters expressing different views as to non-segregation in our public schools.

Negroes Once Had Place In World

Rockingham
 Editors, The News:
 I WAS reading your Saturday June 12, edition of The Charlotte News when I came across an article in "People's Platform" by a Negro lady of Charlotte. It is because of this article I am writing.

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Gastonia
 Editors, The News:
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Can Work Together For A Better South

Chester, S. C.
 Editors, The News:
 HAVE you set up your editorial page for the whites and colored to fight it out as to whether the Supreme Court is right or wrong? All that can be said or written is that there is no difference as to the future of this problem.

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Social Security Is 'Respectable' Now

THE liberals press for change over the objections of conservatives who modify and eventually endorse the reforms, thus giving them permanence and respectability. That is the usual pattern of history. A century ago only wild-eyed radicals advocated progressive taxation, soil conservation, abolition of child labor, all of which were advocated by Marx and Engels in the Communist Manifesto. Both Republican and Democratic parties eventually embraced these and so many other programs of the "radicals" that Norman Thomas, frequent presidential candidate of the Socialist Party, dryly observed that the major parties had stolen most of his platform.

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leadership in the Senate, and President Eisenhower, approve the bill.

Only 19 years ago, when the social security program was initiated, it was viewed by a large segment of the public and Congress as a thing of the devil. Representative Taber said it would enslave workers. Gov. Landon, 1936 presidential candidate in 1936, campaigned against this "cruel hoax." Republican and Democratic parties eventually embraced these and so many other programs of the "radicals" that Norman Thomas, frequent presidential candidate of the Socialist Party, dryly observed that the major parties had stolen most of his platform.

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'Gimmicks' Aside, It's Still A Debt

NORTH CAROLINA'S two U. S. senators, Alton A. Lennon and Sam J. Ervin Jr., didn't crawl very far out on the limb when they said they would oppose any increase in the federal debt limit unless Republicans can prove that an increase is unavoidable.

That's a safe enough position for any senator of either political party from any section of the land. Everybody's against increasing the debt limit if it can be avoided.

It is more important for the Tar Heel senators to keep their eyes open for "gimmicks" which would increase the debt limit without seeming to do so. The WALL STREET JOURNAL says that three devices have already been suggested by aides to Secretary of the Treasury Humphrey:

1. The exemption of tax anticipation securities from the public debt limit.
2. Making the debt limit apply only at the end of a fiscal year. This would enable the Treasury to borrow beyond the limit during a fiscal year, provided it could bring the debt below the limit by June 30.

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During World War II, I was one of those unfortunate who was wounded several times. My leaves during the war were visits as a patient to the hospitals. It seems like a long time to obtain my discharge. I believe he is a traitor to my country.

During the war, I'll admit, I did not do flag-waving or tell my shrimps how patriotic I was—I did what I was supposed to do and was thankful I survived that I was.

Sen. McCarthy got a Purple Heart Ribbon, developed a sympathetic limp, told everybody in hearing distance how he was shot, and secured the nomination for senator over LaFollette.

In due justice to the senator, those remarks were not made under oath.

Down South, and throughout the world, morally sound people

No Comment

WASHINGTON, June 22—(AP)—President Eisenhower, an old Legionnaire, asked Congress today for a special appropriation of \$103,000 to maintain "public order" during the American Legion's convention here Aug. 30-Sept. 2.

IN A STURDY OLD MODEL A

IN THESE DAYS of Gyromatic, Mercomatic, Ultrasonic, Hydramatic, Electromatic, Fordomatic, Dynaflow, Powerlite, Powerflex, Hi-drive, Overdrive, Gyrotorque and Fluidmatic transmissions in passenger cars, we are impressed with the solution to a mountain-climbing problem attained by the owner of (of all things) a 1930 Model A Ford.

This genius cut 18 inches off the front of the driveshaft, installed a second Model A transmission, hooked the two together and took off on a 1,752-foot hill. Added power to handle the new transmission complex? Not he—four cylinders gave enough. He had 10 speeds forward and three in reverse. Please do not correct us to say it must have been four forward and four in reverse. The Ford Motor Co. is our authority. In double reverse the second transmission re-

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verses the motion of the first and the car crawls ahead.

At the idling speed, with the car chained immovably to a concrete floor, the motor transmitted sufficient power through the gears to permit the wheels to turn calmly but inexorably until the tire tread was burned away.

Naturally, the man got to the top of the trackless mountain. In fact, it took but three hours.

Old Joe Jones says, "There is one thing to be said about ignorance—it sure causes a lot of interesting arguments."
 —HARTWELL (Ga.) SUN.

Thieves in Tampa stole \$2,695 worth of coffee from a warehouse. Just loaded up their pockets, probably.—FORT MYERS (Fla.) NEWS-PRESS.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON (AP)—The government operation has been taking place in Washington. It is a technique of revenge by investigation, of threat, and of political blackmail.

Those who have introduced and employed this technique are the junior senator from Wisconsin and the little known and hated politician around him. The technique has grown to such an extent that it has now almost become a pattern. It began when McCarthy raised money to defeat Sen. Tydings of Maryland after Tydings refused to concur in McCarthy's Communist charges against the State Department. And it continued through the campaign to defeat Sen. Benton in Connecticut, right down to the recent attempt to defeat Sen. Margaret Chase Smith in Maine.

The above cases are well known. But the cases which the public doesn't know so much about, when stacked up together, present an amazing record of intimidation illustrating the new Hitler technique. Here is part of the record:

When McCarthy learned that Struve Hensel, assistant secretary of defense,

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had written the Army memo dealing with Cohn-Schine, he sent her daughter, Don Surine, one fired by the FBI, and Jim Juliana, to New York to probe Mr. Hensel's business activities. And on March 25 at 9:20 p.m., a man called at the home of Mrs. William T. Creagan, 325 E. 7th St., Brooklyn, mother-in-law of Hensel's former associate, Arthur L. Peirson. The man identified himself as a detective from police headquarters and wanted to know where Mrs. Creagan's daughter, Mrs. Arthur L. Peirson, resided.

Mrs. Creagan asked why he wanted to know and was told that her daughter had been in a hit-and-run accident, had left the scene of an accident, and the police were looking for her.

Mrs. Creagan is a lady in her eighties, and naturally news that her daughter had hit-and-run agitated her greatly. She gave the alleged policeman her daughter's address in Vineland, N. J., but later that night was still weeping when her daughter happened to call and assured her that she had been in no hit-and-run accident, nor in any accident of any kind.

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Also when Col. Earl Ringler at Fort Dix refused to give Pvt. Schine certain privileges, Cohn decided to do a "turn-

Air Force Scuttled NSC Policy On Air Defense

By JOSEPH & STEWART ALSO

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Air Force, therefore, the NSC issued a firm directive, giving continental air defense over-riding priority in all defense planning and programming.

This, then was the national policy, which the Air Force was charged with carrying out. To implement this national policy, the Air Force did only one significant thing. It started the Lincoln Project at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology to study air defense possibilities.

Nothing further happened until the summer of 1952 when the Lincoln group air leaders organized a special study group to examine their mass of accumulated data. Dr. Oppenheimer entered the picture as a consultant of the Lincoln summer study group. Two findings were made in the resulting Lincoln report to the Air Force.

First, the Soviet air-strike threat to this country was already growing very serious.

Second, certain technological breakthroughs, such as a possible build to truly effective air defense, although not a total air defense, and although at heavy cost, could be achieved by the Lincoln group from firsthand experience, the Lincoln report sent the Air Force high command into a nervous state. This nervousness was expressed in the form of a NSC directive, men like Gen. Hoyt Vandenberg were still angrily opposed to the Lincoln report, and they went all out to discredit the Lincoln report.

All this was, of course, nothing less than a full-scale attack on the national policy laid down in the NSC directive of 1950. Yet in the hours after Dr. Oppenheimer's case, this irony of fate was solemnly repeated by the former chief scientist of the Air Force, Prof. David T. Griggs.

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