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NATIONAL NEWSPAPER WEEK

THERE is more than coincidental relationship between the state of the world today and the slogan for National Newspaper Week—"Freedom Goes Where The Newspaper Goes."
A free press can exist only in a free nation. No totalitarian nation can afford to permit free newspapers to circulate among the people.

In its true sense, freedom of the press is something which belongs to the people right of the people to know, the right to have access to unbiased information about their government.

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MOBILIZATION PLAN NEEDED

IN outlining four "keystones" for a program of U. S. action, now that Russia has the atomic bomb, Bernard M. Baruch described the adoption of a mobilization plan as "our most effective single deterrent against nuclear war."

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PEOPLE'S PLATFORM

THE elder statesman, who has been called by President Truman over the mobilization plan issue, emphasized he was not speaking as an alarmist.

Senator Taft's "people's platform" is a paper as aptly misquoted by Tom Peperman in his column today (Oct. 3).

LEGAL AID PANEL

THE Mecklenburg County Bar Association, which has been trying of late, like the rest of the U. S. legal profession, to put its best foot forward and thus still some of the petty but insistent criticisms of its apathy toward public affairs, has come up with a highly commendable enterprise in its new legal aid panel.

Free legal advice agencies are already in operation in other large U. S. cities, with the various plans differing widely in detail.

IN TERMS OF BILLIONS

FEW among us have any real conception of what a million dollars is, much less a billion dollars. In fact, the budget for the Federal Government budget in 1950 without understanding just how much money our nation is spending each year.

The Government could not run for seven months on that amount of money.

LET JOHN DO IT

A recent Washington dispatch to this newspaper reports that a group of Senators are considering a measure to "stabilize" the coal trade. Details of the measure are not clear but it seems to be a series of production controls geared to keep inefficient mines in business.

For another thing Mr. Lewis probably does the job more cheaply than the Government. It is not clear how the administration of stabilization, but the money he takes from the consumers goes to the miners and not to a group of political appointees.

FROM THE WALL STREET JOURNAL

Any government, like any family, cad for a year spend a little more than it earns. But the amount to be spent is a continuation of that habit means the purchase.

Since the Federal Government has spent more than it earned every year but two since 1922, and appears headed into a still longer period of deficit financing, we might well ponder that prediction.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

INSIDE story of the Ford-United Auto Workers agreement on pensions was that it could have been settled exactly one week earlier—except for one thing. Walter Reuther on Friday, Sept. 23, the red-headed chief of the United Auto Workers broke off negotiations.

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Joe Ball Becomes Lobbyist

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'Hey—I Vote Too, You Know'

Marquis Childs



People's Platform Senator Taft—Comedy of Errors

CHARLOTTE EDITORS: THE NEWS: I want to ask you who can please send in your opinions and let us have a hospital to care for those who need treatment and cannot help themselves, and when opens, you can go by and see what you have helped to build and furnish and you will be happy you have done your bit.

CHARLOTTE EDITORS: THE NEWS: NOT that it matters a great deal, but this newspaper was aptly misquoted by Tom Peperman in his column today (Oct. 3).

Fort Mill's Liquor Sales

CHARLOTTE EDITORS: THE NEWS: The figures quoted by Mr. Peperman do not represent the gross sales made by the Fort Mill store. These figures represent the amount of tax money given Fort Mill's city government as the share of the total tax on the gross sales of the local stores.

Social Security Bill

CHARLOTTE EDITORS: THE NEWS: (1) The present social security law; (2) the changes which would be made by the bill now in Congress become law. The House passed it yesterday.

Aid For Spastics Needed

CHARLOTTE EDITORS: THE NEWS: I AM sure that you who read my articles in this paper know that I am just doing my best in trying to help raise the \$25,000 we need to finish up the drive to help the Spastics Hospital Center.

Note Of Appreciation

CHARLOTTE EDITORS: THE NEWS: I WANT you to know how much we appreciate the friendly and sympathetic attitude towards our Company expressed in the editorial which appeared in your paper.

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WASHINGTON: The interval since President Truman's latest announcement of Russia's atomic capabilities has been a long one. But there have been few signs of any positive action.

The President has a stock answer. He says there has been no need to change our course or take any drastic steps because we have known all along that the Russians would get the bomb and atomic policy and planning have been based on that assumption.

The target date for completion of the atomic bomb in the United States, it is pointed out, was 1952. This was on the assumption that Russia would get the bomb by that time and perhaps be ready to launch an aggressive war.

To speed up construction of the reactor, the War Relocation Authority authorized the entire project, approximately \$100 million, to be carried out in three departments, outlined by those responsible for our military security, they are as follows:

1. Civil defense. Almost nothing has been done in this field, and it is a source of concern to the military planning staff. They are concerned on two points.

2. The obvious necessity to increase and improve atomic production in every phase. Because it is so difficult to produce, it is necessary to be taken and the machinery already in place to put in additional civilian design units throughout the country.

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