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MR. HOOSE'S BUS SERVICE REPORT

THE CITY COUNCIL now has, for the first time, a comprehensive and scientific study of the City's needs in the way of mass transportation service.

Traffic Engineer Herman Hoose's "Duke Power Transit Improvement Plan" presented to the Council this week is a remarkably complete survey of the service together with recommendations for changes to meet the needs of a constantly-growing community.

In presenting his report, Mr. Hoose told the Council: "The continued growth of Charlotte is in part dependent upon the adequacy of its transportation system. . . . With increased vehicular registration, the use of private automobiles in going to the central business district will be less practical due to limited parking and road-way facilities. Attractive transit will therefore naturally induce more patronage."

Mr. Hoose's recommendations about routing of the bus lines doubtless will be met with mixed reaction. Those for whom the service will be made more convenient will be pleased. Those who would be required to pay more for the lines will be less so.

Charlotte's bus service has grown in a haphazard manner. Established to replace the old street car system the bus lines,

naturally, followed the established street pattern. New services were added to meet the demands of a particular situation and so far as the City Government is concerned no definite service pattern had been previously developed.

The recommendations offered by Mr. Hoose provide for a radical change in bus operation. His plan is similar to the bus operations in metropolitan areas and is another evidence of the continuing development of Charlotte into a top-rank metropolitan area.

In addition to recommending changes in all existing bus lines the report suggests at least three important innovations: A loop line through the heavily populated eastern residential sections; multiple transfers, and frequent check points to insure operation of buses on schedule at all points.

The little question of the need for improved bus service, City Council has indicated its tentative approval of the report and we are confident Duke Power officials will give it full consideration. The technical details of a transit system are a matter for the experts. The main thing is for the City and power company to exhaust every effort to give the community adequate bus service. Mr. Hoose appears to have shown the way.

THE INDEPENDENT GENERAL

DOUGLAS MACARTHUR has rubbed a lot of Americans the wrong way, particularly Americans who dislike pomp and circumstance. The General's grandiose manner is not intended to have affection in the public. But unfavorable reaction to the General's personality does not preclude recognition of his ability as a soldier.

There is, however, one weakness possessed by Douglas MacArthur which, we feel, does make him somewhat different than perfect as top U. S. representative in the Far East; he is too often guilty of assuming authority not vested in him.

The latest example of that tendency was Gen. MacArthur's visit to China. That she's a stronghold on Formosa, an island which he—as head of U. S. (and U. N.) Armed Forces in the Far East—would be called upon to defend in the event of an invasion by Chinese Communists.

Those who know MacArthur have indicated that the General's visit was not "strictly military," that he might have pledged political support which the U. S. Government is not prepared to give.

JAP AND GERMAN U. N. POLICEMEN

DAY OR SO ago, we discussed some of the arguments for and against building up an army of Germans to help contain Russia.

There are also proposals to use Japanese troops in the Far East. Bill introduced in the Senate by Senator Magnuson of Washington would permit enlistment of Japanese war veterans in American forces.

It is interesting to note that Douglas MacArthur has looked down his nose at the Magnuson project, thus presumably disposing of it for the moment. But as needs grow more pressing, we may expect new legislation to dispense with the huge manpower pools of our ex-enemies.

In thinking things over since our first editorial on the subject, it has occurred to us that many of the arguments against using German and Japanese troops disappear when under the banner of the United Nations.

TELLING THE WORLD ABOUT THE U. S.

THE Labor Department has put out a simply written, vividly illustrated and attractively published book on the condition of working people in the United States. It is titled "The Gift of Freedom."

The book is designed for foreign consumption by those who want to test American claims against those of other countries and systems. Most Americans take the comforts of their daily life for granted. To see them reduced to statistical statements is thus a pleasant experience. For they are generous by any standard, including that of our own aspirations.

Take a look, for instance, at what the finest of the world about workmen's purchasing power. In the year 1947—when most prices were higher than they are now—the average factory wage earner in the United States could buy a pound of coffee for six cents, minutes' work. A month's rent cost him three days of work and a new car would take 180 days of work. He had to work only six hours for a pair of shoes and only two days for a portable radio.

front early this week. His visit and the resulting conference with the President upon his return gave Truman the opportunity to disavow any political support which MacArthur might have pledged to Chiang. "Our policy on defense of Formosa," said Harriman, "is unchanged." And that policy was one of determination not to let the Communists off the island while not assuming any responsibility for the maintenance of the corrupt Chiang government.

MacArthur is an independent man lacking in the subtle judgment required for diplomacy, and it may be a mile too soon to expect a great warrior to be a striped-pants statesman as well. However that may be, we think the President, who is a great admirer of soldier MacArthur, is called upon to keep the General in line. His press conference command yesterday that "MacArthur and I are in complete agreement" indicated only that the President recognized that no other man could do quite so good a job in directing American Armed Forces in the Far East.

And we are proud of the great job that he is doing in Korea with the men and materials at hand.

An increasing number of sober observers are coming to feel that the United Nations is doomed unless it is given a police force to keep order everywhere in the world. This police force presumably would be modeled after the French Foreign Legion, which has been doing a very creditable job in eradicating nationalist sentiments among its recruits. In such an international organization, it seems to us, Germans and Japanese could serve proudly and usefully.

It is to be expected that Russia will do her best to obstruct all proposals to give the United Nations teeth. Many Americans, jealous of our national sovereignty, also will oppose it. And we are disposed to believe that the difficulties in the way are tremendous.

Yet, if such a step seems to suit American policy, and if the aforesaid difficulty can be overcome, the way is opened to use Germans and Japanese to help police under the world they came so near capturing.

THE KOREAN CRISIS

These are average figures. But the Labor Department people agree that there is inequality of income in the United States. Aren't there some Americans who don't command the purchasing power outlined above? There are. But the Labor Department cites a model budget providing a living standard about midway between subsistence on the low side and luxury on the high side.

Eighty-eight per cent of four-person families in a typical city had incomes above the cost of this model budget. If any criticism is to be made of the Labor Department book, indeed, it would be that it omits to mention that the average and again there is a dramatic quality in these glistening pages, too little stress on the drive and exertion and discipline which yield such bounty. Will foreign readers be right in thinking that the "Gift of Freedom" is not a gift. Everywhere in time and space it must be earned in blood and sweat and tears. Once earned, it must be steadily fought for every day—if not in blood and tears, then certainly in sweat.

'When The Western Powers Aggress Again—Which Satellite Shall It Be?' Security Bill Passage Must Not Be Halted By Politics

By MARQUIS CHILDS

WASHINGTON PRESIDENT TRUMAN is faced with what may be one of the toughest political battles of his career. Republicans, plus some Democrats, want to pass and put on the President's desk the Mundt-Nixon bill to regulate Communists and fellow travelers.

This bill goes so far in the opinion of the President as to violate basic freedom guaranteed by the Constitution under the Bill of Rights. He also believes that it would not only be ineffective but would be a detriment against sabotage aimed at vital bases.

If he were to veto such a bill he would, for obvious political reasons, face the charge that he was obstructing the passage of a bill immediately become part of the Republican campaign slogan. The backing and filling now going on in the Senate is why the leadership hesitates to call up this bill. It is why the leadership hesitates to call up measures such as statehood for Alaska and Hawaii that might stir even a minor controversy.

The President explains why so many days of carefully effort went into the preparation of the President's message to the Senate. He has not intended to curtail sabotage and subversion. The preparation included a lengthy study of the White House files on other periods of national tension when fear and hysteria thrived.

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Real concern exists in responsible quarters in the government over the sabotage of our strategic command bases. In the present state of defense, or lack of it, the war in air form is the most serious to deliver the atomic bomb to remote targets is almost the only strategy that offers any prospect of a war conquest.

It would naturally be against such both the high and broad and under-ground agents would direct their major effort. One reason for concern is over whether the administration's present counter-espionage does not permit too much overlapping and divided authority.

This seems to have been one of the reasons for the division of authority to dilute responsibility. This seems to have been one of the reasons for the division of authority to dilute responsibility.

A political statesman might block passage of these security provisions. The President would then intend to incorporate all the steps requested by the President, along with some others, into a bill. But the Republicans may refuse to vote for the bill.

This would, in my opinion, be a serious matter. It could put the country in physical danger. And it shows the kind of political maneuvering over where the blame should lie for failure.

There could scarcely be a better illustration of the difficulties of the government under our system of checks and balances than the passage of a major crisis. The goal should be to go far enough but not too far. And it applies not only to security but to economic controls and government activities which may be taken to meet the emergency.

In England's greatest hour in June of 1940, the British government came into being to save Great Britain. Under our system of checks and balances, it is surely political pressure in this election year should not work to the detriment of the nation that may be vitally necessary.

Our leathernecks were useful then, and will be extra useful now. The leathernecks were useful then, and will be extra useful now. The leathernecks were useful then, and will be extra useful now.

We were the big production kids, the A-bomb and H-bomb boys, the round-the-globe-airplane, all-terrain, all-weather, all-terrain, all-weather, all-terrain, all-weather.

This foul-up on that muddy peninsula ought to have precluded a bitter lesson which we may do well to remember, amidst the floodings of the scientists and the military equipment. The war is still an important weapon, and one segment of the whole is bigger than the sum of its parts.

The Marines, it seems, are back to business again. And all the time they told us that the Marines were obsolete, except for the purpose of post-war ceremony, and interior decoration.

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People's Platform

Slowing Down Hit-And-Run Drivers

Editors, THE NEWS: HOW many of you reading this article have come back to your parked cars and found that nice new fender has been dented? How did you do it? What nice name did you call him or her?

This has just happened to my car. It was hit hard enough that the driver could not have said, "I didn't know I hit anything." Yes, a \$20 repair bill and I don't know who he was or where to find him. Why did he ever leave Coward? Could he have been just passing by? If at all possible, wait on the driver of the damaged car and give him the license number and all the necessary information, or if we can't wait, just write it on a piece of paper and put it under the windshield wiper or in the car. It could happen to you!

I believe this would slow down our hit and run drivers. Let's try it for a while. It might help a lot of people. MAY JOE.

Price And Wage Control

Editors, THE NEWS: THERE are two features about The Charlotte News that command favorable consideration on the part of the reader: that is, at least, to this reporter and subscriber—the editorial department and the People's Platform. Both of which are possibly "made in America" and are virile and independent, and The People's Platform is a place where a writer is given sufficient space to express his views on any subject.

Well, let's push this through a little further: if necessary to invent it, it becomes necessary to invent it. Certainly, truth does not go without error. It is without error there could be no good. For there would be nothing with which to compare or determine goodness. In short, the Devil is an essential element in the Divine economy, and life here is but a proving ground for the hereafter.

But I prefer to apply logic to matters purely temporal. You Mr. Tom Schlesinger, writing from Washington, D. C. quotes Senator Hroy as saying that "if things continue as they are, there should be a price control on everything." Now it is difficult for me to think that Senator Hroy is dealing in such logical logic. He knows fairly well that the price of a loaf of bread is not a matter of life and death. It is a matter of convenience.

Sen. Hubert Humphrey, Minnesota Democrat, was so brave after getting his campaign bills and moving his family to Washington that he had to borrow money in order to eat. He finally hired out as a lecturer on the subject of the heavy mail that dogged his Congressional office, also because of his famous name. Last year he paid \$12,000 out of his pocket for office help.

The best-paid political lecturer, of course, is Vice-President Barkley, who can almost name his own price because of his great prestige and platform appeal. In addition, even the millionaire Senators, such as Oklahoma's Senator Murray, who has a net worth of \$1,000,000, assign the fee to some charity, however, such as Kerr's Institute—the Baptist Foundation in Oklahoma City.

Sen. Charles T. Welford, New Hampshire Republican—A former member of the House of Representatives—has been a professional lecturer for years. He is the only way they can keep up with the high expenses of entertainment, traveling and contributing to all worthy charities expected of officeholders.

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Useless And Wasteful Dogs

Editors, THE NEWS: I was a sad story you reprinted from the Richmond, Va. News-Examiner concerning the Birmingham (Ala.) judge who fined the dog-owner. All his marquis who tried to improve the breed of man, the judge is having the price for his dog raised to a level that is not in the public interest. There is no greater nuisance in this world than the dog. There is nothing quite as useless and as irritating as a dog. There is nothing quite as useless and as irritating as a dog.

Do breed disease—in the summer time they are a particular danger—they go through stages of insanity. They are a nuisance to human life. When, when, they are a complete waste and nuisance. Actually, the only purpose dogs serve is to flatter the ego of their owners. If all the dogs in the world were to be put in a large tank and when the lick of the hand turns a "little" human being into a momentary "big shot."

The "dog-lover" who has a word in connection with dogs, but so help me that what they call themselves "animal control" is a complete waste of time. You love children, you love dogs, or some other thing, but you don't love dogs. You love dogs, but you don't love dogs. You love dogs, but you don't love dogs.

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Quote, Unquote

Farmer, Orville of Vinegar Bend says that the two candidates who tried so hard to prove that their opponent was unfit for election, had a pretty hard time of it but finally convinced him—Oklahoma City Daily News.

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Marines Prove With Blood, Guns they're Not Obsolete

By ROBERT C. HIAK

NEW YORK WE SEE NOW IN THE big headlines of the newspapers the news from Korea, and also that the Marines have called up their entire reserve force to fight against the Communists. This is a very serious situation. This is a very serious situation.

In light of our present appreciation of the Marines it is very amusing to reflect that a few months ago the declaration of their force, as fighters, was emphasized. They were the "magnet" men who were to be used to hold the line in a color-guard state, because in the volunteer state of war we were not apt to need them. Duplication of service, I think it was called by the staff brain at the Capital.

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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round Crisis Hits Lectures By Congressmen

While Drew Pearson is on vacation, the Merry-Go-Round will be written by members of his staff. Today's column is by Tom McManama and Jack Anderson.

THE Korean crisis has put a crimp in the usual lecture series of Senators and Congressmen. However, many still slip away for occasional week-end lectures when they need a change. They are run from \$200 to \$750 an evening—though Vice President Barkley, the star attraction, costs as high as \$1,000 for a single night's lecture.

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