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SHALL WE TAKE THE OFFENSE?

NORTH CAROLINA'S Carl Durham is vice-chairman of the Joint Congressional Atomic Energy Committee. He is also very cool-headed, realistic, and outspoken. When he talks about the white-hot international situation, as he did before the Jaycees in High Point the other day, he's worth listening to.

Mr. Durham said something that a good many Americans, in high places and low, have been thinking for a long time, but scarcely dared put into words.

"I think that in the days to come, the pattern will be sufficiently clear to tell us whether or not we are going to defeat us (through the satellite nations)."

"If it becomes clear beyond all doubt that we are going to lose, then I can say that we have no alternative but to go to war with Russia, in which event, we must look the time and place."

Mr. Durham is fully aware that Americans, up to this point at least, have never cottoned to the idea that the U. S. should deliberately start a war. There are two reasons why they have not. First, they don't want to be considered as aggressors; (2) it requires the abandonment of all hope for peace, and Americans abandon that hope with great reluctance.

But Mr. Durham was thinking of something else, too.

"We do not know, in the event we are able to launch a counterattack (in Korea) whether Russia will send Communist Chinese troops to assistance."

"The situation at Formosa is very tense. . . . There is always the possibility that we will lose control of Formosa to Communist China."

"We do not know when satellite Communists from Albania may again attack Greece."

"We do not know whether Romania and Czech satellite nations may attack Yugoslavia."

The important point to remember is that we are all of these things happen and we

are drawn into any of these conflicts we will not be fighting a single Russian soldier. We will be fighting a large force of arms.

That's what comes from waiting for the other fellow to strike the first blow. We apparently are coming to the conclusion that the goal of practical Stalinism, unlike that of theoretical Marxism-Leninism, is to work through the use of arms. We know that goal includes an ultimate attack on the continental United States. We know that in a full-scale war with Russia, our main objective will be to seek out and destroy the enemy in his homeland.

It is one thing to prepare for an offensive war against Russia; it is quite another thing to try to prepare ourselves so that we may immediately parry any Russian thrust from any quarter of the globe at any time it suits Stalin. The former requires one kind of military machine; the latter requires an entirely different kind. And if we rely on the latter, and it fails, we will have set up a building the former. That involves double expense, double delay, and double danger.

So long as Stalin has the initiative, so long as the strategists of the Politburo can plot their next move with only one thought in mind—how to get away with us physically and financially, all the while preserving and increasing Russia's military power—Mr. Durham's words will take on increasing significance.

We do not know whether Americans will ever bring themselves around to his viewpoint. But it is entirely appropriate for someone in a position to know whereof he speaks to tell the nation in blunt, realistic terms that our standards of the past may be no longer adequate to meet this greatest threat of all times.

POLITICS ON THE HOME FRONT

WE DON'T KNOW how much political news out of Washington is reaching the South. But if the tired soldiers are getting any news at all of the efforts of both parties to make political capital out of the Korean War, they must be thoroughly disgusted.

Last week-end the political fight gained in force. GOP members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee charged that the Truman Administration policies virtually invited Russia to grab whatever it could in China, Korea and Formosa. This brought a hot retort from Chairman Committee of that body who retorted that his Republican colleagues were guilty of "political pettifoggery."

Senator Alben Barkley and Senator William Jenner, who resigned from the Senate on the November sections and that he has been "negligent in leaving the American people in the dark about the gravity" of the world situation.

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Can We Wait Until After the November Elections to Tell the People of America the Real Truth?

Democratic Senator O'Mahoney of Wyoming: "This of all times is a time for a truce on partisan politics, for partisan attacks are wholly uncalled for and serve only to weaken us."

These weeks have passed since the North Koreans launched their invasion. In the time our military weaknesses have become painfully clear, and our diplomatic deficiencies almost as obvious. Yet we do not have any adequate mobilization legislation on the books, nor has there been any vivid elaboration of Mr. Truman's original statement on Far Eastern policy.

There is every reason in the world why the pre-Korean records of the Democratic Administration, the Democratic majority in Congress, and the Republican minority should be opened up for public discussion and debate between now and the November elections. But such a debate should be permitted only so long as the adoption of an adequate national economic and military preparedness program.

At present the only part of this stretch open to travel is a five-mile "preview" to the Mt. Mitchell Wagon Road east of Waynesville.

A miracle of engineering, the mountain road crisscrosses along through unexplored virgin territory, offering on either side some of the most magnificent mountain and valley scenery anywhere in the world.

The Parkway, the property of the people of North Carolina, has been commercialized, but the heavy travel in recent years has prompted the development of fine tourist facilities at many points a mile or so off the Parkway.

A North Carolina newspaperman who had a preview of the newly-opened Mt. Mitchell-Ashville segment in July was unanimous in describing it as the most spectacular stretch of the whole Parkway. Specially impressive are the Great Crags, with their huge blankets of rhododendrons.

And so we add our own expression of pleasure at this new event of such importance to Western North Carolina. For what is of importance to the mountain area is of importance to the whole state. The increasing accessibility of North Carolina's mountain wonderland and the greater prosperity it will bring to that region will be reflected throughout the State's economy.

HEMLINE HERESY

WE DO NOT WANT to go out on a limb about this thing, but it is our considered opinion that the fashion folk who tell our ladies what they will wear have met their Waterloo.

is now "The Old Look," and are apparently disinclined to take us with "The Newer Look."



People's Platform

The 'Third Side' Of Korean War

ST. PAULS Editors, This News: ONCE during an argument with a lawyer, I stoutly contended there were two sides to every question whereas he replied there was always a third side. Both Mr. Bassett and Mr. Brown have stated their respective "sides" in regard to the undeclared war in Korea. I am now striving to bring to you the third side, which is probably just what the Administration wants.

If I had a "nail" I would try to back it up by actions rather than words, that is, individually, without presuming to express the opinion and sentiments of so many "we's". As a sideline spectator of the lunatic fringe to speak, I wish to stick in my two cents worth. There is, no doubt, a "right side" and health to meet the requirements of a combat soldier? And it so, why are you not in there pitching for it as best you can, who American backers are advocates of "no world" or a welfare state.

I have some ideas, and I am, as you are willing and desirous that "the rice fields of Korea be turned red with their blood?" Or had you rather my sons and my neighbors would give up their lives in order that you and your kind could coast in the future, "we killed a bear."

I would ask all papers not so proud to be a forebearer rather than to stain, with his blood, the rice fields of Korea in a war that he has nothing but to strip the people of their peace. In the past few years we have fought two wars on foreign soil, "one to end all wars" and the other to December 31st, 1945, and we still have war and peace. We destroyed Hitler only to be cursed with the atom bomb.

Since World War II we have spent literally billions of dollars in a futile attempt to buy the good will and respect of the people of Europe and Asia by their Communist leaders. Yet our Marshall Plan of loans and fishes has been in vain. We are again in "all out" way, fighting, practically alone to preserve the pseudo-topical drama of a bunch of American crackpots who have no desire but to gratify their own political ego.

"Freedom" and "democracy" mean nothing to the average foreigner who, it seems, thrives under a dictator. Perhaps we could accomplish more by December 31st, 1945, and we still have war and peace. We destroyed Hitler only to be cursed with the atom bomb.

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Bankrupt Foreign Policy

CHARLOTTE Editors, This News: **ROBT'S** BIRD and Ogden Reid, writing in The News, the Kremlin doghouse because if we discover the reasons for our present foreign policy, we shall find that it is a well-merited punishment for a nation's foreign policy; and when this policy begins to outstrip a country's military ability to support it, then danger looms.

The gentlemen quoted failed to mention the equally obvious fact that our nation's foreign policy has been bankrupt since the beginning of the century. Our policy of isolationism was a failure from the start. Our policy of interventionism was a failure from the start. Our policy of appeasement was a failure from the start.

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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

ED. NOTE—While Drew Pearson is on a brief vacation, his column will be written by members of his staff, Jack Anderson and Fred Goetz.

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NOTE—Arvid Grovnyk, Malik's predecessor, is masterminding Soviet delegates from Moscow. However, it is a well-merited punishment for a nation's foreign policy; and when this policy begins to outstrip a country's military ability to support it, then danger looms.

Confusion Marred First Days Of Chinju Counter-offensive

'By JOSEPH ALSOP

KOREA THE first part of the American counter-offensive in the Korean peninsula where we are. The fighting here still mainly consists of desperate, infantry defensive actions. Two main fronts have been opened up: one in the north, where the Chinese and South Korean troops. The problem here is not so much as to how to retake lost ground. And thus there is, particularly interesting, the Chinese and South Korean troops on the approaches of the dirty little seaport of Chinju.

The response of the North Koreans set the battle pattern. The air preparation virtually reduced their forward elements to a body of infantry, supplied only by runners and supported only by such heavy artillery as a 105 mm. howitzer. But these tough fighters quickly broke up into small groups, and their ability to find their way through the mountains was reduced to a minimum. The North Koreans were using up their strength. Our troops had to be used to enter the second phase of the offensive.

If Army Can Draft Our Men, Courts Can Draft H. Bridges

NEW YORK APPLICABLE to the State Department structure of Robeson's passport. The State Department has decided that this is the land of the free and the home of the brave, where no man shall be denied his piece, no matter how vicious or cowardly. We therefore stand with Bridges, who is entitled to his right, as the passport laws, ready to pass frontiers.

This is a technical conviction. The perjury gimmick is the only known conviction of a Communist who slipped under oath. You cannot convict a Communist who slipped under oath. You cannot convict a Communist who slipped under oath.

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Harrison's Trip

THE reason for Averell Harrison's flying trip to Tokyo was to send General MacArthur for confirmation of the details of the trip. Instead, President Truman simply got impatient waiting for MacArthur's report and sent Harrison to get it.

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SENATOR BREWSTER's weird alibi about being trailed by a New York "lieutenant" is breaking down. The Maine senator at Washington's Hotel Continental was followed by Washington Police Lieutenant Joe Shinnon, the "left-tapper."

Such an important police assignment, however, would have been made to a man of the stature of Chief Barrett. Barrett also points out that it is against police regulations to take "indoxination."

'Indoxination' On Communism

IN preparation for the coming campaign, House GOP members are getting an expert "indoxination" on Communism in a series of three secret lectures.

Buying Bed Sheets

YESTERDAY we suggested organizing home-front committees to stimulate public opinion against "Me-Finers" and "Reds" who are doing a good business out of the war.

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