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SOUTHERN BELL WEAKENS ITS CASE

UNTIL this week, we were content to leave Southern Bell's request for a rate increase up to the State Utilities Commission. But Southern Bell materially weakened its case in the eyes of the public this week when it amended its request from \$2,729,500 a year to \$3,563,800—the extra \$834,300, according to company attorneys, being needed to meet Federal income tax increases that became effective Oct. 1.

new Federal income tax which became effective on Oct. 1 is not a normal tax. It is an emergency tax to help finance our emergency defense program, and it calls for some sacrifice on the part of everyone—including Southern Bell. If that company is able to pass on its new tax liability to the consumers, it will be in a much more enviable position than other businesses. Furthermore, the individual consumer, who has to trim his standard of living in order to meet his own higher income taxes, will be forced to carry Southern Bell's share, too. Communism not only threatens the welfare of the Bell System and its parent holding company, A. T. & T., but it would destroy the very system that allows such empires to exist. Surely it is not too much to expect some sacrifice on the part of those who have the most at stake in meeting the threat of Communism.

THE THIRD LESSON OF KOREA

IT WOULD be difficult indeed to overstate the significance of the U. S. support of a peace plan approved by the United Nations political committee this week. Basically, it is designed to permit the General Assembly to move into action against aggression by the Soviet Union. The plan, the Assembly can be called into emergency session by any seven members of the Council. U. N. "peace pacts" are also authorized. The Council acts in areas of tension, and report on threats to the peace. Thus, the proposal puts into practice two lessons of Korea. The presence of the U. N. commission there made it possible to identify the aggressor quickly. And the absence of the Russian delegate made it possible for the Security Council to move speedily against the aggressor. Had there been no commission, or "peace pact", and had the Russian delegate been present to veto the Council actions, U. N. intervention in Korea would have been long delayed, and perhaps entirely blocked.

We should not, however, delude ourselves that this "paper reorganization" of the United Nations political committee is the peace, or even bring about the defeat of future aggressors. Significant as it is, it merely establishes the machinery for fast U. N. action. Before the machinery can turn out the product for which it was designed—the repelling and defeat of an aggressor—it must have raw materials to process. Those raw materials, to carry the figure further, consist of well-trained, highly motivated and well-coordinated military units of member nations, available at a moment's notice for speedy dispatch to any corner of the globe where aggression occurs. The United States was forced to carry the brunt of the U. N. action in Korea, with only token assistance by other U. N. members. Until this third lesson is also put into practice, the new peace plan will mainly be valuable for its moral power and its historical significance.

CIVITANS ENCOURAGE OUTDOOR SPORTS

TWO WEEKS from today the West Charlotte League will fight it out with the Second Ward Tigers on the football field of Memorial Stadium. This Nov. 3 event, widely known as the Queen City Classic, is the first of a series of games. The crowd of sports fans in its history. This football classic not only marks the high point in the schedule for these two large high schools, but is actually the very foundation on which is built the entire Negro athletic program in the two schools. The net funds after all expenses from this event will be used for the purchase of a new athletic program in the two schools including basketball, boxing, track and baseball. Realizing the community-wide significance of having a well-rounded athlete prepared for the Queen City Classic, the Civilian Club, always effective promoters of good citizenship, have gone to work and are sponsoring this game as well as donating some handsome trophies for the

outstanding player and the winning team. By also giving prizes for boys and girls selling the most tickets, the Civitans have greatly stimulated interest in the Queen City Classic. Charlotte, N. C., and Columbus, Georgia, as well as in some other Southern cities, interest has been developed to the point where white people attend in large numbers the Negro athletic games. They have attended not only because of the quality Negro athletes in the two schools, but also because of their interest in strengthening the ties of race relations and improving inter-group understanding. In Charlotte there is an opportunity to express greater interest in the health and welfare of the Negro race by supporting their athletic programs. Tickets for the Queen City Classic, to be held at the Central YMCA, are on sale now at the Central YMCA, the Sporting Hat Shop and at the Charlotte National Goods Co. They cost only \$1 each.

LEWIS CARROLL LOGIC

SO FAR as we've been able to find out, what Senator Edwin Johnson actually said about Roberto Rossellini in Rome the other day is about as controversial as what the Governor of North Carolina said to his colleague from south of the border. One version is that Johnson told Italian newspapermen that "Rossellini is not an Italian because he's a scoundrel." If that's the correct quote, it strikes as one of the better non-scurrilous of recent days, and recalls an editorial gem that appeared in The Nation some years ago. It seems that Mayor O'Brien of New York, who was a real man before Communism made the word infamous, is too pacific a fellow to be trusted; he's always muttering about peace between the warring tribes, calling conferences and passing around the peace pipe, they complain.

Hitler could not possibly be persecuting the Jews because Herr Hitler "doesn't drink, doesn't smoke, and leads an exact moral life." Wrote The Nation editorialist: Surely this is Lewis Carroll come to life as the Governor of North Carolina, Queen, and mediating upon it our brain reeled. In a vision we saw again the desolate and empty streets of the East German city, and where the carpenter "wpe to see such quantities of sand." From the dance came the music of the lobster quadrille, and our Mayor, looking something like an actor, was dancing jai-alai with Dr. Richter. "Add Hitler," said the latter, "will not persecute the Jews because he doesn't drink, doesn't smoke, and leads an exact moral life." "I," shouted the other gaily, "have always wanted to be a newspaperman because I love good literature." A University of Berlin professor, meanwhile, was saying that

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CLEVER, persistent Soviet distortion of good and noble words has produced some strange consequences among us. The Communist misuse of the term "peace" to mean war has become so common that I would like to strike a blow for myself, because I love the classics and I love good literature." A University of Berlin professor, meanwhile, was saying that

Probably would have the Stockholm petition up his sleeve, too, if he wore sleeves." Hollywood probably has some justification for being a little jittery, these days about anything that might possibly lay it open to more charges of Communist taint. Things have come to a pretty pass, though, if high ideals and high hopes and human hopes have become so stained with the Communistic dye that they are suspect in free America. The GOP shouldn't have objected to the appointment of General Marshall. They should remember, not only that the President can't do any worse, but that he often has—Wickie Falls (reg.) Times. "Believe it or not," says the Dispatch, "the movie makers have decided that Hiawatha, who was a real man before Communism made the word infamous, is too pacific a fellow to be trusted; he's always muttering about peace between the warring tribes, calling conferences and passing around the peace pipe, they complain. "Come In Which It Is Pointed Out That Profanity Is Not Only A Bad Thing To Use But Also Does No Good: Persons who curse Make everything worse—Atlantic (G.) Journal.



Nehru Believes In Peaceful Ends Achieved By Like Means

AS WESTERNERS NEW DELHI have observed, Nehru's advocacy of the reliance on modern medicine and scientific methods to build India a standard of living above that of the rest of the world, as it is today. On the other hand, Nehru is a leader who has elected head of the all-India Congress party. He is represented as an opponent of Nehru, but this only partly true. He is not a pacifist, but he is a realist. He is on the side of Gandhi-ism. For example, Tandon, the medicine, including the use of vaccines. He never cuts his beard nor hair. In a talk I had with Tandon, he compared his convictions to those of the late Mahatma Gandhi in the official language with Hindi in the extensive literature in Hindi and in the various languages. He is a man who anticipates a very early literature.

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Wasted Personnel

UNCLE SAM is carrying too much "fat." His one lean figure in the fighting arm is bulging in all directions with excess aviators. Bitter experience in Korea has put Congress on the track of a diet calculated to knock off a few double chins and restore Uncle Sam's fighting weight.

Currently, the "fat" on which some Congressional probers are concentrating is surplus employed in a single agency, for instance, investigators found too many personnel workers, too many accountants, duplication at almost every level, poor utilization of personnel, huge administrative overhead—and no apparent disposition within the agency itself to remedy these inefficiencies. The Federal Security Agency, which employs more than 24,000 persons and spends about \$1.5 billion a year, was the target of these first criticisms by the House Post Overstaffing Subcommittee set up by the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee. Conducting an agency-by-agency study, this subgroup hopes to come up with a general remedy to lighten the dense burden of Uncle Sam's approximately two million civilian employees.

A Diet For Uncle Sam

legislation or the withholding of appropriations. If this influence of certain specific areas, the remedy may be had. During debate on this year's Consolidated Appropriation Bill, a majority in each House of Congress thought that ten per cent of non-defensive civilian employees could be eliminated without any decrease in government efficiency or service. Others have claimed that from 20,000 to 300,000 workers could be dropped from U. S. payrolls without any ill effects. The current international crisis and the large-scale military preparedness program have emphasized the importance of a reducing diet. From his experience in Korea, Uncle Sam has learned that peace-time means not only less efficiency, higher cost, and greater waste in his day-to-day activities, but also less ability to develop his enterprise to essential military needs. As Subcommittee Chairman John Bell Williams (Miss.) said: "It's just as important for Uncle Sam to tighten his own belt and concentrate his activities on the war effort as it is to ask that business and the public do the same."

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Draw Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

THERE is a tendency on the part of some candidates in the current election campaign to wave their war service before the voters as a great political asset. When a candidate thus appeals for votes he then automatically invites public scrutiny of his record of the nation.

Shattuck Makes Most Of 'War Record'

where a national-defense speech with emphasis on Selective Service could be made and to which we could wave an invitation. There might be some American war service, even though only the state convention or some such. Anyway, would you find out? Such an invitation is sure to get a lot of publicity. He really was a hero to me. He got set for another draft drawing on July 17, 1941. Next day his publicity agent reported disappointing results.

'Might Give Us A Break'

IT SEEMS to me I recall a California magazine similar to "Look" which might give us a break. Jim Muscatelli might give it a try. He is a man who has been in the business for a long time. He is a man who has been in the business for a long time. He is a man who has been in the business for a long time.

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Truman Placates Services, Woos Voters By Wake Flight

I HAD SPENT THE last week of Harry Truman was shooting for what he called a "wake flight" to hold court with Gen. MacArthur. If that comes out of Gen. Army Douglas MacArthur's "wake flight" coplayer—and all I can make out of this is that a piece of paper is being put in the air. The success of our efforts to reduce the size of the Federal Government is an enlightened public, and we wish to acknowledge the people of Charlotte. There are sure that much of the credit for the passing of the bonds is due to your editorial staff. Mr. Pepperman's articles and Mr. McKnight's editorials were excellent. They were the New York Times could have done half so well.

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