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THE possibility that Communist China would intervene in the Korean war has existed since the day we went to the defense of South Korea. It has been one of the calculated risks of a war that nebedy wented, but that could not possibly be

wanted, but that could not possibly be avoided.

That explains why the sketchy and unverified reports of Red Chinese troops in North Korean the past day or so have been received so caimly. The American people are no going to get excited over a derivation of the reports.

All we have to not the reports. The word of South Korean interrogate in the word of South Korean interrogate in the South Korean first division. The former add Chinese prisoners had told them that one full Chinese corps had entered Korea from Red Mishehuris. The American was quoted that-62 Chinese dead had been counted the company of the company o

intervene at this late date. The North Korean cause is hopeless. Its army has been virtually destroyed. Its territory has been obcupied. U. N. troops are present in sufficient numbers to make intervention an enormously costly affair for the Chinese.

Furthermore, Red China would certainly shut itself out from membership in the United Nations, and would alienate its friends in the Far East by opposing Gen-eral MacArthur's U. N. forces.

Finally, the Chinese Communists, already sorely beset with the traditional and weighty burdens of hunger, disease, and poverty that have plagued modern China, would only bring the roof down upon their own heads by engazing in a war they could not possibly hope to win.

But Communist intervals

But Communist strategy is not always clausible. There remains the remote pos-But Communist states, but the possibility that Moscow has moved up its timetable for conquest The plan might be for Communist China to tie up huge democratic forces in the Far East, leaving Western Europe ripe for quick Russian conquest in the next year.

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conquest in the next year.

This threat, as we said earlier, has been one of the calculated risks of the Korean adventure. If it materializes, there is nothing to do but meet it head-on, keeping in mind that we cannot defeat Russia by fighting in China.

MAKING DEMOCRACY WORK ABROAD

MANY Americans—most of us, as a matter of fact—would be pleased to see other nations in the world embrace our particular system of democratic gover-ernment. It looks as good to us, in spite-orits many and obvious imperfections, that

on particular system of temocrate government. It looks so good to us, in spite of its many and obvious imperfections, that we would support the proper so that many and obvious imperfections, that we would support the product of time place and circumstance, and in no other time in the world's history, at no other place, and under no other circumstances could our government have been evolved in its precise form.

Obviously we can not, willy-nilly, establish our style of democratic government in, say, such an area as Western Germany. But we can lend the Germans a hand in developing institutions to promote and to protect some of the fundamental ideas of American democracy, if not all of its instruments.

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A case in point is the State Department's
Program for German journalists. Traditionally, German newspapers have been
party organ. That was true before Hitler
when the German press was free. It was,
of course, the absolute rule under Hitler.
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party's welfare.

When the occupation authorities began licensing the first postwar newspaper operations, rigid rules based on American press principles were laid down. News and editorial comments were separated. Straight, factual, objective reporting was required.

This was a novely to the German peo-ple, long distrustful of their newspapers. Proof that they liked it came after the licensing restrictions were lifted. Many party organs sprang up again, but they have not liquished. The 'new' German newspapers that conform to the standards laid down earlier by the occupation au-therities have maintained their circula-tions and their neetics and as whiches tions and their prestige, and are making further gains.

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To implement this program, the State Department has brought three groups of Compariment of the state of th

Germany in January.

The goal of this program is to help the Germans make their democracy work by helping them to build up a free, reliable, authentic, authoritative, objective and public-spirited German press. If the goal is achieved—and the progress has been tremendous so far—the State Departments appropriation of a few thousand dollars for the program will by a fer richer dividends than millions spent abroad in other ways.

NEW LIFE FOR OUR FORESTS

WHIN Joyce Klimer wrote, some years W ago, that "Only God can make a tree", he was itich as far as he went. What the Canadian poet left out was that mortals can have a hand in keeping the tree alive and healthy.

This week in Charlotte the Board of the State Department of Conservation & Development approved, among other things, a iong-range, far-resching plan to remedy the astignatism in Tar Heel vision that allows us to see the trees but not the forests.

missibly enough, Dean C. F. Korstian of e University's School of Forestry, who hared the program for the N. C. Forestry noil emphasized a fire control program calling for a considerable increase in the Forestry's Division's budget. Fire control of course, the first essential of forestry. is through fires that thousands of acres

of forest-land are destroyed every year. But forest fires are but the visible symp-toms of our ignorance and/or carelessness. But forest fires are but the visible symptons of our ignorance and/or carelessense. Only a minute percentage of forest fires are started by acts of God-lightning or spontaneous combustion. Most of the fires are started by mortals. If we could learn such simple rules as dousing camp fires properly and being careful with cigarettes and matches, we would not need to appropriate over a million dollars to prevent fires. The rules are childishly simple. We all know them; only a psychiatrist could explain why we consistently break them—break them to the tune of millions of dollars worth of wasted forest-land each year. But it is not only fire prevention that.

But it is not only fire prevention that he need to keep in mind. The Conserva-tion & Development Board plan also calls or intensive public education in the elefor intensive public education in the ele-ments of forest conservation and an aware-ness of the constant need for forestry. The education program would explain the extent to which forest planting and cutting affect productivity, the present and po-tential forest production in relation to industrial and other requirements, and the need and desire for such other important contributions by the forest as recreation, soil conservation, flood control and wild-life habits.

We are not in danger of having a com-pletely treeless state! but perhaps only the image of a treeless state will convince us of the importance of forests and forest

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A Carlsbad nurse wants motorists to be a little quieter around hospital areas Trace's too much screeching of brakes tooting of horns, and other traffic noises in the hospital zones, she says, and it's not good for the patients. On the other hand, we'd like to point out that if it weren't for the screeching of brakes and the steady crunch of collapsing fenders,

A young married couple hasn't passed the real test until the kitchen sink belches back, the bathroom heater goes crazy and x-tokes up the house, ants ruin all the leftovers, the roof leaks on their bed, the cow goes dry, and the baby has a "spam" at about 2 A. M.—Barton (Ga.) Herald."

We take pardonable pride this week in praising the product of one of "our own". And by that of course we mean the fine job done by the city and county in making the local boat landing resemble a boat landing—Henckinzuille (GG.) Dispatch.

Taft Conservatism Too Often Seems Downright Reactionary

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any original political thinking of this own.

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Chicago Crime Flourishes Even While Probe Goes On

AT THE TIME Sen. Estes Ke-AT THE TIME Sen. Estes Ke-fauvers crime committee was a sthring large headlines here and high-blown copy were candidly ad-mitting receipt of large cash girs. I took a little stroll through the middle of Capt. Tommy Harrison's

Invitation To The New Big Five Talks



News From The Capital

Tar Heels Voted Often With GOP

By TOM SCHLESINGER
Charlette News Special Writer
WHAT part have the Tax Heel lawmakers had in
W the infamous OOP-Disterral coalition! That's
the unholy alliance blamed by the Pressent to
the defeat of some important Administration measure.

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Let's look at the record, It shows, for instance, that
the majority of the N. C. delegation was doing much
more than playing footsle with the Northern Republicans during the Sist Congress.

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with the Senator Taft bloc than with its own
team on key Democratic issues.

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Cooler,
Even the in-betweeners veered more often to
the Republicant than toward the Pair Deal in major
issues. Reading from left to right, Ham Jones was
the Administration's third best friend in the N. C.
group. Herbert Bonner, Monte Redden, Carl Durham and John Kerr followed in varying orgares of

Relations Board general counsel, against rent con-trol extension, against FEPC, against the co-opera-tive sections of the Housing Bill. The Senador fa-vored the Kerr Natural Gas Bill and the Jaigernal Se-curity Bill. He was against Point Four.

SENATOR HOEY probably didn't get too much comfort from revised Department of Agriculture cotton export curbs Sitting in Shelby, in the heart of North Carolina's cotton country, he is bearing the brunt of the protests from the growers.

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Secretary Brannan said this week that the quota uid be raised to 2.146,000 bales, adding that the tailment was imposed to protect supplies for do-stic needs after the short cotion crup of the past

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Merry-Go-Round

Rep. Douglas Covered With Calif. Mud

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TAKING advantage of the current wave of Communish hysI teria, the Douglas opposition has premared a "punk"
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into making it appear that she consistently voted with New
York's radical. Congressman Marcantonia. Or tropeassint, a
have seen in the current election. It ignores the fact that
Mrs. Douglas has put across once powerful and constructive
legislation — such as the Douglas-McMahon Bill—which
created the Anoule Energy Commission, site the Public Housling Bill for the pages of which Mrs. Douglas tirelessly
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Communism Is Smoke Screen

want for themselves and Mrs. Doughs wants in Givenment hand. These and tidelands sill on which Mrs. Doughs has taken a pro-Government stand unpopular with the big olimen, are the real issues in the California campaign—not Communiam. However, lots of money and astute publicity have put as the smoke screen. It is the same kind of fight waged against fair-minded Republican Sen. Charles Tobey in New Hamphire, against liberal Sen Frank Graham in North Hamphire, against liberal Sen Frank Graham in North Carolina and against progressive good points in his saver, smog them his persistency in Keeping after Aiger Hiss. but his brand of unfair politics is not going to help him with the fair-minded American electrons in the long miles and the same control of the same

Suspicious Filibuster

coably lose.

anwhile, the Kefauver crime committee has been off that the underworld will send a private lobby shington to block the anti-slot machine bill after Con-

time bill.

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