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MR. JONES AND THE HOOVER REPORT

REPRESENTATIVE Hamilton C. Jones' decision to oppose that part of the Hoover Commission recommendations dealing with veterans' affairs brings closer home an issue which is being agitated with some effect by the Republican Party organization.

Mr. Jones says the recommendations "would destroy a square deal for the veteran in the name of so-called economy in government." That is a gross and intemperate statement.

A careful study of the several sections of the Hoover Commission report affecting services to veterans reveals that not one single recommendation for the increase or curtailment of medical benefits was made. The Commission stated clearly and repeatedly that such "policy matters" were beyond its jurisdiction, and subject to Congressional determination.

Thus it is totally misleading to charge that they would destroy "a square deal for the veteran."

No one wants to deny veterans a single service to which they are entitled; and no one would surrender to the Hoover Commission or any other group prerogatives which belong to the U. S. Congress.

The domestic and foreign issues and their backgrounds are different, too. Our 1948 election was held in a time of prosperity and confidence, and a full measure of the dominant world position of the United States Britain's economy has staggered under many adverse blows, and the nation is still trying to readjust itself to its relatively new role as a minor world power.

Thus it is impossible to predict, on the basis of similarity or dissimilarity, the probable outcome of Thursday's balloting. The trend in the New Zealand and Australian elections was against Socialism, but British Socialism is newer and local issues are quite different. Most observers believe that the Labor Government is in a favorable position, but few prognosticators are willing to go very far out on a limb in making flat predictions to that effect.

The election returns will be of great interest in this nation, of course, but we should be cautious in drawing fallacious conclusions from the outcome, whatever it may be.

All this, is Britain's election, and the British people have been in the business of electing their own governments for a long time. Their press is free, and the BBC's schedule for political broadcasts has been equitable. In Britain, it is the success of the party in achieving a majority in the House of Commons is the important thing. The election does not

BROTHERHOOD WEEK

IT'S National Brotherhood Week again and more than a few folks around here are making the old crack and then "Well, I'll be brotherly for a week and then I can act like I want to!" Most of them are either kidding or kidding themselves. It is not a collection of days, but an idea that is not in conflict with, but for all time that we observe us all—for all time.

It is this concept of a universal brotherhood under divine paragonage were to flourish on the earth, there would be no cold wars, no hot wars. Men could live together on the face of the earth without killing.

OMINOUS NEWS FOR TAXPAYERS

A fat, paper-bound volume of 516 closely printed pages was issued by the State Government Department of Tax Research last week, and the prospect it held out for individual Tax Heirs was rather unpalatable.

Buried among its rather unpalatable and complicated statistics was an ominous passage of a few paragraphs which said that more revenue will be needed, and that the revenue will have to come from "consumption and personal income."

In view of the virtual certainty of a deficit at the end of the present biennium and the probable pressure on the General Assembly for revenue to meet the deficit, the Department's conclusions on tax policy are interesting.

"The tree never grows to the sky," the report says referring to the cost-wage-price-price structure which inevitably stabilizes at some point after the force of inflation is spent. When that time comes, expenditures catch up with revenue collections.

Expansion of current services incident to the permanent improvement program will require additional levels of taxes by price-price structure which inevitably stabilizes at some point after the force of inflation is spent. When that time comes, expenditures catch up with revenue collections.

Now, How About An L-Bomb?



People's Platform

An Ex-Alcoholic's Story

Editor: Tax News: I AM a member of Alcoholics Anonymous, I want to say what it has done for me. Hoping it will do the same for other alcoholics. After 20 years as a miserable alcoholic, I am finally getting back on my feet, useful to myself and those with whom I am in contact.

The last 20 years, I tried everything, hospitals, jails, mental institutions, but without success. I came out the worse for it, making up for lost time drinking. But thanks to members of Alcoholics Anonymous, and the twelve steps we follow, I accomplished something I had not believed possible as a chronic alcoholic. I never stole to get it, but I always managed to get the money or no money. I even pulled the gold out of my front teeth and sold it for alcohol. I drank everything but canned heat and shoe polish.

God knows what I would have done if it had not been for A.A. My wife and daughter put all kinds of things and even worms into my liquor but to no good. Sometimes ago an A.A. member spoke to me here in Charlotte. I went, and so far so good. I know it will last, it can be as good through A.A. I am more than surprised myself and so are many other who had sold my soul to alcohol now. I see what it means to my family to be out of bondage.

It's hell for awhile, but made it, thanks to A.A. and the Grace of God. Hoping that some one will take notice of this and try it as well as many of us. We all pulled together to rid ourselves of the curse. Helping others on the same path makes us stronger.

Note Of Appreciation

THE Charlotte Distributive Education Clubs would like to thank you for the support and cooperation in the past year and your paper page in the Education Week. The articles were splendid and we feel that it did a great deal to promote our program.

Almost A Kluxer Now
Editor: Tax News: I AM a member of Federal Judge J. W. Lewis. I want to say what it has done for me. Hoping it will do the same for other alcoholics. After 20 years as a miserable alcoholic, I am finally getting back on my feet, useful to myself and those with whom I am in contact.

It is not visionary idealism to preach brotherhood in this day; the need for brotherhood is the grimmest sort of reality. Without a belief that men are brothers and must live in peace as brothers, the world is just a place of doom.

This is not exaggeration. Man has the weapons and it appears at the moment that he has the inclination.

It is to be regretted that there is no such organization as the National Conference of Christians and Jews to sponsor a "Brotherhood Week" in Russia.

It can stomach the colored people voting in the white Democratic primary, but no honorable white man or woman of this state or any other state will ever concede the inter-marriage of the two races.

"The trouble with you gentlemen is you don't know how to think for yourselves. You too easily coerced by the big banking interests that control you."

"Speaking of coercion," acily said back Lew, "how big banks force you to give up your money to support the money from reopening? I guess you'd call that coercion."

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NOTE—There may be a lot of truth to Lewis' allegation that Western and Mid-western operators have been waiting for George Lewis to die so they could get the money to set the pattern for settlement. This has sometimes appeared to be the case in the past.

He'll Buy That Suggestion For A Shoulder-Strap Bag

By ROBERT C. RUARK

I WILL NOT BUY NEW YORK suggestions the fashion experts advance each year in an effort to reduce the number of handbags worn about our waists.

It is a good idea, I think, to have a shoulder strap bag. I have one now and it is very handy. It is made of leather and looks like an old-fashioned book bag.

I do not mind admitting that I have bought it two years ago in North Africa. It cost about six bucks. It is made of leather and looks like an old-fashioned book bag.

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Russia Steps Up Efforts To Drive Americans From Berlin

By MARQUIS CHILDS

EVERY intelligence channel supplies additional details of the plan being made by the Russians to drive the Western powers out of Berlin.

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