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A TIMELY REJOINDER

PRESIDENT TRUMAN was not overreacting in the case when he said "The greatest asset that the Kremlin has is the Republican attempt in the Senate to sabotage the bipartisan foreign policy of the United States."
And the resulting howls from Senators Bridges, Wherry and McCarthy will not turn the attention of the American people away from what has been a totally irresponsible and unsubstantiated onslaught on U. S. foreign policy and the men of both parties who have fashioned it.
As of today, McCarthy and his cohorts have not produced one single "card-carrying Communist," though the Wisconsin legislator asserted frequently he would produce 57 of them, or 202 of them, or whatever figure happened to strike his mind.
As of today, McCarthy and his cohorts have not produced one single member of the State Department, high or low, who has been proved guilty of being a "fellow-traveler" or a Communist sympathizer, or an espionage agent, or anything else.
McCarthy is not shifting the responsibility of his charges. He first said that Professor Owen Lattimore was the No. 1 Soviet espionage agent in this country. In a speech before the Senate Thursday, he said he has not had too much emphasis on whether or not Lattimore "has been an espionage agent." The big thing, he said,

is whether Lattimore's "aims are American or whether they coincide with the aims of the Russian Empire."
He even backed down on his previous identification of Lattimore as a "bad security risk." He told the Senate he should have referred to him as a "bad policy risk."
The Republicans are using the old Hitler technique—make a lie big enough and tell it often enough so a people will begin to believe it. Senator Taft joined the coterie yesterday with his Portland, Maine, speech in which he said the "only way to get rid of the Communists in the State Department is to change the head of the Government." The Senator did not, of course, identify those Communists, or even prove their existence, any more than McCarthy, Bridges, and Wherry have done.
President Truman took a calculated risk when he spoke out against this smear campaign, for there is a chance that his sharp rejoinder will serve to keep alive a sentiment which was near exhaustion from its own excesses.
As President of the nation, and spokesman for all the people, he could remain silent no longer. What he said expressed what we take to be the opinion of all decent, honorable American people who cherish traditions of freedom and fair play.

HOW TO SAVE MONEY

CITY MANAGER Henry Yancey's order to department heads to cut out non-essential buying for the next three months only makes good sense, but it points up the vast gulf between efficiency of government at the local and national levels.
Mr. Yancey, noting the approaching end of the current fiscal year on June 30, figured that some department heads who have money left in their budgets might be tempted to buy equipment and supplies over and above the actual need.
"As I see it, a department head who has struggled long for nine months without being able to make his budget, by trying to save money by buying over and above the actual need, would be tempted to buy equipment and supplies over and above the actual need.
It is not as easy to hold down non-essential buying in the vast and sprawling Federal Government, however. The Hoover Commission found that most of the agencies of the government have accumulated

quantities of supplies which, according to present rates of consumption, will be sufficient to supply their needs for periods of one to 50 years. A study of the stock facilities of ten civilian agencies showed that excess stocks averaged 70 per cent of the total stock inventories.
One reason given by the Commission for this situation: "Most agencies invest appropriation balances at the end of a fiscal year in supplies so as to avoid returning such funds to the Treasury."
In other words, the government officials whose department doesn't spend its appropriation know that Congress will cut the appropriation the next year, so he spends it in a hurry, and goes back to Congress empty-handed.
So far no one has come up with a satisfactory way to stop this wasting of Federal money. But Mr. Yancey has shown that it can be stopped at the local level.
More power to him.

A DISPUTE IS SETTLED

HAVING profound respect for the ability of North Carolina Baptists to work out their own problems, and not wishing to intrude in an intradenominational squabble, THE NEWS has steered clear of the controversy over accepting Medical Care Commission funds for a new wing of the Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem.
Now that the general board of the Baptist State Convention has reaffirmed its decision at Salisbury last December 29 to accept \$897,356 in Medical Care Commission funds, THE NEWS would venture its opinion.
The State Convention and the hospital and state has not been a real issue all along.
No denomination is more zealous in preserving the traditional American theory that the church and the state shall be kept separate so that neither will dominate or interfere with the other.
The starting point of this Springtime day dream is the annual news story out of Columbia describing the course listed in the University of Missouri catalog as "Physical Education 8205." Stripped of its frilly lower drapery, this is the universal science in which those who would weep at such an academic subterfuge, Prof. Chester L. Brewer, instructor

State and Federal funds for a general hospital would weaken the principle.
A private non-profit hospital operated for the benefit of the general public, but not subject to denominational yardstick to measure its employees or its patients, is not a religious institution in our understanding of that term. Its purpose is to heal the sick, not to promote and foster a particular religious creed.
And because it serves the general public, it should participate in such public funds as are made available by Federal and State Governments.
Had the general board reversed its earlier action and rejected the funds, the North Carolina Baptists would not have been any losers. The rest of the people of this State would stand to benefit from the Baptist Hospital's service to humanity would have lost more.

TRIPLE ATTACK ON CANCER

TODAY the public is presented an opportunity to fight cancer in three ways:
1. Contributions to the American Cancer Society's \$25,000 fund-raising campaign in Charlotte and Mecklenburg County will be used for (1) research, (2) research, (3) service.
Through research, scientists will probe into the causes of cancer, new means of treating it, and new techniques for curing it.
Through education the Cancer Society hopes to bring persons suffering from cancer under treatment earlier. Fully

one-third of last year's 300,000 cancer deaths could have been prevented through early treatment, doctors believe.
Through the Society's service program, for both doctors and lay people, better, more complete treatment of patients has resulted. Trained volunteers have helped in home treatment, supplied stock-room equipment, bandages and dressings.
The American Cancer Society through its Mecklenburg unit has proved that something can be done about cancer. The machinery is there; it remains for us, through our contributions, to make it toll.

AB IN PISCATORIAL SCIENCE

AT THIS SEASON when Nature compels A to make lazing in the sun a temptation, just when the lawn and garden cry out for attention, we like to recall one of the most eloquent defenses of verbal erudition ever written—Robert Louis Stevenson's delightful "Apology for Idiots."
It comes in a series of four chapters, the wisdom the observation that all life is a book—in which it makes little difference whether one studies Chapter 20 (which is how to calculate a chapter) (which is differential calculus) or Chapter 24 (which is differential calculus).

in piscatorial science, insists that "it is as important for students to learn how to live as well as to make a living."
And where could a better example of living be found for classroom study than on the bank of an Oark stream when the trout rise to the fly and the bass are cooperative—and hungry? The question is as academic as those stuffy souls who would deny fishing recognition as a branch of higher education.
We hope the folks who are planning jet propulsion for automobiles will figure out some way to provide it for us pedestrians too.—Wickles Falls (Tex.) Times.



News From The Capital

Corporate Tax Plan Studied

By TOM SCHLESINGER, Charlotte News Special Writer.
REPRESENTATIVE ROBERT L. DOUGHTON, a secret weapon that could wipe out the Administration's No. 1 beefy with one fell swoop, is not the House Ways and Means Committee Congress within reach of a balanced budget in 1951. It could liquidate the OGP's one and only real campaign deficit spending.
What is this fabulous means of blowing hot ink off the ledger?
It's the "Mills Plan" dreamed up by Representative Wilbur D. Mills (D-Ark.), which has been presented to the House Ways and Means Committee of Chairman Doughton.
It's a sort of "Rum plan" applied to corporations.
In other words, it would move up the date for paying corporate taxes.
Corporations now pay their taxes in four quarterly installments. After each of each company's taxable year, the "Mills Plan" would require them to pay up within six months after each taxable year.
What would this mean?
Doughton says it would stop up collections, adding 48 million dollars in 1951. Enough, with a few other adjustments, he pointed out, to balance the budget.
But there's one obvious drawback to this cur-act. The revenue would be strictly a 1951 windfall. The Treasury would be swelled only temporarily since an equivalent amount would be lost in the ensuing fiscal year.
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stood behind Graham when he was working out the principles for the foundation of the new Republic of the United States of Indonesia last year.
At that time, under attack both from Moscow as "a tool of imperialism" and from Dutch die-hard reactionaries as "a tool of imperialism," he was able to stand firm.
Senator Graham understands how it is to be under fire at home when trying to do a job abroad.
THE SOUTH CAROLINA delegation's offices this week were busy sending out the first free copies of the newly-prepared Government-prints cookbook, put together this election year by the Bureau of Human Nutrition and Home Economics of the Agriculture Department. Each House member gets 1,000 for free distribution, while the Senators get a few thousand more.
A NEW approach to education aid now appears to concentrate on a bill which would appropriate Federal funds for extra payment of teachers' salaries only. Such a bill would not carry with it the explosive religious issue which has hamstrung Federal aid to education legislation so far.
SENATOR GRAHAM said that "the pipeline nature of the commodity made it necessary for controls to make sure the consumer had inexpensive fuel." The consumer would be at the mercy of the operators who handled the rate. He said Senator Hoey got the winning side, saw the bill "as a simple means of continuing in existence that law is now, and what he has always been in the production of natural gas."
The North Carolina House delegation majority last week paralled the stand of Senator Hoey, and helped cement his retention.
The entire bunch, however, got together backing the bill, minus the co-op section, with the exception of Senator Graham and Chairman Hoey who are still ill.
The delegation favored without dissent two other bills: 1) Granting the Committee on Un-American Activities another \$100,000 to carry on its operations and 2) authorizing full modifying charges regarding costs of cotton and peanuts, and changing the potato support program.
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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

IN Baltimore, a weather-worn but merry-go-round creaked, swayed in Oriental robes, as saying "Three prayers for the Merry-Go-Round," as he arrives from Afghanistan to face the charges of Sen. McCarthy.
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'Fierce Prayers' Are Said For Friend

Just as unhappy about the Soviet regime as Sen. McCarthy is now. Some day, perhaps, the Senator will learn that every Russian is not necessarily a Soviet spy—though it does seem that the Senator learns the hard way.
When I visited the Dowry Buddha, he was a much younger man, living in the western part of Mongolia near the Siberian border. He had not only great religious influence, but he was also a prominent figure in the country.
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This form of Buddhism is practiced chiefly in Tibet and Mongolia. It differs from Buddhism as practiced in India, Burma and China, much as the orthodox Catholic Church differs from the Roman Catholic Church.
Living Buddha was a second only to Tibet's Dalai Lama in spiritual influence over millions of Tibetans and Mongolians.
Already in Mongolia, the Reds have stirred the church by the hands of the living Buddha.
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Desperate Republican Party Could Ruin Self In Election

WASHINGTON
THE REPUBLICAN Party has lost five Presidential elections and has lost 136 House seats since 1855 they have lost three Congressional elections and won one.
That is the saddest state of affairs even when the four years of the war, which have by comparison been a suspension of partisan politics, are taken into account.
For old-line Republicans it is not merely a defeat, but a humiliating, it is downright immoral, wicked and contrary to nature.
The Republican Party of the past two parties approach what may well be a crucial election this Fall. The opposition party suffers from a deep sense of frustration and, with that, one can detect a related feeling that anything is justified in order to win.
It is easy to understand this feeling. The Republican Party of the past was rooted in the belief that God and the American people meant the Republicans to govern the nation.
This was not just a political belief. It was a faith. It was a faith in my father who was born and lived all his life in Iowa. Iowa was known as the land of the corn and the soil and as unshakably as the sun rises and sets.
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Any Day Now The Victim Of Murder Will Be The Villain

NEW YORK
I CLAIM you cannot give up I leave today with all the old, solemn "hush-hush" we used to give out of deference to the calamity. It is getting out of hand and the corpses don't care. I see no need to tread gently in the public mind because the friend had spoken something of Calvin Coolidge.
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Helping State Dept.

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