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A TIMELY SCOLDING

ONE reason why the statistics on drunk driving... Judge Clement is not usually given to tirades from the bench.

PROGRESS IN THE PIEDMONT

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ONE WAY TO SERVE...

THE State Highway Commission's reluctance to do street work for smaller towns and cities is quite understandable.

But there is something the Commission can do that should have been done long ago. The creation of a Division of Municipal Street Planning within the Commission.

The benefits would not accrue solely to the towns and cities. The State Highway Com-

From The Greensboro Daily News

PAUL GREEN'S MISSION

OFFHAND one can think of nobody better qualified than Paul Green to fly around the world and tell other people about America's soul.

Right now down at Chapel Hill librarians are packing a book about him to the University of Tokyo, the University of Ceylon and the University of Burma.

Why does it matter whether educators, writers and government officials in Penang, Jakarta and Tehran hear a man like Paul Green talk about foundations of America's culture?

It matters terribly because these people have been exposed to the Russian tempter's siren song. Like a bloodcurdling the Kremlin attaches itself to the downtrodden, the bewildered and the discontented.

strong. Judge Clement says told Solicitor Basil Whitman... "This is your county. The only protection that people have against drunk driving is the jury of the county."

The jurist rendered a notable service. Under the American system of justice, the final responsibility for enforcing the law must rest with the jury.

Let us hope that Judge Clement's scolding will remind future Mecklenburg juries that their obligation is not one-sided.

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Let You in On A Secret. There's A Connection Here



People's Platform

Letters should be brief, written on one side of the paper. The printer's name must be signed, but may be withheld from publication in the discretion of the Editor. The News reserves the right to condense.

Clean Sports Edition

GREENVILLE, S. C. Editors: The News: We deeply appreciated that fine sports edition of The Charlotte News, particularly the complete Fall football schedule.

MRS. RAY E. WAITE

That 'Rich Men's Tax Bill'

CHARLOTTE Editors: The News: I WOULD like to take issue with you about the recent editorial, "Rich Men's Tax Bill is usually bad business. Suppose a corporation's fiscal year ended before Jan. 1, 1961. It would have to do back pay and additions to the year which had all been wrapped up and laid away, and if it had followed the wishes of the Treasury and disbursed all its earnings in dividends, it would be in the hole. Taxes ought to be levied in advance.

The excess profits tax has its good and bad points, but it seems to me that when the rate rises on corporations get up to 52 percent, the excess profits tax is already in effect. However, I've no great argument on this point.

Here's my biggest objection. Do you know what the present Federal tax is on net income (the income remaining after deductions and exemptions) of \$150,000, say? The tax is \$11,820. Do you know what the tax on the next \$50,000 of income would be? \$46,000.

This is pure and rank socialism or confiscation or the use of the power to tax to accomplish social purposes, and though my income is something short of \$150,000, I am dead against it.

If whoever wrote the editorial had done a little figuring on his own hook, I believe he would not have been so put out with the Senate bill. Take the \$150,000 man as an example. His money remaining after taxes under present rates would be \$39,190. The House bill proposed a tax that at 12.5 per cent, or \$4,773. The Senate would it down to 11 per cent, or \$4,199.90 and put in a limit of 8 per cent to the tax collector. The theory behind this is, I believe, sound. If the profit on the sale of

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

DIPLOMATS returned from the Ottawa Washington treaty privately that it wasn't anywhere near as successful as the headlines and the official press communiques indicate.

In fact, it ducked the most important problem for which it was called—the question of deciding how much to spend on the European rearmament and how much for civilian uses.

Furthermore, the Ottawa diplomats did not even bother to read General Eisenhower's report on Europe's military defense. It had prepared a report on the present strength of Europe, and on how much armament would be necessary. But his analysis was not even read.

Most of this took place at closed-door sessions and was not known to the public. Keynote of the general attitude at the Ottawa Conference was a speech given by Bjorn Benktzon, foreign minister of Iceland, a handsome Viking-type gentleman with long drooping mustaches very much like a walrus.

One-Sided Game

OTHER foreign ministers took a similar position. They weren't quite so blunt, but their general feeling was

capital asset were taxable as income all in one year and ran the taxpayer up into the high brackets.

You have such a good editorial page that I know you won't take it hard that I dispute with you. WEARY TAXPAYER

Don't Tax Young Swimmers

CHARLOTTE Editors: The News: THE REVENUE Act of 1961 now being considered in the Senate would exempt municipal swimming pools, beaches, etc. of the admission tax.

Remember there are many small towns and communities that do not have municipal pools and beaches. Primarily, as you know, the only excuse for the Government to go into the swimming pool field was to provide this much needed physical exercise for underprivileged children.

We are not against the principle of not taxing local governments but simply ask that justice demand equitable treatment for the patrons of private enterprise as set forth in New Jersey Sen. Robert C. Hendrickson's amendment Section 4D of 1961 Revenue Bill on behalf of millions of swimming and bathing enthusiasts interested in relief from unjust and unconstitutional taxes.

Statistics show that the major portion of swimmers are under sixteen years of age and nearly all the rest are either in high school or college. Most of the admission tax comes from money earned from baby-sitting, selling papers, picking blackberries, raking leaves, mowing lawns, etc. or had pay for the usually family man of limited means, for the wealthy man has the privilege of belonging to a private club. If he belongs to a private club, his admission tax is only eleven cents a year while the little man who can only afford to pay for his swims one at a time has to pay 20 per cent.

In our country so hard up that we must tax our young citizens, whose whole recreation is in their country so unjust that it would force part of its people to pay 20 per cent admission tax and exempt others?

—RALPH A. SUTTLE, Suttle Swimming Pool, Charlotte, N. C.

Quote, Unquote

Editor Lamar Siedge asked a DeKlab neighbor, Dan Williams, to go with him and hear a woman candidate for Congress. The Kemper Countess declined, told the editor: "I listened to one woman too long, and got cured." —Eupora (Miss.) Webster-Frogman.

Ottawa Conference Ducked Main Issue

that further efforts should come from the United States. "It was a pity that the conference was not more game played against a wall, with the United States lone tennis player and Europe the wall."

Secretary of State Acheson left off the first closed-door session on a note too harrowing speech. When he was very much on the ball at San Francisco, Dean seemed tired at Ottawa. He addressed the foreign and finance ministers on the obvious fact that Russian foreign policy had not changed in several hundred years, that it continues one of aggression, and that Russia under the Kremlin, as under the czar, is still a threat to the free world.

Acheson also dwelt on the equally obvious fact that trouble in the Near and Middle East—as Iran—could vitally affect the West.

Another delegate read ludicrous quotations from Lenin showing Russia's passion for conquest—quotations which were well known and presumably so of great import to a group of world leaders gathered because they were already aware of threatened Soviet aggression.

The Portuguese delegate also complained: "The one country which has stanchly and consistently fought communism is not here. It should be seated beside us, carrying on this battle shoulder to shoulder. I refer of course to Spain."

Bevan's Ghost

THOUGH he wasn't present, the chief shadow which hung over the conference was that of American-born, though British Minister of Health, who left the Labor Government because he claimed it was spending too much on armament and not enough on health benefits. The

Ke's Conviction That Europe Is Defensible Has Caught On

By STEWART ALSOP

THE MOST surprising thing PARIS has seen since the outbreak of the war is the conviction that Europe is defensible. It is a conviction that has caught on among Western Europe today is that its people have suddenly begun to think seriously about defense.

Even the skeptical French are beginning to talk as though the defense of their country, which seemed to them secondary at the point of military unity a few months ago, might quite soon become a first priority.

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Yet this confidence that the job can really be done is only the first essential. There must also be the will. As Eisenhower also points out to visitors, there is still a terribly long way to go. By the end of this year, Eisenhower's planners expect to have available more than 50 divisions.

This is no optimistic forecast. It is a realistic one. It is because of the suspicion that someone has been counting a lot of German chickens long before they are hatched.

Yet here it must be said that this depends on a lot of things, such as the state of the economy, the state of the military force, the state of the political situation, the state of the international situation.

It is nonsense to doubt that it can be done. It is nonsense to doubt that American industrial might, combined with the sort of spirit in the world, could have served ground forces among French troops, can match the power of the state. And all the while the job is done, it is not necessary to like to visit, then we can really begin to breathe again.

Don't Advertise To Recruit Soldiers — Just Grab Them

By ROBERT C. RUARK

NEW YORK ABOUT the Government going into advertising money to attract young men to join the military by baiting them with expensive radio broadcasts and the job of the military force.

It seems to me that the whole military procurement scheme is awfully foolish up, and should be confined to some kind of delicacy intelligible to all us dumb guys who pay for it. Certainly a military career for the young man is a necessary nuisance to him, if the young and strong wish to achieve old age. Certainly, you should not need to further afflict the taxpayer with sugar-coated enticements to simple duty, any more than we advertise to induce people to pay taxes.

RETIARDS HAILED BACK Ever since we had a draft act we have kicked it administration around and around. We have had the retreats from World War II while allowing certain percentages of the population to be exempted from military duty.

It is a little sickening, too, to see a 30-year-old general resigning at a time of international crisis, in order to take a better job. If we paid these people what they are worth instead of a comparatively cool salary, the bores of the big industries would not be so thoroughly peopled with refugees from the military force.

The boys in Washington have cried doom at us until we have convinced them as Russians in the world as I write. But we still handle the military force as a strong and constant fighting force as if we were issuing invitations to young men to join the military force. Listen to Bill Stern on the radio and acquire a new sense of responsibility to your lovely land."

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Washington Pipeline

THE Army has lost all control over its chief lobbyist on Capitol Hill, Brig. Gen. Robert Moore. He has so many friends in Congress that he is able to get his way in the Pentagon and does as he pleases. When he is passed over by his promotion, Moore's congressional friends make him a general anyhow by writing it into the appropriation bill by a majority of 20. So two Senators have gone on strict diets to get rid of them — Johnson of Texas and Ives of New York.

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