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SENATOR BYRD'S TAX PROPOSAL

THE same edition of The News that carried our "Tax Now, Spend Later" suggestion to Congress had a statement by Senator Harry F. Byrd of Virginia expounding the opposite view. Senator Byrd believes that Congress should hold up action on new taxes until all appropriations measures are passed, and argues that...

617,000 in 1938 to \$53,940,916,000 in the war year of 1945. Instead of being "reminded" that he has the choice between cutting down on the outgo or raising the average consumer tax...

RAILROAD ACCIDENTS

ALTHOUGH the three recent railroad disasters in the vicinity of New York City pose a special problem for New York and New Jersey authorities, there is a larger significance for the whole country. It is this: somehow, somewhere the railroads have failed to protect the passenger with adequate protection. The job is to find out how and where, and then remedy the fault.

In the five-year period from 1944 to 1948, the railroad safety record showed steady improvement. The 1950 Statistical Abstract of the United States gives this tabulation of deaths and injuries in that period:

Table with 4 columns: Year, Passengers Killed, Passengers Injured. Data for 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948.

Comparable figures for 1949 and 1950 are not available, but three major train wrecks last year alone at Rockville Cen-

THE 'BOOM' FOR SAM ERVIN

MOST of the State's political experts have been saying all along that William Umstead of Durham can have the 1952 Democratic nomination for Governor if Sam Ervin can get the nomination for Governor if Sam Ervin can get the nomination for Governor...

who fills the office of Chief Executive of the State." Of course, according to the News-Herald, it would be out of order for a Supreme Court Justice to express any political ambition or intention, but "Sam Ervin has never been known to run a campaign from what he decided to be a duty, but from a call to serve his party, his county or his State."

A NEW LOW IN MCCARTHYISM

SENATOR Joseph McCarthy has sunk to low depths on many occasions, but he really touched bottom Monday night.

Speaking at the Republican Party school-de-do in Washington, McCarthy said of the recent election: "They (the American people) turned their backs on the planners who were willing to use the blood of other people's sons to fight Communism abroad and to acquire their soul to Communism at home."

Nations sent troops into Korea in order to fight a sequester to Communism at home.

Surely the responsible members of the Republican Party who gave this man a place on the platform, do not share such thoughts, or condone such statements.

PERSONALLY, I am incensed at the City Library Board's action in banning the local appearance of Mae West.

Nothing makes me quite as indignant as the idea of anyone interfering with an elderly lady earning a living.

When I was being a young "Diamond Lil" since Lionel Barrymore was a juvenile, by today's standards, it's about as lewd and obscene as a 1911 edition of Captain Billy's Whiz Bang.

Why, if the Library Board gets away with this, the next thing you know they'll be around taking up our "Chicken Inspector" and "I Love My Wife But Oh You Kid" badges.

In banning in Atlanta a show which has run for two generations in Boston, the members of the board have provided a bullmark for our laughings and around

the nation. I don't know whether they are near-sighted or just can't see beyond the blue of their noses.

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Maybe the old colored woman had something when she said: "Lard, honey child, when yo' ain't got no education yo' just got to use your brain."—M. Oline Tribune.

Situation Like Munich Looms For Yugoslavs

By THE READERS WASHINGTON

THE SECOND decisive event of the present spring political world affairs seems to be taking shape at last behind the scenes. The situation in Europe is now beginning of the all-out effort to rearm the West, stimulated by the aggression in Korea and now, in order to deter the Kremlin from forestalling this great but time-consuming rearmament, the consideration is being given to unreeching the West's only existing military asset—the atomic stockpile.

Here the immediate stimulus is the preparation for an attack on Yugoslavia by the Kremlin's Hungarian, Bulgarian and Rumanian satellites. Russia is trying to force the Yugoslav Army and giving the Kremlin a vital position there, the proposed conquest of Yugoslavia would neutralize the Turkish Army. It would create conditions for a Soviet absorption of the Middle East. And it would probably cause the formation of a "neutralist" government in Italy and France.

In sum, this simple flanking attack, which is being carried out by the satellites alone, would effectively break the Western alliance. Thus the Kremlin in fact has struck all fruits of a gigantic victory with none of the trouble of a major war.

FROZEN ASSETS The atomic stockpile must be re-located in a safe place, for the very simple reason that, for the face of the existing situation, Yugoslavia in fact has been attacked by the surrounding satellites without precipitating a general war.

In considering so grave a situation, there are three other points to be considered. First, there is the immense political and strategic importance. First, there is the re-orientation of the world situation to the situation re-Korea. Last June, American disarmament, plus the withdrawal of American troops, not only to intervene in Korea, actively invited aggression there, but it was attacked because it looked perfectly safe to do so.

Today, there has been no public change in our policy. The Marshall plan to limit assistance to Marshal Tito to "aid short of the Marshall plan" has been rendered doubtful by recent heavy-armed explanations there. The Kremlin's attitude toward the American disarmament has been to use it as a lever to North American policy to strike before the West is re-armed, and the whole Soviet program is being re-organized.

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Mr. Truman's Backyard



Collected By Bill Sharpe

TURPENTINE DRIPPINGS

She Already Knows (Mrs. Thee, Davis, Nelson Record) Mrs. Thee, Davis, Nelson Record has joined the magazines in predicting what women will be wearing this year. It needs no guesswork to tell what the writer of this column will wear. A look into my closet will suffice; for what I'm going to be dressed in is just what is already hanging up there.

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City Winds (Charlotte) I can figure the wind out pretty well in the open country, where I belong. But in the cities it's a different story.

We're Not Alone (Montgomery Herald) I don't doubt my new agitation about school attendance comes from the fact that about the number of men who were rejected in the draft, I have a better sense than talking about it to have had still lack of school attendance. They rose on their hind legs and shouted about the weakness of the public schools, and it proved so when we found that practically the same situation existed in other states, notably New Jersey, where the ratio of dropouts was as high or higher than in this state. It was proven to be the peculiar ideas of the Army, just as we contended at first.

Keeping Up With The Joneses (Estate of John Richmond County Journal) Everybody is keeping up with the Joneses, while the Joneses are breaking their necks to keep up with the Smiths. Some of us are trying to do better than the Joneses, while the Joneses are trying to do better than the Smiths. Some of us are trying to do better than the Joneses, while the Joneses are trying to do better than the Smiths.

Rice Is Dangerous (Waynesville Mountaineer) Six Yanks were wounded in a Korean rice field when an enemy shell landed nearby, spraying them with mud and rice.

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Freeze Fails To Stop Spiral Of Inflation

By MARQUIS CHILDS WASHINGTON

AS THE ROULETTE wheel of inflation continues to spin, checked somewhat but not stopped by the wage-price freeze, there are events in the news which have an ominous meaning. The following are a few of the items which are being watched on whether or not the wheel is to be stopped or whether the reckless spinning will continue on.

1. The response of Congress to the President's tax recommendations, the continuation of the program that existed before the program came up for final action. Almost certainly the final action will be delayed for several months. There is a widespread determination to get deeply into the President's \$11 billion budget — which can be hardly called an indiscriminate increase on the defense side.

2. The report of a Senate subcommittee on the political influence has operated to get loans out of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. There has been one or two instances former RFC employees, have taken large sums to get loans on conditions more favorable than those of the public.

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