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ISSUES ARE AT STAKE-NOT MEN

We major events in this nation's history have arrayed public opinion so clearly have been seen as President reason as the command. Newspaper edicated command, Newspaper edicated command, Newspaper edicated command, Francisco editor, letter from readers, and public since public all reflect a razor-charp division. There is no middle ground of public inion, or at least it hasn't been heard middle command.

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This may bring unexpected dividends in the cening months, for it is bound to result in a clearer understanding or its constant to the control of the contro

for 15 years in one remote theater, are better able to keep the whole global military picture in proper perspective.

These men recognize the difficulty of fight-ing a limited war in Korea against unfavor-able and frustrating handicaps. As military ing a limited war in Korea against unravor-able and frustrating handicaps. As military men, they undoubtedly would like to send huge fleets of great bombers to smash at the Communists in Manchuria and, perhaps, the Russian supply dumps beyond.

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But these men, fortunately, have held their anger in check. They have collég calculated the long-term global defense strategy. They know that the free world is growing stronger with every passing week. They have come to the head of the strong of the strong stronger with every passing week. They have come to the colculation of the strong of the

MR. TRUMAN'S SHARE OF THE BLAME

THE life of the editorial writer, as we have noted in these columns before, is the an easy one. The editorial writer is spected to deal hastily and yet responsibly ith great and complex events, and to set wom in minutes or hours consequent toughts that will stand up later under his wn critical eye, and that of the thoughtful

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nevitably he is plagued with afterughts. He sees what he has left out, whatoortant qualifications he has insevertenity
relocked, how much better he could have
d this or that. If he is a man of conscience,
I most good editorial writers are, he will
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set footnotes, if nothing more, to what ne has written. In revealing our editorials of this, week on the Truman-MacArthur impass, it has eccurred, fou that Trus News said rather poorly something that should have been said better, i. e. Mr. Trumah's own deficiencies of leadership left a vacuum in which General MacArthur and other militant critics of our foreign policy have been free to operate. The late Tresident Roosevelt had difficulties with General MacArthur, too. The General did not agree with the Roosevelt-Churchill-Marshall plan to defeat Germany

before launching an all-out attack on Japan. He argued strenuously against the strategy. But the Roosevelt-Churchill leadership was o dramstic and dominant that not even the spectacular MacArthur dared to challenge

th.

The present Administration's global military strategy is sound, but it has not been sold to the American people in language they could undestand and with motives they could feel. And the responsibility for that failure must be laid at the door of the White House. No other official, elected or appointed, can be expected to shoulder this unique burden of the Presidency.

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To that extent Mr. Truman must share the
harm for the sharp division in national publie oninon that greeted his discharge of
General MacArthur. Had he exercised the
right brand of leadership, the situation
would never have developed. The tone and
content of his radio address this week were
in refreshing contrast to some of his other
recent utterances, giving rise to the hope,
abbeit a faint hope, that he has realized at
last that the times demand more of him than
vacations at Key West and sharp, off-the-cuff
quips at press conferences.

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VESTERDAY the Seniste Committee on
Constitutional Amendments killed an
Ill-devised proposal to amend the Constitution to prevent any County from having
one more Senator. Thus an undemocratic
electmen received the senit early, the fairminded leaders of public opinion throughout
Ngrth Caroline will have an opportunity to
build support for a redistricting of the State
Senate as provided by the Constitutional
mandate to rearrange the 50 Senatorial districts. The 1953 General Assembly should
profit by this bad example and carry out
its duty. To floot the Constitution in so open
and brazen fashion is to encourage the same
low political morality at the State and local

level that we have recently witnessed on the mational scene. It will take strong and enlightened leadership, Eastern North Carolina now has a disproportionate voice in the House and the Sease. It is only factor to the thouse and the sease of the control of the sease of the sease of the sease of the sease of the sease. Under the terms of the Constitution, the Sease is the appropriate body. Meeklenburg County has the greatest stake of all, yet not one Mecklenburger (other than members of our legislative delegation) attended y selecteday's public hearing—31-though notice was given the day before. If the political leadership in Mecklenburg County doesn't show more interest than that, another move to amend the Constitution in 1933 may succeed by default.

From The St. Louis Post-Dispatch

FISHING: HOW CRAZY?

MORE PEOPLE went fishing, the world trobably would not be a whit more sane it now is. But it certainly would seem to more people—that is, to those who

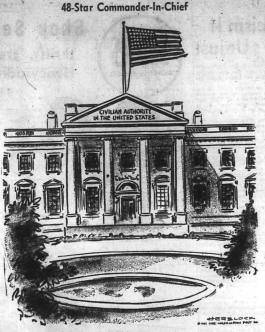
in it now is, but necreamy to more people—that is, to those who at fishing. The hard-boiled, realists who discuss "the astion" at every party, eccitail or dinner. Il brand this as abuser escapiam. They will that it is just a pathological flight toward mfort. But just what is comfortable along a Bearing River these mornings before the in is up and while fee still forms on fly

ree, the ice is a good excuse for reskfast earlier than planned, and wing over an extra cup of coffee sing that the day will warm up a bit. can't be too sure about the warmth

HOW CRAZY?

banks. He will not the early
morning mists rising from a spring-fed
stream, or of the plnt striped morning sky
turning to blue. Now will be concede, except
in a burst of unusual frankness, that there is
more than a little fun in waxing a line, tysin
a lire, or debating the relative merits of
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the long trup, the early rising, the Spartan
endurance of uncertain weather, the hours
of concentrated casting, according to the
fishermen, have only one objective: the thrill
which comes when the hook is properly set
in the mouth of a plig, flighting front. The
oftener the better, of course. But how few
fish it really takes to justify the trip and to
start plans for the next one.

Maybe the trout fisherman resulty is the
other bug at the other end of the line. But
if fishing is a form of insanity, how much
more defigure, with the fiftle is a many of the
world's phillosophers, statesmen and generals.
So, we set to our original idea. If only



People's Platform

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

CHARLOTTE

Exercise In Irony

Editors. The News:

I GREATLY enloyed your splendid editorial in Tuesday's paper, concerning the 'parallel in the careers of Abraham Lincoln and Harri end and Harri end and Harri end and Harri end to see just how close their careers did run.

I am sure that the story about Lincoln's walking twelve miles to return a penny must have been the inspiration for Harry's glorious career from Pendergats to MPC. No Presidential administrations are control to the product of the

ADMINIATOR SUPPLIES TO SEE President Truman nichamed "Honest Harry".

Both men were great and moving orators, No doubt futures history books will carry, side by side, Harry with the state of such vitaly needed national leaders as James S. Byrnes and Bernstein of the state of th

Issue Had To Be Settled PITTSBORO

ditors, The News:

HAVE read every line on your editorial page of April 10, including Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-cound, which I seldom read, and enjoyed it all.

But the lid is now off and, like that of the andora box of old, the evil spirits will doubtless ly in all directions, with such results as no one can

foresee.
Your editorial—"Traman And Lincoln, A Parallel"—raises a question in my mind, not in the nature of a parallel, but of a contrast, as well as of the
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the American army would have caved in to Russia as he did. We had won the war with Japan, but Russia, with only six days of participation, was given everything that Japan had acquired over more than a half century on the thin the political level, but it is or should be different at the military level, tertainly to the extent of not transferring from one dictatorship its spoils to that of another. That holds equally to the aircain on a it developed in Europe. We gave memitted her to seek Berlin. And the all the substitution of the substitution of the con-

And the alibi that Russia proved to be untrust-worthy will not stand up. We knew the character of Russia, and that her present government was born of force and ruthlessness and not worthy of trust

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However, with this tragic background of the proven danger of placing supreme power in one to train the control of the proven danger of placing supreme power in one to the control of the proven danger of placing supreme power in one to the issue. It also the bettler risk. Marakthur forced will not weaken our defense.

If I could do it, I would take our forces out of Korea tomorrow. There is but little left of population or property in Korea to further fight over. By see and air power we could otherwise maintain the status quo. When the place is the status quo. When the place is the status quo. When the place is the sensible as well as the humane course to pursue, as I see sensible as well as the humane course to pursue, as I see it.—

JOHN W. HESTER.

God, Give Us Men!

Editors, The News:

IN reading of the type of men both elected and appointed to public office in the United States, and throughout the world today, and those who received office by the bayonet, there comes to mind a poem by Josiah Gibter Holland, "Ood, Give Us Meni", that is appropriate for the times. When vice and immorality are armpant we should all read Poet Holland's poem and take it to heart.

Thank you for a great paper and may its columns always be open to us who care to use them.

—ERNINGE ROY BEST.

Polio Drive Report

CHAPEL HILL

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Editors, The News:

YOU will be interested to know that the 1951
March of Dimes campaign in North Carolina
was a spilled man to the control of the control o Editors, The News:

Some Editorial Comment On The Removal Of MacArthur

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

American newspaper opinion on President Truman's removal of Gen. Douglas MacArthur ranged from a demand for Mr. Truman's impeachment to vigorous approval of his action.

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us win? The people's anger at the firing of MacArthur is their answer."

Hickment Truman had no alternative but to relieve General MacArthur. The general had ignored at least two directives from the President and the joint chiefs of staff... Talk of impeeding Mr. tragic to contemplete the dismissal of a man_of General MacArthur has been dismissal of a man_of General MacArthur character and stature by a man whose own schevements are far least the stage of t

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in war, there is no room for a divided command. . With one of those strokes of boldness and decision which size characteristic of Mr. Truman in emergencies, a very difficult and dangerous problem has been me in the only way it could have been me; But if the it could have been me; But if the strong the could have been me; but if the other hards and the properties of him—simply leaves the matter there until some other crisis emerges, there will be small gain."

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Boston Herald: "We do not see that he (the President) had any honorable alternative. No self-respecting commander-in-chief can belierate a subordinate who disobers orders."

New Orleans Times-Picayum:

"It is at least conceivable that the
dismissal of the embattled commander might hasten the end of
the controversy. It is our ewn impression that the fundamental
the cured by MacArthur's elimination: That if must be found and
remedied in Washington."

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trange thing is that General MacArthur, a soldier from the heart
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can hardly igno., his constant
dangerous insubsedination . .

President Truman' and General
MacArthur. Now
they had better be prepared to
give the American people some
consideration, which they have
only and the commander besident in advenment of the commander of the co

not yet done."

Milwaukee Journal: "The United States cannot allow a military commander persistently to advocate policies that alienate our friends and allies throughout the

Detroit Free Press: "MacArthur is a victim of the wobbly and uncertain policy of world diplomats and the shoddy mentality of the mighty in Washington. A biger mighty in Washington Pest: "There is no room in our society for indispension of the common property." Washington Pest: "There is no room in our society for indispension of General MacArthur." Washington Pest: "There is no room in our society for indispension of General MacArthur is the first sign in months of a firm had at the helm of our affairs." It is a sad and infinitely disturbing day for Americans with red blood in their veins. . Americans today are not in happy harmony with the way and faint hearted "west for Americans with red blood in their veins. . Americans today are not in happy harmony with the way and faint hearted "west for the form of the world for the form of the form

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

White House Feared M'Arthur Statement

WASHINGTON

IT WAS not until about 11:15 Tuesday night that President Truman actually decided to issue his 1 A. M. statement Ifring General MacArthounentons step had already been taken, but the timing was set for Friday, not Tuesday midnight. And the reason for the sudden occurrency of the announcement was a telephone the contract of the Army Pace h Tokyo tiping off Truman that MacArthur planned to jump the gui and get out his own statement

planned to jump the gun and get out his own statement first.

The President was still smarting from an incident around March 24 when MacArthur had jumped the gun on him, so naturally he was leery. He had sent MacArthur a policy statement for his persual and the properties of the pr

collar against MacArthur. He complained to colleagues that MacArthur's constant sounding-off about war with China was undercutting our whole defense plan in Europe and making General Eisenhower's work three times as

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Adm. Forrest Sherman, chief of naval operations, and reported by some as favoring MacArthur's strategy against China, actually three many control of the control of the

Ridgway Can Hold

Deputy Undersceretary Dean Rusk to the White House where they prepared the MacArthur press release. Frier to that, iate on Monday afternoon the Joint Chiefs of Staff, beed a highly secret in the MacArthur must 80.

Bradley Cets Hot

GEN. Ours Radley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and a most milled-mannered man, was hottest under the

the blame.

Ridgway, so far, has made good his military promises, and be White House took him at his word.

Humble Harry

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PRESIDENT TRUMAN'S usual peppery remarks have not been in evidence during the MacArthur controversynot even to his personal advisers. The nearest he came to pepper was at last week? Calhind meeting diet. The true of the comparison o