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NO PORK BARREL, PLEASE

The Chamber of Commerce deserves kudos for its sensible attitude toward a veterans hospital for Charlotte.
This week the U. S. House of Representatives passed by voice vote a bill authorizing 16,000 new hospital beds for veterans at a total cost of \$235 million.

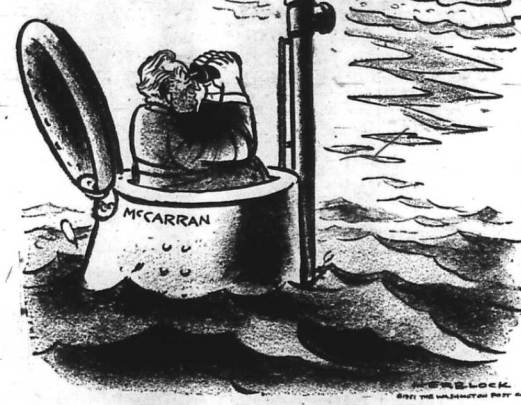
WHAT'S YOUR LIFE INSURANCE WORTH?

TOO MUCH attention has been directed to the effect of inflation on the everyday cost of living, and too little to the steady depreciation in value of such things as life insurance policies and other long-term fixed investments.
Carroll M. Shanks, president of the Prudential Insurance Co. of America, turned the spotlight on this aspect of inflation in a recent address to The Economic Club of Charlotte. The figures he cited should be of interest to every American policyholder—and there are 83 million of them.

The House led by Rep. Rankin of Mississippi, pushed through a bill last year making it mandatory for the VA to provide the new beds, but the measure was wisely permitted to die in the Senate.
Charlotte would like to have the veterans hospital at home. Not until American communities learn that lesson, and begin to use a bit of self-restraint on their own ambitions, will useful Federal expenditures be reduced materially.

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THE CHANGE IN OUR FIGHTING MEN

TOO CORRESPONDENTS of the New York Herald-Tribune report that U. S. forces in Korea have overcome the "bug out" (retreat) psychology so evident last December, and have been fashioned into a tough, hard-hitting fighting outfit.
David McConnell, writing about the enlisted men, gives Gen. Matthew G. Ridgway most of the credit for developing the steady, hard-punching troops of today. "A comparison of today and seven months ago must be made in the light of the difference between a whimpering weakling and a mature man," writes McConnell.

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THE RIGHT OF MENTAL PRIVACY

WE would be somewhat remiss in our duty to our editorial conscience if we pass without comment on the recent decision of the Washington Circuit Court of Appeals banning commercial broadcasting on the public transit system.
The test case went up from Washington, though the device is being employed elsewhere in the nation. Washington buses bear the name of the advertiser, and radio which alternately broadcasts music and commercials to the riders.

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JUDGE GOLDSBOROUGH'S FAME

JUDGE T. ALAN GOLDSBOROUGH was so definitely identified in the public mind with the contempt cases against John L. Lewis and the United Mine Workers that most persons forget that he was a member of Congress for 13 years (1921-1934) from the First Maryland (Eastern Shore) District with a record which entitled him to say, as he did, that he was a friend of labor. He was a supporter of President Roosevelt, was more of a New Dealer than the opposite, and was named by President Roosevelt to the Federal bench—and near the height of the Roosevelt political power. Anyone who could think that there might be any politics in the handling of the Lewis-UMW cases might have been justified in believing that the court was not unfriendly to the defendants.

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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

DEFENSE Mobilizer Charles E. Wilson has sent letters to about twenty government agencies cautioning them on one of the worst scandals of mobilization—unjustified tax amortization.
This is the system whereby manufacturers are permitted to write off the cost of a new factory for tax purposes in five years instead of 40. While this tax concession is a big boost to war production, a House subcommittee headed by Congressman Porter Hardy of Virginia issued a scathing blast against tax favoritism for certain firms.

End To War Contract Tax Gray Doubt

Wilson finally replied. "But the problem is to set the right men to serve.
The committee, which included Jack Shelley of California, Dick Bolling of Missouri and Walter Richman of New York, is now aware believing that Wilson will improve the situation.
Smuggling To Russia
INSIDE fact about the war materials being smuggled into Russia is that some of the biggest German firms are guilty.
This is confirmed by a confidential report being given the State Dept. by U. S. High Commissioner John McCloy, who estimates that \$250,000,000 worth of ball bearings, chemicals, carbon black, nickel, machine tools, airplane tires, steel tubing, bomb cases and scrap iron is moving into Russia.

Truman Will Veto

TRUMAN WILL vetoally advised Congressmen will veto all appropriation bills that have been altered by the so-called "horizontal," 10 per cent, across-the-board method.
Such a sweeping veto would mean that any President being held up an appropriation bill must mean that a large part of the Government will be stymied for lack of funds. However, Truman talked as if he meant business.
He pointed out that the technique of GOP Senator Ferguson of Michigan and other economies who want to prune Federal expenditures without the bother of considering appropriations item by item operates more like a scythe than a pruning knife, since worthy, or even vital items must suffer the same percentage slash as less important ones.
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In the two cases of 1946 and 1948 Judge Goldsborough fined Mr. Lewis \$10,000 and the union \$3,500,000 in one, and fined Mr. Lewis \$20,000 and the union \$1,400,000 in the other, for contempt of court in retaining the money to cover the cost of strikes.
The Supreme Court cut down the first union fine of \$3,500,000 to \$700,000. Judge Goldsborough thought a jail sentence was called for, but the Government did not re-

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