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#### LOST PERSPECTIVE

THE freshman Representative from the meighboring 11th Congressional District Woodrow W. Jones, made his maiden speech in the House a few days ago. It was an attack on "easy further economic aid to any nation". Said Rep. Jones:

". We should say to those friendly mations that we have assisted in bringing their system of production to and above the prewar level, that they must now operate their economic system without their economic system with the system of their economic materially assist them in the burden of providing war exapons to defend themselves in the flight against communism, but we cannot same forever the burden of keeping their ecosomic system healthy.

Mr. Jones was merely repeating, in somewhat milder language, the criticism voiced originally about the Marshall Plan—"pouring money down foreign rat holes"—and he probably drew alient chee's from burdened U.S. tayanyers across the nation.
It is undoubtedly true that the Marshall Plan has cost the U.S. a considerable sum. But it has not all gone down any "foreign rat hole".

rat hole."
Trungh April of this year, the Economic Cooperation Administration had spent a total of \$11.185,800,000...about jwodhirds of the original \$17 billion estimate. But of this amount, \$7,022,544,000 were spent in the United States for lood, fertilizer, raw ma-

terials, machinery, and the like. This money primed our own economy, and was a factor in avoiding an economic slump following the end of World War II. Furthermore, many of the dollars spent abroad found their way back to the United States in one way or another. In the third place, the improvement in the economies of foreign nations as a result of the Marshall Plan has enabled those nations to continue trading with the United States.

Beyond the beneficial results to o Beyond the beneficial results to our own economy, the bolstering by ECA of foreign economies has had a material effect in keeping Westpen Europe out of the hands of Russia. France and Italy were dangerously close to Communist domination before ECA restored those war-shattered nations. As a defense measure alone, the Marshall Plan-has been a good investment—one which may pay dividends much longer than an equivalent investment in quickly-outmoded planes or tanks.

Rep. Jones was reflecting a growing con-cern among Americans over the seemingly-endless demands from the taxpayer. We share that concern. But we feel that the serious-ness of the international situation makes it all the more imperative to avoid the pitfalls of unreasoning vexation and to keep the mutual security program in its proper per-nective.

#### THE OLD ASPIRIN TREATMENT

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THE Senate is trying to cure the ailing
Post Office but its diagnosis is all wrong.

The Post Office operates with annual
deficit of half a filling olders. To eliminate
the deficit, the Senate Post Office Committee
has recommended that first class mail rates
be increased from three to four cents, air
mail from six to eight cents, and postal cards
from one to two cents.

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as registered mail, postal notes, special delivery and C. O. D., would largely take care of the balance.

The trouble with the Senate Committee's treatment is that the headache may be worse when the aspirin wears off. Postal officials have already demonstrated, in very convincing testimony, that the law of diminishing returns begins to operate when postal rates pass an optimum point. When air mail rates use of a six mail dropped from 1.001 million pieces to 828 million, and the total revenue produced was about the same as before. The only material effects, "said Deputy Second Assistant Postmaster General Ray M. Martin, "was to put the sarvice beyond the reach of many patrons." When Congress deopped the air mail rate from eight to five cents, it not only halted the downward trend but, in the words of Postmaster General Donaldom's 1947 annual report "brought about an immediate response from the maling public."

It should perform the major surgical operation recommended by the However Commission Anything less will be a palliative, not a cure.

This new explanation raises some interesting questions. Why has there been no mention of the NEA in previous letters from Army officials to Senators Hoey and Smith? What information was received that Dr. Brimley would not be favorably received in Japan. And from whom? How could the program be prejudiced by Dr. Brimley's presence? What prompted the NEA to reverse list recommendation after having given 18 If Dr. Brimley was not dropped because he was "pro or anti-mino", why the original statement that he was "in a controversy"? And what reason was there to delieve he would not be successful on the particular mission for which he had been selected."

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(In Winston-Salem, Dr. Brimley told The Winston-Salem Journal that "what the Army says is different from what one of the execu-tive secretaries of the NEA told me re-

cently."

Indeed the Brimley affair is growing stranger by the hour. It is beginning to appear that the U. S. Army, having bowed to a protest by a state-level above leader. is now squirming this way and that trying to wrigste out of an awkward position. We hope that Senators Smith and Hoey will keep trying to penetrate the Pertagon double-talk and find out the truth about the Brimley affair.

#### STRANGER BY THE HOUR

FTER Senators Hory and Smith protested.

A the cancellation of Dr. Ralph Brimley's, appointment as member of an educational commission to Japan, Secretary of Defense Marthall and Secretary of the Army Pace explained that the Foreyth educator was dropped because he was 'in a controversy'. (The controversy; N. C. Federation of Labor President C. A. Fink didn't like what Dr. Ferinder, and the president of the President C. A. Fink didn't like what Dr. Asthath Secretary of the Army Earl Dr. Johnson writes Senator Smith.

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DOPE PEDDLING IN CHARLOTTE

CHARLOTTEANS who followed the recent Charcottics inquiry of a Senate crime investigating subcommittee may have thought, somewhat complexently, that "it can't happen here."
If so, they were rudely awakened by the arrest this week of an alleged marijuana peddler and his wite and the seiture of a large stock of "reefers." Congress ought to let the Army handle its own military academy and its own personnel in its own way. If the Senate and the House had enough members who understood the obligations imposed by a code of honor they would already have expelled shame \$6f, their own members—Lexington (Ky.) Leader. large stock of "reefers".

Thanks to the alertness of Fort Bragg Military Police, who reported soldiers were buying the doped cigarettes in Charlotte, the local detective force was able to spot the suspect and arrest him. Apd although there were evidence that he had been peddling the

Propagandist is a man promoting some-thing you are not much for Elizabethtown (Ky.) News.

An old gentleman out West, who is said to be 104 years old, is taking a hitchaiking trip to try to find his relatives. If he's got along all these years without his relatives, why does he want to find them now?—Sparks

# Senate Seems Sure To Ask For Higher Postage Rates

By MARQUIS CHILDS

INFLATION HAS already hit hard at the pocketbook nerve of most Americans. But no one can excape the meaning of this evil in a change that seems cortain to take place shortly. The three-cent postage stamp is going up to four cents.

DVERNMENT MAIL BILL HIGH partment \$81 million. The nount of mail franked for noth-

mail in the operating budget.
But this is far from being the
whole story. Shortly, and this
points up the direct phase of the
ministionary agence, it willbe necessary for Congress to approve subcarriers, and circks. The pay range
now is from \$2.50 to \$3.50 u system
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DELIVERY SUFFERS
Many complaints have been heard
in recent months about delays in
mail delivery. In part, at least,

Some time ago the Republican women in the House displayed a series of market backets showing how the value of a five-dilar hill in terms of greenes had melted away in the past five years. It was an effective demonstration on the level of shrewd, practical politics. Inflationary prices could become the chief issue in '52.

## Legit Hootch So Cut By Tax Bathtub Brewers Rise Again

By ROBERT C. RUARK

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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.

Don't Be Alarmed. We'll Just Sink The Bottom Part'

#### The Superior Race

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Editors. The News:

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#### A Grave Injustice

Editors, The News:

IT is a very unfortunate thing that the model plane enthusiasts in Charlotte have had their only flying field taken from them because of the complaints of a few residents who do not happen to be interested in model Hyunz.

to be interested in model Hying.

The child or young adult or feen-ager who is interested in a constructive hobby is not soing to be a juvenile delinquent. Our young pople today need encouragement. The act of taking their model flying field is a positive detriment to the youth of Charlotte.

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My I suggest that the City Council return: the
Freedom Park flying field to the model plane
enthusiasts? It just seems to me that it would be
a good investment to provide the needed recrustion
facilities for our young folks and their families—
for model Hying is a hobby that whole families can and do participate in to the utmost enjoyment
of all.

or all.

I personally feel that a grave injustice has been done.

### Stop Light Needed

CHARLOTTE

Editors, The News:

ANOTHER day, another wreck. Only a three-car
collision this time. Woman came up 9th St.
across Brevard and didn't bother to stop. There
is a caution light and also a stop sign, but they
won't put up a red stop light.

A child killed might persuade them to do it. My aunt has been living here fifteen years, but 1, a new bride, just two months. It gets pretty exciting—friends coming to see us, sitting on the edge of our chairs watching the crass coming by not heeding the stop signs and banging into each other of the contract of the crass of the contract of the cont

I wonder how the kids will get across the street this session of school.

—MRS. SHIRLEEN DIXON GODFREY, 326 E. 9th St.

#### 'Mildly Shocked'

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Editors, The News:

I WAS mildly shocked to read in your issue of August 14 an editorial in which it was suggested that it might be necessary to seriously consider ceneral MacArthur's Far Essary policies in the control of the contr

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Editors. The News:

SERIOUS-MINDED men cannot remain bilind to the startling revelations of the present day. The Kefauver report revealed that even the bastions of operament had become infiltrated with notorious characters who became brokers in law encrement officers and judgeshaps for protection.

We stand in an urgent need of a national crustade for the excitation of Christ. This is a crustate in a previoual responsibility that rests upon each of us. Ambrica cannot survive without widespread repentance and a turning to God through faith in Christ.

#### Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

# War Unlikely In 'Immediate Future

STOPPING for breakfast at the Shannon airport en route to Germany, I was interviewed by an Irish newspaperman who wanted to know my reason for coming to Europe.

"Our Secretary of Defense," I said, "has just told gress, that Europe is much closer to war than at any or time. I am coming to Europe to check up on the

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bor by predicting on Dec. 5, 1941, that we would be at war with Japan in two weeks. At that time Japan was going through some phony peace that the Japan was going through some phony peace with the Japan peace overtures. They are phony to be sure, but I don't think they are a blind for an immediate attack. I diagnose them as a blind for a long-range buildup for possible war several years from now.

now.

There are two reasons for this conclusion:
1. Unrest is so rife in the satellite countries just behind the Iron Cuertin that the Kremlin could not make war without widespread defections and revolution among her own people.

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2. By peace propagands which may lull the world to sleep—including U. S. isolationists—the Kremlin might take over the Western world without war. This was Moscow's hope immediately after V.E Day, and there are signs this hope is beling revived.

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Julling The U.S.A.

HayE already covered in earlier columns the unrest inside the satellite countries. This was one reason for iming the balloon operation into Cencholovable and one other country at this time. It is also one reason why the state Department's funds for waging the war of ideas Point 2, however, may be an even more important actor in the Kremlin's strategy—namely, julling the Vestern world into a state of complacency and, eventually, presents no so that it falls like a ripe plum into Russin's ap five or ten years enduly and realistically the situation a which the rulers of the Soviet find themselves today, fere are some ABCs of Soviet strategy:

A. They know that in East Germany, Crechoslovakia, Hunzay, Poland and even iome parts of Russia the older generation is not with them. Furthermore, they will never see with them. That is why they are wooing the younger generation. That is the reason for the tremendous Berlin Youth Raily, In ten year; these boys will be dominating rape parts of Eastern Europe.

B. The leaders of the Kremlin know that the United States cannot eat least will not support indefinitely the Marshall Plan and small be Europe. The Control of the Contr

and the United States would have large-scale unemploy-ment. Marchail Plan prevented this. It served as the pumper-laining equivalent to Rocseveit's WPA-PWA days, It substituted for the huge bond issues we passed out to Europe in Coolidge's and Hoover's day. The inescap-able fact is that we have continued its subsidist Europe with pumperiming, one way or another, ever line a VA And his subsidy has also affected the prosperity of the UNA. The subsidies of the property of the interpolation of the property of the continue independent interpolation of the property of the marchail property of the marchail property of the property of the property of the subsidies of the property of the property

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