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LOST PERSPECTIVE

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

"... We should say to those friendly nations that we are assisting, bringing their system of production to and above the present levels, that they must now operate their economic system without any further aid from us. We can say to these same nations that we will materially assist them in the burden of providing the weapons to defend themselves in the fight against Communism, but we cannot assume forever the burden of keeping their economic system healthy..."

THE OLD ASPIRIN TREATMENT

The Senate is trying to cure the ailing Post Office, but its diagnosis is all wrong. The Post Office operates at a deficit of about a billion dollars. 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.

This is like treating a chronic headache with aspirin tablets. It may relieve the symptoms, but it doesn't get at the cause. The Hoover Commission has already diagnosed the Post Office's ailments, confusion, outmoded bookkeeping, duplicated services, and last but not least, politics.

STRANGER BY THE HOUR

AFTER Senators Hoy and Smith protested the cancellation of Dr. Ralph Brimley's appointment as member of an educational commission to Japan, Secretary of Defense Marshall and Secretary of the Army, A. C. Pace explained that the Forsyth educator was dropped because he was "in a controversy."

"When information was received that there was strong likelihood that Brimley would not be favorably received in Japan by those he was scheduled to teach, the NEA was consulted by the appointing officer..."

DOPE PEDDLING IN CHARLOTTE

CHARLOTTEANS who followed the recent narcotics inquiry of a Senate crime investigating subcommittee may have thought, somewhat complacently, that "it can't happen here."

If so, they were rudely awakened by the arrest this week of a Senate crime investigator and his wife and the seizure of a large stock of "reefers."

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 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 our own economy, the bolstering by ECA of foreign economies has had a material effect in keeping Western Europe out of the hands of Russia. France and Italy were dangerously close to Communist domination before ECA restored those shattered nations.

Rep. Jones was reflecting a growing concern among Americans over the seemingly-endless demands from the taxpayer. We share that concern. But we feel that the seriousness of the international situation makes it all the more imperative to avoid the pitfalls of unreasoning xenophobia and to keep the national security program in its proper perspective.

THE SENATE SEEMS SURE TO ASK FOR HIGHER POSTAGE RATES

WASHINGTON (By MARCOUS CHILDS) INFLATION HAS already hit hard at the pocketbook nerve of most Americans. But no one can escape the oncoming of this evil in a change that seems certain to take place shortly. The three-cent postage stamp is going up to four cents.

The Senate seems certain to pass a bill which would raise the postal rates. The measure is the recommendation of the Post-Office Committee increasing postal rates all over the country. The bill will go from six cents to eight cents. And that long-family penny postal card will disappear to be replaced by a two-cent card.

In at least two sessions of the Democratic conference of the Senate, this measure was considered. While Senators present expressed a lot of anxiety about the political consequences of this direct blow at every man's purse, it was agreed there was little or no choice but to approve the increase.

The postal bill now before the Senate would bring in about \$400 million in additional revenue. This would fall short of meeting the deficit if all the tax riders are included. The Post-Office Department has always argued for an annual increase of the postage rate to include the cost of subsidized

mail in the operating budget. But this is far from being the whole story. Shortly, and this is the direct phase of the inflationary squeeze, it will be necessary for Congress to approve substantial wage increases for postal employees. The pay rate now is from \$2.87 to \$3.67 a year. So the budget of the Post Office department will go up and along with it the deficit in spite of an increase in postal rates.

Many complaints have been heard in recent months about delays in mail delivery. In part, at least, this can also be put down to the toll of inflation. Congress reduced the post-office budget by \$10 million and ordered restricted delivery cut to one day a day. As though in an enormous vice, people everywhere feel the vicious pinch.

Here would seem to be a ready-made argument for the Republicans in next year's Presidential campaign. While they have fought against economic retrogression, the Administration in the postwar years has made serious blunders which stand out glaringly in the record. And, moreover, the Democrats happen to be in power.

Helped by a brilliant propaganda campaign, blame for the depression beginning in 1929 was put on Herbert Hoover, who happened to be in the White House, and was politics of a singularly hard-boiled kind. But it was not on a level with the current campaign of the past year and a half, as some have tried to say. Hoover and the men who followed him were not the terrible dangers inherent in the great depression but to one impenetrable by the patriotism or sincerity.

Some time ago the Republican campaign against the Democrats in a series of market baskets showing how the value of a five-dollar bill in terms of groceries had melted away during the past five years. It was an effective demonstration on the level of shrewd, practical politics. In the current campaign, however, the chief issue is '52.

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Legit Hoot So Cut By Bathub Brewers Rise Again

By ROBERT C. RUARK

NEW YORK (By MARCOUS CHILDS) WHILE anticipating an immediate attack of our own blindness or general stupidity, I am not accepted by my generation at the height of prohibition.

The "Licensed Beverage" Industries are crying now for more protection with legitimate booze to peddle, have riz among us with the news that more of the old-stuff, unscientific today is being pushed in the market.

It is because of taxes which keep and keep and keep until what you drink legally is cut out of the market one-fourth to three-fourths revenue. The worst old legislators used to do to us was fifty-fifty, and the other half was water, not money.

We are nearly twice-tax booze today, but no high moral achievement actually will be registered when whisky becomes too simultaneous sets up and Prohibition proved us a nation of swimmers and gulpers, and the South and the effect E-A's a drink whisky on the rocks.

And then come all the side-bar delights of illegal drinking, the delicious incertainties as you down the alkyl-and-ginger ale as to whether it is a tonic or a poison.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

(Ed. Note—Drew Pearson has been in Europe in connection with leading Friendship Balloons across the Atlantic today. He reports on the proposed peace or war.)

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

"Not wanting to tell him about our balloon project, I replied by citing my No. 2 reason for making this trip.

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

With this my interviewer let out a-bellow of anguish. "What!" he said, in mingled terror and incredulity. "Are you going to have war?"

This, I found as I traveled on the continent, was the reaction of most people. Nobody believed there was any chance of peace between anyone, no devout hope there would be no war.

A Grave Injustice

By CHARLOTTE

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 flying.

The child or young adult or teenager who is interested in a constructive hobby is not going to be a juvenile delinquent. Our young people today are not as delinquent as they are portrayed.

War Unlikely in 'Immediate Future'

By CHARLOTTE

IT HAVE already been another week. Only a three-car collision this time. Woman came up 8th St. across Bevard and didn't bother to stop. There is a caution light and a stop sign, but they won't put up a red stop light.

Lulling the U.S.A.

By CHARLOTTE

POINT 2, however, may be an even more important factor in the Kremlin strategy—namely, lulling the Western world into a state of complacency and, eventually, depression so that it falls like a ripe plum into Russia's hands.

Let's consider carefully and realistically the situation in which the rulers of the Soviet find themselves today. Here are some ABC's of Soviet strategy.



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.

The Superior Race

By CHARLOTTE

I HAVE read several of the articles in the series in your paper on Peeler, Louis J. Pearson. It is my personal opinion the writer of this series would have no trouble whatever securing a position with the Daily Worker, if not already with them.

Mildly Shocked

By CHARLOTTE

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 General MacArthur's Far Eastern policies for another two years.

Crusade Needed

By CHARLOTTE

SERIOUS-MINDED men cannot remain blind to the startling revelations of the present day. The Kefauver report reveals that even the bastions of government had become infiltrated with notorious characters who became brokers in law enforcement officers and judgeships for protection.

Stop Light Needed

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Don't Be Alarmed. We'll Just Sink The Bottom Part
A child might persuade them to do it. My aunt has been living here fifteen years, but I saw him just two months. It gets pretty exciting—friends coming to see us, sitting on the edge of our chairs watching the cars coming in and out of the stop signs and banging into each other. An average of one wreck a week, three cars landing in our yards a year, steps torn down across two years. I wonder how the kids will get down about the street this session of school. —MRS. SHIRLEEN DIXON GODFREY, 536 E. 5th St.
(Let Reader Williams write the editorial. It cited the need of some intelligent thinking and planning in event the truce talks break down, and listed three possible results of a breakdown. Said the editorial: "And if the offensive threatens to sweep UN troops off the Korean Peninsula, it will spur a tremendous public demand in this nation for the bombing of China and Manchuria and the other measures favored by MacArthur." Neither the editorial nor the writer of the August 14 editorial has written all of The News editorials on the MacArthur affair. —Editors, The News.)
We stand in an urgent need of a national crusade for the exaltation of Christ. This is a crusade in which every citizen should participate. There is a personal responsibility that rests upon each of us. America cannot survive without widespread repentance and a turning to God through faith in Christ. —WARREN W. WOODS.