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REJECTION OF KAESONG SITE

F THE Communists accept General Ridg-way's statement yesterday that Kaesong is an unautilable site for further ceasefirs negotiations, periags the talks will resume. But a Bed acceptance of the proposed change of locale should not be construed as indicating any change in their Korean strat-ery. It will merely mean they have decided to do some more haranguing, possibly with the hope of thus easing the current Allied military necessary.

military pressure.

In view of the abrupt walkout by Communist Haison officers this morning speedy resumption of talks seems unlikely. However, Allied officials still see a possibility for further negotiations if a new site and other are agreed upon.

imity of marauding partisans, responsible to neither command, as well as the regular forces of both armies. For prestige reasons, neither side would care to go deep into its

neither side would care to go deep into its adversary's territory. It seems that a shipboard rendezvous would be the logical alternative. But, it will be remembered, the Communista rejected. Ridgway's original suggestion last Summer that the two groups meet on the Danish hoppital ship "Jullandia".

Thus, Communist agreement on the unsuitability of Keesong for further talks, it such agreement is forthcoming, will not mean that talks will necessarily resume. If the

that talks will necessarily resume. If the Reds flatly reject the latest Ridgway note

GOOD HEALTH IS THE MAIN OBJECTIVE

ONE of the doctors who attended the health consolidation study session last week expressed sply the main point to be considered in any move toward unification of the City and County departments.

He was right beyond dispute. Of course the efficiency and quality of health services is the main point to be considered. And were it not for the probability that public health would be improved by consoliuation, this newspaper would have long ago discounted the whole idea.

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Apparently there is a substantial difference
between the level of public health services
in the City of Charlotte and in the county
area around the city limits. Until a special
committee from the medical society presents
a detailed report at the next study session,
the reasons for this double standard will not
be clear.

be clear. This much however, is clear. If health services in the county area are as deficient as the medical spokemen indicated, they ought to be brought up to standard immediately—whether or not consolidation is ever

brought about.
Disease respects no boundaries. The people within and without the city limits live close together and work close together. The people in the county area are vitally interested in better public health services. And the people in the city area fully share that interest. Instead of thinking up reasons why the two health departments should not be consolidated, the responsible County Government officials should find out wherein their

also residents of Mecklenburg County and who pay 80 per cent of the County's prop-erty tax revenue, will not begrudge the spending of additional money for public health in the county area—if additional money is what it takes.

THE NEWS believes that more than money is involved. It believes that the existence of is involved. It believes that the existence of separate health departments is an anachronism in our modern, fast growing community. It believes that the elimination of duplication would improve efficiency, that a single administrator would establish tuniform health standards and establish tem at a higher level. In brief, it believes that consolidation holds out the hope of better health for all the people, town and rural.

But if there is any possibility that pinch-penny economy in the Courthouse would thwart the basic objective of consolidation and lower, instead of raising, health services for all, this newspaper would oppose consol-idation.

idation. When Guilford County was working on plans to consolidate its three separate health departments, one member of the County Commission voiced the philosophy of the people in the county area. He called public health the most neglected service provided by the county, and said the Commissioners were convinced there was no wiser expenditure; than money for health. Then he added:

"The Commissioners further believe that the public wants increased and better health service, and along with the board of health, we are willing to bear the responsibility for the proposed increase."

If the members of the Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners had the same en-lightened viewpoint, the sole barrier to con-solidation would be swiftly removed, just as it was in Guilford County.

vision, of right-of-way. According to rough estimates, this will come to \$800,000. That is a great deal of money to spend on one project, when there are so many pressing street needs. But the completion of Independence Boulevard should take precedence over everything else, and we are confident that the City Council will appropriate the necessary amount from unspent bond funds.

We presume that the State Highway engi-

neers have given a good deal of thought to neers have given a good deal of thought to traffic control at the point where the new extension will leave the present boulevard. The new intersection will be vexing enough by itself. It will be further complicated by the opening up of Stonewall St., which will

GOOD NEWS DEPT.

A LTHOUGH the first two sections of A Independence Boulevard have proved highly useful in taking traffic off other congested streets and moving it rapidly across town, the big thoroughfare has not yet been able to fulfill its basic purpose: to tie together the Albemarie-Monroe highways on the East with the Gastonia highway to the West. Ending as it does, at the Morchead-South Boulevard bottleneck, Independence Boulevard has created new traffic control problems.

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problems.
Thus the announcement that the State
Highway Commission is ready to proceed
with the third and last link of the big road
properly belongs in the goods news category.
The third segment, to run from Caldwell to
Wilkinson Boulevard, will solve two problams it will give a swift, convenient route is. It will give a swift, convenient route east-west traffic, and it will take a great I of traffic off Morehead St. The City's share of the project is the pro-

IT'S HARD to squeeze blood out of a turnip or a Mecklenburger. So far this year, only 8.871 pints have been collected by the Red Cross in this county. Of that amount 6.891 pints have been used in Mecklenburg hospitals. That leaves only 1.890 pints to go

to our servicemen. Not all persons can donate blood. By generous estimate, two-thirds of the population, including children and expectant mothers, would not be eligible. The remaining one-third of the population who can give blood would amount in Mecklenburg County, with its population of 197,000, to more than 65,000 persons. Each person can safely give a pint five times a year.

rive times a year.

In other words, if all eligible donors in Mecklenburg County had donated four times already this year, our total contribution would be 260,000 pints, rather than 8,871 pints. Our record of little more than three per cent is truly shamed;

Previous contributors have taken care of the local need for blood. Your donation will probably be sent to Korea, where it is urgently needed.

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You can call the Blood Center—Phone
42891—for an appointment, or just drop in
at 508 E. Moreheed at your convenience. If
you live in an outlying district of the county,
you can contibute when the mobile unit
visits your community, or you can stop at the
Blood Center when you're in Charlotte.
The Blood Center is open from 9:30 to 4:30

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overtax the proved ingenuity of the City's traffic engineer. WANTED: YOUR BLOOD on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10:30 to 6:30 on Tuesday, 9:30 to 12:30 on Thursday, and 10:30 to 12:30 on Saturday.

connect at approximately the same point.

Unless the traffic control problem is fully
anticipated, the resulting problem may well

The whole process—of which the removal of blood takes but a few moments—lasts only 30 minutes. And the final part of the half hour you're comfortably—having a drink—of coffee or juice—on the house.

It doesn't hurt to give blood. It makes you feel good.

City people want to go to the country where it is cool in the Summer. The boys who harvest the wheat and make the hay, if they had their way would like to go to the city, sit in air-conditioned bars, hotels and theaters and drink lots of frappe drinks. A Summer resort, after all, is a place you don't happen to be.—Lamar (Mo.) Democrat.

A few days ago we heard a man talking, who for years has been a Civil Service Employee at a nearby military installation. He said that he dreaded paying Federal taxes more than any other taxes. Because—he said he could observe the waste so well.—Aberdeen (N. C.) Sandhill Citizen.

A newspaper headline states: "New, Increased Excise Levies Agreed Upon." We are pretty sure that agreement was not participated in by John Q. Taxpayer.—New Orleons (La.) Times-Picayune.

'Wait-That's Our Story For Next Week!"



Surplus Revenue Refunded

How Virginia Cuts Taxes

By WILLIAM G. WING

A MID the universal creaking over rising costs of government, one bright peep is heard from Virginia, where 1950 state income taxes have been reduced, one-fifth by a singular new law that returns part of any surplus revenue to the taxpayers each year.

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be for the maximum one-fifth.

THE final tally for collections was \$105,664,345.

Gov. John S. Battle announced that the state \$55,000 individual and \$500 corporate tappers.

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The tradition of "pay-a-groupe" is not quite the state of the careful control which has been exercised over state expenditures under our executive budget and unified accounting system.

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The proved to be a financially wise move Four warm later when the decreasion, but overseried.

ong outside, Virginia showed a substantial surplus. Virginia also has avoided heavy aid from the Federal Government. Gov. Battle asserts that Virginia received, on a per capita basis, less aid from the Federal Government in fiscal 1950 than any other state. It averaged out to 56.42 a Virginian, as compared with \$13.74 per capita for all states combined.

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Gov. Battle notes that in fiscal 1950 Virginia's per capita tax revenue was \$46,90 and general revenue \$65,84. Virginia's per capita spending for general purposes was \$64.10. The state was inight from the bottom in both collecting categories and sixth from the bottom in spending compared with other states.

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To the charge that Virginia sacrifices the welfare of its citizens in the interest of frugality, the Governor mentions that land the state of the control of the control

Turpentine Drippings

It Was Dry Then

It Wos Dry Inen
(New & Observer)
Vance Randolph tells some tall tales of the
Orark country in his new book, "We Always Lie
to Strangers." Among the many unusual things about
the country, he says, is the weather, "Back in 1922,"
he writes, "it got so dry that the trees was 260,
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he writes, "it got so dry that a business
man claimed his office girl had to fasten stamps on
envelopes with a stapler."

Inventory Needed

In Answer To American Query, 'Yes, The French Have Guts'

By STEWART ALSOP

THE REAL question," said the young American supply core, as he sipped his beer, "is have about the French was perhaps anatural one for an American, who remembered without understanding the shameful French collapse and the shameful French general shade to the shameful French general shade to the shameful French capture of things was to be expected in the shameful French capture to thing was to be expected in the shameful French capture the shameful French capture to thing was to be expected in the share the shameful French capture the shameful French full French full

Why The Big Play On Sordid **Details Of Hollywood Muck?**

By ROBERT' C. RUARK

PREDDY OTHMAN, writing rout of the grant of

thought about anything today.

Which leads me to the idea that great thing of sordioness, one way or the other, among the cheap and the publicity hungry. Names make news, but I am going to throw up if I have to see another line about this tint fight the publicity and the state of the control of the contro FACTS AND FOLLOW ENOUGH

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1 do not believe that just because
the majer dateline Hollywood prifries the story it is worth franging
out for a week, in all its clinical
details, or that the babe in the case
is worth covering as if she were
the young Charles Lindbergh. The
whole dirty business of two guys
fighting over a female is worth the
news story and maybe a follow, to
see whether Torics' dead or inf,
and then my inclination is to give
it back to history.

NEW YORK in his nose originally and the beat, writing out ing he took might even help it, ing the other lake some of think a little. Help it or but it, I don't want to hear about it. Nor about the can but it. Nor about the can be a paid public equential movie role, or about the beat him. slugger's alleged remorse and the guy he walloped.

the guy he walloped.

I suppose very shortly now we will be realed with all the intimate details of the freshest dispendantenent between Bob Topics and Lans, and it seems to me I've heard this song before, too. The severance of Hollywood mupitals has almost cased to be seen to be a supported to the second seen and the seen and the seen all you have to do is fill in the blanks. Lans don't love Bob nomer; so okay, lose him and marry somebody else but quit bright mit it.

LOWDOWN LOSES BOUNCE

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We encourage the boredom, in a
hunger for gossip, and I would be
a list to say I don't admire a bit
of nicy dirt myself. But the point
is that the lowdown loses its
bounce when you've heard it all
before, about the same dreary people. Just reshuffle the faces and
after the places — the story is always the same.
News is a difficult thing to de-

Drew Pearson's All-Out War Not Expected This Year Merry-Go-Round

THE month of September and early October when the harvest is in is the time when the chanceries and general staff_of Europe watch closest for signs of war. If Europe can get by this period of dry, mild weather before Winter begs down an attacking army, they figure there will be no danger of war at least until June.

Top U. S. officials, likewise, have made all-important surveys of the war possibility, and it is possible for this column to report what their general conclusions are: column to report what their general conclusions are:

1. Russia will not launch World war III this year.
However, Russia is expected to continue pressing war by satellites.

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2. Chins, not Russia, has been more eager for a truce. The U. S. war study indicates that Russia came out with the truce proposal chiefly for propagnada purposes; perhaps to stall for time in order to get new arms to Korea.

3. Next step in Communita aggression is likely to be a superior of the communitary of the communit

actually want it.

4. In Iran the Russians will probably march into the northern province of Azerbaijan and take it by force—
if the British go into southern Iran. to protect their oil refinery. Here again the Russians are willing to gamble the result of the Russians are willing to gamble the Russians are willing to gamble the Russians are married to the Russians are willing to gamble and the Russian military move, but does foresee a continual army build-up.

a Russian military move, our unconstitution build-up.

Moscow's biggest drive will be pressure through local governments to stop the building of U. S. air bases in Europe and North Africa.

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It was mean in or the eyes of a few, select Senators only,
but cretchety Kenneth McKellar, grandpa of the Senate,
has written an angry letter about his Tennesses colleague,
crimebuster Eates Kefauver. The letter was mailed to all
members of the Senate Judiciary Committee in order to
undermine Kefauver's plan for appointing a rowing Judge
for Tennessee.

Committee. I agologue for that," sourty wrote McKellar.
This is the latest eruption in a blitter feed between
the two Tennessee Senators. It started when Kefauver reTuded to let McKellar handpick all Federal jobs in Tennesee. McKellar became so enraged that he forbade his
staff to mention Kefauver's name in his presence. Ever
since, the vengeful McKellar has miped at everything Kefauver has tried to do in the Senate.

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Now McKellar is urging a new judge for middle Tennessee, but Kelauver is asethig a roving judge who would divide his time between the midstate where a judge is sentiment supports Kefauver in this.

"For some unaccountable reason, unless it be politically for the property of the property in the property of the Committee in favor of his amendment."

Then McKellar, who wields great power as boss of the Appropriations Committee, appealed: "I am asking you as a

Senator to vote for my amendment to strike out Mr. Kefauver's amendment.

"I would be greatly obliged for your vote and support in keeping politics out of our judicial affairs," concluded McKellar after himself pulling heavily on the political wires.

Weeding Out Bureaucrats

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IT hasn't received any publicity, but President Truman has ordered a drastic houseleasing to sweep the drones from the Federal Government. An ultimatum has already gone out to all agencies to clean house or face budgeary and "The present emergency has caused great demands on the manpower resources of our country with shortages of manpower in certain special areas already being felt... The Federal Government, as the largest single employer in the country, should set the example. Therefore, I expect bring about maximum effectiveness and economy in the utilization of personnel," the President wrote in identical letters to Civil Service Chairman Robert Ramspeck and Budget Director Frederick Lawton.

Truman ordered them to "request reports from all the state of the st

dent added.

As a result, Ramspeck and Lawton sent a joint ultimatum to all agencies to "take steps to assure the most effective and economical use" of manpower. This will be followed up by on-the-spot inspections to make sure the drones exit.