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A DESERVED SLAP

THIS morning in Paris, the U. S. received its first major setback in the 60-man U. N. Political Committee. We deserved the rebuff.
This Committee, which includes all U. N. members, voted 21-12, with 25 abstentions, for a Soviet proposal which in effect would permit all fourteen countries seeking admittance to the U. N. to come in.

more than do Russia and Czechoslovakia.
It is sometimes argued that instead of admitting countries whose qualifications are dubious, member countries whose qualifications are doubtful should be expelled. However, such a procedure, in addition to being unworkable, would defeat the purpose of the U. N. as a world-wide organization. A universal organization is needed, but we just can't expect too much from it because the area of agreement is small and the area of disagreement is large.

WE HEAR THEM SHOUTING

FROM time to time, spokesmen have arisen in our midst to deplore the "unfavorable tax structure" in North Carolina, and to warn that new business and industry is being driven away because of an alleged tax disadvantage.
Evidence that some of them were talking through their hats now comes from a source that should be trustworthy—the Associated Industries of Georgia as reported by the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, this association, representing the viewpoint of manufacturers, has come to the conclusion that tax differentials in the several Southern states are inconsequential, and "could be offset in a year's operation in any of the states by a thousand factors like location, transportation, fuel, access to materials, efficient management, etc."

be the same in each state. The analysis revealed that taxes for each dollar of sales in the various states would be:
Alabama ..... 7.85 cents
Arizona ..... 4.00 cents
California ..... 8.15 cents
Colorado ..... 8.15 cents
Georgia ..... 8.31 cents
Mississippi ..... 8.31 cents
North Carolina ..... 8.32 cents
Tennessee ..... 8.35 cents
The fallacy in most of the charges of unfavorable tax structure is that State taxes alone are considered. Such a comparison would be invalid, because the Federal tax burden is not the same in all States. It is not a fair, valid comparison to have to include State and local taxes and, further, would have to measure the service that is furnished for each tax dollar collected.



People's Platform

Letters should be brief, written on one side of the paper. The writer's name need not be signed, but may be withheld from publication at the discretion of the Editor. The News reserves the right to condense.
Not 'Fearful Little Men'
WASHINGTON
Editors, The News:
NOTE with much interest your editorial of Jan. 21 entitled, "An Appalling Display," relative to the action taken by the House and Representatives last week for the ten per cent military pay increase in which you stated that all of the Democrats and Republicans who voted for the measure were "fearful little men." Although they represented a large majority of the leaders of both the Democratic and Republican Parties.

Frankly, I would have liked for the bill to come up in a different form so that amendments could have been offered to the bill which would probably be the course that will ultimately be followed in both Houses of the Congress as the bill will probably be amended in the Senate. The bill as it stands is a cruel, hard blow to the men who have been fighting in Korea and say to them that although we have raised other groups, we will not raise our men one cent. It was this vote that the House refused to cast.

I feel that the raise has every moral justification. Men in the armed services have had no pay boost since 1949 and in the meantime living costs have gone up more than ten per cent. The bill as it stands is a cruel, hard blow to the men who have been fighting in Korea and say to them that although we have raised other groups, we will not raise our men one cent. It was this vote that the House refused to cast.

I have rather consistently voted for reductions and economies in governmental expenditures during the last three sessions of Congress, starting with the vote in the 80th Congress to reduce taxes over the budget and following it with the passage of the later legislation in the general subject of economies and will continue to do so to a greater degree during the balance of the 82nd Congress. However, I do not feel that we can afford to economize on the defense of this country to the point of endangering its security. Likewise, I do not feel that we should economize at the expense of working an undue hardship on the men who so gallantly are defending our lives and freedom at this very hour and at the same time sacrificing their own.

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The other day he called up handsome, unhampered Sen. John Bricker of Ohio, Republican, and the following conversation took place:
"Say, I was thinking about running for your job," announced Disalle. "I just wanted to ask how you liked it."

Flabbergasted, Bricker hesitated, finally said: "I didn't like it very much at all, but I've got so I like it now."

There must be good deal of manpower wasted thinking up fancy names for hamburger on high-priced menus—Memphis Press-Scimitar.

Most people can't stand prosperity, asserts a socialist. Most people don't have to—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Best office supplies are courteous people to run them.—Sibobolator (Ky.) News.

Service Case Shows Dangers To The Processes of Justice

WASHINGTON
ONE of the triumphs of the long struggle to live with freedom has been the achievement of justice based on a fair trial of every man under the standard of individualism we have seen, this achievement periodically reminded.
The whole elaborate loyalty program in the Federal Government was intended to protect the country from the danger of subversion. Under the continuing blows of political attack has come to supersede the processes of law and, in effect, its public findings tend to be sentences of excommunication from society itself—the carrying out of a cold purge not unlike in its essence the process of a Communist state.

At the end of the hearings into the Service case, Sen. Joseph McCarthy (R-W.Va.) revealed the floor of the Senate that he had an informant planted somewhere inside the McCarthy report of subversive information furnished him by this spy.

Let Candidates Remember That The Public Likes A Big Fight

NEW YORK
THERE IS something about Harry Dewey, that the American TV audience, "Meet the Press," that invariably rouses the beast in the candidate's dog as to the effectiveness of the State Department's own loyalty board, pointing out that no employee had been discharged.

How To Really Cut Taxes

CHARLOTTE
I WOULD like to go on record as one serviceman's comment on the current tax situation, as so emphatically opposed to the currently defunct issue of a pay raise for servicemen.

Many Dimes Don't March

CHARLOTTE
AS I STOOD waiting on the bus at Liggett's I saw so many people pass the March of Dimes campaign and never seem to care or give it a thought. Maybe they have given and some are not able to give but when police strikes one of our own it hurts, I had a niece who was stricken and died in a few years, and it was because no money was available to treat people like me.

What The Price Boss Said To The Senator

WASHINGTON
AFTER the latter made headlines, to organize an office in Kansas for him. And since U. S. attorneys are permitted to handle non-Government matters, he did so. Furthermore, he continued to serve as Kansas agent for the company even after Knobel's name and picture were headlined over the nation's newspapers.

Split Command

ONE factor influencing the final Churchill-Truman decision against a British naval commander for the Atlantic Fleet was the fact that he had been an officer in World War II, especially the Battle of the Java Sea. There, Admiral Tommy Hart at first commanded the Allied fleet, but was relieved following Dutch protests that while Hart maneuvered, the Japs built up their fleet. Replacing him was a Dutch admiral, Conrad E. L. Helfrich, who was promoted to Rear Admiral. William Glasford, U.S.N., Rear Admiral. Francis Palliser commanding British fleet, and Dutch Rear Admiral. Karel Doorman, who commanded at sea.

NO WONDER WE CAN'T SPELL

RALPH DORNFIELD OWEN, writing in North Carolina Education, asks what you would call a man who handed you a note reading JOHN PUGH. Would you say Mr. P (as in dough or tough)? Mr. Puf (as in rough or cuff)? Mr. Pawf (as in cough or off)? Mr. Poo (as in through or ooo)? Mr. Poo (as in through or ooo)? Mr. Poo (as in through or ooo)? Mr. Poo (as in through or ooo)?

Remarked in the course of his lecture That he chose to suppose: A man whose words he uses; And the sooner he lives the better! A wise old owl lived in an oak; The more he saw the less he spoke; The less he spoke the more he heard; Why can we be like that old bird? Professor Owen thinks the only thing we can do to rebel against the spelling of the English language—to become spelling Bolsheviks, as it were, until we force the adoption of a system of phonetic spelling that would duplicate the sound of the words as spoken by a majority of the people. By using for each sound the letter or combination of letters that has represented most frequently in our traditional spelling, this sentence: "Although he stubbed his toe, Tomi towed four boards through the open door." would become "Auldho he stubd his to, Tomi towd foer boerds throo the oopen doer."

LET 'EM WEAR SABLE

THE fur trade, which had much to do with the opening up of the North American continent is going through a temporary recession just now in consequence of the mildness of the Winter and the misfortunes in the Reconstruction Finance Corp. The fur-coat scandals have hit the country's mink market with peculiar destructibility. It can scarcely avoid a certain amount of sympathy for the plaintive note struck in recent letters to the National Geographic and the American Farm Bureau Federation by Harold W. Reed representing the mink ranchmen's associations. "Does it seem fair," he asks "to let the minksmen of a few Washington politicians put the American fur farmer in a precarious position? ... We feel that a cross situation is being done to control the completely respectable industry with a highly desirable and honest product is jeopardized by a stigma which it did nothing to create."

And now comes Leap Year, when the girls chase the boys. And the only thing different is that they have an extra day to do it in—Kansas City Star.
The man who is made of the right kind of timber never carries a chip on his shoulder.—Rocky Mount Telegram.
A philosopher advises that he evens his hour of meditation each day. An appropriate time would be while you're waiting for a bus.—Valdosta (Ga.) Times.
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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

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