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IRRESISTIBLE FORCE VS. IMMOVABLE OBJECT

(This is the second in a series of three special stories on the 800,000 Arab refugees who are cluistered around the borders of Israel and who are the biggest single obstacle to a full peace settlement between the new dewish state and its Middle Eastern neighbors. It was written by C. A. McKnight, editor of THE NEWS, who has been in the area on a study four and was airmailed from Israel, Editives, THE NEWS.

JERUSALEM, Israel.

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Arab nations.

So far, no one has discovered a way around the deadlock. Yet until the refugee problem is solved, there can be no firm peace in the restive Middle East.

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Arab and Israeli spokesmen are poles apart in their explanations of the problems' origin.

Arab spokesmen like Agaam Pasha, executive secretary of the Araf League, and Aray Bey Nathashibi, undersecretary of the Jordanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, sum it up this way:

In way:

1. Jewish terrorism forced some 250,000
Araba to fiee the area now occupied by Inraelbefore the British evacuated in May, 1948.

2. After the outbreak of the Arab-Israel
fighling, the massacre of Araba in a few sections and threats to others terrified hundreds
of thousands more, and prompted them to
seek the protection of friendly Arab nations.

3. Since the ending of the shooting war,
abandoned properties of the Arab haye been
unjustly seized by the Jewish state.

(Roth Azam and Nashashibi are intensely
bitter about the, U. S. role in the creation of
the nation of Israel.)

Jewish spokesmen like Abraham Biram,
governor of new derusslem, and Rabbi Yakov
Herrog of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs,

tell an entirely different version. It goes like

inspired.

2. When the fighting broke out, the Arab nations were so confident of victory that they sent word to the Palestinian Arabs to leave their homes so that the Arab armies might be free to sweep the Jewa into the Mediterranean Sea.

Sea.
3. Restrictions imposed on Arabs during the shooting war were necessary to prevent fifth-column activities.

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4. The refugees now across the borders are victims of a war, a fait accompli. They bet on the wrong side, and lost. Now that Israel has opened its gates to Jewa all over the world, it cannot accept a million Arabs whose low educational level and backward economic status would laden the young state with a burden greater than it could bear,

The truth probably lies somewhere in be-tween. Certainly there was at least one major massacre of Arabs, resulting in the death of over 200 men, women and children, On the other hand, there were massacres of Jews, and it is a documented fact that in the Jeru-salem corridor area at least, the Arab armies did ask their people to clear the way for what they thought would be a victory march to the sea.

The fixing of the blame for this tragic situation is important for the record of history. It cannot be done in the heated passion of It cannot be done in the heated passion of the control of the property of The fixing of the blame for this tragic sit-

CONFUSED AND ALARMING

A DMINISTRATION concepts of unlimited A executive power, which Assistant Attorney General Baldridge belatedly tried to retract shortly before the announcement of Judge Pine's historic decision yesterday, have been properly squelched. Judge Pine said many things that needed saying, but it should be remembered that his court is a minor one, that the great issue involved in the sitest science issue will probably go en to higher

The steel situation as of today is confus In select situation as of today is containing and alarming, confusing because of the legal and political morass that intertwines the issue, and alarming because of the immediate, strike of the steelworkers. Philip Murray and his steelworkers have shown a

complete disregard for the nation's welfare in walking out of the mills upon hearing of Judge Pine's decision.

President Truman probably could use his power and influence with the steelworkers to get them back to work, although a more typical reaction of the President will be to come back fighting mad and more partisan than ever.

Congress should consider thoughtfully the

Congress should consider thoughtfully the opinion of Judge Pine that the Constitution lodges in it, rather than the President, the power "to provide for the common defense and general welfare." We hope the Congress will put saide the inflamed passions of the moment and now consider a positive means of assuring operation of the steel industry and settlement of the dispute.

fill General Eisenhower's shoes as NATO commander, but General Ridgway can probably do the job at least as well as could any other man. The continued NATO service of General Gruenther, who has expressed complete satisfaction with the prospect of working with his old friend, and the warm praise for the Ridgway selection on both sides of the Atlantic angur well for his administration. The ghost of the Rapido River crossing in Italy, which caused heavy loss of American lives, will forever plague General Clark, General Ridgway's successor in Tokyo. The issue has become somewhat of a political football, and tends to overshadow General Clark's proven ability, which may now be impressed on his critics.

THE COMMAND SHIFTS

WHEN the hell-for-leather 82nd Airborne descended from troop carriers onto Hitler's Festung Europa its commander, Matt Ridgway, was the first man to hit the slik. His men liked him and were inspired by his leadership. His record as a field com-

his leadership. His record as a field commander was enviable.

Since V-E Day General Ridgway has augmented his fighting ability with experience in the less drastic arms of diplomacy. There were several years on the U. N. Military Commission, chairmanship of the Inter-American Defense Board, then a Pentagon post leading up to his appointment as Par East commander. As a position of the property of

FOR BUSIER BUSSES

MAYBE the transit bus people over in Memphis have an angle that will germinate some good idea regarding Char-lotte's bus situation.

lotte's bus situation. Memphis has the same problem Charlotte and many other communities have. The automobile is cutting deeply into bus business, despite the latter's modernization. But a few weeks ago, report Business Week, elybound busses that used to deadhead back around 6 or 7 P. M. were loaded. The deal was simple—free rides into town during was simple—free rides into town during

was simple-free rides into town during slack hours—and the company picked up an extra heavy haul of dimes (that's the rate there) for return trips later in the evening. Col. Roase Waring, president of Memphils Street Railway, put it this way: We've had too much crying and crepe-hanging in the public transportation business, and not enough merchandising."

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The company's public relations counsel,
Shirley D. Smith, said: "We finally decided
transportation is like any other busines—
it has to sell itself to the public."

Colonel Warsing thinks there's little wrong
with public transit that more fares wouldn't
cure. He made his offer of free rides at a
meeting of the Refail Marchants Association.

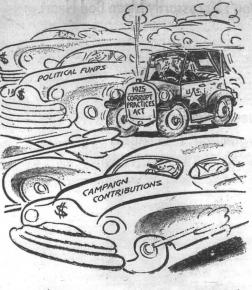
Merchants were entitioned with the idea, and

It may take more than salesmanship to sub-stantially increase the service of Charlotte's transit system and give the company a-profitable operation. But we think the Mem-phis people are on the right track, and com-mend their approach to local public and transit officials.

Having progressed somehow from on the hall, on the beam, in the groovs, hep, solid, real gone and out of this world, the teen-age expression for something superlative in now "real (deorge". It makes no sense whatsoever to us, and we say-22 skidoo' to any generation whose slang is based on a senseless combination. whose slang is based on a senseless combina-tion of words.—Charleston (S. C.) News &

An eastern university has been looking into the I. Q. of monkeys. After spending 82,000 the report disclosed all monkeys were dumb. Any monkey knows that and it didn't cost them 82,000 to find it out. The Congression supply to take a look into this. They are experts on monkey butiness.—Chaffsmoogs (Tein.) News-Prec Prezs.

'Maybe We Ought To Get A New Model'



HERBLOCK

People's Platform

Letters should be brief. The writers name and address must be given, but may be withheld from publication in the discretion of the Editor. The News reserves the right to condense.

Reduce Local Taxes

Editors, Tux News;
THERE has been a lot written in your paper
I on the subject of the city and county tax increase resulting from the new assessed staxble
value placed on all real property in Mecklenburg
County. I would also like to get in a word on this
vital subject of taxes.

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The people have, in a manner of speech, been like the lamb which was led to slaughter and opened not its mouth. They have been prospagated to the point that they didn't complain when the federal, state, and local governments taxed them practically half of every honest dollar they were able to earn while the politicians laughed at their ignorance and proceeded to squander the wealth of the nation.

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Our local administration now seems to be preparing to take a page from the New Builting to take and take the principles of conomy, we will all be saddled with such a tax burden that it will be unberrable, violence if necessary.

Not a great deal of fault is to be found with the new assessed taxable value of property as such. The big fault is in the new tax rates which the city and county governments propose to a pp 1.7 talk to several people who new own or are in the process of paying for their homes. All of them, like myself, are of very moderate means and unable to pay more and more taxe. Each of these people took the time to furner whether the process of paying for their homes. All of them, the process of paying for their homes. All of them, the process of paying for their homes. All of them, the process of paying for their homes. All of them, they were the paying the paying the property of the paying the

jury, the lot on which my net taxes will be in-creased 80 per cent by the county and 80 per cent by the city has a city sever line running through it over which the city has a ten-foot right-of-way, thereby multipring its sale value for building, in addition, this same lot has a drain ditch running through the full length of the lot into a culvert under Chesterfield Avenue. The City refuses to clearly it a "matural drain ditch." This same dich drains the water from a City-steaset through the lot on which they are increasing my taxes by 83 per cent.

the lot on which turey are uncessed my by 58 per cent.

It is yital to the economic good of the entire community that the county and city authorities reduce the fax burden instead of increasing it as these proposed new yrates will do. If they are derelled in their duty, the people will awaken to the realization that a consolidation of the city and county officer is not only desirable but absolutely necessary the second of the city and county officer is not only desirable but absolutely necessary therein the county of the city and the city and the city of the city

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[RéAD your excellent editorial on the "negativlism" of recent Senatorial voice on both the
steel mill seizure and the "abolition" of the RFC,
It certainly was correct to point out that recent actions of the Sense imay be counted as pure attempt
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Next Secretary Of State Has Most Unenviable Job

By MARQUIS CHILDS

climax.
It is supremely important, therefore, to try to understand the outlook of Acheson and the men around him who are trying to guide foreign policy in this interval between governments. First of all, they feel that the "so-called Russian peac offensive contains all, they feel that the 'so-called Russian peace offensive contains nothing that is new or different. Because they see if as merely a repetition of the same old effort of the 'west to build a security system, they do not consider that they have been presented with any new choice.

The Russian proposal to unify Cernainy was just one more trap was just one more trap so that they have been at a single state of the contract of the

They Want To Throw Out Somebody, But Just Who?

By ROBERT C. RUARK

THE question that you run onto This question that you run onto everywhere you go these days is always political, and is tinged with a touch of desperation. It is as if, in this big country, we were unable to dig up a couple of competents for the chores of running the na-

North. There is a general regret that Mr. Truman will not run, because they reckon that is one boy any-body can beat. It would have been simpler to present him as the Democratic candidate, thereby selfing at least one side of the thing, and the solid South, at least, wants the Fair Deal shuffled.

It's a peculiar approach to a big political year, since nobody I've talked to has many definite ideas. It is rather wistful to think of Eisenhower, maybe Kefauver, but, Taft, I don't think so, or Eisenbower, wai'll he opens himself up to assassination, or MacArthur, probably too old, They look fish-

But there is an anger among the people that is also frustrated in that they want to threw somebody out and they don't know who to throw. The constant comment is that it is time to change, but they do not seem to see how the change can be effected.

be effected.

The depth of anger at the last few years of the Truman reign is almost constant. They are angry about Korea. They are angry about Korea. They are angry about prices and taxes. They can good you by the book gan the scanddast Living costs to the scene dard perspective and create a p at by. Away from Washington the folks are real fighting sore.

There is one thing to consid-

GOD OF CHANCE

One lady I know had a son who was pretty battered up in Korea. The other day her second son was simply that if it is morally wrong to send one boy off to death and discomfort in Korea while sending her other boy to a pretty pleasant operation is Germany, and allowing chance to decide the whole open the control of the co

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

Nicaraguan Invites Self To Capital

WASHINGTON

dent—and dictator—of Nicaragua.

President Somoza was not invited to viait the USA,
by the seeming anyway. He has to go to the Leahy Clinic
in Boston for an operation and sent word that single
would have to be in the United States, where the single
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the war investigating committee.

Under these circumstances there wasn't much the White House could do about it, so President Somoza, arving tomorrow, will be given a quiet luncheon by President Tuman.

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Reason neither the State Dept, nor the White House Pericularly reliables an official valid from the chief of state of Nicaragua is first, because our official policy is to ingnore and discourage diction; seemocratic elections are considered to the control of the contr

Truman Vs. Newspapers

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NEWSPAPER publishers probably didn't know it, but President Truman's off-he-out remark about power to seize the press may have blocked certain antimonopy invove by the Justice Dept. against certain newspapers.

For some time the Justice Dept. has been coastof-ering broad antitust prosecution of newspapers having a near mosopoly of new in their areas. Two such moves the common property of the property of

gaged in interstate commerce.

— The Lorain Journal case actually involved only the monopoly question of refusal by the newspaper to take monopoly question of refusal by the newspaper to take das, if advertisers also patronized a competing radio station. However, Justice Burton, who happens to come from Circeland, Ohlo, adjacent to Lorain, and who is considered the most conservative member of this control further than the Justice Dept. emglect in upholding its your properties of the control of th

Prior Monopoly Moves

PREVIOUS to the Lorain Journal case, the Justice Dept.
actually had considered three monepoly suits. One
was against the Ricchester, N. Y. Times-Union and Democrat and Cheunicle, owned by Frank Cannett, who six
the Canala World-Herald within-also operates a radio
station, and the third was against the Kanasa City Times and
Star and its radio station.

mmerce. Instead of Rochester, it was tentatively decided to coceed against the Kansas City Star and Times which, cated on the Missouri River, have a heavy circulation in the Kansas and Missouri; also against the Omaha World-crald, which circulates substantially in both Iowa and

that any prosecution on a new year.

All these moves were prior to the Supreme Court becision in the Lerkin Journal case, which ruled that a decision in the Lerkin Journal case, which ruled that a state line was in interesting common control of the state line was in interesting common confine to monopoly proceedings of the property of the property of the process o