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SPEED AND PUNISHMENT

WE DON'T FEEL SORRY for the protesting salesman who decided to spend eighteen days in jail rather than pay an eighteen dollar fine for speeding. Our complaint is that he doesn't have more company. We wish more of Charlotte's speeders were in jail instead of on the streets and highways.

than twice the distance required when the car is traveling at 40 miles per hour. And at night there is even greater need for precaution because the speeder's visibility is limited to the short scope of his car's headlights, and he cannot stop within their clear range.

RIDGWAY REPORTS

THE several public reports on the Far East made by General Ridgway since his return to the U. S. are sobering. He has given his countrymen little new information, but his emphasis on the seriousness of the Korean situation and the magnitude of the problems facing the new Japan, does not permit one much hope for rapid improvement of the Far Eastern situation.

one considers that Japan, which still has the overpopulation and trade problems she has had a decade ago, now has less markets, less possible markets, and fewer places where her excess population could go. She has lost her island empire, her holdings on the Asian mainland. Her nations continue to be excluded from sparsely-settled Australia and New Zealand. Less than 300 Japanese may be admitted to the United States each year.

PERCENTAGE POOR

WHAT percentage are you? It seems important these days. Of course the five per centers are the most despised in the Japanese problem. Far, as the hazy days of the peace pact faded into history, these stark economic and sociological problems will loom larger and larger, taxing the ability of even the most far-sighted officials who seek to find their solution.

One of the property, upon which you and Gerald W. Johnson (in a recent issue of The Reporter) base your argument that it will turn the tax administration and the high taxes with which it is maintained, is a real property pump-priming or war financing, resulting in an overall indebtedness on the part of the Federal Government during the two decade period and an indirect, potential indebtedness of many more billions incurred by the various Federal lending and supporting agencies established in recent years. As to this we are all sleeping Winkles.

IS IT ART?

THERE is a great deal to be said, though I hesitate to say it, for the point of view expressed this week by three customs officials out in Los Angeles. When they got to a shipment consigned to Frank Peris, an art dealer, they came across a curious wad of paper which they labeled, after some deliberation, "packing material" and hence subject to duty.

Not interested—The politician returned from a big campaign speech. "Well, how did the audience receive your statement that you'd never bought a vote?" "Well, about a dozen or so seemed to come forward and seemed to lose interest in the speech and about 50 just got up and walked out." —Fernandina (Fla.) News-Leader.



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.

Is Drinking Bad?

Editors, The News: Y's drinking sinful and detrimental to mankind? This question is certainly an all-important one that cannot well be answered with a mere yes or no. Whether an individual considers drinking as sinful, or merely a harmless method of exhilaration depends upon his religious training, his early environment, and upon his reasoning powers.

defined, with a coverage industry-wide, thereby catching the employer with no grievance against him, and with the employer, who has restored some balance in labor's standing before the law. The former is more than preferentially treated. He is given an area production monopoly, production control within that area, with a guaranteed profit on production. Yet he is demanding no conservation payment after 20 years of training in soil control at government expense, and also aid in pastures establishment and fertilization of the same. And will continue to get all whole demand package, because he has the voting power in it. Herein, too, we are all sleeping Winkles.

We're All Asleep

Editors, The News: YOUR leading editorial of the 19th inst. is captioned "The Rip Van Winkle Republicans," to which I suggest a revision, "The Rip Van Winkle Americans." This more aptly describes the situation, for one.

Third, The army of Federal employees, retired and active, the beneficiaries of the social security program and their friends and families constitute more than 25 per cent handicap upon the country as existing against efforts to dislodge the party in power. There will have come out from Washington and other Federal agencies throughout the country between Jan. 1 and election day in November more than a quarter of a billion government checks and at least half the same will be a political message which will be heeded. Here we are dead-sleep American Winkles.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

NOW that Jim McGranery has become Attorney General, it might pay him to have his subordinates take the cobwebs off all the reports sent by other Government departments requesting investigation of graft and corruption. He would get some interesting cases from the RFC on Congressman Boykin of Alabama and from the Federal Bureau of Investigation on shipping and sales of oil in China; plus various others.

The Greeks Had Friends

DUDLEY represented a group of Greek shipowners who were trying to purchase surplus tankers from the Maritime Commission. The application was turned down on Sept. 15, 1947, on the ground that the applicants were not American citizens.

Stevenson May Issue His Statement And Back Harriman

WASHINGTON (AP)—The political ambitions of the late President's widow may be frustrated by a statement she is expected to issue in the near future. It is hardly necessary to add, it is believed, that the statement will be a formal statement of the late President's views on the subject of the late President's nomination for the office of President of the United States.

83rd Congress Due To Have At Least 70 New Legislators

WASHINGTON WILL have a bumper crop of new Congressmen next year, a survey by Congressional Quarterly Inc. indicates. There will be at least 72 new Congressmen in the House of Representatives and 25 new Senators in the 83rd Congress beginning Jan. 3, 1953.

California led the nation in population gains from 1940 to 1950, and as a result will gain seven new Congressmen in 1953. Florida gained two, and Maryland, Michigan, Texas, Virginia and Washington gained one each.

Some of these shifts have tossed to members of Congress from one new district — and only one can win in the Aug. 28 primary election. In the case of Missouri, Rep. John E. Rankin and Thomas G. Abernethy both seek re-election in the reorganized district.

M'Granery Should Read Some Dusty Files

year ago. But that's exactly the case he has today, gathered up by the late President's widow. This column has been able to obtain a copy of the maritime investigators' secret report.