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FORREST SHUFORD POINTS THE WAY

IN A SPEECH at Kings Mountain the other day, N. C. Commissioner of Labor Forrest H. Shuford pointed up an enigma that North Carolina has not yet been able to solve...

The Commissioner noted that per capita income in North Carolina jumped 188 per cent from 1941 to 1951, compared with 100 per cent increase of 152 per cent for the nation...

In spite of all this, Mr. Shuford said, "Our level of living does not improve as rapidly as we would like. In 1951 we ranked 44th among the 48 states with a per capita income...

There are explanations for this paradox. For one thing, North Carolina has one of the high-paying industries which, in other states, set a high wage pattern.

COUNTY OPTION SYSTEM IS PRESERVED

HOUSE and Senate committees acted wisely, we believe, when they killed identical bills calling for a statewide wet-dry liquor referendum.

Between the county option system, which is now the law of the state, and the statewide referendum, which has been sought for years by the Prohibition forces...

Although the drinking of alcoholic beverages is a national, indeed a world, problem, bootlegging and the assorted crimes spawned by Prohibition are essentially local problems.

Further, it is true that majority sentiment in North Carolina today favors a return

income figure is that 34 per cent of our population depends on farming for a livelihood, compared with only 18 per cent nationally.

Mr. Shuford has his own four-point program for building a higher income level and a brighter future for the people of the state:

1. In industry, development and manufacture of new products to be produced in new, higher paying diversified industries.

This is the message that he is taking to the people. He says it is a positive, a constructive program, one that is attainable. It is not enough for us merely to keep pace with the nation.

'Medical Reports Show That You Don't Feel So Good'



Big Decision On The Defense Budget Is Due Next Month

By JOSEPH & STEWART ALSOP

EVER since the inauguration of a tense effort to make up its own collective mind about the greatest issue facing the administration...

The issue really began to come to head early in March. At about that time, Budget Director Joseph Dodge and the Administration...

Accordingly, Dodge tentatively ordered cuts of 13 per cent in fiscal 1954 and 20 per cent in fiscal 1955...

On the foreign front, there were two major problems. The first was Eisenhower foreign policy, especially in Asia.

Wherever they looked, in short, the defense officials found problems involving grave threats to the security of the United States...

In this painful dilemma, the weary officials who had been wrestling with the problem decided that a fresh approach was needed.

Prisoner Exchange Probable

By MARQUIS CHILDS

Permanent Korean Peace Unlikely

WASHINGTON

A LONG, hard look at the Russian peace overtures has chilled the optimism that flowed so luxuriantly in the first warm breath out of Moscow.

There is, of course, the tremendous gain in and of itself in the exchange of prisoners. The belief still holds that not alone the sick and wounded, but sooner or later all prisoners will be exchanged.

Even here, however, the wording of the Chinese Communist communication to the United Nations suggests that bobby traps may be awaiting the U. N. negotiators.

The dubious language in the proposal out of Peking is similar to that in resolutions put forward last year by Kirshin-Mlenov, a member of the Indian delegation.

BRITISH PRESSURE had come from Britain's Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden. But Eden had the support of all Western Europe and in the background was the assistance of the Arab-Asian bloc.

To the Asheville Citizen, which dug up the illuminating quote, our manners. And to Mr. Dulles, a pat on the back for finally coming to his senses.

People's Platform

Heavy Trucks Hurting Highways

CHARLOTTE

EDITORIAL: North Carolinians should warmly commend The Charlotte News for its recent forceful editorials with respect to pending legislation in the General Assembly relating the weight allowance of commercial trucks on North Carolina highways.

The House Roads Committee has arbitrarily approved this legislation in spite of the damage already inflicted by overloaded trucks on our highways which runs into the hundreds of million dollars.

We are aggressiveness with which the trucking industry is pressing for special privilege in the use of public highways is ample proof that the only interest they have in good highways is their own financial interest and purpose of gain.

You have but to drive over our highways to observe the cracks and holes that has been inflicted by heavy trucks, calling for very expensive maintenance, to realize that this destruction is your concern.

Doesn't Mind Taxes For Defense

CHERRAW, S. C.

Editors, Tax News: We should not trust the Russians and their new We speak talk at all. Germany is the prize that Moscow wants. So what? But it is not our business to pay for their wars.

The end of the fighting would be, in itself, a blessing of a magnitude that can scarcely be expressed. No matter what the long-term reasons, the Administration would build up a great store of political credit by this one act.

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Investigators Swarming Through International Information Office

By CONGRESSIONAL QUARTERLY

WASHINGTON

THE agency which makes up THE face Uncle Sam shows up the most just about takes the prize as the most investigated unit of government.

The State Department's International Information Administration, which includes the Voice of America, after undergoing six probes in the past is now being queried by two Senate Committees, the President's Committee on International Information Activities, headed by William H. Jackson, and the agency's own new Dr. Robert L. J. Haynes.

The Senate probes are by the Permanent Investigations Subcommittee headed by Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wis.) looking for "mismanagement and subversion," and a Foreign Relations Subcommittee headed by William H. Jackson (R-Iowa) exploring "all aspects of overseas information work."

PHILIPERS FATE UNCERTAIN In addition, two commissions of non-governmental experts are charged with investigating the six months to Congress every six months on how well the program is doing.

The fate of the IIA will determine the fate of the IIA and its most controversial section, the Voice of America.

For the IIA and its predecessor International Information Administration appropriated nearly \$50 million since 1945.

They argued that the long deadlock between Cole and Hickel over the IIA was the most ridiculous, that the Senate had monopolized this key part of the atomic committee was first established.

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DULLES SEES THE LIGHT

THE OTHER DAY John Foster Dulles had this to say about the Bricker Amendment to limit the treaty-making powers of the President:

"These resolutions would deprive the nation of treaty-making power in large areas. They would deny to all treaties the force of law, making their enforcement depend on subsequent action of the Congress, and in the case of one of the resolutions, also of the 48 states. They would subject to 48-day-by-day conduct of foreign affairs in 48 states, which might be affecting."

It would be, he said, impossible to amend the Constitution so as to exclude possible abuses, without incurring risks that are far greater than that the present power will be abused."

BACK TO THE PIANO, WITH SMILES

HOPEFULLY, we are always looking for some indication that Americans have had enough of spectator sports, canned music and syndicated celebration, and are ready to amuse themselves with their own devices and a few homely piano tunes.

Piano factories—those that prevent us, even the highest pitch in more than 20 years. And the pianos are going straight to the homes of that bumper crop of World War II babies, the seven-to-fourteen-year group.

Our piano manufacturer, quoted in the Wall Street Journal, says "any experienced piano merchant will sell you 80 to 85 per cent of the pianos sold are bought by parents who want little-Johnnie to learn to play."

"This," says another dealer, "is only the beginning. We can expect a 30 per cent increase in that (seven to fourteen) age group by eight years from now."

At first glance we were inclined to suspect that the main reason for this back-to-practice movement was the selfish desire of parents to have junior be another virtuoso, that, even after having seen Oscar Levant, parents wanted the young ones to reap the rewards that came to the gifted pianist.

But maybe the improved methods of teaching piano that has turned the tide. We remember all too well the tedious finger drills that preceded any tune in our beginning book. Now, as one piano man put it, "I think the new method is that you don't have to be a virtuoso to be a pianist."

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FAIR INVESTIGATION

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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON

SECRETARY of Commerce Weeks has done a lot of talking about economy. But he doesn't always practice what he preaches. For example, he has left \$38,000 in the budget to pay for personal government planes to fly him around the country.

In fact, he just got back from a week-end flight to Palm Beach, Fla. in his plane already inflicted by overloaded trucks on our highways which runs into the hundreds of million dollars.

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Taxpayers Finance Weeks' Plush Flights

500 worth of flying time for his top aide, mostly in the Commerce Department's plush airplane. He doesn't want to back to the States. In fact, Weeks has ordered that the big plane "be limited to high-level administrative or special demonstration flights."

The Veep To Run Again ALLEN BARKLEY, one Vice-President but always the "Veep," is definitely planning to run for governor of Kentucky in 1954. He doesn't want to back to the States. In fact, Weeks has ordered that the big plane "be limited to high-level administrative or special demonstration flights."

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