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HYDROGEN BOMBS IN WHOLESALE LOTS

SINCE Atomic Energy Commission scientists successfully exploded a hydrogen-type bomb, U. S. defense experts have based their calculations on the assumption that only those countries far along with conventional atomic bomb progress would be able to build the hydrogen bomb.

This assumption stemmed from the belief that no other force save an atomic bomb could generate the terrific heat needed to "ignite" the fusion-type hydrogen bomb.

This week, following a meeting of the National Security Council attended by many military and civilian advisers, a story with shattering potentialities was leaked to the press. U. S. scientists are at work on new methods of making hydrogen weapons that may prove to be so simple and so inexpensive that any nation with a moderate military budget will be able to turn them out in wholesale lots.

If these gloomy predictions are based on fact, it appears that the human race is inexorably being forced to some sort of system that will prevent such vast destruction. The free world statesmen have not yet found the key, but until it is found, they must continue trying to marshal world opinion to halt Russian aggression.

And in that effort there is this lone consoling thought—the atomic era is becoming so frightening that even the Russians may be forced to agree to a workable system of armaments control in order to save their own lands.

If there is a reasonable chance that large-scale production of hydrogen bombs may be achieved in the next few years, a complete reorientation of the U. S. defense program will be necessary, and at what cost only guesses—certainly high in the billions of dollars.

Even so, the best defense in the world will not trap every invading plane or missile. Some will get through to their targets, perhaps many of them.

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People's Platform

Letters should be brief. The writer's 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.

Criticism May Backfire

FLORENCE, S. C.
THEY criticize and fault-finding of the Eisenhower administration... The writer's 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.

A Plea For School Funds

MARION
I have just watched and listened to a narrative by Edward R. Murrow on my TV set... The writer's 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.

state in which it happens. It is agreed that schools are of first importance, then for heaven's sake, let's keep 'first things first.'
In order to prove the need in our state for better schools and better legislation concerning them, I can give my own personal problem as an example. Last year my little girl was 6 on Oct. 7th, 6 days before the deadline set by the state. There are 11 others in one school here whose birthdays came so close to the deadline their parents started them in. They went one week and because of a lack of space, a lack of teachers, and the birthday deadline, they were turned out. Sent back home. The blame for a child's life being set back a whole year is not the fault of just one person, but of us all. We have put too many other things ahead of our schools.

But that isn't the worst, as far as our children here are concerned. Last spring there were two fires in the old elementary building here, the second of which gutted the building. And now those same children, who are already a year behind, are having to do with makeshifts. They're having classes in the Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian churches. They still have a shortage of teachers, and no school building!

All I can say is, "Thank God for the Churches." And how nice it would be if you think for some new, bigger and better schools.

Please, let's vote for the school bonds.
—MRS. JAMES A. BAKER

Police Work Lauded

CHARLOTTE
Editor, The News:
The Charlotte City Police Department is to be highly commended for the efficiency and speed with which it apprehended a young lady who was passing fraudulent checks in uptown stores... The writer's 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.

The Joy Of Homecoming

CHARLOTTE
Editor, The News:
I AM sure many News readers have attended I homecomings. I have never enjoyed a day any more than I did the homecoming at Wilmont Baptist Church.
Old members were there, and all had a happy time. Before he slipped away, a wonderful sermon and the whole crowd went up front and clasped the hands of their pastor and former pastor, and they all bowed their heads to God.
Somebody there will be a homecoming that will never end, and I hope there will be no family circles broken.
—MRS. MAYNE BARGER

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round Guggenheim Warns To Stay Home

WASHINGTON
SELDOM have so many new American ambassadors been appointed from one country to another in Washington... The writer's 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.

Small Business Champion

ONE of the toughest, fightingest backers for small business Washington has seen in many a year stepped out of government yesterday. He is Commissioner Steve Spingarn, member of the Federal Trade Commission, who probably did more to revive the commission's original concept of free competition than any other man in a decade.
Spingarn began his life as a Teddy Roosevelt Republican and did his best to carry out T. R.'s attempt to prevent the American economy from being dominated by big business. His views are the exact opposite of General Motors' Charley Wilson,

Economy Advocates Likely To Win, Despite Pressure

By MARQUIS CHILDS

WASHINGTON
THEY SAY that the Eisenhower administration is favoring economy versus continuing high-level spending for defense... The writer's 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.

The chief advocate of the need to balance the budget and get the taxes down at least a little bit is Secretary of the Treasury George H. Brown... The writer's 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.

But when Humphrey talks about the economy, he is not talking the level of political inevitability or expediency... The writer's 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.

Beyond these considerations, important as they are, Humphrey also has convinced that there is a large-scale waste in the defense expenditures... The writer's 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.

In this connection Humphrey's longstanding friendship and close relationship with Secretary of Defense Charles Wilson is significant... The writer's 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.

Congressional Quiz

- Q—Can movie stars still escape income tax payments on their earnings abroad?
A—Not completely. A law enacted by the first session of the 80th Congress...
Q—Has any official decision been reached on the effectiveness of AD-32, the battery additive?
A—No, despite government tests and Congressional hearings...
Q—The Constitution provides that one-third of the Senate's seats—36—will be filled by election every two years...
Q—Why has a Congressional committee delayed its investigations of gambling and other abuses charged to organized sports?
A—Chairman John W. Bricker (R-Ohio) of the Senate Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee has said he is postponing a proposed inquiry because of uncertainty about his Committee's jurisdiction...
Q—The Federal Reserve Board has announced that it will not raise the discount rate...
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S. C. REPUBLICANS STILL A-FEUDING

THE hassle in the ranks of the South Carolina Republican Party gets more intricate with each passing week.
In one corner is the faction headed by J. Bates Garner, Charleston lumber dealer, a Taft supporter at the 1952 convention and the long-time boss of a handful of dyed-in-the-wool South Carolina Republicans.

In the other corner is a new group composed largely of independents and former Democrats, who are following the pro-Eisenhower leadership of Myrtle Beach real estate man William A. Kimbel.

Since last November, when Kimbel's newly elected House of Representatives, J. Bates Garner, polled 156,812 votes to only 8,901 on the regular Republican ticket, Kimbel has been close to the national committee and its current chairman, Leonard Hall.

It is obvious to everyone except Gerald and his associates that the Kimbel faction offers the only hope for building a strong, effective Republican Party in South Carolina. Gerald has always operated a sort of "private club," with a small membership, and has made no effort to enlarge the grass roots base of the party. He is out of favor with Washington, and with the people of South Carolina.

NEWS & COMMENT

Who is supplying the money for its court action? Why does a tiny, discredited group, lacking friends and support both in South Carolina and in Washington, persist in blocking the growth of a clean, respectable state Republican Party?
The answer to those questions will be found by digging into the history of Dixie Republicanism. This is not the first time it has happened, nor will it be the last—unless the national party takes the initiative, boots out the dissidents and hangers-on, and puts its reliance on the new, more able, and more aggressive Republican leaders who are springing up over the South.

A TIME FOR TOLERANCE AND UNDERSTANDING

THE expressions of grief and shock, of anxiety and bewilderment, of disbelief and bitterness, that poured from fathers and mothers in America when they learned that their sons had refused registration surely must go down in the records as one of the most heart-rending stories of all time.

As the slow and terrible months rolled by, their hopes began building up. The sons, so long behind the bars of Communist prisons, would soon be coming home to pick up again the lives interrupted by the call to military duty.

And then the unbelievable word that their sons had elected to become Communists and to stay with the enemy.

None of us can imagine how hearts were torn in these American families. None of us can possibly feel the impact of shattered hopes. None of us can know how many of these parents, in searching for a reason, have put the blame on themselves for something, somewhere falling in the job of bringing up sturdy, strong, confident young Americans with a solid standard of values.

But the story is not concluded. Just as in the case of the "progressives," who came

INDENT NEWS EXCLAMATION POINT

DEAR Miss Jones column paragraph.
This being capital Washington Secretaries apostrophe Day comma we realize that some wise hyphen cracking editorials probably will be written about Girl Fridays comma paragraph. We would like to say comma serious by comma that in our opinion the large corps of efficient and well trained women secretaries constitutes an integral and valuable part of American business and industry period Off hyphen hand comma we cannot think of a single industry or business which does not depend heavily on secretaries for efficient operation comma paragraph.

We note that a national survey shows 63 per cent of personnel experts believe secretaries are more efficient today than ever before and that 73 per cent of the secretaries say there is nothing parenthetical in doing secretarial work comma paragraph. We think this nothing extra excellent relationship between employer and employee and an excellent attitude on the part of the secretaries period To sum up comma we think you are doing a splendid job and we wish you a happy capital National Secretaries apostrophe Day period.

And Miss Jones comma if we have punctuated this incorrectly comma we know we can count on you to fix it for us period. We're going to lunch. Most sincerely etc.

The only reason local cotton gins are running 15 to 20 percent over capacity is a shortage of pickers. It seems that cotton picking is now done by men more than Selective Service, and most of the volunteer pickers are those who were too young to pick last season.—Omega (Ga.) News.

A depression would do more to help leg muscles than anything we know of.—Elizabethon (Ky.) News.