

Would VFW Sleuths Recognize A Red?

ANY CITIZEN has not only the right but the duty to report to proper government authority, which is the FBI, any activity which he believes to be subversive.

- (1) There is not nearly so much subversive activity going on in this fine old republic as we have been led to believe;
(2) Those who engage it are smart enough to fool most everyone except skilled investigators; and
(3) Many people do not know what subversion is.

Unfortunately, some persons and groups abuse the right and duty to report subversive activity. In so doing they create a danger which may be greater than the danger of internal subversion presently is.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars frequently provides good examples of this kind of abuse. 'New fronts,' it declared recently in a national memorandum, 'are hiding many old characters in cities across the nation.'

Parking Problem Must Be Faced

THERE are various ways of providing a city with sufficient, adequate off-street parking facilities. So far Charlotte has constantly refrained from trying any of them, despite the expert advice of Traffic Engineer Herman Hoese.

Yesterday Mr. Hoese, at the City Planning Board's request, made detailed recommendations for solving the problem.

Mr. Hoese would have the city buy a number of existing lots in downtown areas so these lots would be eventually used for non-parking purposes, thus increasing the parking shortage where it is most acute.

Two Ways To Save On Coffee

IT IS TOO BAD that those scientists who deal with coffee have not been as ingenious as those who deal with butter and its substitute. We once heard a Minnesota creamery operator compliment and ask for more of the old fashioned type of real butter.

There is now a coffee shortage for the simple reason that supply is down, because the drought and the bugs hit Brazilian coffee plantations last year, and the demand is up, because many people, particularly Americans, want more coffee than they used to.

walk, Conn., VFW post disclosed this week that it has sent the FBI the names and addresses of Norfolk citizens whose records and activities the post considers communist.

The Norfolk VFW action goes beyond what is required by good citizenship and becomes instead a dangerous divisive force in the community. Instead of merely reporting to the FBI, which is professionally qualified to investigate and which keeps its own counsel, the veterans investigated, evaluated and told each other about those neighbors who were deemed lacking in patriotism.

Furthermore, many of the VFW junior groups probably would not recognize a Communist if they saw one. The VFW Americanism Department, in its publication entitled 'How To Spot Pro-Communists,' says that while 'more than a single statement or other evidence generally is necessary to determine that a person or organization is advocating the Communist Party line,' watch for these indications:

Using such words as 'proletariat' and 'bourgeois.' (The word is then spelled out phonetically, 'boorz-hwa,' so the Hawkshaws will be sure how the laid work sounds.)

Also suspect are people who declare that 'U. S. foreign policies are not designed for world peace' (many Republicans were in that category during the '52 election) and those who describe 'Wall Street as governing the United States.'

The country would be better off if the ardent vets stuck to veteran affairs.

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Continued failure to face up to the problem and act on it will mean less business for men, cities, depreciation of downtown property values as business moves to the suburbs.

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SUGGESTIONS FOR INVENTORS

THE OTHER DAY this newspaper recorded the news that articles which had been invented to serve multiple purposes.

There was a bed blanket which could also be used as a beach robe or a house coat. Also there was a necktie which had a pocket to be zipped open or shut and a gray ladle which not only was able to select thin or thick gravy, but which could be used as a flower holder when not ladling gray.

In the first place we are glad that all of this came to light after Christmas and not before. Otherwise someone would have given us one of these articles as a gift.

These were once presented with one of these adjustable golf clubs. It can be used as a long distance iron and then with a few simple turns it becomes an instrument for getting the ball out of a sand trap.

Mysterious nature item says that bees and honeybees can enjoy movie. Either this is because of some peculiarity in their eyes or they've read the book—FLORIDA TIMES-UNION.

Ham without eggs is possible, also corned beef without cabbage, but has anybody been used as a safety zone on a rainy day without an adjacent puddle?—COLUMBIA (S. C.) STATE.



People's Platform

Letters to the Editor. 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.

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Molotov Lives Up To His Name--It Means 'Hammer'

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of State John Foster Dulles long ago paid a high professional compliment to Vyacheslav M. Molotov, the Russian foreign minister.

Molotov was said, quite a diplomatic, one of the best. And Molotov, whose name means hammer, isn't letting him down, now that the two men are meeting in Berlin with two other foreign ministers.