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The Turncoats: They Can't Come Home

THE homeward return of the three American turncoats promises to be one of the most dramatic of post-scripts to the Korean war.
The drama is inevitable, for the stories of the turncoats includes the classic elements of betrayal and professed remorse, threatened punishment and unknown future, grieving and shamed families, a bride left in the call of war and a child never seen by its father.

For many Americans who find it difficult to admit that any born-and-bred American would forsake his country to join a known enemy of alien tongue and culture, there are many questions to ponder.
What prompted these three men and 17 others still in Red China to desert their country? Was it a fault in their environment, a weakness in our system, a disillusionment with American democracy? Or were the causes callous considerations of promised reward, or fear of punishment for traitorous acts committed while they still were prisoners of war and American soldiers?

Where Do We Go From Here?

THE HEELS can take some consolation in freshly compiled statistics on wages in North Carolina's manufacturing plants: The state cannot flop any lower on the national measuring gauge. We've hit bottom.
For the first time in history, North Carolina ranks 48th among the states of the nation in average weekly earnings of manufacturing employees.

industries have been having middle-of-the-century aches and pains. New blood is desperately needed. Some industrial diversification has been accomplished over the past few years—but not nearly enough. Even while making progress, North Carolina is finding it difficult to keep up with the rest of the nation.
Too, North Carolina Research Institute's figures offer a bodefuler of Hold-your-own ammunition to that small band of legislators who battled in vain for a minimum wage law during the 1955 General Assembly.

The Case For Intelligent Terror

EVER since Hiroshima disappeared in a blinding flash of light Aug. 6, 1945, scientists have shown the most gratifying terror of the atom.
They have not, however, succeeded in getting the bulk of mankind intelligently terrified.
The latest attempt to bring the consequences of nuclear warfare into sharp focus is a statement just issued by nine eminent scientists of the world. It is an appeal to all nations to avert nuclear war because the hydrogen bomb threatens "the continued existence of mankind."

public horizon as a probably attainable goal. If successful, radioactive poisoning of the atmosphere and hence the inhibition of any life on earth, has been brought within the range of technical possibility.
A few citizens gazed. Then they went their merry way. After all, these were nothing but words.
The goal of the nine scientists is noble. With their help perhaps the nation that man has an unconquerable instinct for war can be shattered. According to Julian Huxley, he has only a pugnacious instinct, which is very different.
But the great mass of mankind is not ready for the sacrifices—the distasteful limitation on national sovereignty, for instance—that the abolition of war would require.
They are not yet ready to do what they must do.
They must be shocked into awareness. They must have the facts—straight, hard, unvarnished, high-order abstractions will not do.
They must know what the hydrogen bomb is and what it will do. Let as many as possible stand and watch a few tests. Let them see the unearthly glare and feel the crunch of energy.
Let a few of them get knocked down if necessary.
Let them see the effects of radioactive fallout on some laboratory animals.
Then perhaps a few laymen will be as intelligently terrified as the scientists.
Then perhaps they will be ready as a few scientists are now, to talk about the abolition of war.
Until then, man's hope lies in the terror of a few leading statesmen and military leaders—some of them untrustworthy and unpredictable—and the deterrent effect of the hydrogen bomb against temptation.

The Curb: Stronghold Of Bourgeois Tipping?

People's Platform Amend Constitution To Stop Integration
Editors, The News: I T'S gratifying to see the beer can back on the curb.
This was a wise action by our fathers—giving us peasants the convenience of our "bourgeois brew."

Amend Constitution To Stop Integration
Editors, The News: I HAVE been very interested in the letters recently written about the Supreme Court decision on the segregation issue. The majority of the writers have merely criticized the Supreme Court and those of both races who favor its decision.

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Adjournment Blues

WASHINGTON CONGRESS' end-of-July adjournment target still looks good, despite the latest attack of Senate Majority Leader Lyndon B. Johnson (D-Tex.).

New Leader Won't Linger

WASHINGTON SEN. CLEMENTS has anything to say about it. Reason is that Clements has pressing business at home on three weeks on a Far East inspection for the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Sen. Clements

SEN. CLEMENTS The Party Line Aug 4 That's the day Kentucky Democrats held a primary to pick a candidate to succeed Gov. Lawrence W. Wetherby, D., whose four-year term expires in December.

Sen. Johnson

SEN. JOHNSON Straight As Ever Clements backed and Johnson opposed. For a man who has said "I have no personality," Earle Clements has had a remarkably successful career in politics. He has held public office without interruption since 1928, always managing to campaign successfully for the next office while occupying the present one.

Dog Gets Better Deal Than Negro

ALTHOUGH I have been a constant reader of the editorial section for some time, I must admit that I have read some very interesting letters on integration of the South, but the most idiotic one was the one misquoting the Bible. I do not want you to think I am of the Communist faith, because I am a 100 per cent American Negro who fought in Korea for two years so the red, white and blue could continue to wave.

Articles On Brake Fluid Praise

Incidentally, a recent publication, "A Guide To Religions In America," discloses that 62 per cent of the clergy and 96 per cent of ministerial students regard the Bible as myth and legend. Indeed, the Fundamentalist attempt to harmonize biblical discrepancy and the cosmogonies of Genesis with the "science" of evolution, is like trying to combat armored rigors with weapons of straw.

Why Worry About NAACP & Negroes?

IN REGARD to the letter in the July 8 News ("Why Worry About Bowles?") All I have to say is why worry about the Negro race and the NAACP? I think this particular letter writer is trying to poison the minds of both races. Why should you print such letters as she writes? She would stop writing if no one would answer what she writes.

Is The Bible Mere Myth And Legend?

ANIEL D. Michalek, religious editor of the contradictory Genesis accounts of creation, alleges that the first account (Gen. 1:31 through 2:3) is epochal each event being effected in terms of a 24-hour period of days, and the second account is "a commentary on the first."

States Rights Reminder From South Carolina

LANCASTER, S. C. Editors, The News: I'D like your editorial suggestion that the principle of states rights be buried along with the Articles of Confederation, and I would like to see your amendment to the Constitution of the United States (effective as of Dec. 5, 1955).

Advice For People Feeling Their Age

TO ALL the people who think they are getting old, think young and you will live to be a young, old man or woman. I can assure you of a young at heart.—JOHN B. NAPOLITANO

Destructiveness Thwarting A Drive For Life

WARD life is thwarted, the words the drive for life and the drive for destruction are not mutually independent factors in a reverse interdependence. The more the drive toward life is thwarted, the stronger is the drive toward destruction. The more life is realized, the less is the strength of destructiveness. Destructiveness is the outcome of univied life.

Quote, Unquote

"Did you give your wife that lecture on economy you talked about?" "Yes." "Any results?" "I've got to give up smoking!" —FORT MYERS (Fla.) News-Press.

From The Lumberton Robesonian

NEW-TYPE SOUTHERNER AUTO registrations in 16 southern states have doubled since 1945, says a recent issue of AUTOMOBILE FACTS. While southern population has increased only 10 per cent over 1941, compared with 19.9 per cent nationally, passenger car registrations in the South as a whole have jumped 73.8 per cent com-

Open Door

ESTES AND ADLAI Some Democratic senators privately view the Dixon-ates probe with mixed feelings. They recognize it as the best piece of inside work by the big bankers and chaperones. The Russians will go anywhere anytime, see any farm, college or experiment station. Their entry into the country will be by farm roads, along the way, with the Des Moines Register Tribune giving them the first big send-off when they arrive there July 17.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON AS he goes to Geneva for weighty conversations, a tour that might reap a bigger friendship crop in the long run will be taking place in Des Moines and points west, like arrival in Geneva July 16. A delegation of Russian farm officials arrives in New York July 16. Inspired by the Des Moines Register Tribune, theirs will be the first real visit of grass-roots Russians since Russian military men and their families landed in U.S. during the war.

No Fancy Folderol For Red Farmers

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Planes For Portugal

PORTUGAL has appealed to the United States to send vintage American fighters to replace the 12 that crashed, follow-the-leader fashion into a mountain range recently. This accident wiped out 20 per cent of the Portuguese air force. Even though the American-made fighters being the accident might have been avoided by good pilots, the United States will probably send new planes to the Portuguese.

Wood And Spurred

THE men made overtures to Bill Foster, undersecretary of Defense, in return, to take that job again, replacing retiring Bob Anderson. Foster, however, said no.