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Taxes Are No Worry To Some People

TAX evasion being a warm subject, here are a few more facts to bolster our suggestion yesterday that the city tax collector go after delinquents with every legal weapon at his command.
As Mecklenburg County sent out bills this week for more than \$5.12 million in 1955 taxes, it was still trying to collect \$250,783.27 in 1954 taxes. That amount of unpaid taxes is 4.3 per cent of the total \$4.44 million of \$5,091,625. And during the period between 1945 and 1953, a total of \$322,904.90 has gone unpaid.

It doesn't take much arithmetic to figure that 1955 bills would have had a softer bite if all the taxes in preceding years had been collected. This, of course, is not possible but vigorous use of garnishment or levies on salaries or property of delinquents can reduce their ranks.
Those ranks need a good thinning and county authorities should turn the legal screws until those evaded thousands start clicking into the treasury.

New Violence Sprouts From Old Seed

UNtrue tears persuaded Israelis and Arabs to put away their brass knuckles back in 1949 but the argument between them was never settled and so the knucks are donned again as resentments and angers long repressed burst open in new violence.
The only hope for peace is a general settlement of the issues—including boundaries, refugees and recognition—unrelied by the 1949 treaty. In tendering its good offices in the dispute the U.S. recognized the basic problems but the response of both parties indicates an unwillingness to bargain further, a reluctance sealed in mutual distrust and in stubbornly held positions. But unless a general view of reports that Russia is offering arms to the Arabs and thus making them militarily equal with Israel, the very sober prospect is that full-scale fighting will be resumed.

There is absolutely no agreement on the correctness of the present borders. Jordan claims Jerusalem but Israel occupies half of it. In turn, Israel claims the Gaza strip which Egypt occupies. The human element makes the refugee problem even more torturous. During the war, almost a million Arabs living in Israel became refugees. Israel has refused to let them come home, contending repatriation would constitute opening her borders to an Arab Trojan horse.
There has been no without basis. The Arabs have never really recognized the right of Israel to exist as a nation, fearing the Jews' industrial might would catapult Israel into top rank leadership in the Middle East.

Having won the war that followed creation of their state the Israelis have maintained enough military strength to make the idea of another full-scale war extremely unpalatable to the Arabs. If Russian arms beat up Arab strength, however, and nothing is done about the unsettled issues a broadening of the border conflict can be expected.
Mr. Dulles' intervention comes now too soon. If he pushes it vigorously, perhaps it has not come too late.

King Of The Wild Political Frontier

IF ENOUGH put their minds to it, the truth will out, even about Davy Crockett. It will harm none and offend none, save perhaps small boys, manufacturers of Davy Crockett trinkets, would-be candidates for man-of-the-year distinction, and politicians. Davy having some knowledge about the latter.
Davy may have killed bears at three and died a hero in the Alamo some years later, but as a representative to Congress from Tennessee he was anything but an empty-headed wearer of the buckskin. As a successful political candidate he knew how to play on the voter's sympathy, just as some of his successors do today.

Several passages from THE LIFE OF DAVY CROCKETT, THE ORIGINAL HONORABLE AND IMPASSIONED BACKWOODSMAN suffice to illustrate Davy's knowledge of pay-off politics.
"Attend all public meetings and get some friends to move that you take the chair," he advised. "If you fail in this attempt make a push to be appointed secretary, the proceedings of course will be published, and your name is introduced to the public."
Again: "If your ambition compels you to serve your country, and earn three dollars a day by becoming a member of the legislature, you must first publicly avow that the constitution of the state is a shackle upon free and liberal legislation; and is therefore, of as little use in the present enlightened age as an old almanac of the year in which the instrument was framed."
Later: "When the day of election approaches, visit your constituents far and wide. Treat liberally, and drink freely, in order to rise in their estimation, though

you fall in your own. True, you may be called a drunken dog by some of the silk stockings, but the real roughnecks will style you a jovial fellow; their votes are certain, and frequently count double. Do all you can to appear to advantage in the eyes of the women. That's easily done—you have but to kiss and slapper their children, wipe their noses, and pat them on the head; this cannot fail to please their mothers, and you may rely on your promises being done in that quarter.
"Promise all that is asked, and more if you can think of anything. Offer to build a bridge or a church, to divide a county, create a batch of new offices, make a turnpike, or anything they like. Promise almost nothing.
"Get up on all occasions, and sometimes on no occasion at all, and make long-winded speeches, though composed of nothing else than wind—talk of your devotion to your country, your modesty, or on any such airy subject.
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PHONY ORATORS

NOW that campaigning is carried on so extensively over television, the WASHINGTON POST & TIMES HERALD reborn the passing of the political orator with his learned political references, his four-square stand for God, motherhood, dogs, children, country and honesty (in that order). It notes that the old-style political orator survives in the halls of Congress but he is rarely heard on the radio and "never, but never, seen on television."
This may be lamentable to those facetiously inclined. But there is another aspect to television campaigning as now refined by the publicity and technical experts that should cause some genuine concern to the voters. That is the phony inness which candidates can get away with over this medium.
There is the TelePrompTer, a device which enables a politician to look the voter square in the eye and seem to be speaking directly and extemporaneously while actually he reads his speech from a page words thrown on a screen out of the camera's range. There is the art of makeup which can remove bags from beneath the eyes, wipe away wrinkles and even grow hair on a bald head. And now there is the "ghost interview," the top phony of all.
Some works like this. A cabinet member or some other very high official goes before a TV film camera in a special room at the Capitol where they handle these things with a prepared script of

questions and answers. This film is developed and multiple copies are made. Then, days or weeks later, any congressman who wants to go before the same camera with the same script and just reads the questions. Technicians take the two films, artfully splice them together, and the congressman gets a TV film which makes him out a big shot. He can use it on the TV stations in his district and show the voters what a big wheel he is in Washington and how he can make even cabinet officials come to heel and answer to him for his constituents.
Is this honest? Is it cheating the voters? Perhaps it is. No actual harm. If there were no television, no doubt the candidate would be trying in other ways to build himself up before the public but when he appears in person before voters, on who to issue a statement or submits to an interview in the press through reporters dedicated to the exposure of phony whenever found, the voters are given a clear picture of the man on which to base their estimate of the candidate. On television stations, the voters cannot be sure whether the face they see is that of the candidate or a cosmeticsian, whether the words that are spoken and the thoughts that are expressed are his or another's.
Maybe the doctor who didn't hesitate to make night calls has gone the way of the patient who didn't call a doctor until he really needed him—GREENVILLE (S.C.) FREDMONT.

'Er-How Do You Do'

People's Platform



Nation Must Keep Its Defenses Strong

WE WILL remember the slogan of a few years past of our people and the promises of our government that it will never harbor Pearl Harbor.
We should not forget that on Dec. 7, 1941, that a little Oriental man called Kruui, foreign secretary of Japan, was making an official call in the name of the Japanese Government of Japan, who at the time called on our then secretary of state, the late Cordell Hull, of the United States. And at that time he, Mr. Kruui, was all smiles, yet the Japanese Air Force was making their hit and run bombing runs over Pearl Harbor. Yet they were smiling and talking peace and you know what happened? We came close to speaking, by a sneak attack by a smiling bunch of blood-thirsty war lords of Japan.

Yet today there are evil forces in the world on the move to do just what Japan and Germany did to do at that time. These forces are as an ulcer turning into a cancer inside a human being eating to the outside of the body which in the time will conquer the human being who is unfortunate to have such a killing disease.
That's the same way the Communist forces today are getting into our government forces and military forces and our courts and different outfits who are supposed to be working for the betterment of the people. Yet, all they are doing is getting their forces set up for the kill.
They might take our government officials on sight-seeing tours of their vast country, smile at our leaders at the conference tables in Geneva, but I say our people and government had better not be lulled into a disarmament period and take our guard down, for the force will not attack you if he knows you are prepared to defend yourself.
If it were left to the majority of the people I know we would remain prepared for any attack from the enemy wherever he may be or whenever it may happen. Let's trust it never occurs, but if it does let's be ready and "Remember Pearl Harbor" and all the smiles on that Sabbath day and the talks of peace that were going on.

NEVER AGREE
Our Congress never agree for the administration to destroy our armed forces for it's better to have it and not need it than to need it and not have it. It's an insurance against destruction.
And let's check on all the outfits going around in our nation causing hatred among the races, especially in the South. Also, let's check on any other branch of our government and see what can be found out there or smells like a Communist or anything that pertains to a Communist as we do not need any of their help or advice. If our administration seems to think we should accept them or their co-partner Red China, we think otherwise.
—J.A. GRAHAM

Why Do Negroes Stay In South?

CHARLOTTE
I HAVE been interested in reading the letters for and against segregation and would appreciate if you would send your paper to me as a question.
If the Negroes have been so persecuted and ill-treated in the South that they remain here instead of going North to people who would be kind to them and who would give them equal rights? They've been free nearly 100 years and under no obligation to stay here. Will some member of the NAACP or some intelligent Negro answer my question?
—G. M. SMITH

Driver Training Work Appreciated

CHARLOTTE
I AM publicly taking the opportunity to thank The News and Mr. Robinson, its publisher, for their personal interest in reviewing interested in the driver training program in the city schools.
As a result of Mr. Robinson and The News' interest in the driver training program and it now appears that it will grow into proportion throughout the city.

'Truths' Expressed On Racial Issue

GAINES, S. C.
I WOULD like to have space in your paper to express some truths concerning the situation that has developed among the citizens of our nation since the Supreme Court decided that the segregation of the white and Negro races in schools (and otherwise) was unconstitutional.
In the first place, through their decision they have become the chief agitators of an animosity that may have existed between the two races prior to their ruling. Their decision has brought about a haze of misunderstanding among many, both white and Negro, so that it has caused a cross firing of unfounded opinions concerning the legality of the court's decision, and otherwise stirring up strife among the people even to the point of threatened bloodshed.
All this agitation and strife because the law has been brought back to the "unconstitutional" decision of the Supreme Court, and is beginning to show some of the evil fruits it is destined to bear at home, there is a remedy provided.
NOT SATISFIED
From that we see and understand it is very apparent that the work of the Negro race are not consistent with their color and station as citizens of this country, be-

A Change Of Mood The New Disarmament Plan

By WALTER LIPPMAN
NEW YORK
FOR THE first time since the long-winded discussions of "disarmament" began, there is some reason to think that something may come of them. That is not because we are any nearer to agreeing about the issues which we have been disagreeing about for so many years. It is because the U.S.S.R. and the U.S.A. have both begun to take a very different view than they used to take of the problem of "disarmament." There has been, to be sure, some change of mood and manner, what we call the spirit of Geneva. But there has been also a re-appraisal of what ought to be and what can be attempted.
I have been told that theoretically it would be possible to launch a sneak attack out of what looked before it began as routine training. But as a practical matter, any government in its senses would know that unless the sneak attack was a knockout blow, it would be followed by retaliatory blows. To meet them there would have to be a general mobilization in anticipation of a long war. It is impossible to be certain



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That's also where Petrie comes in. For 30 years he has been troubleshooting efficiency problems in and out of the government, presently as chief of the training division of the Civil Aeronautics Administration. Doing a good job, too. Petrie's system is twofold: (1) better understanding supervisory officials and those under them, and (2) getting the latter to like their jobs. His work at CAA has been so successful that other federal agencies have copied his technique. Fifty colleges and universities use his ideas as standard reference in their business administration courses.
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Junior Olympic Meet Aided By Reporters

CHARLOTTE
THANK you for your excellent cooperation in helping the Junior Olympic Meet promote and publicize the Carolina Junior Olympic Swim Meet which was held at Municipal Pool in Charlotte on Aug. 19 and 20.
—LEON OLIVE
Chairman, Junior Olympic Committee

Tumulty's Waistline

When 330-pound Rep. Joseph Tumulty of New Jersey received a letter from a constituent showing him how to reduce, Tumulty threw up his hands and exclaimed: "The only thing that will help me is vanishing cream." Rep. Augustine B. "Gus" Kelley is the champion dad of Congress with nine children. Rep. Charles Boyle of Illinois runs a close second. Boyle has eight... Fresh-College, Iowa.

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