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What Happens While We Fuss?

Why were the Yalta conference papers published at this time? William L. Neumann, history teacher at Goucher College and historian on the staff of the Senate Republican Policy Committee...

Paragraphics

So that food situation at High Point College has been mended peacefully. Legislative sessions generally manage to catch the budget off balance.

Margaret's Decision

The British royal family has survived about as many crises in the last thousand years as the British people.

Time Of Anticipation

This is the time of anticipation, when one gets through the sharp weather variables, the capriciousness of March to the Devil-beating-his-wife-around the stump shower and sunshine mixers of April, the warmth, radiance of the end of May and the lushness that is June.

Well Now, Suh, Eff'n Lee Hadn't . . .

A Tar Heel still draws his y'all. A New Englander still pabks his cash. And there's nothing that can be done about it.

Speak Texan?

From the Chapel Hill News Leader we relay the following observation on Southernness as she is spoken.

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Raise Income Tax Rate?

Should North Carolina's income tax rate be raised in order to get the money to balance the state budget?

Bills have been introduced in both houses of the Legislature to do that. They would affect both individuals and corporations.

North Carolina's present rate, which runs from 4 to 7 per cent, would be hiked to from 4 to 8 per cent.

While the Daily News recognizes the difficulties confronting the Legislature in the necessity to raise some \$50,000,000 by new taxes in order to keep the budget in balance, we conclude that to do so by the proposed income tax increase would be an unwise, ill-advised and dangerous to the best interests of North Carolina.

The reasons for this conclusion are these: 1. North Carolina's income tax rate on both individuals and corporations, is already among the highest in the list of states.

2. North Carolina has lost industries to other states because of its high income tax rate. To raise that rate to meet the needs of new taxpayers, this is the same as saying that it needs new industry. The state is now engaged in a campaign to bring new industry here.

3. The competition for new industry is very keen among the Southern states. While taxes on the sale of stock are a main factor in a corporation's decision whether to move into a particular state or not, they are frequently an important factor in the decision to raise the rate for new industry.

In searching for possible sources of revenue, it was found that North Carolina's corporate and individual income tax rates stand right up there among the highest in the list of states and further would not be in the best interest of the state.

What then should the state do to close its budget gap? Just what the Governor would like the Budget Commission originally recommended: Tax luxuries and close some of the holes in the present tax laws.

Why were the Yalta documents taken out of turn? The most reasonable explanation is that it was done, not to enlighten the people, but to harass the Democrats. Knowland, Dirksen and company look more like politicians than historians.

Professor Neumann thinks the publication will do no appreciable harm. In that we think he is naive. They have already done considerable harm to our relations with our allies. Much more harm will be done if Republican politicians insist on concentrating attention of the American people on the events of the past rather than the life-and-death problems of the present and near future.

Royal troubles began, with William the Conqueror, through the vicissitudes of King John and the Magna Carta, the horrible Henries (Plantagenets, Lancasters, Tudors), the Stuarts, Hanoverians and the reign of the 20th Century climax in the Windsor's of King Edward. But both, somehow—the people and the royal family—managed to survive, evolving, changing and muddling through.

The most interesting of the Windsor's, Princess Margaret and her divorced airman fiance, Peter Townsend, is nothing new; in fact it appears to be something of a rerun of the story of the Edward-Wally Simpson furor of the thirties.

Following the fashion of the House of Tudor, Margaret's distant ancestor, Henry VIII, she would have known exactly what to do in the current crisis. But a host of meddling influences, including Queen Victoria, Queen Mary and the decline of royal prerogative, have exerted themselves in the past century to retard her royal family's ability to divorce has lessened in recent years, but not when the party in question sits three chairs from the throne.

Her latest decision appears to be a real love affair. Queen Mother Elizabeth, they say, has encouraged the match, and the Queen herself would probably do everything in her power to see that the happy marriage of Sir Winston, who favored Edward's love affair, looks on Margaret's with a jaundiced eye because he knows what she did to the Duke of Windsor, the Church of England, of which Margaret's sister is official head, stands firmly against it, and there's the rub.

What will come of it? Margaret can make her own choice, but she knows following her 25th birthday, but she knows probably better than her Uncle Edward would what she would give up and what she would gain.

The question bothering Margaret, it appears, is whether she and Townsend might be ineligible to receive Communion in the Anglican church after their marriage. But we imagine after a respectful period that would not be barred.

The decision, we think, is one of those personal matters which, although they have potential outside repercussions, must ultimately be resolved by the principals after they weigh the consequences. If the "dolly princess" (as Britons call her) can happily give up the gay, royal life of London for her 40-year-old airman, then that is her business.

English film makers in depicting American characters are bringing in the Southern accent. In Alex Guinness's picture, "The Detective," a rich Texan is made to indicate his Southernness by speaking ungrammatically as in some sense like, "Them sheeps is yours."

That's all foolishness. A Texan wouldn't say, "Them sheeps is yours."

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"And Where Were You When The Egg Hit The Fan?"

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Shucks And Nubbins

Looks as if Judge Clawson L. Williams had undertaken to try to find a sentence to end all reckless driving resulting in loss of life of the State of North Carolina. He said, "I'm still stringing along with Ed Scheidt and his whammy."

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Hodges' Decision

Editor of the Daily News: In reply to the views given by Governor Hodges several days ago concerning the decision made by his committee on the subject of segregation in public schools, I for one am satisfied with their decision. I do not feel that the local school boards will be able either to deter or to comply with the Supreme Court ruling given with the aid of state laws.

The only way to solve it is to put it back into the hands of God. Our leaders have not found the way. By God's grace and revelation of Him I can tell our leaders this way. We have wonderful leaders. Never before have I questioned their ability to perform their work. This question goes beyond man's work. It is God's work to work through man.

If the Supreme Court had ruling how to implement this ruling, would it not have done so last May rather than giving the states a chance?

Suppose the states should be commanded to go ahead and implement the segregation ruling as they had decided? Shall we go unprepared? Let us put on the whole armor of God.

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Merry-Go-Round

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Public Pulse

Highway Slaughter

Editor of the Daily News: Let us carry Eric Cain's reasoning to some logical conclusions. Having personally investigated more than 6,000 highway collisions, I believe that 85% of all highway deaths are caused by bad drivers. I agree with Eric Cain that a bad driver is a potential murderer at any speed, but before we set about looking for a cure for badness, let's get a clinical picture of the disease.

In Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary we find among the synonyms for bad the terms evil and wicked. Evil is defined as "injust; mischievous; morally corrupt; wicked; producing or threatening sorrow, distress, or calamity; moral badness; the Devil; Satan; and the like."

Evil is defined as "morally bad; evil; iniquitous; vicious; and the like. Iniquity is heinous sin. Viciousness is immorality and depravity. Heinous is outrageous, monstrous, atrocious sin."

Yes, Eric Cain, the biggest cause of our highway deaths is bad drivers. But is driver training the principal cure, the specific, the penicillin for this plague that is widening through our streets and killing and horribly maiming more of our children than five widely known diseases combined? Will driver training make a bad, wicked, immoral, corrupt, depraved man a better man?

Isn't the cure rather to be sought in religion through our churches, in the only medicine that ever did at any time cure badness, wickedness, immorality and depravity, which we have found to be the cause of our highway deaths?

If malaria were killing as many of our children as highway slaughter, we would discuss the curing of airplanes to the Andes of Peru to fly back the precious cinchona bark to our children, curing malaria by a disease, highway slaughter, is the problem par excellence of civilization. The only specific cure for it is its goodness, righteousness and virtue, pity and compassion.

Let New Englanders might have the same doubts of their own about a child from the Deep South. They accuse Southerners of using the lazy "ah" in almost every sentence uttered—so that "I'm over here" become "Ah'm ovah here."

To complicate matters even more for listeners of the Mason-Dixon Line, there is not one Southern accent but many. The Favoring New Orleans dialect differs sharply from the drawl heard on the flats of Georgia. A Tidewater Virginia accent is just as all like the brogue of the North Carolina-Tennessee mountain region. Cape Hatteras Island has preserved many Colonial or Elizabethan turns of expression and "the worst English in the world" is spoken by the Gullah Negroes of the South Carolina coast.

But distinctive accents can also be detected among natives of the New York-New Jersey area, the Ozarks, the Midwest, the West, the Maine coast, rural Pennsylvania and the Adirondack country.

There is a difference between cultured and uncultured speech, of course. Nobody should condone really bad, slovenly speech but there is nothing at all wrong with a good local accent. It helps establish a regional personality. There is no such thing as a "right" accent so long as it's articulate and amiable, it's perfectly correct.

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