

THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON

Against the dramatic backdrop of the pontifical testimony of General Douglas MacArthur before a joint senate committee relative to this nation's foreign policy, which the general generally deprecates, a committee of the top business men of the nation, the Committee for Economic Development, has issued a statement on national policy which appears to be almost wholly at variance with that of the erstwhile Korean area commander.

The theme of General MacArthur's testimony is that this nation's major effort to stop the Russian Communists should be made in Asia, by starting an aggressive war there, and that our enemy is not necessarily Russia but Communism. And as brought out by Senator Fulbright, Communism is an idea or a belief which cannot be defeated by force of arms, but Russian Communist imperialism and its threat to engulf the free world is the enemy against which we are now fighting in Korea and mobilizing for some what may.

The committee for Economic Development in its national policy statement recognizes the nation's commitments to place major emphasis on the European phase of this global struggle and says:

"Considering that some American reverse in Korea caused people in other countries to doubt the ability of the United States to halt the spread of Communism, it requires little imagination to foresee the strength of the wave of the future psychology which would sweep the world in the event of the Soviet conquest of western Europe. The Russians would then be in an excellent position to use tactics of psychological warfare and internal subversion in a drive to neutralize or dominate many of the countries remaining outside the Soviet orbit and thus largely to isolate the United States—strategically, diplomatically, ideologically and economically.

"The many millions of Americans who have supported the European policy of the United States government since the war have done so, not out of self-interest alone; they have recognized that the fall of western Europe would impoverish civilization. The loss of western Europe would be the loss of the fountainhead of a great part of political traditions, our philosophy, art and music. Cherished ancestral ties would be severed. Spiritual and political bonds which grow out of our common attitudes toward religion, towards the rights and responsibilities of the individuals, and toward the role of the state would be broken.

"We are thus committed by cultural affinity and by treaty obligation, as well as by self-interest, to share in the strengthening of the defenses of western Europe against the Soviet threat



BROTHERS MEET IN JAPAN—Glenn R. Carroll, left, and Archie J. Carroll, right, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Carroll of Route 1, Boone, met recently in Tokyo, Japan, and were able to spend part of two days together.

Glenn R. Carroll entered the Navy in March, 1938, and served six years aboard the U. S. S. Trenton and 18 months aboard the U. S. S. A. P. D. 65. Glenn served in both the Atlantic and Pacific theatres of war. After the war he served as a Navy Recruiter in Winston-Salem for three years. He was in Japan aboard the U. S. S. Mount McKinley on a training cruise when the Korean war began. He has made all amphibious landings in Korea, and is now serving aboard the U. S. S. Magoffin A. P. A. in the Far East. He is eligible to wear the Good Conduct ribbon with two stars, American Defense ribbon with one star, American Theatre, European North African, Asiatic, Theatres, Pacific Theater with two stars, Philippine Liberation, Philippine Independence, Victory Ribbon, Korean ribbon. Glenn is married to the former Miss Helen Sharpe of Reidsville, N. C., who is now residing at 2834 Meade Avenue, San Diego, Calif., and who is employed by Mercy Hospital there as an anesthetist.

Archie J. Carroll served two and one-half years in the Navy during World War II, and is now with the Commander Naval Forces in the Far East, Tokyo, Japan. He has been serving as a Naval Reserve since September, 1950. Archie is married to the former Miss Mary Lou Vines of Sugar Grove, who resides at their home on U. S. Route 421, a few miles from Boone, with their daughter, Roxanna Gail Carroll.

to European security."

Says the CED: "Given the flexibility of Soviet tactics, it is clearly the task of the western powers to organize a comprehensive and balanced security program which leaves no breach wide enough to invite a Soviet thrust. In view of the present military weakness of the western alliance first priority must now obviously be given to rearmament. The rearmament effort must be on a scale sufficient to create within two or three years a military force able, in the event of open war, to check an onslaught by the Red army until the full war potential of the United States and the allied free nations could be mobilized and brought to bear on the aggressor."

And the CED lays great stress on the fact that rearmament and security are not synonymous. "The contest between the Soviet Union and the west is ultimately a contest of strength, not of arms alone; strength embraces not only armed might, but in addition all those less measurable elements—such as greater productivity, efficiency, equip in the distribution of income, political and economic stability, and social cohesiveness and spirit—which are the real sinews of national power. It is imperative that the Marshall plan be

preserved and sustained in the rearmament period upon which we are entering . . ."

North Carolina Travel Increases

Raleigh—April travel to the Blue Ridge Parkway and Great Smoky Mountains, which converge in North Carolina, was more than 60,000 above April of last year. Official U. S. Park Service figures show Blue Ridge Parkway travel of 114,729 for April 1951 as compared with 81,024 in April of 1950, an increase of 33,505, and travel to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park as 104,782 in April 1951 as compared with 76,010 in April of last year, an increase of 28,772.

FOOD PRICES Currently high food prices will remain fairly stable, at least until early summer, according to the prediction of the Agriculture Department, which bases its forecast on the assumption that there will be no change in the international situation which might encourage more buying. Supplies of most foods are adequate to maintain civilian consumption at least as large as a year earlier.

U. S. officers to join Southeast Asia defense conference.

AIR POWER ALONE NOT STRONG ENOUGH FOR VICTORY

By STANLEY JAMES Washington.—Because air power is a new military conception, comparatively, people are constantly misjudging its possibilities. These people are not just civilians, but military men also. Indeed, it was the moss-backed military which refused to believe what air power could be, and which caused a fellow named Billy Mitchell to go out and prove what air power could mean. The military mind, unfortunately, is not always receptive to new military ideas.

In fact, so traditional have the two major services become that new military concepts are just as likely to be realized by civilians as old army or navy men.

Today, the debate is going on in such a way as to confuse even Billy Mitchell himself. Recently, before the Senate committee investigating his ouster, General MacArthur said he believed an air attack on China (Manchuria) would end the Korean war by cutting off supplies into North Korea, which is on the Chinese border. But air experts themselves, most of the Air Force planners, don't think the Air Force we have today can stop the flow of supplies into North Korea one hundred percent. In fact, the area is so large and night attacks so ineffective at this stage of our preparedness program, the Chinese could probably get most of what they want into North Korea at night, over the roads. The railroads could be destroyed.

The bombing of North Korean routes is simple, since the country is not so large, and is narrow. We are already bombing that route, but supplies are getting through, though in lesser quantities than the enemy attempts. If we cannot then stop all supply for the Reds along those hundreds of mile behind the enemy lines in narrow North Korea, how can we hope to stop it by bombing a country the size of China—the Manchurian sector only—which has 600 miles of frontage on North Korea's borders? Those who see an easy end to the war by bombing China are once again being led astray by air power advocates who as yet do not understand the possibilities of the new military element.

Even in Germany (a small

country compared to China), where the greatest assembly of air power was ever staged in an effort to knock out transportation, the effect was not total. As a tribute to the effort, however, both Runstedt and Kesselring (commanding on the western and Italian fronts) listed air power as the number one factor in the defeat of the Nazi armies.

Senator Henry Lodge, Republican of Massachusetts, has said recently that this country should concentrate on its air force, above the army and navy, in defense plans. He would build a 150 group force. Lodge is on the right track. Whatever country has domination of the air will win World War III. But, as of now, our air power is still weak, and it is not an all-powerful weapon. It will not win wars alone, but it will prove decisive, other forces being about equal. And we must always have the other forces, up to strength. The newest military element must be used with the two older services to become decisive.

APTITUDE TESTS All draft-eligible college students are advised by selective service to take the forthcoming aptitude tests regardless of their scholastic standing. Brig. Gen. Louis H. Renfrow, deputy director of the Selective Service Board declared, it is "vitally important for everyone eligible for the test to take it." The tests are to be given May 26, June 16 and June 30, at more than 1,000 examination centers.

ROSIE THE RIVETER BACK Fort Worth, Tex.—Forty out of every 100 new workers being hired by the giant Convair B-36 plant here are women. Among the 26,000 employees, about 3,000 are women and several hundred more are added each month.

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Births Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Ward, boy; Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Watson, girl; Mr. and Mrs. Wade Coffey, girl; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cornette, boy; Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Johnson, girl; Mr. and Mrs. Silas Dollars, boy.

MEAT The civilian supply of meat this year is expected to average 148 pounds, carcass weight for each individual, compared with 144.5 last, 126 before the war and a recent peak of 153.4 pounds in 1946, according to the Department of Agriculture.

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