

### No Comment

By Walter Chamblin, Jr.

No one likes to talk about it, but serious thought is being given in Administration circles to what authority the President should have if one or more major cities should be seriously damaged by an atom bomb.

As of the present, about the only step that the Chief Executive could take would be to declare martial law. The Administration thinking is to the effect that martial law is not the way of any part of this nation should be governed, even in the event of a disaster. It is for this reason that the matter is being discussed.

The fact that such important conversations are taking place in Administration circles should not cause any alarm whatsoever. Emphasis is placed upon the fact that the discussions are simply precautionary in nature and are not prompted by any inside information.

The reason for the conversations at the present time is that the Defense Production Act expires June 30 and before long Congress will consider Administration amendments that the Act be extended for two years. If emergency authority is to be given the President to deal with disasters, the best legislation in which to embody such authority would be the Defense Production Act.

This specific new authority, under discussion, would be to enable the President to empower the Civilian Defense Administration and such other agencies, both private and governmental, as he might deem advisable, to carry out the order out of chaos in the domestic economy. In an atomic emergency it undoubtedly would be necessary to coordinate transportation, medical supplies, hospital facilities, food, water, power and all of the services needed to keep a community operating.

Present thinking is that Administration officials are studying these lines, but whether the powers in the Administration are trying to give stand-by authority to control prices, wage controls, etc.

Reports of this sort are the planners have given a better working and more comprehensive plan placed upon the emergency authority to control prices, wages, and rents than upon the present authority of Administration thinking.

The Budget: It is anticipated that Congress would be surprised as the details were reasonably well known in advance. A number of Southern Democrats were much distressed that it was necessary for the President to submit a budget that did not balance.

group is fearful that the budget probably never will be balanced if it is not balanced while Mr. Humphrey is Secretary of the Treasury.

The argument is that Mr. Humphrey is one of the ablest men ever to hold this office and that if the New Deal-Fair Deal returns to power it will hold that it is not necessary to balance the budget inasmuch as one of the leading financial men of the nation, Mr. Humphrey, did not balance it.

The conservative thought is that the Fair Dealers would be able to convince the public that an unbalanced budget is desirable or otherwise. Mr. Humphrey would have opposed the \$7.4 billion tax cut last year by Congress in favor of balancing the budget. In the last quarter of the century the budget has been in balance for only three years... in 1947 and 1948 when the Republicans controlled the 80th Congress in the Truman Administration, and in 1951, when the Post-Korean tax increases boosted revenues faster than it could be spent.

### Speeders Top List Traffic Violations

#### 1,925 Arrested In January For Simple Speeding

Speeders led off a list at the top of the Motor Vehicle Department's first monthly summary of traffic violations for the new year.

For January, the Vehicles agency reported 1,925. The Heels arrested for simple speeding—over 35 mph but under 70 mph in a passenger car.

Driving without an operator's permit was a second place with 724 cases, followed by 661 motorist charged with turning, stop signs.

Violations by general, it was noted, decreased from the first month of 1954.

Other violations included, 607 cases of driving the family car without a license, 573 driving on wrong side of road, 227 improper passing, 226 improper turns, 208 failure to give right of way, 146, and following too closely, 112.

Number of violations where the surrender of driving privileges.

The month's total of arrests came to 8,701 not including 3,117 out-of-state.

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## 60-SECOND SERMONS

— BY —  
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TEXT: "The wicked flee when no man pursueth." — Bible.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle did not show his sense of humor in his mystery writings. However, it is said that he once chose a dozen of his friends, all of them highly respected and of the "upper crust". To each he sent the following telegram: "Fly at once. All is discovered." In his Twenty-four hours later not one of them remained in the country. Those who would be his friends are afraid to spend our lives with a guilty conscience. An example comes to mind immediately. A head of a trade association is so unsure of his ability to keep his job, that he tries to belittle everyone with whom he works. He thinks this makes him look more important. His mind is so set on appearing important that he sees slight to his prestige in everything his associates do. No man pursues him, yet he sees danger in everyone. In his unfair criticism of others, he would his own weakness. Those who would be his friends are afraid to spend our lives with a guilty conscience. Eventually, he will destroy himself.

### What Does Edenton Lack?

What does a good industry, such as home ownership, as General Electric Company does. 2. Adequate facilities such as for collecting a location for a railroad, trucking, power, gas, telephone, water, etc.

This question, Director Bill E. 4. A good residential area with Douglas of the Department of Commerce, adequate recreational facilities, and 5. Adequate school facilities, and has been answered, "Extremely an educational program with well" by Raymond L. Smith, general manager of the proper education and training of the people of our boys and girls.

ment, which has selected a site between Hickory and Newton for a new \$20,000,000 plant to manufacture the following: 6. Churches and a religious program designed to fill the needs of the community.

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Sidekick Sarcasm  
Excited Owner—I left my midget car here five minutes ago and it's gone.  
Policeman—Have you felt your pockets?



"BATTLE CRY" in CinemaScope and WarnerColor opens Thursday at the Taylor Theatre. TAB HUNTER, ALDO RAY and WILLIAM CAMPBELL are members of the squad made famous by Leon Uris in his novel of the wartime loves of a group of Marines. Raoul Walsh directed.

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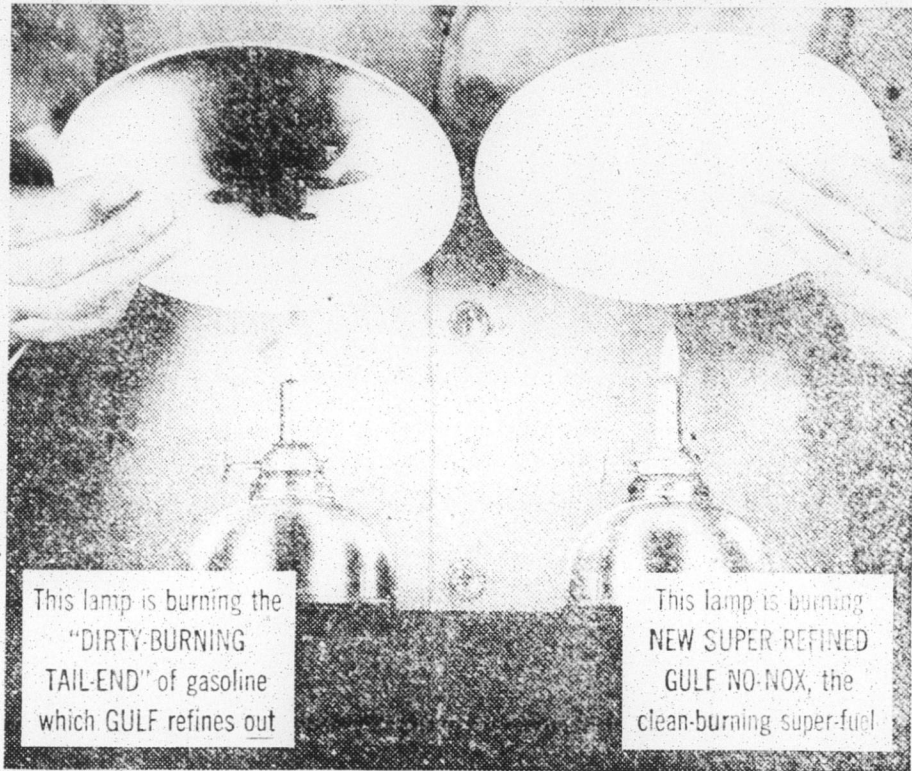
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