

The Roundup

By WILBORNE HARRELL

It seems that I stand not alone in my opposition to capital punishment. Frank Roberts, in his column in The Herald, has taken the same stand several times. Ordinarily I am not a crusader. I began writing, in my early years, with the starry-eyed intention of reforming the world. It was the youth in me that looked at mankind with naive and trusting eyes. But after I had had my ears slapped down quite a few times, I learned that the world reforms itself, through the many voices of public opinion. And that all I could do was add my small voice to this consensus, until it became a shout that would be heard and heeded by all. Gradually, over the years, these small voices that have seen the injustice and cruelty of capital punishment, have risen and increased in volume and intensity, until now there is a mighty shout reverberating around the world.

The death knell of capital punishment has been sounded. It is now thrashing around in its death throes, and it is only a matter of time when like an evil serpent its coils will loosen, and it will lie stretched out—a dead thing.

The hurricane season has officially begun, as of June 15, to November 15. But the Weather Bureau says that about 70 percent of the hurricanes occur during August, September and October. Hurricanes are something to respect more than to fear. A good, healthy respect for the hurricane's destructive force plus proper precautions will ally much of your fear.

THE WEST—Many artists have painted the Western scene, but none were quite so successful as Frederick Remington for catching on canvas the spirit of the plains, the prairies and the

Indians and settlers that peopled the land.

Frederick Remington had seen army service and actual warfare in the Civil War, and went West for his health after the cessation of hostilities. This accounts for his accurate and understanding portrayals of the soldier in his paintings. Remington in his work specialized in army life and Indians. He was also something of a sculptor and produced many statuettes of soldiers, Indians and cowboys that have been widely reproduced. But his chief claim to fame rests on his wonderful paintings of the West that are now considered classics of Western art. Frederick Remington died in 1909 in Ridgefield, Connecticut, where he had made his home for several years.

No compromise with communism! It is still possible that the budget estimate will be realized but many persons are beginning to question this forecast.

What are the effects of this shrinkage of profits? This can be stated in dogmatic terms: First, it means that the Federal government will get less revenue. A drop of \$1 billion in pre-tax profits costs the government about \$500 million.

Secondly, corporations will have less money to invest for better machines and all the other things that increase efficiency of production. Some of this may be offset by paying less dividends, but that is not a process which can be carried very far.

Finally, the nation will grow less rapidly than otherwise. This is important not only in relation to Russia but, as well, in connection with taking care of our growing labor force.

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SENATOR SAM ERVIN SAYS



Washington — In my opinion the Senate improved the so-called loyalty oath bill last week.

Loyalty Oath — From a legal standpoint the legislation was improved because it retains the loyalty oath and substitutes for the anti-Communist affidavit a statutory crime which is easier of enforcement than a prosecution for perjury.

This is so because it is very difficult to make out a case of perjury in the courts, and that was the sole remedy which, under the original act, was available against anyone who made a false anti-Communist oath. This is the result of the controversy that was raised over the Defense Education Act of 1958.

I am firm in my opinion that it is wise to retain the loyalty oath in the Act and to substitute the criminal penalty because this will result in stronger enforcement than under the present law.

The furor raised by the original Act should cease forthwith. At the same time, the applicant for assistance from the Federal government under the Defense Education Act should remember that it is the American taxpayer who is making this possible and that the citizens of this country have a right to know that public funds are not being used to educate Communists bent on the destruction of democracy.

Defense Appropriations — Last week the Senate began extended sessions to complete urgent legislation, one bill being money for national defense. The defense appropriations bill was passed with funds for the B-70 bomber program which had been shelved earlier by the Administration. As you know, I have supported the B-70 program and was critical of the action which halted

its development. This is a high-altitude bomber that should be in our arsenal of weapons as a mighty deterrent of war. The Senate also added funds for increasing the Marine Corps manpower level and took other steps that should significantly increase our defense potential.

No Substitutes — Unfortunately, there is no substitute for adequate national defense in this world. While our prayers and efforts for peace must not be neglected in the slightest, it is folly to face the world today without a defense potential sufficient to meet whatever threats arises.

Frankly Speaking

By Frank M. Roberts

If I had a nickel for everyone that came up to me and said: "You're going to miss Nancy Carson aren't you," I'd be a fairly wealthy guy for a change. Of course, the answer is an obvious "yes," an emphatic "yes." Nancy was not only a fine worker, a wonderful woman's director, but, most important, a truly fine and wonderful person. Her charming personality, her kindness, her warmth, her feelings for other people, all marked her as a rare individual. No wonder everyone who knew her loved her so well. As a matter of fact, she's one of the few persons about whom I never heard an unkind word. Miss Nancy Carson? Without a shadow of a doubt! Now, though, I'd like to wish her well with her new job, continued happiness, health and success. I know she'll be reading this so, if I may, "Nancy, good luck. Our thoughts are

with you." At the same time, I'd like to welcome, to the fold, Dolly Wright, the young lady who has taken over Nancy's job. A bright, intelligent and personable young lady, Dolly is a welcome addition to our WCDJ staff. It's a tough job she's tackling, though, so we'll be wishing her well.

Question of the week: How would you interpret the tenth amendment in regards to states' rights?

Here's still another invitation for you to come out to Sandy Point Beach, where Jane DuLaney is doing such a wonderful job on "Teentime". Plenty of free dancing, of course, and the program itself can be heard every Monday through Saturday, from 4 to 5. Contests and prizes as soon as we can get enough dancers on the floor. Much bashfulness keeps many just a-sittin' and a-watchin'.

Did you know that a couple of gents employed on Eisenhower's farm in Gettysburg were arrested as spies? Initial reaction from the President and Press Secretary Hagerty was to keep the thing as quiet as possible to avoid embarrassment to the administration. Nice how they worry about our security. Roughly on that subject, June was a hard month for the Eisenhower administration. In addition to the above-mentioned, there was, of course, the U-2 spy plane incident and the noise from Japan. The latter situation was handled so poorly that ordinarily neutral news correspondents even admitted that U. S. officials goofed. Ambassador MacArthur the 2nd miscalculated

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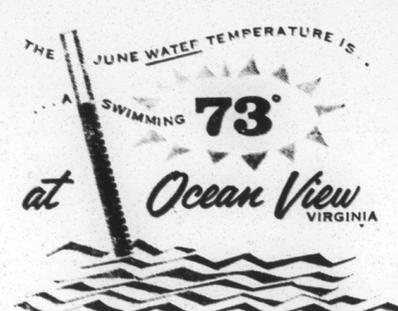
the Japanese reaction. (He's never been close to the people. He's been more friendly with Kishi and the big business interests in Japan.) They also erred in thinking Japanese police could handle all of the demonstrators. Another miscalculation was having Eisenhower visit Japan on the very day the treaty was to have been ratified. Okay, out of politics, for a spell.

One of the great character actors of the 30's and 40's, Guy Kibee, has, unbeknownst to most of his fans, been dead for about four years now. He died in a New York home for sick and needy actors. How can a man who was so successful and popu-

lar wind up that way? No one seems to know the inside story. Kibee's 25-year-old son committed suicide last week.

Closing thought: History is little more than the register of the crimes, follies and misfortunes of mankind.

Prompt Lad Skive—I hear that young Pozozzle is bringing suit against the government for \$50,000 damages. Pycraft—On what grounds? Skive—Flatfoot. He was on a government job and was carrying a heavy piece of iron when the iron on his feet.



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The National Outlook The Trend Of Business Profits

By RALPH ROBEV

One of the assumptions underlying the Federal Budget for the fiscal year starting next July 1 was that corporate profits before taxes would be \$51 billion. At the time, this appeared to be a conservative estimate and many private forecasters thought the total would be a billion or so higher. It is now pretty evident that the actual figure will be below that upon which the budget was based.

Among the factors responsible for this revised expectation are the following:

1. Competition is getting more and more severe. This competition is both from other domestic producers and from abroad. This is not hitting all industries and all companies with equal force, but there's practically no one who is not feeling its influence.

2. Costs of production still are rising. The primary cause of this is wage increases. Overall, such increases are just about equal to those of last year, and there is not the leeway for offsetting them through increased output per manhour that was present last year. This is because needless overhead and other sources of waste were rather thoroughly eliminated during the recession and early recovery months.

3. Buyers are becoming increasingly resistant to higher and higher prices, and they are now in a position to make this feel-

ing effective. In industry after industry we have unused capacity and many inventories are relatively high. Automobiles provide a perfect example. At present the stock of cars in the hands of dealers is approximately 1,100,000. A part of this is caused by the increased number of models being offered this year, but this does not lessen the amount of funds which dealers have tied up in their inventories, nor the pressure upon them to sell cars at any price which will give them even a reduced profit. Somewhat the same situation prevails in household appliances and many other fields. In a word, we are in a buyer's market and the sellers no longer can call the tune.

4. The effects of the steel strike were more severe and widespread than had been anticipated. Railroads, coal, and a host of other industries have been hurt. Users of steel have found that they can get along with smaller inventories than formerly, because of quick deliveries, and steel production has dropped by some 30 percent.

5. The volume of business activity has not been as great as had been anticipated. Gross national product, which is the value of all goods and services produced, was estimated for Federal budget purposes at \$510 billion for the year. We crossed in the first quarter, and it is



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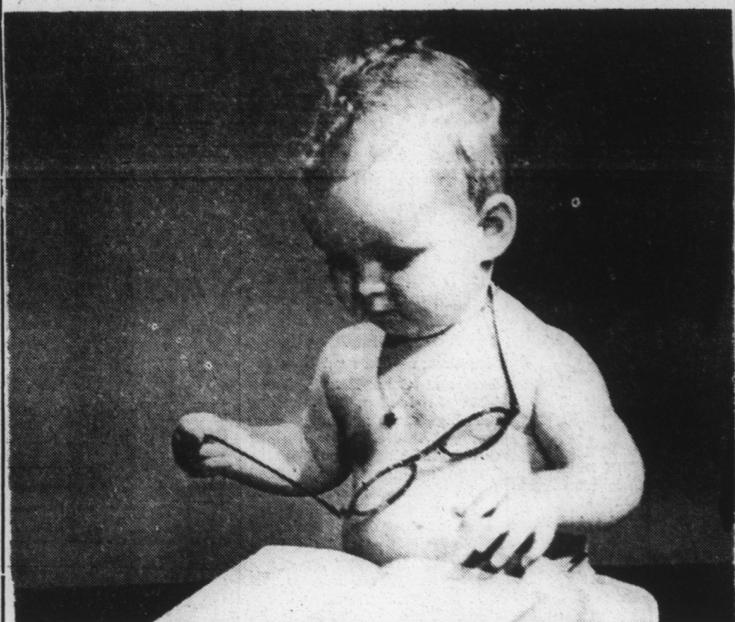
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