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The National Guard In The Cold War

This month as the National Guard observes its annual "Muster Day" throughout the nation, also marks the 15th anniversary of the reorganization of its units following World War II. Aside from the obvious significance of the occasion, it serves to remind us—much to our discomfort—that the Cold War has been with us for a long time.

And as a reminder that the Cold War goes on we note that the National Guard in some States has started to wage war on Communism by conducting its own National Defense Strategy Seminars. Patterned on similar "orientation" courses conducted by the National War College in Washington, these Seminars are designed to educate citizens on the specific nature and menace of Communism in a straightforward, unemotional manner.

It is not at all surprising that the Guard should be taking Communism as a part of its special province. Since early Colonial days, Guardsmen—or Minutemen as they were once called—have been motivated by a conviction that citizenship demands more than the payment of taxes and obedience to the law. In short, they have believed that a good citizen must put into his country at least as much as he has taken out of it.

Reviewing the 15 years of the Cold War, we can see that the National Defense Strategy concept is but one example of this philosophy. In the whole area of military and economic Cold War deterrence the National Guard stands at the forefront.

Take, for example, its role in National Defense. On its reorganization early in 1946, the Guard was little more than a paper organization. It not only had to recruit most of its members, but also had to rebuild most of the battle-worn equipment the Army turned over to it. Adding to this uphill effort was the fact that modern warfare requires the Guard to be closer to battlefield readiness than ever before—more ready even than the active services of the 1930's. Today these challenges have been met and the Army and Air National Guard have become so integrated with the active establishment that they not only have been assigned specific missions in our nation's war plans but are performing essential defense roles in peacetime.

A less glamorous—but no less important—aspect of national defense is our ability to recover quickly and effectively from a nuclear attack. In recognition of this, National Guard leaders have been advocating a recovery mission for their units, pointing out that the Guard's geographic dispersion, its 472,000-man strength, its modern equipment, and its variety of units—ranging from air transport to medical—make it ideally suited for such purposes.

Lastly, the National Guard's contribution to our economic strength cannot be overlooked. While its combat versatility makes it an important part of our defense structure, its annual appropriation of only 1.5 percent of our total military budget makes it, dollar for dollar, one of the wisest investments in the nation today.

In recognition of its invaluable service to State and Nation, we salute the National Guard on the occasion of its annual Muster Day.

Putting First Things First

There are many important health and welfare causes asking for support. Most of us can't give to them all. But how can we decide which health appeal merits priority on our gift list for health?

We favor using a yardstick suggested recently by the North Carolina Heart Association which poses some pertinent questions to be answered:

How big is the problem? The heart and blood vessel diseases are the nation's No. 1 enemy, killing 900,000 a year—more than all other causes combined—and afflicting 10 million in the U. S. Lost man-days of production due to these diseases exceed 69 million a year and cost an estimated \$1 billion.

What is the program? The Heart Association program provides for research to seek new ways to treat, control and prevent all forms of heart and blood vessel disease; for education through which physicians can learn the latest heart research information and the general public can gain new facts to help protect all hearts; and for community heart

Heard & Seen By Buff

With the observance of the Confederate Centennial now in progress, a very interesting copy of "The New York Herald" was loaned me by the Rev. Preston Cayton. The copy is dated Saturday, April 15, 1865, and one of the most prominent stories on the front page is about the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln. The leading paragraphs of a half page story read as follows: "This evening at about 9.3, at Ford's Theatre, the President, while sitting in his private box with Mrs. Lincoln, Mrs. Harris and Major Rathburn, was shot by an assassin, who suddenly entered the box and approached behind the President. The assassin then leaped upon the stage, brandishing a large dagger or knife and made his escape in the rear of the theatre. The pistol ball entered the back of the President's head and penetrated nearly through the head. The wound is mortal. About the same hour an assassin, whether the same or not, entered Secretary Seward's apartments and under pretense of having a prescription was shown to the secretary's sick chamber. The assassin immediately rushed to the bed and inflicted two or three stabs on the throat and two on the face."

Another prominent story had to do with Jeff Davis at Danville. He made his latest appeal to his deluded followers and vainly promised to hold Virginia at all hazards. The general, the story says, thought the fall of Richmond was a blessing in disguise as it left the Rebel armies free to move from point to point. General Lee and his army was supposed to be safe and that his future movements would be directed with the skill and energy which distinguished this great captain.

In another story it was reported that Lee was in Richmond and Rosser and Fitzhugh Lee refused to be surrendered by General Lee. The Rebel army was taking position along the Southside Railroad and Grant executed details of the surrender. Sherman's army was reported moving and with Johnston's army west of Raleigh, only his cavalry was holding the capital of the state. He was reported endeavoring to form a junction with Lee. The ram Albemarle was reported as having been raised in good condition and that the occupation of Murfreesboro, N. C., was completed by the northern fleet.

There's a lot more very interesting reading in the old newspaper, but Friend Cayton loaned it to me a month or more ago and wants it back, so I'll have to quit copying from it and have it ready to give him when he calls the umpteenth time for it.

Two great Americans were born in February, Abraham Lincoln and George Washington and, of course, a lot of people in Edenton celebrate their birthday in February. Two of them are Bill Rosevear and Branning Perry, both born on February 28. However, there is sort of an argument between these two fellows as to who is the oldest. It so happened that Branning was born under Eastern Standard Time, while Bill was born in the Midwest where Central Time is observed. Bill, therefore, claims Branning is a little older than he is, but Branning contends that the date is the same, so that there should be no difference in their age. Well, yours truly also has a birthday in February, the 24th to be exact, and that's Eastern Standard Time. The years roll so swiftly by that they are taking the toll in some respects. For instance, last week Willie White was a guest of Bill Rosevear at the Rotary Club. I noticed him and went over to introduce myself and felt like falling through the floor after I spoke and then recognized him. Well, for one thing, Willie was all diked out in his Sunday best. Had he been rigged up in his fishing clothes, I'm satisfied I would have recognized him at a distance. And speaking about my birthday, I've already received a birthday card from Mr. and Mrs. William Davis. It is very much appreciated, but what I like still better is a message written on the back, which reads like this:

If the date of your birthday you would reveal, When Bill Davis does his smokehouse unseal, Then some luscious Davis smoked ham you could munch For your very Happy Birthday lunch.

A brief letter came to me this week from Mrs. P. L. Rea, now living in Washington, D. C. "I did not receive The Chowan Herald last week," she said. "Please trace it, for I don't want to miss a single issue. I am interested in Edenton services in support of rehabilitation projects, rheumatic fever prevention programs and other essential aids to heart patients and their families."

What progress has been made? More than 50 million Heart Fund dollars have been channeled into research since 1948. These contributions have helped develop new knowledge needed to:

1. make possible the prevention of rheumatic fever and rheumatic heart disease;
2. control high blood pressure;
3. repair damaged heart valves and blood vessels, and correct in-born heart defects;
4. perfect new tools for improved diagnosis, and new drugs to retard blood clotting and prevent repeat heart attacks;
5. help most heart attack victims recover, to return three out of four to productive work, and to reduce or prevent invalidism from strokes through new, effective treatment.

Does the agency have medical approval? Physicians created the Heart Association, and heart specialists now guide and direct its activities with the aid of dedicated laymen.

We believe that this yardstick measures the importance of the heart disease problem and of the Heart Association's fight to control it. It offers a convincing reason why we should "put first things first" and give generously to the Heart Fund.

and The Herald is quite full of news. Best wishes to you and my good friends there."

Branning Perry was one who dropped in The Herald office the other day to renew his subscription. He was sort of short on change, so he decided to write a check. The only trouble was that he had been connected with the Chowan Motor Company so bloomin' long that he wrote the check payable to Chowan Motor Company. Yea, he changed it to The Chowan Herald.

A few fellows were talking the other day about how Episcopalians stick together and do their trading as much as possible with fellow Episcopalians. "Yes," said one, "an Episcopalian does business with another Episcopalian whenever he can." Another said, "Yes, that's true, while Baptists, Methodists and members of other denominations don't give a hoot who they trade with." But another Episcopalian in the group then chimed in, saying, "Yeah, maybe Episcopalians stick together and trade with each other, but Episcopalians don't pay each other."

A great many letters are being received from people interested in the 1961 Edenton Pilgrimage. One was received this week by Mrs. R. J. Boyce from Commander G. H. Wheeler, senior U. S. Navy chaplain now stationed at Little Creek, Va. The letter read:

"Dear Mrs. Boyce: I noticed in today's issue of the Virginian-Pilot that the 1961 Pilgrimage of Colonial Edenton and Country-side, sponsored by the Edenton Woman's Club, will be held April 14, 15 and 16.

"As former residents of Edenton during my duty at the Marine Air Station in 1945, I would be most happy to be able to take this pilgrimage. Will you be so kind to send me information as to hours. Mrs. Wheeler and I will make every attempt to attend either the 14th or 15th.

"This will give us opportunity to renew old friends. We have lived in many sections of the United States and overseas and yet never have found a community which we enjoyed more than Edenton."

VFW MEETS TUESDAY

William H. Coffield, Jr., Post No. 9280, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will meet Tuesday night, February 21, at 8 o'clock. Commander John Bass urges a large turnout.

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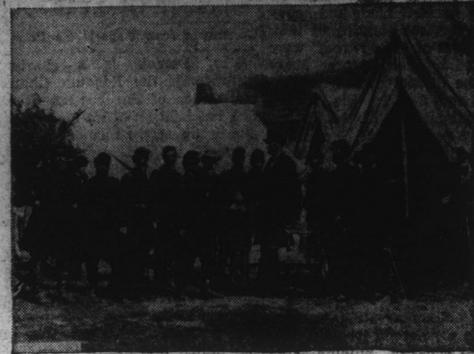
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Lincoln Visits the Troops



PRESIDENT ABRAHAM LINCOLN is shown during a routine visit with Union officers at an undisclosed location. This is one of the famous Lincoln photographs by Matthew Brady and Alexander Gardner.

No Comment

By JAMES W. DOUTHAT
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"NO COMMENT" is a report of incidents on the national scene and does not necessarily reflect NAM policy or position.

Washington — It now is official. Industry is being called upon to pay much of the cost of the Kennedy legislative program.

Only a part of the program has been revealed thus far—but the cost of this limited portion seems certain to run into the billions of dollars.

Even this portion—not to mention what is to follow—threatens to run up a huge deficit in the 1962 fiscal year, starting next July 1. Mr. Kennedy already has given up any expectation of a surplus either in 1961 or 1962.

A drive to get some of the major Kennedy-sponsored bills through Congress at an early date was begun promptly after the President submitted to Congress his proposals for reinvigorating the economy.

Among his recommendations—part of the cost of which would be borne by industry—were these:

1. Enlarge from \$3,000 to \$4,800 the annual wage base on which the unemployment insurance tax is imposed—and paid by industry. The funds would be used to finance a temporary program for extending the duration of unemployment benefits up to 13 weeks for workers who have exhausted their rights under present law.

The cost is estimated by experts in this field at possibly \$1.5 billion if all of the states participate. Since the money would be a federal gift, the states would be expected to co-

\$33 to \$43 per month and permitting men to retire at 62 instead of 65 with actuarially reduced benefits.

The cost is estimated at approximately \$1 billion a year. Legislation is being prepared for introduction and early hearings. This program is in addition to the proposal, vigorously advocated by Mr. Kennedy, to provide medical care for the elderly under social security—to be financed by increasing the social security tax by one-fourth of one percent on both employers and employees.

On top of these recommendations is a long list of costly legislative proposals being pushed by President Kennedy, including federal subsidies for depressed areas, school construction and teacher salaries, and housing.

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"What a big family you have. Mrs. Jones," said the visitor.

"Yes'm. And the funny thing is that all the names begin with a haitch. There's 'Orace, 'Erbert, 'Enery, 'Ugh, 'Ubert, 'Arnold, 'Arriet and 'Etty—all except the last one, and we 'ader named Halice."

MRS. MADDREY CHAIRMAN OF ALCOHOLISM COMMITTEE
Roy B. Barham, chairman of the Committee on Alcoholism of the North Carolina Council of Churches, announces the appointment of Mrs. C. Gordon Maddrey of Ahoskie to the Committee on Alcoholism of the North Carolina Council of Churches.

Mrs. Maddrey is president of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs and has been active in civic and religious affairs of her native Ahoskie and in North Carolina for many years.

LIONS MEET MONDAY

Edenton Lions will meet Monday night, February 20, at 7 o'clock. President James Griffin is very anxious to have every Lion present.

LEGION MEETS TUESDAY

Ed Bond Post No. 40 of the American Legion will meet Tuesday night, February 21, at 8 o'clock. Commander David White urges a full attendance.

There is nothing either good or bad, but thinking makes it so. —Shakespeare

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