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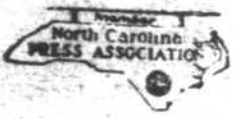
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## Naval Air Power

In some quarters, there seems to have been a feeling that Naval air power is a matter of relatively small importance and that, should war come again, the Air Force, with its land-based planes, can handle the jobs of both defense and attack.

That point of view was opposed in an address before an American Legion conference by John Nicholas Brown, the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Air.

A carrier task force, he pointed out, is an enormous, mobile air base, well protected against any form of attack, with its own fuel storage, repair shops, quarters for personnel—and, most important, its own flying fields, which are the carrier decks. Seven-tenths of the world is covered by water, and these floating bases can go anywhere they may be needed. In the last war, carrier-based and amphibious naval planes carried much of the burden of air war in the Pacific before we were able to seize and develop land bases. And, even as the war moved toward its end, Naval air power remained a decisive factor.

In Mr. Brown's words, the defense of the country against enemy attack is the first duty of the Air Force, and that is a duty that couldn't be performed by any other service. For there is no competition between the Air Force and the air power of the Navy. They are complementary, and the functions of each do not duplicate those of the other. Together, under unified command, they provide an assortment of tools which is essential.

Each of our military forces must have the weapons necessary to the accomplishment of its natural missions. Any other policy could lead to disaster.

## Low-Cost Houses For Whom?

President Truman suggests that ten million new dwellings be constructed in the next ten years and that Congress provide funds to permit the building of 100,000 low-rent public housing units each year for the next five years.

Stressing the importance of housing for the nation's lowest-income groups, the President urged legislation authorizing sufficient Federal funds to permit local housing authorities to construct a minimum of 100,000 units a year.

As the editor of a newspaper published in a comparatively small municipality, we wonder how many of the 100,000 units a year will be constructed in reach of the low-income groups in this neighborhood. Frankly, we suspect that practically all of the units will be erected in metropolitan areas, where local officials are organized and able to set up housing authorities to take advantage of the legislation, if and when it is passed.

When it comes to the "lowest income groups," to which the President referred, the Government should not overlook the segment of our rural population that should be included in the term. In fact, farmers and their workers have a much lower income than the average for the nation and if the Federal Government is to assist in the construction of homes for families needing improved dwellings, and the enterprise is to be launched on the basis of need, most of the money and most of the houses would be constructed in the rural sections of the nation.

The human race owes much of its progress to the lives of obscure men and women.

## More Money, Less Buying Power

Here are a few facts about the income of farmers:

In 1947, they received about \$30,000,000,000 from marketings and \$340,000,000 from government benefit payments. This was their highest income in history for our farmers, exceedings by 19.8 per cent the previous high record set in 1946.

The Alexander Hamilton Institute points out that the increase in farm income from marketings was primarily the result of a sharp increase in the prices of agricultural products, but that there was also an increase in the quantity. Prices reached the highest levels on record, being 19.3 per cent above the 1946 level.

There is one other point to be mentioned in connection with these figures. Despite the rise in farm income, farmers were not as well off as during the year before. While their income went up, it did not go up as fast or as much as the increase in the prices of the goods which they bought. Consequently, their purchasing power in 1947 was nearly one per cent below the 1946 level. Moreover, the recent sharp break in the prices of farm products indicates that there will be a further decline in the purchasing power of American farmers in 1948.

If you listen to the baseball fans, the problems of the world will soon fade out and everybody will be engrossed in the pennant races.

## - THE - EVERYDAY COUNSELOR

By Rev. Herbert Spaug, D. D.



This column will probably interest only church people, and possibly not some of these. Statesmen, church leaders, business leaders and psychiatrists are shouting at us that we desperately need in this country a spiritual revival, that the world needs the same; that we are doing far too little to bring it about. In fact, we are permitting things to happen which will definitely impede such a spiritual awakening.

The time in which we are living is one of confusion and uncertainty. All of us have our troubles. Unfortunately, too many seem to have the idea that release from these troubles can be had in recreation only. Others are taking the alcohol route. These are only salves on the sore. Their help is only transitory. They don't get at the root of the trouble at all, yet more and more seem to be turning to these false outlets for their troubles.

Recently a prominent physician wrote a book on healthful living. One of his recommendations was that we spend our Sabbath or Sunday as the Almighty intended, for physical rest and spiritual restoration. Are we doing that? Most of us aren't, sad to say.

Sunday, as a day of physical rest and spiritual restoration, is gradually being whittled down to a few hours. Saturday night dances, which used to terminate at midnight, now run well over into Sunday morning. The result is that the exhausted participants get little benefit from church attendance, if they are able to get there at all. Sunday afternoon is being increasingly taken over by secular and commercial amusement interests. Now the same thing is happening to Sunday evening and Sunday night. Thus far they have left about an hour and a half open on Sunday evening as a gesture toward the churches, then they take over again. We have had Sunday picture shows for some time on Sunday afternoon and Sunday night after church hours. Now come Sunday night public dancing.

Have you ever heard of a man or woman being converted from his or her evil ways, led to a better spiritual life, by any of these things!

These commercial interests have six days in which to operate. Now they are reaching out and gradually taking over the seventh. The same old picture was presented in the Book of Genesis, when Adam and Eve were given the whole Garden to live in, only two trees being reserved as God's. They reached out to take these and so precipitated their downfall.

If we are going to heed our leaders, save our civilization by spiritual revival, we are going to have to wake up to our responsibility to "render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."

## ABNORMAL ABSURDITIES

By  
DWIGHT  
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### SUBJECTS AT RANDOM—

Stop lights are going up so fast we can't remember where to stop. The safecracker sat down, pulled off his shoe and started turning the dial with his toe. He said he wanted to drive the fingerprint men nuts. Are you the kind of man who always hits the nail right on the thumb? Daughter told mother that nice girls sometimes had to hold men's hands. A Cape is in the hospital suffering from head injuries and shock caused by coming in contact with a live wife. Experience should be the best teacher. Look

at what it costs! An editor surmises that it is no wonder newborn babies cry so much. They enter the world bald, without teeth, they can't talk back and they owe the government \$8,500 as their part of the national debt. Civil service has been defined as something you get in restaurants between wars. The Greensboro inquirer wants to know did Lash Larue see his date in his return here. Our information is he did. In one town the police arrested a man for laughing when there was nothing funny. How about raiding radio audiences!

### PLENTY OF IT—

It was Spring out in the country. "How's sentiment out here?" asked a politician.

"Still going strong," answered a farmer. "There were six cars parked in my lane last night."

### UP AGAINST MANY—

Willie Johnson, a sawed-off, beaten-down little man was arraigned in a Texas district court on a felony charge.

The clerk intoned. "The State of Texas versus Willie Johnson!"

Before he could read further, Willie almost broke up the meeting by solemnly declaring: "Gee, what a majority!"

### THE LAST ONE—

A minister was to conduct the funeral of the town wastrel whose life had been such that not a great deal of good could be said of him. Even his widow understood that. Nevertheless the pastor wanted to say something on the complimentary side if he could, and it occurred to him to scan the floral wreaths with their cards of sympathy.

The man had been a volunteer fire fighter and the hook-and-ladder boys had sent a beautiful floral piece. "This ought to have something if anything does," the preacher thought.

He was sadly disillusioned. Worked neatly into the design of red roses was this statement: "Gone to his last fire."

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