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## Fewer Men, More Firepower

Since the fighting in Korea started, 2,000,000 men and women have been added to the armed services. The Navy has more than doubled, the Marines will soon have tripled their strength, the Air Force is about to double its wing power, and the Army is two and a half its size.

We have the word of the Under-secretary of the Army, Archibald S. Alexander, that future increases will not be as great unless the world picture darkens. Instead, the United States is seeking ways of increasing the efficiency of individual fighting men to multiply its striking force, rather than simply to continue to add manpower. Research and development have taken over.

Some of us think it is about time our technological supremacy was made to offset the manpower advantage of our enemies. Specifically, we want to see tactical atomic weapons in the field, to replace the bloody hand to hand fighting that was necessary, for instance, to take Heartbreak Ridge, at great cost of American and allied lives.

## ERWIN SOCIETY

### MRS. CARL BYRD IS HOSTESS TO ERWIN BOOK CLUB MEMBERS

Mrs. Carl Byrd was hostess to members of the Helen Bridges Book Club at her home Thursday evening at 8 o'clock.

Lovely arrangements of colorful autumn flowers were used in the living room.

Mrs. J. K. Bruton presided over the meeting which was opened with the club members saying together the club collect.

Following a short business period, the meeting was turned over to Mrs. E. B. Hudson and Mrs. Woodall, who were in charge of the program for the evening.

Hudson introduced Mr. Brennan Kelly of Raleigh and Lillington, who is the new director of

instruction in Harnett County. Mr. Kelly gave a very interesting and informative talk on "Education in Harnett County."

Following his talk Mrs. Hudson and Mrs. Woodall presented him with a handsome tie, and following this the hostess served pear salad, ham sandwiches, saltines and coffee.

Club members present included Mrs. Bruton, Mrs. Hudson, Mrs. Woodall, Mrs. Johnnie Pecora, Mrs. J. C. Graham, Miss Cline McKeown, Mrs. J. B. Cathey, Mrs. Bob Gray, Mrs. Woodrow Turlington, Mrs. L. Jackson, Mrs. Z. E. Matthews, Mrs. A. R. Manley and the speaker, Mr. Kelly.

Miss Carmelita Orisom, a member of the nursing staff of Good Hope

IN APEX  
Stacy Whittington visited in Apex Friday.

RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL  
Mr. E. C. Purcell has returned from Duke Hospital in Durham and is getting along fine.

SEE GLOBE TROTTERS  
Those attending the basketball game between the Globe Trotters and State College All Stars at the William Neal Reynolds Coliseum in Raleigh Friday night were Dr. and Mrs. L. W. Griffin, Ray Lupton, Linton Bishop, Frank Ralph, John Wood, Joe Denning, P. H. Denning and Eobay Wood.

Mrs. B. B. Hudson and Mrs. Edward Thomas, Jr. visited in Benson Friday.

ANNOUNCE BIRTH  
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Cane announce the birth of a daughter in Good Hope Hospital Sunday October 28. Mrs. Cane is the mother

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## These Days



By Sokolsky

### THE FIFTH AMENDMENT

Professor Henry Steele Commager of Columbia University once wrote:

"Certainly it is a gross perversion not only of the concept of loyalty but of the concept of Americanism to identify it with a particular economic system"

This is undoubtedly true but it is unimportant. I do not believe that any question of an "economic system" is involved in the contest which is being waged in this country against the communists, against subversive or corrupt persons. Certainly when a protest is made against a tax collector, the issue is not whether he is a capitalist or a socialist, a Republican or a Democrat. The point is that we are shocked by the fact that thieves have worked their way into government. We challenge them as thieves.

So communists are not opposed because they believe in government ownership of the means of production, distribution and exchange but because they are agents, spies, provocateurs for an alien power, for a government that uses propaganda, infiltration and corruption as a means of military conquest.

Those, therefore, who use the Fifth Amendment, which they have a legal right to use, to avoid giving information concerning the words, actions or intentions of a person, are morally guilty of aiding those who would destroy this country.

Here is a definite conflict between a legal right and a moral responsibility. Which shall prevail?

The Fifth Amendment provides: "No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a grand jury, except in cases arising in the land or Naval forces, or in the militia, when in actual service in time of war or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offense to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation."

Those who, in communist cases, claim immunity from questioning under the terms of the Fifth Amendment do so under the words, "nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself."

Actually, it is no crime in the United States to be a communist but it is illegal to engage in a conspiracy to destroy our government. It is not illegal to oppose the capitalist system but it is illegal to be a spy.

A Congressional committee is not a court of law and does not try cases, but the information gathered by such a committee may be used by prosecuting officials to obtain an indictment for a crime. While it is not possible to claim double jeopardy in connection with a Congressional committee, it is possible to claim self-incrimination.



"If you can't shave properly, go to a barber—there's too much gossip that we don't get along!"

## LISTEN, KIDS

On the night that Joe Louis lost his heavyweight title to Ezzard Charles, outside the ballpark I ran into Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Robinson. Both of them looked grim because the passing of a champion of the calibre of a Joe Louis always is emotionally disturbing. You know that the new champion is entitled to congratulations but underneath there is a deep resentment. The new champion has pulled Humpty Dumpty off the wall, and all the king's horses and all the king's men never can put Humpty Dumpty together again.

"This ought to teach youngsters to save their money, some of it anyway," reflected Mrs. Robinson. "If Joe Louis had saved some of his earnings, he could have retired at the peak of his career and we could have remembered him in all his greatness. Only his need of money betrayed him into this." She grimaced at the memory of Louis, badly beaten, just managing to go the limit.

You thought the same thing, again, when Louis was knocked out by Rocky Marciano. Again the pressing need of money had exposed Louis, this time to a knockout.

Conceding that it is difficult today to save money, each of us can put away a little against the rainy day when loss of a job, or serious sickness or death develops pressures that must be answered. In those bitter emergencies, yesterday's clippings don't mean a thing. So put some dough in the bank, put some dough in insurance and get yourself some medical and hospital insurance. They all come in handy.

The inability of Americans, at this time, to save money obviously is due to tremendous taxes. Are the taxes justified, is the \$64 question of the moment. Henry Ford 2nd, speaking before the Associated Industries of Massachusetts, in Boston, last week, discussed this same question and came up with some answers.

It was Ford's conclusion that the American people deserve a "better kind of political leadership than one based upon mere political expediency." He characterized "expediency" in the classic remark of an ancient French political leader who looked at the marching mob outside his window, and said cynically: "There go my people: I must follow them."

It was Ford's feeling that the political expediency on display in Washington is best expressed in terms of the defense budget. It was \$11,900,000,000 in 1949; it spiraled to \$27,000,000,000 in 1951, pared down from the requested \$104,000,000,000. Along with this Washington "is asking and getting the kind of controlled economy that Americans will accept only in the face of the clear possibility of national disaster."

Stressing the fact that he doesn't want to go down any road leading only to "war, or the other road that leads to peace at any price, Ford said: "I do want to take whatever road offers the best chance of maintaining maximum peace in this world, however hard and costly that road may be." That road, it seemed to him, was one which would block aggression, by maintaining sufficient armed might that we can pay for, without bringing on a creeping inflation that would drain our economic lifeblood.

"How far can we go," he asked, "in taxes to support this effort without removing the progressive incentive out of which the whole strength of America grows? How much government control over our economy do we really need and how much can we afford when we know that our strength lies in freedom from control?"

Joe Louis, hanging over the ring apron of Madison Square Garden, knocked out by Marciano, was the victim of Washington expediency. Taxes bankrupted Louis, forced him to go to the well several times too often.

Rocky Marciano has a vital stake in the problems discussed by Ford at Boston. If the taxes continue to soar, if government controls continue to be imposed by politicians, Marciano will come to the end of the road with only a washed-up face to show for his earnings. The leather workers in his home town of Brockton and the men who operate the factories in Brockton similarly will be impoverished.

You youngsters have the greatest stake of all in finding an answer to Ford's question: "How far can we go in taxes without removing the progressive incentive out of which the whole strength of America grows?" Those of you who are coming of voting age can determine it.

## MISS WILBORN IS HONORED AT CANASTA PARTY IN LILLINGTON

A bridge and canasta party, marked by originality in refreshments and decorations, was the courtesy extended Miss Owendolyn Wilborn, Lillington bride-elect, on Thursday night when Mrs. Hubert Byrd and her daughter, Mrs. Billy Ray Matthews, entertained jointly at the Byrd home in Bunnell.

Guests were served a dessert course on arrival. A tall white candle, showered with sprays of tiny white chrysanthemums and green ribbons, burned in the center of each of the four small tables where guests found their places marked with miniature white corsages. Refreshments consisted of scoops of ice cream, frosted in green coconut, then frozen and served with angel food cake and coffee. Each ice cream mound held in the center a tiny white candle.

Miss Wilborn was presented a bronze chrysanthemum corsage and a bowl in her china pattern. As high cover in the bridge games, she also was rewarded with a pair of small china plates.

In addition to the honoree, others playing bridge at two tables were: Mrs. John Ashe, Mrs. Meredith S. Senter, Mrs. Joe Bordeaux, Mrs. G. H. Carroll, Jr., Mrs. Frank

## LYNN NISBET: Around Capitol Square

TURNER — Governor Scott had the tables turned on him Wednesday night. He has spoken to many civic club and business organizations, some of which he took delight in talking to. He has addressed the members of the civic club, and he has addressed the members of the business club. He has addressed the members of the civic club, and he has addressed the members of the business club.

CRITICISM — Governor Scott made some caustically critical comment about how the county ABC boards were not co-operating with his administration as well as the beer distributors. A significant factor there is that the ABC boards are public officials, the beer dealers are private business men. Criticism of ABC administration is not confined to one side. The local ABC boards have voiced as much criticism at inability to get co-operation, direction and assistance from the state board. Complaints from this score have increased tremendously during the past few months.

PRIORITY — Trend of the times may be noted in a recent decision of the Pennsylvania supreme court ruling out extra bonus credits for promotion among state employees for war veterans. The 10-point bonus is retained for original employment, but the court held in effect that once on the job actual qualifications and performance should be the criterion for promotion. Illinois and New York have taken action in the same direction, according to news release of the National Civil Service Assembly.

COURT — Superior court judges fared better than average in decisions of the supreme court this week. Of twenty cases decided twelve lower court actions were affirmed or found to have no error; six were reversed or set aside for error; one was modified and affirmed, and there was one split decision.

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WASHINGTON — I am pleased to report that Joe F. Marcollo, the ex-(by request) tax collector at Brooklyn, N. Y., didn't either, take a run-out on the Congressional investigating him.

One of Washington's leading restaurants (name on application) tried to poison him, was all. And there was poor old Joe so sick from food-poisoning with yellow eyes and so hot that he hardly knew his own name.

He was writhing in pain, said he, while the G-men were looking for him and when he read in the papers that these sleuths were on the prowl, he felt sheer relief.

Joe turned out to be a small, swarthy man of 47, with shiny hair, a wrinkled brow and a worried air. Dangled if he knew, he said, why the Commissioner of Internal Revenue fired him a couple of days back. He figured he ran the best little collector's office in the business. He couldn't even understand why the House Ways and Means Committee was prying into his past.

"I want to tell you how sincerely sorry I am if I caused you any inconvenience yesterday," he told the lawgivers. "I was bewildered and upset. And I wandered into this restaurant."

A fellow at the next table was eating a bowl of fishy salad. Joe told the waiter to bring him the same, plus a highball. The result was disastrous.

Chairman Cecil King (D., Calif.) of the investigators accepted his apology and Joe launched into the story of his life, which turned out to be a rags-to-riches tale for sure. He started work at the age of eight. At 14 he was peddling dental supplies and a few years later he was laboring in a Brooklyn shoe factory.

Then he entered politics, studied law at night, became secretary to a judge and eventually turned up as Democratic leader in one of Brooklyn's toughest districts. Then he said, he reformed into a Sunday school.

What Joe wanted to be was justice of the New York State Supreme Court. The political powers-that-be said he'd have to get out of the rough-and-tumble and into something dignified for a couple of years.

As luck would have it, Joseph Numan, the Brooklyn collector, had just been promoted to Commissioner of Internal Revenue. Our hero learned that Joe had said he found the office in a mess.

"You've made me the office boss," he said, "and the responsibility for this mess had just been transferred by the President of the United States as Commissioner in charge of all Revenue offices," demanded Rep. Robert W. Keane (R., N. J.).

Joe said that was exactly what he meant. The gentleman from New Jersey said he was amazed. Joe said, yes, sir.

Joe went on to tell how he'd brought efficiency to the office and at least a small degree of happiness to the taxpayers who forked over nearly a billion dollars a year to him. "I enjoyed one of the most beautiful relationships with the taxpayers," he added.

Joe spent a good deal of time out of the office in Europe and in Florida. Many an afternoon he journeyed to the race tracks to check up on his agents there. He usually placed a small bet, too, but that was incidental.

In the evenings Joe practiced law. Mostly he handled guardianship cases. Some of these were vastly profitable. But Joe never did get nominated to the Supreme Court. For 10 years he waited and collected taxes, but nobody ever tapped him for the black robes. Kind of made him sore. If he hadn't been fired, he said he probably would have quit. Later on, maybe, we'll learn why he got the boot.

North Carolina attained and holds its place of recognized leadership among the states of the union, particularly in the South. He talks about how investors eagerly seek North Carolina bonds and notes, and how the state had within the past two years sold a total of \$232,000,000 of bond issues at an overall average of 1.25% interest rate.

CREDIT — Credit for this exceptionally good situation must be distributed, of course, over the past fifty years or more of state history and prospects for continuing, even more rapid, progress in the future. But Auditor Bridges expressed belief that the big investors would not have known about or understood this background except for the splendid job Treasurer Hodges has done in selling North Carolina to the big bankers. He points out another place in which the treasurer has contributed very substantially to state stability. Under authority of a 1949 act, jointly sponsored by Governor Scott and Treasurer Hodges in their primary campaigns and before the general assembly, previously "idle" state funds have been invested and deposited so as to draw interest. By judicious investment, buying and selling at appropriate times, this "idle" money currently is "working" and yields as of October 1 this year at the rate of \$4,000 an hour to the state general fund. That yield will vary with conditions and as the money is required to pay for highway and public building construction and to operate the public schools and other functions of state government, the amount invested will decrease. Right now it presents a pretty picture.

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