



These Days

Or - Behind The News From Washington

By -

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Senator Wayne Morse, generally regarded as the doviciest of doves when talking about U. S. military commitments in the Far East, thinks it would be "immoral" if we simply withdrew our soldiers from South Vietnam. We can't just scuttle and run, he says, for we would then be responsible for any blood bath that resulted from turning the place over to the Viet Cong.

have the UN, or some other international group, move in to police the terms of that peace. The international force would see to it that the Viet Cong did not murder Catholics or Buddhists, or subvert any agreed-upon coalition government by illegal methods.

The Morse proposition might be acceptable to most of our hawks if there were any possible chance of working it out. With the 1968 elections coming up, Lyndon Johnson would certainly love to see an "international" army pull his chestnuts out of the fire in Asia. But how much chance is there that the UN, or any other agency for "collective security," will follow up on Morse's idea? To use Morse's favorite law school lingo, the "substantive" reality of UN peace does not seem "procedurally" likely.

The truth is that we have already been rebuffed by the UN in our attempts to have the Vietnamese issue placed on its agenda. Moreover, the Soviets have shown no alacrity about bringing the business of a Vietnamese peace before any other international tribunal. In his efforts to secure negotiations, U Thant, the Secretary General of the UN, has had to work entirely on his own outside his own

I wouldn't have credited Wayne Morse with such views if I hadn't heard them coming from his own lips in response to questions by students in the auditorium of the Yale Law School. What such statements imply is that there isn't really any profound difference between Senator Morse and President Johnson. There is a "consensus" here, and it is a surprising one.

True enough, Wayne Morse beat a quick retreat into the dovehole when he advocated the substitution of an "international" force for the U. S., South Korean, and Australian troops now engaged in Vietnam. He would have us "negotiate" with Ho Chi Minh, the Viet Cong and the Red Chinese, and forthwith produce a peace. Then he would

When you think of prescriptions, think of VARNER'S. adv

Larry Hall Is Promoted In Germany

Larry E. Hall, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther C. Hall, Rosman, was promoted to Army corporal near Bad Kissingen, Germany, where he is assigned as an assistant gunner in Battery C, 2d Howitzer Battalion, 37th Artillery.

Cpl. Hall entered the Army in March 1966 and arrived overseas the following August.

Hall is a 1964 graduate of Rosman high school.

Cpl. Hall's wife, Evelyn, is with him in Germany.

organization. The machinery of the UN simply grinds to a complete standstill whenever any of the big world powers confront each other in any part of the world that has real strategic significance.

Since World War II, the UN has had some peacekeeping successes. It has kept Arabs and Jews from killing each other over the Gaza strip; it has prevented massacres in Cyprus, it has cooled passions in the Congo. By a strange freak of chance, the UN even managed to keep the Communists from overrunning South Korea. But this was because the Soviet UN delegates happened to be staging a boycott when the question of South Korea was referred to the Security Council by President Harry Truman.

The sort of peacemaking and peacekeeping which Senator Morse advocates would involve a prior reconstruction of the UN, or the creation of another international body with the teeth which the UN now so conspicuously lacks. In short, what Wayne Morse is suggesting is a sudden world leap into Utopia.

Well, as the old saying goes, it would be nice work if we could get it. Foreign Minister Thanat Khoman of Thailand recently offered a modest approach to the Morse idea. He suggested that a "regional" grouping of Southeast Asian and South Pacific nations get together with Hanoi to work out an acceptable peace. Thanat Khoman would have Malaysians, Indonesians, South Koreans, Japanese, Formosans, Filipinos, Australians, Laotians, and his own Thai people thresh out a decent settlement in Vietnam. But nothing happened when Thanat Khoman floated his trial balloon.

Can Wayne Morse do any better? He says we shall never know until we try. But nobody is keeping him from trying. Why doesn't he spend a week or two at the UN bottomholding its more influential figures? It would be a worth-while education, not only for Wayne Morse but for all the other doves who think you can get "negotiations" by imitating Shakespeare's Owen Glendower, who boasted that he could call spirits from the "vasty deep." Glendower, of course, never produced.

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WEEKLY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- Greek letter
- Without hair
- Pert to fern spores
- Fragrant wood
- One of five: colloq.
- Fry lightly
- Footed vase
- Bestow
- Like
- Dull thump
- Canadian province: abbr.
- Faith
- Felines
- Wing-shaped
- Contest
- Lizard
- Man's nickname
- Bulk
- Exclamation
- Bent tube
- Employ
- Exiled Argentine
- Light wood
- Sleep sound
- Bearded, as rye
- Oscillate
- 365 days

DOWN

- Stock exchange of Paris
- Iceland
- Bronze

23. Candle-nut tree

25. Belonging to the king of Bashan

26. Pants

27. Foreigners

29. Egyptian president

30. Forward

32. Ready cash

35. Front of a boat

36. Book of hours

37. Forearm bone

39. Arm of sea

40. Astonishment

Drinking Driver Problem

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we have not dealt with successfully. Representative Britt made his remark about bolstering the drunken driving laws when he expressed hope for passage of legislation requiring mandatory jail terms for drunken drivers guilty of second or subsequent offenses. He was referring to legislation being hammered out in a House Judiciary committee.

This particular legislation may or may not be what North Carolina needs to curb drinking drivers. Some legislators have the opinion that mandatory jail sentences will definitely discourage drivers from taking the wheel after drinking alcoholic beverages. Other legislators are convinced that mandatory jail sentences will tend to discourage juries from convicting defendants in cases where there is evidence of drunken driving. Honest expression of opinion leaves the issue somewhat cloudy.

What is clear is that adequate protection of the people against drunken driving will require much more than legislation es-

tablishing mandatory jail terms for repeat offenders. The tendency of juries to acquit persons charged with drunken driving, as some legislators have recognized, does present a problem. And, in some communities, weak judges and favor-dispensing prosecutors who do less than their duty in clear-cut drunken driving cases have turned enforcement of drunken driving laws into a farce. The enforcement problem is aggravated by the common practice of permitting drunken driving defendants to plead guilty to some lesser charge, such as careless driving.

The drunken driving problem needs comprehensive study and comprehensive study and comprehensive solution more than it needs patchwork treatment. It would be appropriate for the Legislature that legalizes brown-bagging to take the initiative in bringing about a thorough study by competent citizens that will produce fresh ideas concerning ways and means of discouraging in North Carolina the all too common practice of drinking just before taking to the road.

What A Fireman?

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proper source. No, certainly, not Glory!

Thrills, excitement? I have heard ignorant people remark that the firemen got a "bang" out of fighting fires. Perhaps there is a certain amount of excitement generated by participating in the extinguishment of a blaze, but I think it is more of an urgency, a drive, to try to save property or lives that are being menaced by fire. Certainly not enough men are available to man fire departments, they wish to seek thrills each day of their lives by the process of fighting fires alone! Then, too, there must be taken into consideration the fact that this is only a part of their work. There is also what would amount to drudgery, hard work and also study to try to achieve a better knowledge as to methods of improving themselves in the fire service so as to cut down losses more and more. How many men can balance off the amount of excitement, or thrill, against the long hours, the loss of sleep, the smoke, the soot, the grime. The kind of men who only seek thrills are accompanying a long ordeal of firefighting? seldom the type of men to even attempt to join the fire service, and should they do so, I am sure it would only be a short time

before they would be weeded out.

But the strange thing about the situation is that whenever I have asked a single fireman just why he became a fireman in the first place, I only get an answer such as "I always wanted to be a fireman" "I don't know exactly. I just like the work" or some such indefinite answer. So how do you pinpoint this? You don't. The only answer I am sure of is that there is something within them, a mechanism or some indefinable something that is different from the usual run of men, that causes them to want to serve their fellowman to this extent. For THEY DO SERVE. This is not a game, or a sport to them; it is a matter of dead seriousness with most of them, although they usually maintain a sense of humor and smiling faces along with their dedication to duty and service. So I still don't know just how to put my finger on the reason a man becomes a fireman. If any of you can help me put it in words any better, won't you let me hear from you? For now, I only know that there is, indeed, a vast difference in the makeup of a fireman and an ordinary "civilian" — they look the same, often act the same, but there is certainly something that sets them apart from the rest. And I am proud to be the small part that I am in the Fire Service Industry.

SENATOR SAM ERVIN SAYS



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ards for pollution control.

Science is constantly engaged in technological efforts to improve fuels and their usage. It is also studying the relation of air pollution and respiratory diseases. Industry has long been concerned with waste controls and the most effective use of fuels. The task ahead is to unify man's efforts to assure that poisons released into the air do not become intolerable.

For generations we have been relatively free from this worry. Our free enterprise system could use with impunity virtually any form of energy, and our country grew rapidly. Now progress and growth have brought us to new considerations. When air becomes heavily polluted in our cities and towns and villages it must be reckoned with. A few months ago, an estimated 80 persons died in New York City from a deadly smog which settled upon

its inhabitants. Even the Nation's Capital, which has virtually no manufacturing plants, has one of the highest air pollution rates of any city in the country.

The Senate Subcommittee on Air and Water Pollution has been holding hearings on the Air Quality Act. It is finding that individual and local efforts are not winning the pollution battle. Our civilization has seen to that. So Congress appears ready to help the country get some better air to breathe.

Each day in the United States an average of 1,520 homes are damaged or destroyed by fire, according to the National Fire Protection Association. Don't let fire hit your home. Remember, NFPA says "A Clean House Seldom Burns."

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