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No Place For Self-Esteem

While no one should deny him the title of an able general, it is now fairly certain that General Douglas MacArthur has aggravated a muddled situation in Korea.

India's Nehru and others pleaded for a halt at Korea's 38th Parallel. MacArthur, claiming that the enemy would have the opportunity to regroup and strike back, paved the way for a continued march.

The General is said to have eyed enemy installations in Manchuria. It should have been plain that, after passing the parallel, the situation was only being aggravated.

The United Nations leaders have not considered the possibility that Russia wants to fight China, that Russia's goal can be salvaged from a war between China and the United States.

General MacArthur has done well in leading the United Nations forces a long way from home and out on a limb, but little has been said about the confusion in which the mess is bogged down.

If MacArthur's plans had carried, he would have burst with self-esteem; now that a catastrophe was reaped, it is his way to shout, "I told you so."

While it is only fair and just to give the general all his dues, many think it is about time for him to step down and get out of the picture along with many of his blind worshippers who, in many cases, have placed common politics ahead of American lives.

Losing Face

We have thought little about those who claimed it was a national tragedy to lose face. Now, after reverses in Korea, we have a fuller appreciation of what it means to lose face.

But what's even more tragic is the loss of American lives, and if we can lose face and save lives, we might try that course for a while.

Possibly in our humbled position we can better understand the problem and see the over-all picture in a better light. To lose lives just to save face without reaching a desired and lasting goal is down-right folly.

Earning His Pay

The fare of those in the insurance business is not mentioned, but one thing is definitely certain and that is the guy paying the insurance premiums is faring a lot better under Insurance Commissioner Waldo Cheek's rule than he ever fared before.

Just recently a two million-dollar saving insurance costs was passed on to the people. When an insurance commissioner or any man can save that much for the people, he has earned his pay for a lifetime and should have the whole-hearted gratitude of the people.

Time To Do Something About It

It's about time that Congress did something about the tax muddle. It is an established fact that the wage earner is paying through his weekly pay envelope while the big boys are playing around Washington dilly-dallying over this or that kind of tax.

More than one-third of the nation's families don't have enough income to meet their living expenses. Yet they are being taxed and taxed heavily. There was no argument over what kind of tax would be placed on their shoulders.

It's a cruel system that taxes poverty at one end and allows savings to accumulate at the other. We talk about not destroying incentive in the high places with taxation, but isn't it possible to destroy incentive at the bottom with taxation?

For Car Inspection Law

The Charlotte Observer

The North Carolina Legislature convening early in January will be urged to reenact the law requiring periodic mechanical inspection of all motor vehicles in the State, or at least a modification of the law which the 1949 General Assembly repealed after it had been in effect less than two years.

That law probably should have been somewhat revised to provide for less irritation of motorists in its administration, but it should not have been repealed outright.

The legislators will hear from Organizations of citizens interested in traffic safety, among them the Carolinas Automotive Boosters Club, of which Sidney Butz of Charlotte is president, and probably from a lot of individuals who believe periodic inspection of motor vehicles should be resumed.

It is estimated that a substantial percentage of the traffic accidents in North Carolina that kill nearly 900 persons and injure many hundreds annually result from mechanical defects in cars. Unquestionably many automobiles on the highways are dangerous and should not be permitted to use the roads until adequately repaired.

The inspection law which the last General Assembly repealed was a statute that was designed to protect life and property on the roads and streets, and it unquestionably had good effect. But in its administration during its first year or so many motorists were irritated by the inconvenience and loss of time involved in trying to have their cars inspected.

It was in response to the demands of these that the law was repealed. It was a case of a good and necessary law being abandoned because of defects or weakness in its administration and not because of its lack of usefulness or its failure to achieve the results for which it was designed. It was hardly a fair trial.

The proposal to enact a new inspection law will be one of the many issues the recently-elected legislators will face.

Same Remuneration

While they are arguing over profits taxes in Washington with the big boys holding the advantage, it might be a good thing to provide profits to big business, little business, groups and individuals in the same ratio that profits are provided for the men doing the actual fighting.

When that is done much of the war talk and causes of war will have been removed.

How it can be accomplished no one seems to know, but there is a possibility that some strange, huge monster will sneak up one of these generations and devour all the accumulated profits.

One-Way Trip

There's still much talk about a trip to the moon. An English scientist claims he is about to take the plan out of the fantastic and enter it into the realistic. But the Englishman, like all the rest who have been talking about the trip to the moon, hasn't even mentioned anything about a trip back from the moon to earth.

There are motorists who don't worry much about how they get to a destination or how they will get back, but the daring guy who would consider a trip to the moon is likely to inquire first about the promise of a return ticket.

A Sensible Stand

A spokesman for labor said recently that "Cheaper eggs and potatoes are fine, but workers will lose their jobs if farmers go broke."

The spokesman's stand makes sense. However, there are those who would cut the farmer adrift and force the workers—husband, wife and children—back into the sweatshop.

The money advanced by the government to maintain an economic balance in this country has paid big dividends for better living for all.

CARD OF THANKS

We would like to take this means of expressing our gratitude to our friends and neighbors for the kindness and sympathy shown us during our recent bereavement. The beautiful floral offering and cards were deeply appreciated. The family of W. L. House.

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE

Having this day qualified as administratrix of the estate of the late Ben F. Roberson, deceased of Martin County, this is to notify all persons holding claims against said estate to present them for payment on or before the 23rd day of November 1951 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

Mrs. Irene Roberson, Administratrix, Clarence Griffin, Attorney, no 28 de 5-12-19-26 Ja 2

Mrs. Monford Griffin, Administratrix of the estate of Monford N. Griffin, deceased, de 5-12-19-26 ja 2-9

NOTICE

North Carolina, Martin County. In The Superior Court Before The Clerk

MARTIN COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1 (Bear Grass, Bee Tree and Turkey Swamps)

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of Martin County Drainage District No. 1 have levied an assessment in the amount of \$72,886.00 upon the lands within the boundaries of said District. This assessment has been made in accordance with the Classification Sheet filed by the

Board of Viewers of the said District with their Final Report and in accordance with a Certificate filed by the Board of Drainage Commissioners with the Clerk of the Superior Court of Martin County on the 1st day of December, 1950.

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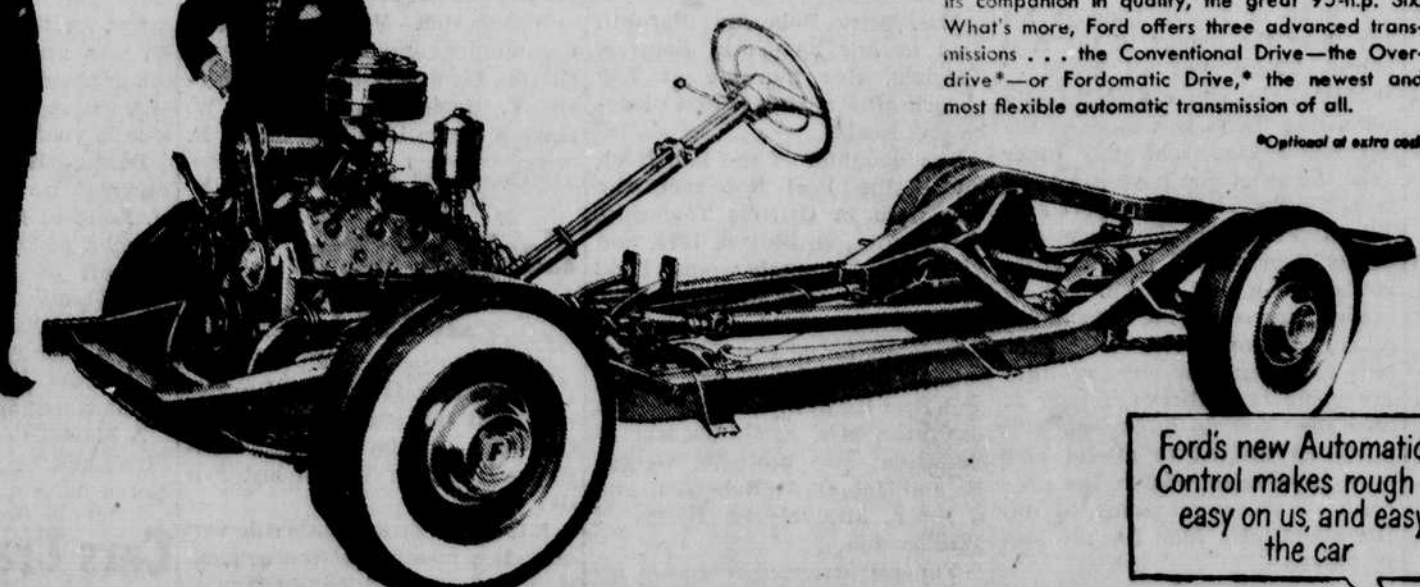
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