

Editorial and Opinion

Program For Defense

"The prime purpose of government is to protect its citizens from aggression - both physical and economic."

The quotation is a part of the basic philosophy of the National Grange, as expressed in one of the three Grange Guideposts, adopted nine years ago. Albert S. Goss, Master of the National Grange, in the current issue of applying that principle in the present emergency.

His analysis of the events and forces which led to the conflict in Korea point clearly to the task before all democratic nations if they are to survive the threat of communist infiltration and aggression. He sees the war in Korea as but one phase of a conflict that has been in the making for over a hundred years.

"Communism, with its atheism and cruel materialism, has constantly maintained that it could not live in the same world with capitalism, democracy and Christianity; that one or the other had to survive; and that its destiny lay in promoting revolutions so that Communism might rule the world," Goss asserts. "Suddenly it has become unmistakably clear that if nations are to be permitted to live in freedom, Russia's course of world aggression must be stopped."

The biggest mistake we can make, Goss says, is to fail to recognize that this is a world war in every sense. Even if the shooting should be confined to Korea, the struggle will go on, both on the ideological and the economic fronts, he thinks. "Make no mistake," Goss declares, "we are at war on the military front, the economic front and the spiritual front, and we must be prepared on all three."

Goss outlines an 8-point program for sound national defense.

1. We must rebuild our military might to repel future attacks.
2. We must develop a sound tax system. There must be no war profiteering.
3. We must finance war's cost as far as possible from current taxes requiring an austerity program both personal and governmental.
4. We must allocate critical materials, by compulsion if voluntary means fail.
5. We must attack inflation at its source through regulation of supply of money to goods.
6. We must have rationing when supply of goods becomes short.
7. We must control prices, supplemented by rationing if rationing alone fails to prevent profiteering.
8. We must, if necessary to prevent inflation, control wages, prices and profits together, across the board.

Goss advocates that the first five steps to be taken at once. Future policy concerning use of the other steps should be determined, he thinks, through close collaboration of Congress and the Executive Branch. Congress, he points out, is still our policy and lawmaking body, directly representing the people, and should constantly keep control to make sure that its will is carried out.

"Where special powers are given the President to act in order to avoid delay," Goss declares, "Congress can and should maintain its Constitutional responsibility in two ways: First, every special transfer of power should be individually revocable by the Congress by a simple majority vote of each house; second the Congress and the President should work in the closest harmony on all things.

"Such close cooperation could be materially advanced by providing a bi-partisan liaison committee chosen without regard to seniority for frequent contact with the President. Such a committee could be of inestimable help to the President with the tremendous responsibilities on his shoulders when so many grave decisions have to be made. "Let us not abandon our belief in democracy either under stress of war or in the formulation of peace policies. Let us rather strengthen it and develop practical ways of making full use of it so that we can combine the guidance of the representatives of the people with the quick decisiveness of the Executive on detailed operations so frequently necessary."

Better Safe Than Sorry

Tobacco is selling again. And selling high. Higher than in many a year. The average for the season as a whole probably will set a new record.

That means money will flow freely in these parts. That means also that the confidence man, the trickster, and the thief will be sneaking around looking for ways to separate some of us from some money.

Police officers know that each tobacco season brings at least a couple of confidence cases or thefts.

With money freer, we are liable to grow careless in handling it and to fall for some slick scheme.

It is a good idea not to give much credence to some story told by a person you do not know.

It's a good idea not to be carrying around in our pockets large sums of money. If we do someone of us is going to be very sorry about losing a roll by accident.

The bank is the safe place for any sizable amount of money. The quicker that money gets into a bank, the safer. Goldsboro News-Argus.

PRESS COMMENT

You'll Agree

People Funny

WE WONDER
(Chatham News, Siler City, N. C.)

The guy who coined the phrase "people are funny" had a hatful of wisdom although we doubt that he ever received credit for same.

Because people ARE funny... particularly in emergencies... but their antics are not calculated to make anyone laugh.

Despite broadside protestations by folks who should know that there are no real shortages, these "funny people" are rushing to the stores to buy up supplies of things far beyond their normal requirements.

We wonder how they feel about their hoards of food when they read the headlines and stores about the young Americans in a thin line, who are fighting and dying in Korea... fighting and dying for a principle... that America shall remain free and that some semblance of this freedom shall be accorded other peoples who yearn for it.

Frankly, we'd choke on every morsel if we knew that the food we had hoarded was depriving anyone.

But hoarders don't care... because they are "funny" people.

They're so "funny" that they'd make contributions to an unbalanced economy in wartime by doing things that the Commies want them to do... so that people who work for salaries and wages won't be able to make ends meet.

They sure are "funny"—and, in some countries, where such "humor" is never tolerated they'd be taken out and shot like common criminals.

Wise Or Otherwise

He who runs may read things about himself he never suspected. —Dallas News.

Revised for the trailer age: "What is home without a motor." —St. Louis Star-Times.

A psychologist is a person who uses \$2 words to explain a failure caused by laziness. —Buffalo News.

It's no wonder the underworld is so rotten when you observe the kind of important citizens it pals with. Chico, Calif. Record.

Civilization is the condition in which one generation pays the last generation's debts by issuing bonds for the next generation to pay. —Troy Record.

AN ANSWER, GOVERNOR

You probably heard about Governor Scott recently fulfilling a childhood dream when brought a bunch of Shetland ponies. They're down at his Haw River farm and he's planning to raise them.

One little nine-year-old girl, Gwendolyn Burgess of Bailey, heard about it, too. Last week she wrote the governor and wanted to know how long it would take her to buy a pony from him at the rate of 90c a week.

She said she got a dollar a week allowance, but gave a tenth of it to her church so 90c a week was all she could spare. "I thought," she wrote, "by the time you had some ponies to sell, I might have enough money saved up to get one." The governor was out of town, but the pony-cost question was waiting his return.

North Carolina has more than 600 historical markers along its highways.

North Carolina has the only known trout stream reserve for ladies only. It is Neel's Creek at the base of Mt. Mitchell, loftiest peak in Eastern America.

Driver's license examiners issued a total of 47,492 licenses during July, the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles says.

Fort Raleigh, on the site of the first English settlement in America on Roanoke Island, North Carolina, is being reconstructed by the National Park Service.

Maim Street

by Ralph Stein



... BUT ROAD SIGNS ARE JUST GREEK TO HIM

Letters To The Editor

The Editor, The News of Orange County Hillsboro, North Carolina

Dear Sir:
In a front page story in last week's News of Orange County Sheriff Latta is reported as having "looked over the list of August recipients of Welfare Funds..." and of having pointed out two instances in which assistance although the prisoners had been released and were able to support their families. The General Statute of North Carolina, Section 108-59 makes it unlawful, except for purposes directly connected with ADC for any person to disclose... any list of... persons receiving ADC. I find it difficult to believe that Sheriff Latta has violated the statute, since if he had obtained his information directly from the Welfare Department he would have found that it was not in accordance with the facts. Neither person cited by the sheriff received a grant in August. The family of one of the persons cited did receive support for his children while he was in prison since the laws of the nation and the State of North Carolina make provisions through Welfare Funds for children who are deprived of parental support. When the father in this case was released from prison the Welfare Board terminated the grant according to the statutes. Also untrue was the second case cited, who according to the sheriff, "has been nicking the Welfare Fund for \$45.00 per month since he was released from prison." Again under our State and Federal Statutes, County Welfare Boards are directed to find eligible for ADC only those families in which breadwinners are absent, dead, or physically or mentally unable to support their families. When children of this man received a grant, which was for the months of March, April, May, and June, 1950, the man was in bed with a heart ailment so diagnosed by a Hillsboro doctor, his wife was in bed with pneumonia and the family needed financial support. When he recovered from his attack, Welfare Board terminated the grant. Very truly yours, Mrs. Jean M. Heer Superintendent

Here's some behind the scenes dope on Governor Scott's second visit with Oscar Chapman, secretary of Interior, Tuesday in Washington.

As you know, the governor took along a delegation of some 19 State officials and other big shots to meet with Chapman, the State's senators and congressional delegation to get a picture of North Carolina's power potential.

Governor Scott has been hollering about a shortage of power in the State for some time now. Two weeks ago, on his first visit with Secretary of Interior Chapman, the governor found out that North Carolina was behind other states—even those of the South—in power output. This has resulted, he

CAPITAL REPORTER

Scott Summers

Raleigh — North Carolina's famed 30th Division of the National Guard can expect a tap on the shoulder from Uncle Sam by October 1, according to a report here.

Most of the Guardsmen here about had breathed a little easier when they heard a Tennessee combat team of the 30th had been called up. They figured that meant the division as a whole would be well down the list.

Your Capital Reporter hears via the grapevine, however, that the 30th is high on the list and can expect a call to active duty before the football season gets out of its diapers.

Other Washington gleanings via Raleigh: Deferments for married will soon end. The entire deferment policy will be spelled out more clearly when government leaders set the balance between industrial and military needs for skilled personnel.

Edwin Gill, commissioner of revenue until he backed the loser Charley Johnson in the last governor's race, is slated for the job of U. S. Collector of Internal Revenue for North Carolina.

The present collector—Charles H. Robertson—is expected to retire soon. Gill is expected to be named to the federal post, with headquarters in Greensboro, before the end of the year.

Gill was in Raleigh last week, reportedly lining up support for the job.

was told, in the State being bypassed by industries seeking a new home.

The story goes that Kerr Scott hit the ceiling when he learned this from federal officials. He was shown aerial maps and other surveys that showed the State's power output potential.

So he asked for the second meeting with Chapman, took along some of the "unbelievers" and went to Washington to see what could be done.

Ironically, it was less than a year ago that Scott made a speech in Lumberton at the dedication of Carolina Power and Light Company's steam generating plant. He again said there wasn't enough electric power in the State.

He was criticized for not making a "nice" speech, and two days later CP&L's President Louis Sutton—in a paid advertisement—took the governor to task, stating that there was "no existing shortage in power in Carolina Power and Light Company territory."

Yet, less than eight months from that day Sutton authorized an enlargement of the Lumberton plant, then less than a year old.

Some folks now are asking this question: Is there a shortage of power or a shortage of vision? Someone needs to shed a little light on the question.

The pre-campaign jockeying for the 1952 gubernatorial race is taking some funny twists. One-beaten Charley Johnson, a Charlotte resident less than a year and seeking nomination as a "westerner", is gaining favor with the Old Guard.

Capus Waynick, Governor Scott's campaign manager and a cat with nine lives, politically speaking, reportedly is trying to make up his mind which way to jump. He's made no secret of the fact that he would like to be governor. But he's been hearing stories about Scott losing favor and may decide to cut away from the Scott camp completely.

In the past, he has always landed on his feet when he jumped the traces—and he was in town last week testing the wind to see which way to jump.

Another opinion sampler, Secretary of State Thad Eure, reportedly getting ambitious, too, no

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