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Rewriting history!



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## Has second step been taken toward lasting world peace?

Has the "second step" toward lasting peace been taken with the announcements this week by the United States, Britain, and Russia that they would cut back the production of nuclear explosive materials?

When the international nuclear test ban treaty was ratified last fall, President Kennedy put it in perspective by quoting the old Chinese saying that "A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step." The prohibition on atmospheric atomic bomb testing was, he said, that first step.

The individual announcements now by the three great international powers come in the category of the inevitably necessary "second step," if this all-important journey is to be continued on its course. There may be some faltering along the way, but each step will be just a little bit easier than the one before.

### To reduce tension . . .

President Johnson announced the United States' decision as a move to "re-

duce tension while we maintain all the necessary power." Buried down in his statement was an even more explicit reason for this decision.

In short, this reason as given by the President is that America simply doesn't need so many more nuclear bombs. There are now, in the mountainous stock piles of the rival powers, enough bombs to instantly eliminate all humanity many times over. How to deliver these deadly charges to a given target is now the key to defense. The number of them available, after the first few million megatons, is of no basic significance. Appropriate to this fact are the President's words: "We must not operate a WPA nuclear project to provide employment when our needs have been met."

Of course it will be of significance as to whether the Soviet Union makes good its statement that it will reduce its bomb manufacturing. It is only natural to both hope and assume that the U.S. will try to check on Soviet compliance.

## Law-breaking phase over?

It is still a bit speculative to state, but it now appears probable that the deliberate law violation phase of the civil rights campaign in Chapel Hill is over. At least it is likely over until a new generation of militants is grown or the community unexpectedly turns its back on the cause of human relations.

The young leaders of the Chapel Hill movement over the past year this week voluntarily accepted the judgments of the Orange County Superior Court in various cases of civil disobedience charges. In so doing they asked for and were given suspensions of jail terms, conditional on their refraining from public demonstrations during the terms of their suspensions. If they do not abide by this, they agree that they clearly understand they will have to serve their active sentences. Some have not yet been sentenced by the court, so their future is at this writing uncertain.

### Objective cited . . .

Whether or not there are such nebulous things as "demonstrations" in the Chapel Hill community in the future in behalf of the elimination of racial discrimination is not the real concern of The News. But it is certainly in order to expect there will be no more of these inappropriate, un-necessary, and truly harmful acts of law violations in behalf of civil rights.

The quest for the elimination of racial discrimination is of itself a necessary and laudable objective, and the drive to this goal must be continued so long as the injustice exists.

But it is surely in order that the court has held and the defendants' have acquiesced to the court's judgments in advance, that not everything done in the name of civil rights is necessary and laudable, and that punishment to insure the upholding of duly-enacted laws is in order for violators.

## Don't bemoan un-spilled milk

A Chapel Hill School Board member last month asked that a \$10,000 private recreation fund be donated as a challenge gift toward a community stadium. Since then various patriotic citizens have come up with what they felt were even better suggestions on how this money could be used.

School Board member Edwin Tenney stressed that he was speaking only for himself when he made this proposal, but it has considerable merit. Chapel Hill Mayor Sandy McClamroch, as administrator of this fund, plainly states that he feels the money should be disbursed. It should go, he says, to a worthy cause in keeping with the general intentions of its donors, since it is not going to be used

for its original purpose—the construction of a privately-financed community-wide recreation facility in Chapel Hill. That the money is to be used and a choice made as to what purpose will be in keeping with the donors' intentions is a progressive decision. To put this toward a community stadium would be a very fine idea, and merits serious consideration along with other proposals.

Meanwhile, now that the ice has been broken with the stadium suggestion, a whole lake full of ideas is forthcoming. The advice is cheap, even though all of the ideas may be worthy. However, controversy over what should be done with money that hasn't yet even been offered to anybody is rather pointless.

### Newsman's Notepad . . .

## The editorial writers look 'em over and cast a few political pearls

The easiest road to self-ordination as a monarch of intelligence is for a fellow to proclaim himself a political expert. Newspapermen, as purveyors of a one-way channel in communications (columns of type don't often talk back), are the smartest of all people in this respect.

At a panel discussion on North Carolina gubernatorial campaign politics at the editorial writers conference recently the wisdom fairly welled over. The campaign and forthcoming primary election was sagely analyzed and settled by panelists of obviously superior intellect and ring-side participants of scarcely less mien, including The Newsman.

So that this information will not be denied the great unwashed public, The Newsman will pass on some of the comments made on that occasion. There was a pretty general consensus that Rich Preyer is in the lead and will be top vote-getter in the race May 30. But this bet was hedged with potent signs that Moore is coming up fast and that Lake is a dangerous dark horse.

### FACTORS FOR PREYER . . .

Working in Preyer's favor is the effective organization he has, plus the well-executed campaign he's putting on with the aid of top influentials in the state. The big new Negro registration is also expected to go mainly to Preyer. What will hurt Preyer, everybody agreed, will be a new rash of militant civil rights demonstrations around the state. Even if they don't come off those of the past winter will be more detrimental to Preyer than to his fellow candidates.

For Moore the underdog spot that this thinking places him in is not wholly undesirable, it is reasoned. It gives him the "right" and opportunity to snipe at the "top dog."

An editor from a populous eastern county said with positive forethought that Lake had and would hold at least half of his votes there.

### NOT REALLY UNDECIDED . . .

Another interesting nugget he cited is that the supposed great "un-decided" vote in the state as of now isn't really un-decided—it's almost all in Lake's corner. This theory is easy to understand and accept particularly in Chapel Hill where a recent newspaper survey showed about 45 per cent of the sample voters un-decided. It is pretty clear by past example that the conservative feels intimidated in Chapel Hill.

The old "pols" also called attention to the fact that past elections have shown that the close campaigns are won or

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