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## Why Fight in Korea?

In the midst of devastation, man should calmly sit down to take inventory. Just why are we fighting in Korea?

Devastation is not the word to describe the situation in this country, but many of us are filled with desperation. We are caught in a whirl of worry: will this lead to a full-scale third world war? will there be rationing, wage control, price freezing? will the men in our families be called tomorrow or a month from tomorrow to take up arms?

After the defeat of Japan our troops occupied South Korea, a republic to which we gave our blessings and a guarantee that they would be free from oppression, fully recognizing that there was a power which some day might attempt to wrest from them their freedom.

That day came when the Russian-nurtured North Koreans swarmed across the 38th parallel. Before America's eyes passed scenes of only a very few years ago: German armies marching into Poland, Nazi Panzer divisions roaring through Czechoslovakia, then Austria, France; and only a few years before that, automatic weapons trained against primitive Ethiopians, and Fascist planes over Spain...

The invasion of South Korea added up to only one thing, the initial spark which seemed sure to set off a train of explosions, unless that spark was smothered at once. Hoping to stave off a third world war, we resorted to fighting fire with fire instead of complacency.

Still with us are the isolationists or those who don't comprehend the strategic value of Korea, who feel that we would lose nothing by letting the Communists take it. Unfortunately the international state of affairs is such that any place now under the control of democratic or free nations is "strategic."

Karl Marx in "Das Kapital," the basic law of communism, urges that the masses struggle to throw off the "chains" that bind them. Neither Leninism, Stalinism, nor Trotskyism, swerved from that basic principle. "Struggle" is a less incendiary word for war.

Russia, in its interpretation, is fighting to "free" peoples from the chains of capitalism. We are fighting to keep peoples free from the chains of communism. Communism and capitalism, economic philosophies and practices which have become political entities on the world front, are diametrically opposed.

Unfortunately, with communism touted by Russia as the way of life which must be given to all, peaceably or otherwise, capitalism has little chance of survival unless we fight to protect it. Until Communists, led by Russia, swerve from the Marx-dictated task of "freeing the masses," there is little hope that the communist and capitalist worlds can live peaceably side by side. And there is no reason to believe Russia and its cohorts will change their policy, for that would mean a revolution, which is highly unlikely.

Instead of lamenting about the current situation in Korea, we should be thankful it happened. We have encountered the enemy unveiled. It means a different way of life for us. Illusions of a world of sweetness and light are slowly but firmly being laid aside. Mobilization, manufacture of armament, and super alertness will be the order of the day in the United States, indeed everywhere where nations are in danger of Russia's crusade.

To abandon the only hope left for peace, the United Nations, would be as foolish as placing our fate solely in the hands of the United Nations. Right now Russia fears only our industrial might. She is planning for the day when she need not fear even that.

It will be too late, much too late then for people to ask as they did several weeks ago in relation to Korea: "Why weren't we prepared?" Our move to defend Korea is not foolish. The years will decisively prove that.

## Cotton's Current Story

Another paradox of government: Uncle Sam is seriously worried over current cotton supplies and the fact that this year's cotton crop will not be up to expectations. Yet our county PMA officer tells us that if any cotton farmers have overplanted their allotment and have produced more cotton than the government originally specified, it will be so difficult for the farmer to market it that it will be much simpler for him to destroy the excess acreage.

## In The Good Old Days

### THIRTY-THREE YEARS AGO

Mr. Roland Bell left for Allenton, Pa., for training in the Ambulance corps.

A "water spout" destroyed the home of Joseph Pigott in Gloucester, miraculously not killing or seriously injuring any one of the nine members of the family who were in the house at the time.

### TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Taylor's Creek Fish Scrap & Oil company, of which W. V. B. Potter was president, Frank King, vice-president, and W. A. Mace, secretary-treasurer, decided to rebuild their factory which had recently been destroyed by fire.

U. E. Swann, chairman of the board of trustees of the Beaufort public schools, was hoping to get the high school on the state's accredited list. Among the faculty members who would teach this year at the public school were Miss Leslie Arrington and Miss Gladys Chadwick.

### TEN YEARS AGO

Florence Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Smith, was chosen as Miss Beaufort for the Coastal Festival being held at Morehead City.

The Beaufort Woman's club was sponsoring a bridge and checker party to raise funds for the library.

The Good Old Days. Lemons at 25 cents a dozen, butter, 31 cents a pound, 2 cans of tuna at 27 cents and bacon at 19 cents a pound were being advertised.

### FIVE YEARS AGO

V.J. Day was announced on Tuesday, Aug. 13, and the next day was celebrated as a holiday with most stores remaining closed.

Architect B. H. Stephens announced that construction of the new Beaufort school would start in two weeks.

Beaufort Jaycees were sponsoring a carnival, with a children's party being held on Saturday.

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## Here and There

With F. C. SALISBURY, Morehead City

We have often heard the question asked as to how a section of Morehead City received the title of Promised Land. Two versions have been given us as to how the section received its name. During the early days of the settlement of Morehead City a large number of families from Shackleford Banks and the Cape, who were driven from those sections by storms, moved into the new town. They found their living conditions so far better than their former homes, that many were heard to say that the Lord had sent them over into the Promised Land.

Then, there is the story about one of the early ministers of the town, either Baptist or Methodist, who had the habit of singing as he went about on his pastoral calls. Meeting one of his parishioners who asked where he was going, he replied by starting to sing that old gospel hymn, "I'm Bound for the Promised Land" and kept on his way into that section of the town that received the title it has carried down through the years.

After several weeks of pile driving and the preparing of a foundation for the new railroad draw over the B. & M. line to Beaufort, construction work has started on the erection of the steel framework of the lift. The new structure will be of the jack-knife style of lift.

The J. C. Taylors have started construction work on a new home which will be located in the Montague section of the city in the 3300 block on the north side of Evans street.

If you are a car owner and your last name starts with a R, S, or T, now is the time to get your driver's license. You will find the inspector at the Chevrolet show room. Better do it now and avoid the rush. Monday and Tuesday are the days.

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A listing of the members of the North Carolina Brigade, a division of the State National Guards, whose members carried the title of "sailors," one finds the name of R. H. Dowdy of Morehead City as head of the Beaufort district. This was back in 1905, so the "sailors" must be on the retired list by this time.

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## Sou'edster

By Captain Henry

I see by the papers they have been all fowled up at Manteo. Not so long ago a bald eagle got tangled up in a power line, caused a short circuit and during the ensuing blackout they had to use an emergency power plant to stage The Lost Colony.

Two nights later, "during a very serious sequence" of the drama, so the paper says, a screech owl started his evening song and caused "some distraction." Usher's located the unwanted patron and shooed it away. Maybe the wise little owl was just asking what a lot of historians are still asking: WHO did away with the Lost Colonists?

christened "Kerr Trail" and another "Scott Avenue."

Think how a name like "Hassell Boulevard" would make some of our friends at the court house boil!

**He Baked a Cake**  
St. Anne, Ill.—(AP) — E. E. Atherton, Jr., a farmer who is just as handy in front of a stove as he is behind a plow, was disappointed when his cake failed to win first prize at the 1949 state fair in Springfield. He attributed his loss to the fact that the angel food cake bounced around during his auto trip to the fair. "This year," he says, "I'm going to bake the cake in Springfield."

Michael Hill asked his mother the other day if she would allow him to swim across the cut. When she said yes, he told her he didn't ask her the first six times because he was afraid he wouldn't make it.

The county commissioners could appoint another coroner if they wanted to — but technically, they haven't received the resignation of the coroner because other county officials deem it unnecessary to present it to them.

Since Pritchard received the nomination of coroner in April, he would have run on the Democratic ticket this November. No Republican candidate filed for that office, so he would have been elected.

Now it's up to the Democratic committee of the county to appoint someone to run in Mr. Lewis's place. Of course, they're still hoping they can talk Pritchard into staying on the ticket and that's why they don't want to be hasty about having another coroner appointed.

If the county commissioners do act before November, it would be a lot less trouble (so the boys reason) to have them appoint the man who would run in Pritchard's place. Thus the county board will not receive Pritchard's resignation until the Democratic executive committee chooses the November candidate. If they never receive the resignation, someone will have been successful in asking Pritchard to stay on the job. That would suit me. He's been a good coroner.

New chairs for the legislators at Raleigh aren't going to set the state back so far after all. Seems as though some folks are willing to pay as high as \$500 a piece for the 110-year-old chairs that officials at first thought would have to be junked.

The folks in Atlantic don't want to let people forget who gave them paved roads. One road has been

**Physician Piles Needle For Needed Relaxation**  
Charleston, W. Va. — (AP) — Reach for a needle instead of a golf club. That's the relaxation motto of Dr. P. A. (Pete) Haley, Charleston physician.

"There's nothing more relaxing than to pick up my needle-point and get in a few stitches. I like golf, too, but needle-point is fascinating," he commented. "It helps with my surgery, too," he added. "For one thing, it keeps my fingers nimble."

One of Dr. Haley's completed needle-point pieces, a scene entitled "Evening," was exhibited at a meeting in San Francisco of the American Physician's Art Association. The design shows a girl crossing a bridge against a vividly colored background.

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