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To Preserve the Fountainhead . . .

President Truman's speech Friday night marked the beginning of a wartime economy in this nation. It will continue for many years, even through periods of temporary peace that will punctuate the longer months of war. In those intermittent peace periods there will be a tendency to lapse military preparations as during the months between the end of the second World War and the beginning of the Korean war.

That must not happen, for when Russia moves in for the big kill, the obliteration of the United States, she will move to win. That major attack will not come through Europe or Asia, it will be a direct assault on the United States itself. If Russian strategists are studying recent military history, as they surely must, they know that Hitler could not combat the men and armaments flowing from this nation, the unmolested arsenal across the sea.

If the believers in Communism plan the overthrow of democracy, as they avowedly do, then the most logical aim is to destroy the fountainhead of democracy, the United States. No opposing force can hope to gain its own ends as long as financial aid, moral support, and the life-giving waters of freedom flow from this nation.

The United States epitomizes all that Communism despises. Russia may well reason that with obliteration of that capitalistic stigma all democracy-supporting nations would fall by default.

It behooves us then to keep military forces at top strength, to spread out the now clustered arms-producing factories, and on the world-wide scale select the areas that need defending — from the strategic and natural resource point of view — and then defend them!

In the years ahead, the brief periods of peace will come between the Bear's occasional swats with his paws: Korea, what next — Austria, East Germany? But there is a bigger stake. To the Russian Bear the United States is like honey at the top of the tree. Only foolish bees frenziedly try to fend off his approach without guarding the prize at the top.

Our aid to nations threatened by Communism is essential, but in wars to come, how well our homeland is defended will be the deciding factor in the victory or defeat of democracy.

How could Russia eliminate the United States? By air attack, numbing our industrial centers; creating havoc within our nation through cooperation of Communists in this country; strikes, sabotaging of industry; landings on our coasts following devastating softening-up operations.

All that sounds impossible, and many ways can be mentioned by which the United States can stymie such attack — IF we are prepared to do so.

Fortunately, Russia today is not prepared to move in for the big kill. She, too, has doubts about the faithfulness of her satellites or "allies." Her transitions from an agrarian way of life to the way of machine production are not complete; and perhaps what is most important, while studying our methods of combat in the Korean war, other moves are aborning in the Kremlin to test our reactions, our stamina, our determination to defend our way of life.

The Communist world lives through the same days and months as we; the Soviets have no monopoly on time. The United States and allied powers must use that time wisely.

How long will it be before the Bear rises for the honey-comb? Not even the Kremlin knows. The Kremlin knows when "if everything goes according to plan," but where there is opposition things seldom move "according to plan." We can be sure that Russia will capitalize on every opportunity — our aim must be to prevent opportunities from arising, by use of diplomatic or military means.

President Truman's announced step-up of our entire military program is of prime necessity. We must never believe that we can live in a state of less than full military preparedness as long as Communism is on the march.

In The Good Old Days

THIRTY-THREE YEARS AGO

The mail boat, *Leslie May*, foundered off Portsmouth while on her east bound trip to Ocracoke.

Over 200 Christmas packages were shipped to Fort Caswell by the Beaufort chapter of the American Red Cross.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

A charter was granted to a new hotel corporation in Beaufort known as Inlet Inn incorporated. Stockholders were W. B. Blades of New Bern, W. A. Mace, and George Brooks of Beaufort.

A Florida bound barge, the *Hammond*, was rescued from the breakers by Capt. Ned Lewis, Harry, Buck and Herbert Parkin, Jack Sewell and Graham Whitehurst.

TEN YEARS AGO

Blakely Pond of Davis was the first canton to use the new bridge from Harkers Island to the mainland. The bridge was soon to be dedicated, but would not be open to the public until after Christmas.

Construction of an Army anti-aircraft base was begun at Holly Ridge.

C. D. Jones was advertising Christmas turkeys for 25c a pound.

FIVE YEARS AGO

Two deep sea divers were in the county to investigate the possibility of salvaging the ships sunk by Nazi subs.

The county board of health was

permitting local milk dealers to use powdered milk instead of whole milk for the next three months because of the serious milk shortage in the state.

Cadet Nelson Gillikin Receives Promotion

OAK RIDGE — Announcement of the promotion of Cadet Nelson B. Gillikin, son of Gardner Gillikin of route 1, Beaufort, to the rank of sergeant first class in the ROTC of the United States was made here today in an order published by Lt. Col. John C. Speedie, U. S. Army, professor of military science and tactics at Oak Ridge Military institute.

Cadet Sergeant Gillikin has also been included in the group of cadets making the scholastic honor roll at Oak Ridge Military institute for the six-weeks period ending last week, according to an announcement from Col. T. O. Wright, president of the institute.

Cadet Sergeant Gillikin will be authorized to wear a special ribbon signifying his scholastic achievements. To make the scholastic honor roll at ORMI, a cadet must make an average grade of "B" or above and must have no grade below "C".

Newport Road Work

John Humphrey, superintendent of roads, announced yesterday that work has started on grading of the Big Deep Creek and Little Deep Creek roads in the vicinity of Newport. The Big Deep Creek road is about four miles in length and the other, two.

SANTA'S HELPER



Sou'easter

By Captain Henry

Every time I see the big tree decorated by firemen in the court house yard, I wish it were downtown where more folks could see it.

Speaking of firemen reminds me that out-of-town folks last week received bills for the town's fire department services for the coming year. If enough out-of-towners pay for it, the fire engines will continue to go out of town—but there's a new wrinkle: I've heard some of the firemen say that if the town gets money for their trips out of town, the fire department should have the money!

If the firemen want to take over maintenance of the trucks and purchase of fire department equipment, like the town is now doing, I say too they should have the money. But as long as the town finances the fire department, no other agency has one shred of claim to money paid for fire department services.

If not enough out-of-towners cooperate in the new pay program, the fire trucks will not be allowed to go beyond town limits. For firemen that will be like tethering a wild mustang, for if there's a fire anywhere they want to be up and at it.

Ah, yes, and now we come to Judge Hamilton. There are undoubtedly several sides to the story of his being found by the supreme court to be ineligible to hold court. As I'm writing this, we as yet have not heard the judge's side.

It seems to me that since Scott appointed him an emergency judge, Hamilton was only doing what he was commissioned to do. We wondered aloud to several people how he could continue to hold

court if he had heart trouble. And one of these persons protested very much and said something to the effect that he was in such bad shape that occasionally he had to stop his car and wait until he felt better before he could start driving again!

Where then does the fault lie, with Hamilton or Scott? One school of thought holds that Scott, hoping to get the judge in just such a mess as this, appointed him emergency judge with malice aforethought. Somehow I don't think Scott has the ability for such advance planning. The governor might have thought that if his political enemy, Judge Hamilton, is in as bad shape as the doctors evidently said he was, he would drop dead if he continued to work.

Personally, if I were getting \$555.55 in retirement pay, I would have little reason to want to work in addition. I have heard that Judge Hamilton "pestered the governor" to appoint him an emergency judge. If that is true, there is proof that Judge Hamilton likes the prestige attached to such an office.

If several weeks ago Hamilton had not made headlines as regards the case where a death verdict was asked and he, the judge, hoped the governor would commute it, perhaps all this to-do would not have occurred.

But I ask now as I asked then, why was all that stuff about the death sentence, etc., dug up a year later and seemingly out of a clear blue sky?

If you want my honest opinion, this is a tooth and nail political fight started last month with deliberate intent.

By just such fights as these tin-horn politicians rise to the heights or fall in the gutter.



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Ocracoke

Dec. 15.—Ocracoke PTA held its annual Christmas food sale, bazaar and bingo party on Friday night at the school. Profit of the occasion was \$125.

The Willing Workers class met Wednesday night at the Sunday school rooms for its Christmas party. About thirty members were present to enjoy an evening of games and contests and an exchange of gifts.

Christmas holidays at Ocracoke will begin Wednesday afternoon at the close of school and will extend through Dec. 31. Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Rondthaler plan to spend a week with Bishop and Mrs. Howard E. Rondthaler in Winston-Salem; Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Covington will visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Glass, in Greensboro; Miss Nora Edmondson plans to spend the holidays at Boone.

The Rev. W. Y. Stewart and Mr. Murray Tolson attended a Methodist conference at Williamston last week. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart plan to spend several days this week at Beaufort and will then go with the Rondthalers to Winston-Salem. They plan to visit Mrs. Stewart's sister there.

Mrs. Esther Spencer is home after a week's hospitalization at Duke hospital, Durham.

Mrs. John Thomas O'Neal is visiting her parents in Windsor.

Mrs. T. W. Howard spent last weekend at Ocracoke, but returned to Beaufort on Monday.

Brad Howard of Newport News, Va., and Rach O'Neal of Washington, D. C., visited relatives and friends here recently.

Mrs. Letha O'Neal and Mrs. Bryan Gaskins visited Mrs. Charlie House in Rocky Mount recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Burnear of Port Jefferson, N. Y., are visiting Mr.

and Mrs. Irvin Forbes.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry O'Neal and Harry, jr., spent two days in Beaufort last week.

Mrs. Taft Howard has been hospitalized recently at Siler City.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Patterson of Norfolk are spending the Christ-

mas holidays with Mr. Thurston Gaskill and family.

Glady's Williams Dershinger and Ralph Tunnel were married at New Bern on Thursday, Nov. 30. They will make their home here at Ocracoke, where he is in the Coast Guard.

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Smile Awhile

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