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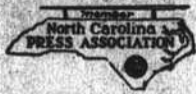
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Never Forget That the Editorials in The Journal are the Opinions of One Man, and He May be Wrong.

## Accuracy, Accuracy, Accuracy

General Eisenhower is one of the most talked and written about men in the world so it is natural that a great many conflicting stories make the rounds about him but it is still disconcerting to those in the newspaper business to see two stories now current which conflict on a minor point. The major cause for our notice of this minor conflict comes from the considerable proportion of the two ex-journalists whose stories don't jibe.

Quentin Reynolds in "Reader's Digest" tells how "They are Ike, Al and Monty" in referring to the lunchtime conferences of Eisenhower, Gruenther and Montgomery.

John Gunther in "Look" recently went to the trouble of pointing out, "Hundreds of people call him 'Ike' to his face, but mostly these are civilians. His officers never do, unless they are alone with him, and not always then. Even Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, his first deputy, addresses him as 'Sir' when they are in conference.

None of this minor intelligence will have much to do with deciding the future course of Western Europe but it does help to remind us that even the "gods" of contemporary journalism are mere mortals and are subject to the same kind of errors that backwoods newspaper folks often make.

## On Tried and Tested Politics

North Carolina Senator Willis Smith recently made what in these days of government regulations and high taxes is a most appealing talk to young Democrats recently gathered in Greensboro. He urged the gathering to "Forget the false promises of the 'Fair Deal' and hold out to our people the hope of a Democratic administration of Democratic principles and policies that have been tried and tested through the years—that constitute freedom and opportunity for all those who are worthy."

Yep, that sort of speech sounds mighty good to one who is harassed by government but for the edification of those who read this, and to Mr. Smith as well, these high blown phrases are not enough stock to set up a political shop and do much business. People in these materialistic times want a little more than a "tested principle."

The farmer wants parity prices, scientific research, soil conservation; the veteran wants a hospital on every block, a pension after 35 and pay while out of work; the organized segment of labor wants the 30 hour week, less work and more luxuries than ever before; big business wants tax exemptions when it bulds plants to make money and guns for the defense program; the Indians want two blankets in every tepee; the states want highways built, the rivers want flood control, the harbors want deepening, the Air Force wants planes, the Navy wants ships, the Army wants tanks—and Senator Smith offers "policies that have been tried and tested."

Senator Smith, in politics as in warfare, the best defense is a strong offense. If you want to end Truman's "Fair Deal" you'll have to stock up on something besides "principles and policies that have been tried and tested through the years."

We hope, moreover, that you find some stock for the shelves of your political shop—but don't buy from that well known wholesaler of political panaceas, Harry Byrd. His stuff is shopworn.

## The Proportions of Valor

Ohio Representative Bender in the Sunday papers grabs himself a tiny slice of front page with "surprising statistics" that show something every intelligent citizen of the United States already knew: That our nation has by far the largest percentage of troops in Korea.

To the ears of the world such trite breast beating falls with brutal contrast to the language of Winston Churchill, who said when his country stood far more alone than ours, "Let us therefore brace ourselves to our duties, and so bear ourselves that, if the British Empire and its Commonwealth last for a thousand years, men will say, 'This was their finest hour'."

Of course we have more men and materials in Korea than any other nation, but we also have more to lose from a communist victory than any other nation. The United States is the biggest prize of them all; it is the ultimate goal of imperialistic communism. Russian ambition and American principle cannot live side-by-side in this world. We may as well accept this political fact of life.

This does not mean, however, that we join the jingoistic MacArthur camp and desire all-out war now—or for that matter, ever, unless it is forced upon us. What it does mean is that we believe ultimately in the triumph of our principles over the dogma of Marx, Lenin and Stalin. If the border skirmishes of these different ways-of-life can be contained as such and a major war avoided; then it is our profound belief that communism, like every other tyranny, will die a natural political death: Revolution.

It is expensive in men and money, this fight in Korea, but each of us in this country should remind himself daily that just as we

## PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

By JACK RIDER

Our mayor, Guy Elliott, went over to his native county last Friday night to speak to a Washington audience against the city manager form of government. The county seat of Beaufort County is to vote on this issue December 7th. His Honor, of course, has every right in the world to go anywhere he desires at anytime and speak for or against anything, including sin, but I suggest that he has no right to presume upon the minds of the council and his constituency with the kind of remarks he made in his attack on the city manager form of government.

Among the things he was wrong about in his speech were: The fact that the majority of the council is against the city manager form of government. Sitting in the audience was an extremely nice or extremely dense young man who had five letters from Kinston aldermen, each of which supported strongly the city manager form of government in Kinston. This young man did not lower this exceedingly heavy boom on His Honor, as I said, either from politeness or density.

His Honor further said that after all his principal objection to the city manager form of government stemmed from the fact that it was unDemocratic. He supported this with the astounding fact that the city manager "can fire anyone on the city payroll without cause and there's nothing the council or mayor can do about it." He was partially right. There is nothing the mayor can do about it, but the city council can fire the city manager on five seconds notice. The city manager is, of course, protected by a 30 day notice clause in his contract, which to my way of thinking is neither unDemocratic or exhorbitant. But, so far as being relieved of office; this can be done by the majority vote of the board at anytime and without previous notice. And so can the mayor.

His Honor says the city manager form of government is unDemocratic because the people have no voice in selecting the city manager. Yet every two years they elect the men who employ the city manager. How about the street sweepers, your Honor? They aren't elected either.

His Honor says that the cause for this "plague" being cast upon Kinston lies with the Jaycees, the Business and Professional Women's club and the newspapers. He says that the

do more now we have much more to lose if communism spreads its tentacles over the entire world.

Such petty panderings to isolationism as Bender's statistics become even more absurd when it is realized that Cleveland is nearer to Moscow than San Francisco is to Moscow.

If Hitler had been stopped in Austria, Mussolini stopped in Abyssinia, Japan stopped in Manchuria—as many farsighted men in those days sought to do the terrible costs of World War II might have been avoided.

We recognize that it is difficult to tell a mother who has lost a son in Korea that he was fighting in one of history's greatest battles. To many ways of thinking the Korean Action has been a "phoney war." It has been different from other wars in a great many respects. It is the first time on a truly global level that a preventative war has been fought. They have talked of preventative wars in the past but now one is actually being fought.

Imperialism cannot flourish in an atmosphere which challenges it at its cradle. The mistake of past generations has been to challenge it after it was full grown.

Yes it would be difficult to persuade a mother who has lost a son in Korea that he gave his life for a great goal, but we maintain that it would be more difficult to persuade a soldier that fighting is necessary when he has received word that his mother, his father, his brothers, his sisters, his home town all have been turned to ashes by a bomb dropped by an intercontinental bomber.

An ounce of prevention—no matter how costly—is surely still worth a pound of cure.

## MURDER IN MOSCOW



older taxpaying folks were solidly opposed to a change but they were out maneuvered by the younger folks. He says the daily newspaper editor now wants to fire the present city manager and get someone "with some sense." He did admit to the Washington audience, however, that the daily editor was still in favor of the city manager form of government and was merely mad with the present city manager.

His Honor said the city manager form of government was too expensive and he further said it cost about \$1,000 per month. (The cost last year was \$9,555.18.) The full-time city manager's salary is \$8,800 and yet in the last year in which His Honor had a full drag at the treasury his part-time services cost the city nearly half that amount.

His Honor told the Washington audience part of the story about a petition being circulated during the past session of the General Assembly which asked the Assembly to give Kinstonians the right to call an election by petition of 15 per cent of the voters who voted for mayor at the preceding city election. The general statutes already provided that an election can be called on 15 per cent of the vote—the total vote, however, and not the tiny 15 per cent who vote for mayor. His Honor forgot to tell his native heath listeners that he wrote the bill and was largely responsible for its being passed about and further made a trip to Raleigh trying to get it through the Assembly. When Lenoir County Representative Marion Parrott realized that less than 200 names on a petition—under Elliott's bill—could call for a city election he saw the absolute absurd-

dity of the situation and also taking into consideration the source of the bill saw that it died a polite death in committee.

His Honor has every right to fight the city manager form of government but he also has the responsibility when making public utterances as mayor to avoid halftruths that nullify every salient point in his Washington address.

A copy of this has been released to the Washington press.

## A PEEK AT THE STARS

By LYN CONNELLY

IT IS A GROSS understatement to say that Gracie Allen is "forthright" . . . The bird-like star of CBS Television Network's "George Burns and Allen Show" says exactly what she thinks, without qualification and without rancor . . . If a joke in the script doesn't appeal to her, she'll say, "I think it's awful" . . . And out it goes . . . She wasn't quite so outspoken in her early days of radio, leaving all decisions to George, the writers and the producer . . . Came television and she began to speak her mind . . . And it's not a bird-brain, believe you me! Her sense of comedy values goes unquestioned, because she thinks in terms of the public as well as that of a seasoned performer.

Grace Ethel Cecile Rosalie Allen was born in San Francisco on July 26, 1906, daughter of Edward Allen, who was himself an entertainer—a "song and dance man" booked in the Bay City at the time of Gracie's birth . . . One of five children, she had three elder sisters and one brother whose name, oddly enough, is George . . . Her husband's given name is Nathan, and she calls him "Nat" . . . He calls her "Google".

George maintains an office at the Hollywood Plaza Hotel, near the corner of the famed intersection of Hollywood and Vine . . . He is in close conclave there with his writers on week days . . . As soon as he has a script in order, he's off to the Hillcrest country club to play golf and swap wry jokes with his comedian-cronies . . . In a sense, he's a comedian's comedian . . . Long-time stars such as Jack Benny and Groucho Marx think he's about the funniest fellow who ever smoked a stogie.

Gracie doesn't attend the writing sessions, nor does she share her husband's affection for golf . . . She shops, and shops, and plans functions for the house . . . Otherwise, of course, she's studying her lines . . . In fact, she's the first member of the cast to know her part.



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