

OTHER EDITORS SAY

GREENSBORO DAILY NEWS

Yo, ho . . . what?

We blinked — several times, in fact — when we noticed the other day that a local department store had put up a display of tinsel and rolls of bright wrapping and bright silver bells. Christmas?! For heaven's sake, we haven't even got to Columbus DAY!

The idea was so incredible that we just dismissed it poof!, as an autumnal hallucination. Apparently we were quite mistaken, for the next day we picked up our newspaper and read that Postmaster General O'Brien had urged people to get busy on their Christmas mailing. "Shop early," he said, "mail early, and use Zip codes."

It is, we suppose, the patriotic thing to do, like spending your summer vacation in Sioux City of drinking California wine or buying savings bonds or sympathizing with Hubert Humphrey. "The Night Before Christ-

mas"? Who needs it? Let's have an efficient Christmas.

We're willing to co-operate. We're going right home and haul out the Christmas mailing list, and send all our friends their cards post haste — or post terror, depending on how the mail's running. We'll get a nice big tree and put it up in the living room, and decorate it with popcorn, cookies and gingerbread men. We'll bring out all the old Bing Crosby records, and hum "White Christmas" as we drive to work each morning. We'll mix a bowl of eggnog, and toast the new year. We'll hang our stockings by the fire.

Of course, by the time Christmas rolls around the tree will be brown, the popcorn and cookies will be green, and we'll be setting up the fireworks for the Fourth of July. But why not take a cheery view? After all, the decorations will look real nice for the World Series.

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THE NEWS AND COURIER, CHARLESTON, S. C.

Singing A New Tune

It all depends, they say, on whose ox is being gored. We are reminded of the adage in reading newspaper columns by Ralph McGill, the liberal lion of Atlanta.

Mr. McGill was all for the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee and other civil rights agitator organizations when they were marching through Mississippi and Alabama. He still says "Snick" had "a magnificent record" in the early 1960's, when it "included some of the sweetest, bravest people of those days."

Mr. McGill doesn't love "Snick" anymore, now that it has invaded Atlanta and damaged the city's carefully cultivated image. Suddenly Mr. McGill discovers that "Snick" is "no longer a student movement. It is not now a civil rights movement. It is openly, officially committed to a destruction of existing society."

Moreover, Mr. McGill says, "Snick's attorney in New York

City is a registered agent for the Castro regime . . . In civil rights circles it is said that Havana money 'took over Snick'."

What's wrong with that? When Mr. McGill went to Cuba in 1959, he applied a coat of whitewash to Fidel Castro. Now it sounds as though he doesn't want Castro to dominate Atlanta.

In the past, when suggestions were made that communists were behind civil rights protests, Mr. McGill strongly rejected the notion. We wonder whether he would be talking about "Havana money" — or for that matter, Chinese or Russian resources mentioned in his column of Sept. 8 — if the target had been Jackson or Birmingham instead of his hometown Atlanta.

Communist penetration of the civil rights movement is nothing new. Communist citations abound in the records of many protest leaders. The thing that has changed for Ralph McGill is the ox that is being gored. Now it's his.



The Senate Subcommittee on Flood Control — Rivers and Harbors has been conducting hearings on projects to help protect North Carolina's coastline from the effects of hurricanes which have caused millions of dollars in damage in recent years.

On September 26th, I appeared before the Subcommittee which is considering the authorization of Federal public works projects for North Carolina's coast. These projects, which I urged the Subcommittee to approve, include beach erosion control, hurricane protection, harbor improvements, aids to navigation, and maintenance of existing navigation facilities.

Beach erosion during great storms has rendered the North Carolina coast more susceptible to future ravages of hurricanes. Tides and winds have followed storms to seriously damage the area, and a major purpose of these projects is to strengthen beach protections.

Other recommendations would improve harbor facilities and navigation aids where they are needed. All the projects have the approval of the Army Engineers and endorsement by the Bureau of the Budget.

Federal Highway Act

Several weeks ago, the President signed into law an Act extending the Federal-Aid Highway Act by another year to 1972 in lieu of the former expiration date of 1971. The stretch-out recognizes the importance of completing the Federal road-building program, and sets up some new formulas to accomplish this purpose. One new standard provides that the Interstate highway system be composed of roadways having at least four traffic lanes.

Highway appropriations for 1968-1972 have a ceiling under the new Act of \$19.7 billion for the five fiscal year period. The

1968 fiscal year appropriation ceiling is authorized at \$4.6 billion. That authorization will rise to \$5.1 billion for fiscal year 1969 and taper downward to a low of \$2.6 billion for fiscal year 1972.

The Interstate highway program has already meant much to our State, and as the program moves toward a linkup of the thruways, it will make an outstanding contribution to our State and its economy.

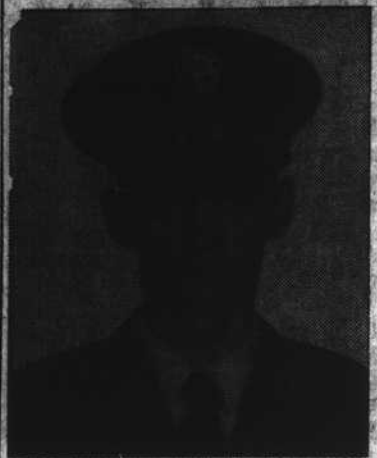
SPENCE ON MANEUVER

Marine Private First Class Okla C. Spence, son of Mr. and Mrs. Noah J. Spence of Star Route, Maysville, is a member of the Battalion Landing Team, Third Battalion, Second Marines, with the Landing Force in the Caribbean.

ROUSE BACK FROM CRUISE

Aviation Machinist's Mate Third Class Willard Rouse Jr., of Route 1, Kinston, who is attached to Air Anti-Submarine Squadron 34, has returned to the Quonset Point Naval Air Station after a three and one-half month goodwill cruise in the eastern

To Language School



Airman Ernest S. Clayborne, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Clayborne of Rt. 2, Kinston, has been selected for training at Ft. Meyer, Va., as an Air Force language specialist. The airman, a 1966 graduate of South Lenoir High School, recently completed basic training at Lackland AFB, Tex.

Atlantic, aboard the support aircraft carrier USS Randolph.



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