



Much has been said in recent months to the effect that our nation is expending far too much in support of our national defense. Investigations into military spending for specific items of defense hardware have now broadened into a charge by some to the effect that many of our military leaders are engag-

ed in a vast conspiracy to saddle our country with unwarranted expenditures for defense.

I certainly do not approve of unwarranted expenditures for any purpose by our Federal Government. I think it is necessary for Congress to constantly evaluate cost effectiveness and the current needs of our defense programs as well as our domestic programs. As a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, I shall support the efforts of the Chairman of that Committee to do this.

However, I think we should keep a rational perspective as our nation debates this issue. We live in a time when the perils which we have withstood since the conclusion of World War II are being discounted. This enhances the danger that our nation may not heed the warning given it by Benjamin Franklin, the wisest of all Americans, when he said: "Let us beware of being lulled into a dangerous

security."
If she is to avoid being lulled into a dangerous security and survive in freedom the perils which beset her, America must have the patient fortitude to face with forthrightness these unpleasant realities:

1. The day has not yet arrived when the nations of earth are willing to beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks.

2. Even a peace-loving nation cannot live in peace unless it pleases its wicked neighbor.

3. God grants freedom only to those who love it and have the hardihood to guard and defend it.

Nowadays some men in positions of authority rationalize in this fashion: War is irrational. Hence, it is not intelligent for us to think that the men in the Kremlin would precipitate a war in which Russia might be virtually destroyed.

It would be well for them to remember the rationalizations made by some Americans when Hitler was climbing to power in Germany. They rationalized at that time in this manner: It is not rational to think that the Germans would entrust an irrational man like Hitler with powers of leadership or that an irrational man like Hitler would be so irrational as to entrust him with powers of leadership.
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Coincidence?

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The following item was turned into this office by a reader and had appeared in another paper. It is a very timely, and thought-provoking item and a lot can be learned from it:

In May of 1919 at Dusseldorf, Germany, the Allied Forces obtained a coup of some of the "Communist Rules for Revolution." Nearly 50 years later, the Reds are still following the rules. As you read the list, stop after each item and think about the present day situation where you live — and all around our nation. We quote from the Red Rules.

A. Corrupt the young; get them away from religion. Get them interested in sex. Make them superficial; destroy their ruggedness.

B. Get control of all means of publicity, thereby:

1. Get people's minds off their government by focusing their attention on athletics, sexy books and plays and other trivialities.

2. Divide the people into hostile groups by constantly harping on controversial matters of no importance.

3. Destroy the people's faith in their natural leaders by holding the latter up to public ridicule and obloquy.

4. Always preach true democracy, but seize power as fast and as ruthlessly as possible.

5. By encouraging government extravagance, destroy its credit, produce fear of inflation with rising prices and general discontent.

6. Foment unnecessary strikes in vital industries, encourage civil disorders and foster a lenient and soft attitude on the part of government toward such disorders.

7. By specious argument cause the breakdown of the old moral virtues, honesty, sobriety, continence, faith in the pledged word, ruggedness.

C. Cause the registration of all firearms on some pretext, with a view of confiscating them and leaving the population helpless.

That was quite a list, wasn't it? Now stop and think — how many of these rules are being carried out in this nation today? I don't see how any thinking person can truthfully say that the Communists do not have any part in the chaos that is upsetting our nation. Or is it just one big coincidence? I doubt it!

Other Editors
GOLDSBORO NEWS-ARGUS

THE EAST WILL BEAR A GREATER BURDEN

The money had to come from somewhere.

Legislators in the East found themselves in a trap. While by and large they were opposed to a tobacco tax, they found there was strength aplenty in the General Assembly to put one across — a tax of five cents per pack on cigarettes.

They won a compromise, and it must be called a victory for tobacco interests because they managed to come out with a two cents instead of a five cents tax.

To make up the difference, the General Assembly will tax soft drinks at the rate of one cent per bottle.

It is my observation here. The tobacco tax was im-

posed at the expense of the wishes of tobacco farmers. They are in eastern North Carolina.

The soft drink tax also will hit the East harder than the Piedmont and West. That may come as a surprise. But it is a fact that the per capita consumption of soft drinks is twice as high in the East as it is elsewhere in the State.

So, per capita, the East will be shouldering a heavier load of the new taxes. And in the East, we have less, per capita, to spend.

Let us, then, in the East make sure that we get at least our share of the return on these tax expenditures. We have been a step child too long.

Alcoholocaust

Jerry Marcus



Almost 300,000 pedestrians became casualties in 1968.

Johnnie Jones III Stationed in Utah

Air Force Sergeant Johnnie Jones III, of Trenton, has arrived for duty at Hill AFB, Utah. Sergeant Jones, an aircraft mechanic, is assigned to a unit of the Aerospace Defense Command. He previously served at Elmendorf AFB, Alaska.

A graduate of Jones High School, the sergeant earned his B.S. degree from A & T College at Greensboro.

CAPTAIN JONES TO VIETNAM

Army Captain Robert T. Jones, 30, son of Mrs. Ada N. Speight, 107 N. Dover St., Kinston, was assigned May 25 to the 199th Light Infantry Brigade in Vietnam.

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