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Neither Russian Communism nor American capitalism would probably survive a disastrous defeat because the people of neither country would permanently endure the suffering and dislocation that would be caused by such a struggle.

Meanwhile, the five Brussels Treaty powers—Britain, France, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg—are reported to have reached tentative agreement as to the common defense of Western Europe. This calls for the raising of a joint force of approximately thirty-six divisions within the next two years. France would provide twenty-four, Britain six, Belgium three, the Netherlands two and Luxembourg one. In addition, the British would maintain an air force and gradually transfer jet fighter craft to France and the Netherlands under something like a Lend-Lease arrangement.

The Western nations of Europe, not yet rehabilitated from the effects of the recent war, are not in a position to finance rearmament on a modern scale. This means that any effective military force in Western Europe will depend upon the availability of American assistance, either in the form of weapons and equipment or money. This seems to be the basis upon which the leaders of Europe are proceeding in their efforts to organize a force to counter-balance the mighty power of the Red Army which, it is generally admitted, can overrun Europe at will.

Traffic Accidents In 1948 Show Decrease

During 1948, 734 persons lost their lives and 7,490 others were injured in 16,218 traffic accidents on North Carolina streets and highways, the Motor Vehicle department has announced.

This was a decrease of 12 per cent in fatalities over the 836 persons killed and 6,524 injured in 12,511 traffic accidents in the State in 1947.

The year-end report showed that 238 persons were killed when the vehicles in which they were riding collided with another motor vehicle (this was an increase of two per cent over 1947, when 234 persons were killed in motor vehicle collisions); 186 persons met their deaths when their vehicles ran off roadways (a decrease of 20 per cent over the previous year, when 233 persons were killed in similar accidents); 186 pedestrians were killed (an 18 per cent decrease over 1947, when 227 pedestrians were fatally struck); 32 persons were fatally struck while riding their bicycles (a three per cent drop over the previous year); 26 persons met their deaths when the vehicles in which they were riding overturned in roadways (an increase of 12 per cent over 1947, when 23 persons were killed in similar accidents); 27 persons met their deaths when their vehicles collided with trains (a decrease of 25 per cent over 1947, when 36 persons were killed in motor vehicle-train collisions); 11 were killed when their vehicles struck fixed objects (a decrease of 27 per cent over the previous year); 8 were killed when their animal-drawn vehicles were struck by motor vehicles; 16 persons were killed in other non-collision accidents (a decrease of 41 per cent over 1947); and four lost their lives in miscellaneous accidents.

In cities and towns there were 6,341 accidents, with 128 persons killed and 1,768 persons injured, as compared with 5,385 urban accidents for 1947 with 162 persons killed and 1,807 injured.

In rural areas there were 9,877 accidents, killing 606 persons and injuring 5,722 others, as compared with 7,126 accidents with 674 persons killed and 4,717 injured during 1947.

The report showed that Saturday was the most dangerous day of the week for travel. A total of 3,382 accidents, with 153 of them fatal, occurred on Saturday. Sunday was the second most dangerous day, with 124 fatal accidents being reported as happening on the Sabbath. For 1948, Tuesday proved to be the safest day for travel.

Some interesting facts gleaned from the report follow:

- 1—Of the 734 persons killed, 110 were children under 14 years of age.
- 2—Women are by far safer drivers than men. Of the 878 drivers involved in fatal accidents, 835 were men, only 29 were women, and in 14 cases the sex of the driver was not stated.
- 3—Of the 878 drivers involved in fatal accidents, 144 were commercial drivers, 143 were farmers, 176 were other workers (except domestic servants).
- 4—Eighty-one of the 878 drivers involved in fatal accidents were definitely known to have been drinking, with their ability impaired.
- 5—Of the 767 vehicles involved in fatal accidents, 599 were passenger cars, 140 were trucks, 24 were tractors and trailers, 28 truck tractors and semi-trailers, and 30 were motorcycles.
- 6—The majority of accidents occurred on straight, level, dry roads in clear weather.
- 7—Most of the 186 persons killed and 765 injured in pedestrian accidents were responsible for their own misfortunes. Of the killed, 25 fell to cross streets at intersections, being struck down fatally by moving vehicles; 24 were playing in roadways; 44 were crossing rural highways; 19 crossed streets behind parked cars and walked into the path of an oncoming vehicle, and 9 were killed while actually lying in roadways.

WHO KNOWS

1. Who were the "men with pitchforks" in England?
2. Can you identify Willie Hoppa?
3. Who is known as the "Father of the United Nations"?
4. Why are students of Annapolis called "midshipmen"?
5. Who was Premier of France at the time of her defeat by Germany?
6. One person out of ten suffers from coryza. What is it?
7. What is a "pork barrel" bill?
8. Which is the Pelican State?
9. Do typhoons always spin in the same direction?
10. What President was born West of the Mississippi River?

THE ANSWERS

1. The Home Guard of 2,000,000 civilians.
2. Veteran billiard player.
3. Cordell Hull, former Secretary of State.
4. In former years, Navy seamen, studying to be officers, were stationed amidship.
5. Paul Reynaud.

6. The common cold.

7. A bill including appropriations to enlist the support of proponents of special projects.

8. Louisiana.

9. No; they spin clockwise south of the equator, and counter-clockwise north of it.

10. Herbert Hoover, born in Iowa.

MASSES SUNDAYS, STATIONS FRIDAYS IN EDENTON CHURCH

The Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is offered every Sunday at 9 and 11 A. M. in St. Ann's Catholic Church, Edenton, each including sermon (April 3, Passion Sunday, on "Pope Pius XII's Priesthood Golden Jubilee"), Holy Communion, concluding in 45 minutes, followed by Rosary Sunday School, with confessions 8:30 to 8:55 and 10:30 to 10:55 A. M., stated Father F. J. McCourt, pastor, who invites everybody to all services. Choir practice 7:30 P. M.; Holy Hour, 8 to 9 P. M.

Lenten Fridays 7:30 P. M., choir rehearsal; 8 P. M., Rosary, Stations of the Cross, Benediction. First Friday, 7:30 A. M., Mass, Communion, Rosary.

TAYLOR THEATRE
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SHOWS CONTINUOUS EVERY DAY EXCEPT SUNDAY

Thursday and Friday, March 31 - April 1—
Johnny Weismuller and Virginia Grey in "JUNGLE JIM"

Saturday, April 2—
Roy Rogers and Andy Devine in "THE FAR FRONTIER"

Sunday, April 3—
Dane Clark and Alexis Smith in "WHIPLASH"

Monday and Tuesday, April 4-5—
John Ireland and Barbara Britton in "I SHOT JESSE JAMES"

Wednesday, April 6—
Double Feature
Ruth Hussey in "L. JANE DOE"
Russell Hayden in "TRAIL OF THE MOUNTIES"

Coming April 7-8—
Clark Gable in "COMMAND DECISION"

Misusing Freedom

The drive to outlaw the Communist party will probably pick up momentum in the near future, but it is worth reporting that most of those in authority, including the FBI, believe that to do so would only drive the Communists underground, where it would be more difficult to keep up with them and check on their plans.

At the same time, thoughtful Americans are becoming somewhat concerned over the misuse of the freedoms granted to loyal American citizens. Recently, some leading Communists have declared that, in the event of war between the United States and Russia, they would side with Russia. This, technically, is not treason, but it means that the Communists are taking advantage of the safeguards of our Constitution—freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom of thought—to organize themselves for a declared purpose that will be, in the event of war, dangerous to this country.

It is difficult to estimate the strength of the Communist sentiment in the United States. Obviously, most of the sympathizers with Moscow are inclined to keep the matter secret. Moreover, there are hundreds of thousands of foreign-born people in this country, without knowledge or appreciation of American institutions and, consequently, are an easy prey for Communist propaganda spread by agitators of their own national origin.

The freedoms that the Constitution extends to loyal Americans and to those interested in the general welfare of the nation and its citizens can be, and are being, used for selfish purposes by Communists and other minority pressure groups. A program of education, designed to reach this group of people, might be effective in the course of years. At the same time, the fact that most of these people vote enables them to exert pressure to secure selfish advantages and prevent the passage of laws which would meet the wishes of a homogeneous population.

Letters To The Editor

Dear Max:

I would appreciate it if you would run the following item in your paper this week, since I feel that it might do someone in the county some good:

"For several years we have seen quite a bit in the newspapers with reference to prizes being offered for the best acre of corn produced in the county. This is all well and good, but why should not the lowly peanut be given some recognition.

"I was raised on a small peanut farm and peanuts were always our best money crop. And frankly speaking, I always considered the peanut farmer a much better financial risk than a farmer who did not produce peanuts. In other words, show me a good peanut farmer and I will show you a good prosperous citizen.

"If at least ten farmers can be found in this county who are willing to enter into a contest, I am prepared and will donate a \$100.00 cash prize to the person producing the most pounds per acre of good sound, clean peanuts. Anyone interested in this contest can see L. N. Hollowell or our county agent, I. C. Yagel, who will have supervision of the contest."

Respectfully,
L. N. HOLLOWELL.

Net Farm Income Down 2 Per Cent

Although the nation's gross farm income last year was 3 per cent greater than in 1947, production costs were 8 per cent higher and net profits were therefore lower than in the previous year, says Moyle S. Williams, farm management specialist for the State College Extension Service.

Latest estimates by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics place the 1948 net farm income at 17.4 billion dollars, about 2% less than in 1947. The decline is the first in 10 years.

At the present time, says Williams, indications are that farm prices will decline further but production costs will remain high. The result is that the average farmer can look forward to a favorable year in 1949, but less favorable than in 1948. Net farm income, the specialist adds, will be small this year unless increased efficiency and better management are employed to hold down costs.

Average prices received by farmers in January of this year were about 13 per cent below the record set in January, 1948. The index of wholesale commodity prices has continued down and in early January was 6 per cent below mid-August. Nearly all of the

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No Sure Way To Peace

Trygve Lie, Secretary General of the United Nations, expresses two opinions when he says that the present East-West conflict is "too dangerous to last" and that if present hostility continues, it will result in a "war that will end civilization as we know it."

Views similar to those of the Norwegian have been expressed before. While the present hostility of Soviet Russia to the Western nations is dangerous, it is so largely because of the preponderant military strength possessed by the Soviet Union. Once there is something like a balance of power, the leaders in the Kremlin will not be tempted to take by force what they cannot win by argument and veto.

The idea that the next war "will end civilization" is not new. It has been heard after every great war and will probably be heard after the wars of the future. The threat is not so much against civilization as it is against economy of the nations.

Wins Award In Pure Oil Contest

Mrs. Myrtle N. Bundy, of Route three, found out this week that all advertising experts are not in the advertising business.

Mrs. Bundy, an employee of the Winslow Oil Company, was this week named as a prize winner in the company's poster judging contest for employees. The announcement was made at a meeting attended by the district manager, J. Emmett Winslow, manager of Pure Oil's marketing operation in this area handed Mrs. Bundy a check as her award.

The contest was conducted on the basis of picking the five best Pure Oil posters appearing in 1948. The winning posters were selected by a group of five nationally famous advertising experts. Contest entries were then checked against the selection of the experts. The winners were those who ranked the five best posters in the same order as the experts.

WEEK-END SPECIALS AT JAKE'S MARKET

Country Smoked Hams, lb.	75c
Choice Steaks, lb.	65c
Smoked Shoulder and Sides, lb.	60c
Best Pure Lard, lb.	20c
WE HAVE FAMO AND KING FLAKE FLOUR	
Fresh Country Eggs, dozen	45c

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WE PAY TOP PRICE FOR COUNTRY EGGS

WE DELIVER PHONE 2036

It's Bad Luck . . . to Start a Grass Fire

That's right! Bad luck for everyone. The farmer who burns his fields carelessly damages the fertility of his soil. When the fire spreads to his wood lot, he is burning "money in the bank," as flames kill seedling trees—his future timber crops.

No one gains from uncontrolled grass fires. No one but the fire demon. Fire and nature are sworn enemies. REMEMBER! It's bad luck to start a grass fire.

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