

Looking at WASHINGTON

SPACE FOR TIME AND BLOOD AND LIFE

It would not hurt the readers of The Perquimans Weekly to digest the observation of the New York Times when that newspaper points out that what our fighting men are doing in Korea is the buying of time by the giving of space.

And, "what is space?" asks the editor. It is the "blood of men thrown into a battle for which they were not prepared, without the weapons they needed."

And "what is time?" continues the New York editor. It is "help coming from far away; the willing support of more than two score nations."

Is this all? The answer, unfortunately, is in the negative. Some of the brave young men will yield in battle the "most precious gift a young man has"—all the years that might have been his, if honor, duty and bravery were not his shield in a world not yet perfected.

U. S. MUST SUPPORT CIVILIZATION

The out-numbered and out-gunned Americans, fighting in South Korea, received no comfort from the "new weapons" that the military planners have been talking about using in the next war.

The handful of fighting men, now being mauled by an overwhelming North Korean force, will pay dearly in lives for the mistakes of their Republic. They have suddenly been thrown into the tempest of war, under circumstances which make it impossible to do more than fight a delaying battle. This type of warfare tries the nerves and tests the morale of seasoned veterans, much less the untried soldiers which have been sent into Korea from Japan.

The men who fight, get wounded and die in South Korea will not add any victories to the proud record of this nation but their sacrifice will not be in vain if it persuades the people of the United States to adopt a sensible, balanced, military policy. They suffer today because of the hysteria that swept this country in 1945, when practically everybody on the domestic front demanded that the boys be brought home at once. The same popular opinion forced the rapid demobilization of our fighting men.

While the nation proclaimed its support of the United Nations and its determination to fight Soviet aggression and talked glibly of winning the next struggle with new techniques and inventions, there was no logical expansion, and training of any adequate force of ground troops. Today, in the face of possible emergencies in other areas of the world, the United States is not in a position to effectively oppose any vigorous thrust of the Soviet Union. We are not ready to implement our loudly-proclaimed principle of containing Communism by aiding free nations when attacked.

If there is general approval of our intervention in the Korean struggle, and a similar intervention in other cases of Soviet aggression that may occur, it behooves the United States to prepare itself for battle. We must not only be ready to talk about supporting the free peoples of the world, but must have the military power to oppose the strength of the aggressors. If this requires the maintenance of a striking force of a quarter or a half million soldiers at all times, then this nation should not neglect the requirement.

For many years, the British Empire maintained contingents of British troops around the world. There was no United Nations to police the earth and the British, because of their trading and territorial interests, took on the job of an international police force. Today, in the present plight of the world, there is no force to act for the cause of human freedom and there will be no effective police force unless the United States is willing to provide it.

The task of preventing aggression of the type now being witnessed in South Korea requires more than the presence of a small army in the United States. This country must maintain adequate forces in key bases throughout the world. They must be supplied with the paraphernalia of warfare at all times. Not only must the ground troops be equipped and ready to fight, but there must be in service adequate ships to take them where they are needed and supply them where they fight. In addition, there must be an adequate Air Force to support them anywhere, whether it be based on land airfields or carried on the decks of floating airfields.

Into this picture comes the demand in some responsible quarters in Washington, that the United States participate in a mutual defense pact throughout the Pacific area, patterned after the North Atlantic Treaty. Such a pact might have some long-range value, but, for the present emergency, it amounts to nothing. There is little likelihood, in fact, that the contribution of other nations in the Pacific area will amount to much during the course of the next few decades.

While we do not oppose a mutual defense pact in the Pacific, being

willing to take whatever long-range gains it may provide, we must not permit the idea to persuade us that we do not have to rely upon our own fighting strength alone. The police job in the Pacific cannot be handled by principles of mutual defense but must be the risk of a military force in being, backed by the productivity of this great industrial nation. This means, in short, that the United States must exert its power throughout the Pacific and replace the British Empire as it takes up what has formerly been termed the "White Man's burden."

While we are conscious of the nation's desire to preserve the peace of the world, and to set up conditions that will permit the peoples of the earth to develop themselves, we must not expect praise or appreciation from the so-called backward areas. Instead, we will meet criticism and hostility, and, in the course of a very few years, become the object of those who formerly assailed the British as imperialists, bent upon the plunder of subject peoples.

As a start in the tactical application of principles now followed by this country, the United States might as well be set up, as a permanent force, an expeditionary contingent of sufficient size to cope with any emergency that may arise. This force should be maintained regardless of how bright the prospects of world peace may appear in the minds of statesmen and optimists.

This special force should be ready to act and kept ready to strike, regardless of the pious professions of peace that emanate from the dictator nations. It should be something of an international police force, even if it acts only under the auspices of the United Nations or some international agreement, and it could accept whatever assistance other free nations might give. Nevertheless, the burden of the battle will fall upon the sons of the United States and the cost of preserving civilization and maintaining peace will be borne by the taxpayers of this country.

TOO MUCH NEWS TOO SOON

The publication of news dispatches



Mrs. Ann Poling, 609 Delaware St., Indianapolis, Indiana, who was suffering from deficiencies of Vitamins B₁, B₂, Iron, and Niacin, smiles as she pours herself another cup of coffee. Mrs. Poling says life lately is like it used to be years ago... "that is, of course, since I've been taking HADACOL." She can't get over what a difference HADACOL has made in her outlook on life.

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recently, naming transport ships from San Diego, carrying men of the First Marine Division and including the number of destroyers and other ships accompanying the flotilla, leads to a demand in Washington that some form of voluntary censorship be put into effect.

Senator Scott W. Lucas, of Illinois, says that the President should request a voluntary censorship. He notes that news items "tell where our ships are going, what the outfit is, the total number of troops, their equipment, when they are to sail and the port of their destination."

He does not understand this type of news and shudders to think what might happen "through a submarine attack."

There is another aspect to the publication of such items. When details are given, they enable the enemy in Korea to prepare to meet the force en route. It is also quite possible that the Russians, if they decide to get into the conflict, can openly reinforce the North Koreans, or, if they decide to do so secretly, can dispatch sufficient assistance to the North Koreans to enable them to meet the reinforcement of American soldiers.

1951 Tourist Map Being Distributed

The State Highway Commission is distributing first copies of its 1951 five-color tourist map of North Carolina.

The map contains all highway changes contemplated through the end

of the 1950 paving season along with other important highway information about North Carolina. The Information Division of the State Department of Conservation and Development provided a handsome layout of vacation photographs on the reverse side of the map as well as other tourist information.

The map contains an index to cities and towns and points of interest, a small black-and-white mileage map, and information about state-operated and private ferries in North Carolina.

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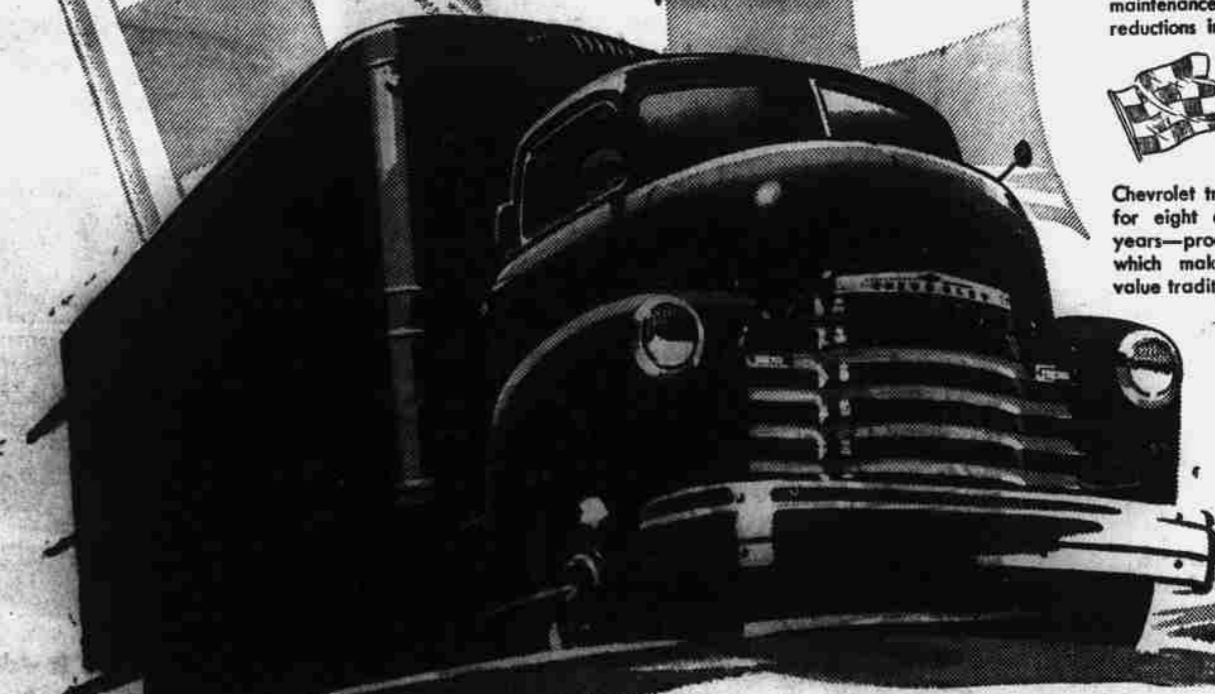
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