

Looking at WASHINGTON

PEOPLE BEING SOAKED, SAYS MAYBANK

Senator Burnet Maybank, of South Carolina, complaining that some vital items are costing the armed services three times what they cost earlier this year, declares that "only immediate passage of controls legislation will end the price spiral."

The South Carolinian began work in July upon the passage of a measure to halt the surge of war profiteering but has encountered numerous delays. He points out that, when prices go up unreasonably, "it's the people" who get soaked.

The mounting costs of warfare make it plain as day that even the wealth of the United States will not be able to finance successive wars unless the Congress is able to develop a plan to curb the greedy profiteers who fatten their bank accounts while young men die in battle. For some strange reason, business men, in too many cases, look upon the nation's belligerency as an opportunity to get rich.

We repeat our suggestion of a few days ago, that it is high time that business, including little operators and large corporations, show some patriotism by serving the cause of the nation without profits. There is no reason in the world why a young man married and with little children, should give up his life and business be allowed to rob the people of this nation through taking advantage of its extremity.

So far as we know, no business organization in the nation has ever offered to turn over any part of its facilities for war production without

profit. There have been loud-mouthed proclamations of loyalty and patriotism, with considerable bragging about converting to war production at maximum profits, but no genuine offer to serve the nation on a basis comparable to that of the man who fights the enemy.

REVIEWING OUR PLANNING FOR WAR

The people of the United States, in connection with national defense, have been somewhat disturbed by the bitter dispute between officers of the services, who have been unable to agree as to the relative roles to be played by their branches of our armed forces.

The dispute between the Navy and Air Force, for example, has been somewhat prolonged. On one side, the contention has been that strategic bombing would make obsolete all former conceptions of warfare. On the other has been a steady reliance upon carriers as the means of offensive strikes. In broad terms, both services want to establish a priority in connection with defense preparations and war planning.

Without attempting to determine the proper strategy for this nation to adopt, we call attention to the importance of public opinion in deciding the issue. Consequently, the average American should attempt to keep up with the broad issues involved so as to wisely exert the pressure that popular opinion always puts upon legislators.

Before the fighting in Korea began, the defense plans of the United States undoubtedly leaned strongly upon the Air Force policy which emphasized strategic bombing. In fact, there was considerable opinion to the effect that ground troops were never to be used in large quantities again and that the outcome of campaigns would depend entirely upon aerial superiority. The fighting in Korea has seriously shaken this theory and has raised some doubts concerning the ability of air forces to stop a determined attacking ground force.

In Korea, the United States has practically had no air opposition. Our aircraft have operated almost with impunity, although some anti-aircraft has inflicted some losses, involving relatively few planes. While flying 20,000 sorties, our losses, in the first two months, were only 58 planes lost in action, 26 airmen killed, 23 wounded and 45 missing.

It is admitted by ground troops that close support of fighter bombers has often been a decisive factor in clashes between North Korean and United Nations troops. Nevertheless, despite the fact that airplanes have fired ten million rounds of ammunition, 33,000 rockets and dropped 1700 tons of bombs, the enemy presses forward, apparently able to maintain his ammunition supply and to send material to the front in sufficient quantities to sustain offensive operations.

The Air Force's contention that long-term attrition, in the enemy's rear, will perhaps prove a decisive factor is not generally disputed. However, even airpower proponents are taking a second look at modern war, with the knowledge that the push-button age has not reached the Korean battlefield. Our B-29's, in two months of operations, dropped 11,500 tons of high explosive bombs on industrial targets, freight yards and rail and highway bridges. This campaign, it is confidently asserted, will eventually cripple facilities and, in time, cause a complete collapse of the North Korean war effort.

It seems reasonable to assume, on the basis of the Korean campaign, that long-range strategic bombing will not play a decisive role in the early days of any conflict unless atomic or hydrogen bombs make a knock-out blow possible. It is also probable that the destruction of industrial and transportation facilities will, when carried far enough, make it impossible for a nation to support its armies in battle. While this process is underway, it will be necessary to use ground troops to prevent enemy troops from running wild.

No conclusive answer can be given in regard to the contention of some strategists who hold that airpower, if used overwhelmingly in tactical support of ground troops, will accomplish decisive results faster than any other form of operations. Admittedly, in North Korea, we did not have, in the early days of the campaign, sufficient airpower for tactical use. Even so, one may doubt, in the circumstances where the enemy had overwhelmingly numerical superiority, that tactical air operations would have been an adequate substitute for ground troops.

SERVICE, NOT TRAINING, NEEDED NOW!
In discussing the proposed adoption of a universal military training bill, which is opposed at this time by the President, Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., of Massachusetts, took the view that the more pressing requirement now was universal military service, emphasizing the word "service," as distinguished from the word "training."

Mr. Lodge contended that the pressure for universal training is an example of insufficient measures in a

time of world crisis. While larger estimates have been made, he asserted that all the appropriations made and in sight would provide by next June an army of only 834,000 men, with a total armed force of 2,120,000.

This would mean, declared Senator Lodge, "a grand total of eighteen" U. S. divisions, which, in his opinion, does not look "terribly impressive against a grand total of 175 Soviet divisions." He suggested that Congress stay in Washington until provisions had been made for an aggregate of at least thirty divisions and a total military force, in all services, of three million men.

The Massachusetts Senator said that the people of this country "are in a struggle for existence." Senator Scott H. Lucas, the Democratic leader, agreed in principle that the problem involved "national survival."

In this connection, the President's objection to immediate passage of universal training legislation is based on present military demands, which, he says, would make it impossible to supply the trained military manpower necessary to put universal training into operation. Moreover, there would not be available the camps and installations necessary to implement the program. Mr. Truman, who pointed to his record of the past five years in recommending a program of this character, suggested that final action be taken in January.

MASSSES NEXT SUNDAY IN COLUMBIA AND EDENTON

The Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered Sunday, September 24, Catechetical Sunday, at 8 A. M., in Poor Souls Catholic Mission Building, Columbia, and at 11 A. M., in St. Ann's Catholic Church, Edenton, each including sermon on "The Duties of Catholic Education," Holy Communion, followed by Rosary for Peace, Sunday School, with confessions in Columbia 7:30 to 7:55, Edenton 10:30 to 10:55 A. M., stated Father F. J. McCourt, rector, who invites everybody to all Services. Week-mornings: Mass, Com-

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munion, Rosary at 7 in Edenton.

Thursday, September 21, 7:30 P. M., meeting of St. Ann's Study and Discussion Club; 8 P. M., meeting of North Carolina Catholic Laymen's Association, both in Edenton Rectory.

HERTFORD BEARS SLOWLY REBUILDING

After a slow start, the Hertford Bears are beginning to look like a football team. Only seven veterans showed up, when Coach "Nick" Nichols issued the first call. They were Bobby Welch, Johnnie Copeland, Fred Sutton, Curtis L. Felton, William Alexander, along with Joe Forehand and Pete Winslow who saw limited action

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Coach Nichols admits that the squad

will be light, and inexperienced, but feels that the men will give good account of themselves when put under pressure. The schedule will probably include two homes, with four away.

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