



WASHINGTON—In last week's column, I mentioned briefly the current investigation into the operations of the Voice of America project. This probe is of particular interest to our state because it has been charged that a large amount of money was invested unwisely by the government in land in eastern North Carolina.

As I said last week, I frankly am not able to appraise the charges. Neither Senator Hoey nor I was advised of plans to establish the big radio station in Bladen County, and it has been indicated that very few people—in North Carolina or elsewhere—were consulted. Doubtless, the facts will come out either to condemn or justify the plan.

Last summer, when I was in Europe I discovered that many people who escaped from behind the Iron Curtain had been disillusioned because of what they had heard on the Voice of America broadcasts. They had believed from what they had heard that they would be welcomed into all the glories of the western nations. Instead they found themselves installed in refugee camps.

I also found that there were those from behind the Iron Curtain who had hoped that the American Army would liberate the Communist-controlled countries. Many asked me about that and I was bound to reply that I was not in favor of sending American boys to be needlessly slaughtered in countries which had submitted to Russia.

But, of course, there are some Americans who would not hesitate to sacrifice American boys in what it seems to me, would be a futile endeavor in most cases.

**GAINING GLORY**  
I have moved my seat in the Senate from the back row to a much more desirable one not far from the Vice-President's stand. I was able to make this change because of my relatively increased rank in the Senate. As a result, I am now on the second row—and in a much better position to see and hear than was previously the case.

On my left is Senator Earle Clements of Kentucky, who was sworn in with me on November 27, 1950. Senator Clements and I were the only two to take the oath that day and it is a little difficult to realize that more than two years have passed. Senator Kefauver of Tennessee is seated on my right.

**WEEKLY BROADCASTS**  
Senator Hoey and I have been gratified at the response we have received from North Carolinians to our weekly broadcast. Many people have written that it has given them an added interest into what is going on here. We enjoy making the broadcast.

More and more people are becoming interested in their government. It is well that they should since it affects in so many ways the every day lives of Americans everywhere.

**FEARS GONE BY**  
The current controversy among Republicans about taxes reminds me of a warning sounded by the late Senator Bailey many years ago. Senator Bailey warned that if taxation were not restrained, American initiative and enterprise might be destroyed.

At that time the people were hesitating to support the income tax amendment because there was a possibility that some day the Federal Government might levy as much as TEN PER CENT ON A PERSON'S INCOME! That was unthinkable to many of our wisest citizens.

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How times have changed!  
A large percentage of our citizens now pay in excess of 50 per cent of their income in taxes of one form or another. There are some cases, I am told, where the taxpayers' highest Federal tax bracket goes to 95 per cent. Then if you add on the highest bracket of the North Carolina state tax (.7%), you can see that there could be cases where a person cannot make enough money to pay his taxes.

I think everyone agrees that both government spending and taxes must be cut.

**HISTORICAL N. C.**  
North Carolina is fortunate in having an excellent historical novelist to write about the early settlements in the northeastern section of our state. I refer, of course, to Mrs. Inglis Fletcher who has become prominent in the literary world by writing stories told to her when she was a child by her grandfather, who has been a native of Tyrrell County. At the same time she wrote her first book, "Raleigh's Eden", she was a resident of California, but some years ago she moved to Edenton and now occupies a famous old place on the Chowan River known as "Bandon Plantation."

Mrs. Fletcher was in Washington recently to speak at the Educational Dinner honoring North Carolina, given at the Women's National Democratic Club. It was my pleasure to have her, and some of her admirers among the members of the Senate, to a luncheon in the Senate Restaurant.

She has done a most worthy work in presenting to the world some historical narratives of our state.

**Library News**  
The Perquimans County Library this week received seven new books of interest to various readers. The Shipwrecked is one of Graham Greene's earliest and best novels now reprinted and more popular than ever. We Shared An Island by Guy Morrison tells of a family who tired of society, politics, and economics, so moved to an isolated island there to make a life for themselves. The beauty and ugliness of their life there and their successes and failures make up this story told in a readable style. Neither Hat Nor Grass is a story of Maine people and Maine ways by the author of The Farmer Takes A Wife. Charlotte Armstrong, that master of suspense and tension, has a new mystery Catch As Catch Can. Family Book Of Best Loved Poems is just another collection of familiar poems, but we never have too many of these.

Of local interest is North Carolina Poetry, collected and edited by Walter.

Better Clothes For Your Money is the advice of an expert for the benefit of the consumer on the subject of getting your money's worth when buying clothes.

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Loretta Young in  
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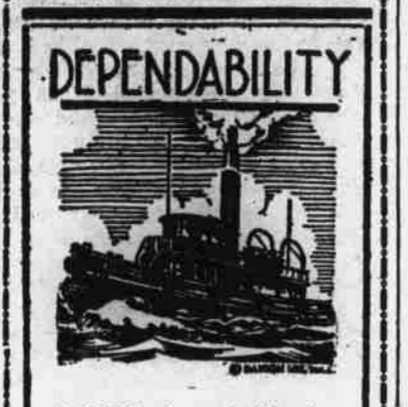
Wednesday and Thursday,  
March 11-12—  
Tony Curtis in  
"FLESH AND FURY"

In addition to the above books 27 other books have recently been catalogued and are now ready for circulation.

**Hearty Laugh**  
An old couple were listening to a broadcast service, the husband sitting back smoking his pipe, his wife in deep concentration. Half an hour passed in silence. Then, suddenly, the old man laughed.

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