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The Larger Good Mustn't Be Sacrificed

THE kick in the pants given Mecklenburg's school consolidation hopes by County Commissioners yesterday was bruising but not necessarily fatal.

When it comes to any piece of proposed legislation, infinite are the varieties of yes, so and maybe that can be uttered by a politician. A questioning attitude is perfectly proper. But surely the larger good will not be sacrificed in a maelstrom of lesser interests.

The metropolitan community has come a long way toward its goal. Benefits to be shared by every child in Mecklenburg County are within the community's grasp. It would be terribly tragic if these benefits disappeared down the drain because of intergovernmental jealousies.

Commissioners went on record yesterday as being "bitterly opposed" to several sections of the proposed bill. However, most of the bitterness seems to center on a section giving authority to dated school boards rather than Commissioners (the authority to determine a supplementary tax levy. The reluctance on the part of Commissioners to be dealt out is understandable. But, as Douglas Aiken of the City School Board pointed out yesterday, the law already

provides a number of safety checks on the tax levy. Another would create more bureaucracy than safety.

The essential question is this: Can educational planning at the metropolitan level be effective when the machinery and responsibility for carrying out the plans are divided among so many governmental groups?

A unity of purpose and effort is one of the reasons for consolidation of the city and county school systems. It would be a shame to damage this unity by internal bickering.

Still, this bone of contention and the others are not so big and important that they overshadow the principal issue. They certainly could not be held up as an excuse for the delay in the existing warning system does not "see" missiles. The new missile-seeing radars will not be in position until 1961, on present schedules. Thus SAC now has zero warning against a Soviet surprise attack with ballistic missiles in the latter instances, but the whole SAC force can be surprised on the ground if the Soviet has the missiles to do the job.

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U. S. Is Nakedly Exposed To A Pearl Harbor Assault

By JOSEPH ALSOP

IF THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE estimates are just one more than normally wrong, this country may be nakedly exposed to something infinitely worse than Pearl Harbor.

Only one immediate measure can be taken to reduce the risk. The Strategic Air Command can be ordered to mount an immediate, maximum air-borne alert.

Gen. Thomas S. Power, has already begged the authorities in Washington to put SAC on an air-borne alert status. But mounting a continuing air-borne alert will cost money. Hence Gen. Power has been turned down for the usual budgetary reasons.

GRIM MATHEMATICS

These are the terrible facts that have been all but buried into the reporter's mind, during his days here in the headquarters of the great deterrent force that carries the main burden of guarding the United States and the free world. The grim mathematics that prove the facts are indeed that, and not more ominous, that a majority can be summarized as follows:

First, SAC is already mounting a 15-minute ground alert of its missiles. The existing warning system does not "see" missiles. The new missile-seeing radars will not be in position until 1961, on present schedules. Thus SAC now has zero warning against a Soviet surprise attack with ballistic missiles in the latter instances, but the whole SAC force can be surprised on the ground if the Soviet has the missiles to do the job.

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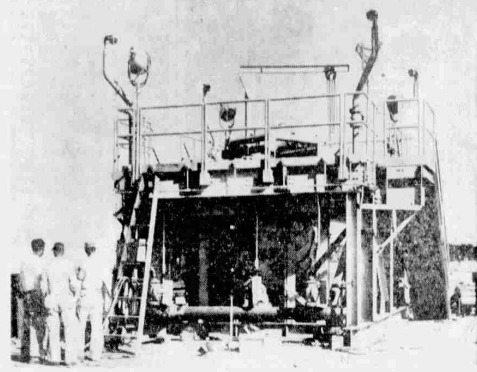
have admitted in their recent testimony that the Soviets may well have enough medium range ballistic missiles to destroy all of SAC's overseas bases.

Third, only one question then remains: Whether SAC's bases in this hemisphere are equally vulnerable. The number of Soviet ICBMs needed to strike any one hemisphere is proportional, of course, to the target system. Most probably the Soviets would wish to clear the way for a potential sea and strike with aircraft. This gives a total of approximately 30 targets, all of them completely "soft." Assuming 25-33 per cent reliability for the Soviet ICBM, a stock of 150 missiles would be enough for the present.

NO MORE BISON?

On the basis of the national intelligence estimates, the President and the Pentagon leaders alike assert that the Soviets do not have this stock of ICBMs at the present time. On the face of the known facts, the arguments for the contrary appear less strong than the arguments against it. For example, the only sensible explanation for the shutdown of production of the "Bison" bomber is the conversion of the Soviet's heavy bomber factories to ICBM production. In addition, it is well to remember the persistent estimates that the Soviets are well ahead in previous national estimates.

In any case, the rightness of wrongness of the estimates does



Launching Platform For U. S. Long-Range Missile Stands Empty

not need to be argued. The whole American future is now being gambled on a guess that the Soviets do not have a few score weapons, which they have the means to produce and have been working desperately hard to produce. Whether the guess is good or bad, this is a criminal gamble. Only the same psychology that begot Pearl Harbor would permit such a gamble, and especially after this country has received the clearest kind of strategic warning at Berlin.

While we have zero tactical warning, and no missiles of our own in hard pads, there is only one way to reduce the gamble. The word maximum needs to be emphasized, since the much easier and cheaper sort of air alert continued to SAC's 150 squadrons will provide no more than "minimum deterrence" which is not real deterrence. The cost, though considerable, will be under one

billion a year, but intense efforts will also be required to increase the law to SAC of replacement parts, spare crews of tankers to improve the air mobility, etc.

It seems a small price to pay, when you remember Gen. Power's remark that "Pearl Harbor, though a highly successful surprise, was really like stamping on a strong man's little finger." The surprise we are now making would not just mean the beginning of an ultimately victorious war. It would mean the end of these United States.

Should Safe Drivers Be Penalized?

THE majority will pay dearly for the sins of the minority if the protective instincts of Rep. George R. Uzzell prevail in the 1959 General Assembly.

The Rowan legislator has introduced a bill designed to restrict the right of insurance companies to cancel automobile liability policies they issue to Tar-Heel motorists.

Specifically, the measure states that no contract of insurance may be terminated except for nonpayment of premium due or upon grounds that the policy was obtained through false representation. Furthermore, it allows insurance renewable at the option of the insured unless the insured has a record of an accident for which his driver's license was revoked or had his driver's license suspended or suspended.

A number of motorists would be "protected" by such a law, as Rep. Uzzell says. But the cost of this protection would undoubtedly be reflected in the rates paid for insurance by safe drivers and reckless drivers alike.

A driver does not have to be judged responsible for an accident to be a poor insurance risk. Many fast, reckless or drunken drivers have not yet become a statistic—but almost surely will unless they reform. Many aged drivers with slow reflexes or physical defects are likewise tempting fate when they enter a stream of traffic. Since North Carolina does not have compulsory inspection law, many drivers are on the road with an

accident or generally inauspicious cars.

All of these factors presently and in insurance companies in providing risks. Although "preventive cancellations" are relatively few in number, they do allow the companies to keep rates down and thereby reward the great mass of sensible drivers. If they are trapped with known risks in their books, the consequences will be costly. Obviously, higher rates will result.

No one is deprived of liability insurance under the present system. In fact, as every motorist knows, North Carolina has a compulsory insurance program in effect. When a driver is turned down by any company, he becomes an "assigned risk," which means the state assigns him to a particular company for insurance and that company is required by law to take him. But the state divides this "assigned risk" group fairly among carriers operating in the state and no firm gets more than its reasonable share. Provisions are made for the companies to not higher rates from some of these "assigned risk" loss, and the safe drivers must have to bear so much of the extra expense of settling their claims.

It seems to the Charlotte News non-cancellation proposal would punish the many on the reckless side of the law and even encourage a greater disregard of responsibility. Higher rates, too, they can't afford it.

People's Labor Leader's Letter Stirred City's Conscience

PEOPLE'S LABOR leader's letter to the Charlotte News, Charlotte Editor, has stirred the conscience of the city's laborers.

The letter, written by Mr. Carey E. Haidler, is a plea for the city to take a stand on the issue of international relations. It is a plea for the city to take a stand on the issue of international relations. It is a plea for the city to take a stand on the issue of international relations.

whole foreign policy. The basic worry is that a world bristling with nuclear weapons is a world being on a powder keg. Can we find a solution to international relations other than war? This is the fundamental issue that we have in common.

In the Communist threat, the United States has a unique responsibility. Whether the United States should take the lead in establishing security, the United States should take the lead in establishing security, the United States should take the lead in establishing security.

Without communism, we would still have the destruction and dislocation following World War II. The Asian and African revolutions would have a different character and the terror grip on the world with its dangers and opportunities.

If we believe in ourselves and the things Western civilization stands for, we can find a solution. Our values and institutions give us potentially decisive advantage over communism. The problem is one of reorientation of attitudes, of finding fresh approaches to old problems of facing up to our responsibilities moral and material in a world in which three-fourths of its peoples consume only 30 per cent of the world's goods. The modern revolution in science has modern revolution in science has modern revolution in science has

of mankind in its ancient hunger and pain.

Can we control our weapons of war so that the world can get on with its task of meeting the basic needs of most of mankind? Can we find a way to give our world a sense of brotherhood, of finding fresh approaches to old problems of facing up to our responsibilities moral and material in a world in which three-fourths of its peoples consume only 30 per cent of the world's goods. The modern revolution in science has modern revolution in science has modern revolution in science has

Otto Graham And The Traditional Pass

OTTO GRAHAM, the man with the golden arm of professional football, has realized an ambition to coach.

We suspect he could have touched down in a major camp, but chose instead to begin his career in the unpressurized uniform of a Coast Guard commander.

As dean of the academy's gridiron club, Graham will receive a painless baptism of fire. This may be the better way when compared with the short career of Terry Brennan, who didn't meet the mark for Notre Dame's gridiron.

Even before he has stamped a cleat into New London soil, though, Graham

sounds like a football coach. He's on the right track.

He admitted he hated to leave Cleveland, but said he had the assurance of a long-term contract with the Coast Guard. Then came the traditional scoring pass: "But I don't intend to leave Cleveland, because I intend to be there forever."

Return Of The Abominable Showman

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP)—The return of the Abominable Showman to the city of Washington, D.C. has caused a stir among the city's residents.

The showman, who is known for his wild and unpredictable behavior, has been seen in various parts of the city, causing concern among the public.



Presidency Is Open To All Americans

I AM a student in the seventh grade in a Catholic school in Charlotte. I read Mr. J. W. Jewell's letter in last Friday's issue of the News. It was about the respect to the Protestant religion. I feel it is my duty as a Catholic to inform him about my religion.

First of all, I would like to say that the Protestants did not come to America to be free of Catholicism, but rather to be free from the tyranny of the Church of England and from political persecution.

The Protestants founded colonies in the United States where the people were forced to attend one particular church. If he will refer to a reliable history book he will find that in no colony where the Catholics overtook the legislative body was religious freedom curtailed. In 1649 the Toleration Act was passed in Maryland by an assembly made up mostly of Catholics; there were also Protestant members of whom the Protestants should be justly proud. The act states that no person "professing to believe in Jesus Christ" could be persecuted for his religious beliefs. In 1650 the Puritans rebelled and seized the government. The first thing they did was repeal the Toleration Act.

The idea of the founders of our country was that any and all men could have the chance of obtaining the high position of president of the United States of America. They did not say that only a Methodist or a Baptist or a Catholic could be a president. All men, rich or poor, Catholic or Protestant, have the same chance to become president. According to my understanding, the founders of our country were very fair and wise men.

A RATTLING GOOD SHOW, CHAPS

THE mascot clearly survives the technological revolution in warfare on good psychological grounds. No regiment worthy of its battle honors dare march through a town without a quadruped in front to mark the distant time when a bray or bark at night revealed the enemy and so saved the Barathrochres from decimation. The RAF has nearly lost a marked individuality when taken to ward off the evil eye, yet fighter squadron has opened a snake park in the crew-room. It should be explained that the insignia of the squadron is a coiled rattlesnake with the motto "Be-ware, I have given warning," very felice.

A recent advertisement drew a lively response from patriotic snake-owners on both sides of the Atlantic. Lady Snow presented a tail — the rattling end — mounted in a silver box which had been in the family for 60 years (we quote the Air Ministry). Any day now the first live snake should be sent to the American Air Force, who are also going to present the squadron with a stuffed specimen. Naturally, their arrival, or, rather their escorts, call for a

Life In America

WHEN a fire blazes in front of her home, Mrs. [Name] [Name] a Detroit woman painted it white to match her fence.

Belief In Our Values
 World Leadership Key

Charlotte Editor, The News:

IT SEEMS to me that we as a nation are beginning to re-examine our whole approach in international relations, and this is an exciting prospect.

The Russian satellites jilted our complicity and started us to thinking about our situation, not only our military position but our

Draw Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

PRESIDENT Eisenhower, Prime Minister Macmillan and Premier Khrushchev have now put themselves in a position where they will almost have to hold a summit conference or face the alternative of war.

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been in American waters many times in greater number and closer than the fishing trawlers that were boarded last week. There were no incidents. The boarding of the trawler, in connection with a cable break, was partly inspired by the war of nerves between Moscow and Washington.

Dulles' Warning

During one of the President's visits to Walter Reed Hospital to see his ailing secretary of state, the latter warned that the Kremlin might miscalculate as a result of confusion and uncertainty during Dulles' illness, and try to catch the United States off-base. Therefore he advised Eisenhower to issue a strong statement warning Khrushchev that American policy had not changed because the secretary of state was ill and would not retreat over Berlin.

Khrushchev conferred twice with Dulles at his hospital bed before finally issuing the statement.

Trouble In Korea

U. S. Ambassador Walter Dowling in Korea has delivered a stern warning to President Syngman Rhee of South Korea NOT to try to reopen the Korean war. Rhee had sent an intelligence report to

Washington that a North Korea plot was this summer.

Washington is Dowling suspected that President Rhee might be trying to resume the fighting so he could take over all of Korea as president. But that there was an attempt by Rhee to strengthen his political leadership against growing opposition.

Washington Pipeline

President Eisenhower has asked Gen. Nathan Twining, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, to make speeches denouncing the "provocative" activities of the Twining is reluctant to inject the Joint Chiefs into a political fight, but doesn't see how he can turn down the commander-in-chief.

Atsuta Mikoyan, the No. 2 Russian, has sent secret word to the American Communist Party that Moscow will lower its attitude toward Russian Jews. The Kremlin has followed a harsh policy toward Russian Jews for the last four or five years, but Mikoyan promises that the Korean war may lead to be more tolerant.