Our Choice: Fight or Surrender!

There is no disposition on the part of officials in this country or the public at large to minimize the grave danger that exists in connection with events which have happened in Korea.

As a whole, the nation realizes the gravity of the international situation and

the actual peril that positively confronts
Western civilization.
The close cooperation that exists be-

From Our Point of View

Hollywood is a place where human be-ngs, in the role of actors and actresses, play various roles, including the re-mantic. In real life, statistics prove, the romances of many of the cinema stars are romantic only when interspersed with frequent divorces.

Congress and the Truman administra-tion, dominantly it appears, are working in their laboratories to discover new ways to exact taxes from the American ways to exact taxes from the American people. The latest is a national sales tax. If such a tax ever is levied, it not only will invade the area of State revenues, but it will remain on the books. Truly, the tax collector is rapidly becoming the super-duper dependent of the American wage-earner.

Columbia University, several centuries Columbia University, several centuries old, wms much downtown New York real estate, including the land on which Rockfeeller Center is located. For the past two years Columbia's income hasn't met its outgo, so it must berrow money on a mortgage basis. With all its so-called learned liberal economists' of 'its faculty, why should Columbia have financial problems? Perhaps for the same reason that some of its liberals in the federal government can't make in budget balance, either. et balance, either.

The word "Korea" is destined to go down in American history books as the place where the theory of idealism, as set up in United Nations verbiage, went down to defeat simply because not enough of its members had courage to fit their words to action. It also will be referred to as "Truman's & Acheson's

Civilization, so-called, always has been on the precarious edge between barbarism and ordinary decency. Wars tend to weaken both the victor and the vanquished, especially in these Twenteth Century days. But few of us ever thought that nations like England and that they would not take every precau-tion against being taken over by such a beast as Communism.

While we agree that Americans should While we agree that Americans should accept the maximum in traxtion to finance war preparations, we do not believe that the total cost can be paid for on a pay-as-you-go-basis without wrecking the domestic economy. Therefore, it appears to us that some of the cost must be paid for during future years. It's the same problem met by the average young couple who, desiring to buy and furnish their first home, must pay for it as the years go along. years go along.

While many persons may disagree with some of Winston Churchill's enonomic philosophy, and many agree with it, both groups sprobably can applaud him for his consistent brave utterances when an emergency strikes England. He has the power of great thought and the ability to express it in terms that win the inspired support of both friends and chemies. Would that such a man, or men, were standing on the lofty ninnieles of were standing on the lofty pinnacles of the American landscape today!

So They Say . . .

Dwight D. Eisenhower, newly-appointed commander of North Atlantic Forces:
"Aggressive intent does not balk at war—it merely fears defeat."

nas E. Dewey, Governor of New

We cannot save our freedom and keep our personal comforts and luxur-

Jacob A. Malik, Deputy-Foreign Minis-

tar, Soviet Union:
"The ruling circles of the United States of America seek not peace, but war."

Drew Middleton, newspaper correspondent, in Europe: "There may be just time to close the ranks and man the defenses."

Dean Acheson, Secretary of State:
"To abandon our allies will gratify the
Kremlin. To do so would be appeasement on a gigantic scale."

tween Soviet Russia and Communist China is apparent and we face the menace that exists through the combi-nation of these great land powers. It would be foolish to under-estimate the

danger.

In the crisis, there has been some ex-tremely sharp criticism of Secretary of State Acheson and General Douglas

THE PRESIDENT RECENTLY appealed to all Americans to demonstrate their unity; to lay aside differences and unite in firmness and mutual determination "to do what is best for our country and the cause of freedom throughout the world."

Military experts recognize that the

Military experts recognize that the type of war in which we are now engaged is one which we can hardly expect to win. Any land struggle on the Asiatic cohiener which pits against us the teeming mass of populations involved, invites disaster.

Chinese hordes, for example, probably passess the power to push us out of Korea by overwhelming weight of numbers if they are willing to use enough men and pay the price in human life.

Under the circumstances, it is rather difficult for leaders of the Western nations to chart the course that presents even the appearance of safety.

IF THE LEADERS of Russia and those of China, working in unison, are deter-mined to push their weight around and to risk the consequences of total war-fare, the people who cherish the culture

fare, the people who cherish the culture of Western civilization have two choices:

(1) to meet the challenge with force without limit; or (2) surrender.

We might as well accept the fact that this is the alternative and to make up our minds, as a people and a nation, to stand up bravely, to fight courageously and to defend unto death the rights and privileges of free peoples. privileges of free peoples.

"Flying Sausages" Replace "Flying Saucers"

The "flythe saucers" that fascinated the American public at various times in the past few/pears have been succeeded by the "flying sausage" which has been reported over the Northwest coast of Biglaud.

reported of the same of the saw the object which was "something like a submarine" and between 150 and 200 feet long. There was no sound of motors re-

The mystery of the flying saucers in this country has never been satisfactorily

explained.

Despite repeated denials of officials Despite repeated denials of officials that there could be anything to the reports of observers, who were convinced that they saw something strange in the sky, the public harbors, a lurking suspicion that there is something to these

AT FIRST, WE WERE frankly skeptical about reports of saucer-like objects in the sky. Subsequently, the reports of entirely competent and honest individuals convinced us that they, at least, were convinced that they saw something unusual?

unusual?

Many such reports have come to light in the United States. Nevertheless, there is, as yet, no definite confirmation of the reports which, if false, represent a striking illustration of hallucination.

Special Service Means Votes

The New York Times, commenting on the defeat of Vito Marcantonio who lost his seat in the House of Representatives, says that "he survived so long because of special services or favors to con-stituents..."

stituents..."
We regret to say the same observation applies to most of the members of Congress. Like Marcantonio, many of them are reclected "in spite of (their) views, rather than because of them."

rather than because of them."
Unfortunately, the voters in many instances measure the worth of a representative, not by his integrity and intelligence, but by the amount of bacon he brings to his constituents.

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Watching Democracy at Work



Happenings of Long Ago

Bits Of News Ofeeined From Old Files Of The Eccentric The filems That Make Up The Historical Background Of The Birmingham Of Today,

50 YEARS AGO January 25, 1901

se of the latest additions to Birmingham sanitarium is a operating table of the latest rip. It looks very nice but ex-us from having to test its

The Pansy pedro club met at the home of Mrs. George Greer last Tuesday evening. Mrs. C. Eleinwood was the winner of the first prize and the booby was won by Mrs. A. E. Greuber.

The friends of James Stevens who formerly lived on the J. K. Adams farm west of this place but who now resides in Pontiac will be pleased to learn that his health which has been poor is somewhat improved at this writing.

There are lets of fakir soing through the country now and the farmer should give them a wide borth as they like to work on the farmer because they have on the farmer because that have fore being discovered than they would if they worked in more closely inhabited sections such as willages.

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From the way it looks now the question of local option will be voted upon in the spring election. The supervisors are to meet January 28 and no doubt the question will be settled by them then.

20 YEARS AGO

Police today are continuing their search for the driver of the ear which ran down five-year old Clayton Marin on Friday. The boy was bruised but not seriously injured. Three young men were said to be in the ear at the time of the accident.

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Miss Estella Martin will head to new family Service center for ontiac, Birmingham and Bloom-eld which opens in Pontiac on eb. 1. Over 200 members have een elected by the board of di-ctions and invited to attend the pening of the center.

Rep. Howard R. Estes, member f the Veteran's Council housing ommittee this week issued public raise to Gov. Harry Kelly for is efforts to speed housing for terrans. Estes said the governor

PEOPLE'S COLUMN

The Eccentric welcomes letters for this column. All must be signed, but signatures will be kept and addential upon request. Letters must be limited to 500 words.

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To the Editor:

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NO, IN A public library,

ONE THING OR ANOTHER By George Wm. Averi

LIVING WITH THE IN-LAWS

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LOOKING AHEAD

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By George S. Benso

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HE MENTIONED an indust in another city, or that plant has "art had sit "That plant has "art had sit "That plant has "art had sit "That plant has "art had been control the une. They'll try make trouble."

It is comforting to know the both the FBI and industrial magement are alert to the dang and are preparing to cope with For our very existence as a not on depends on the unbroken plant was grown up in our private e terprise system.

By Gene Allema -ECONOMY BUDGET FACES FURTHER CUTS-

Will the gas tax bill pass?
Not the Governor's desk—he is expected to refuse any gasoline levy unless measures concerning general finances also are considered. And the house of representatives lacks the vote to override a veto. A two-cent tax rise would bring \$02,000,000 to the highway fund.

To Offer Hearing

Hearing tests will be available

But limited defense plans are going ahead at a steady as possible with no money. The airforce is being asked to conduct maneuvers at the Sault locka as a test run of the defense organization.

ganization.

The governor has a powerful weapon at his disposal should it be needed. At his hand is a set of forms which he has only to sign to declare a state of emergency, define its nature and area and publish regulations for its control.

It has been suggested that an air raid shelter be built in-to the basement of the new state office building. Final plans of the building are schedule for completion March 31.

But war and defense always must share front pages with wages and prices. William Green, president of the A. F. of Lc, has come out flatly for price control to "prevent black markets". Wage controls, he admitted, would make unhappy

In the midst of the excitement surrounding the arrest of the nutranson, another bill has been introduced asking for capital nutralishment. Author again it Rep. Eugene C. Betz- R. Monroey. Simmitted in previous years died in committee.

The "little Hoove sion" recommends consolida-tion of 16 state licensing boards. The commission wasts a new agency, the di-rector of which would be sur-rounded by 15 a dv sory boards. The amount to be saved by this arrangement has not been estimated.

And Senior Creighton R. Col man (R-Battle Creek) has ask for an advisory group, to wo with the seniar elections commi-tee to revise state election so He hopes his group, will elimina confusion such as held Michiga last election.

The surge of shoppers into the stores this month has sent morchants happily back to reduce the storest happily back to reduce the state of the storest happily back to reduce the state of the state of

The trend toward chain store supermarkets is costing Michigs \$300,000 a year. Now there as but 733 stores—in 1937 there were 2,018 stores all were it top revenue bracket (\$250 pt license yearly) fosing the stat \$306,250.

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Michigan excels in high indu trial wages, educational opportunities and diversity of outdoor sports such as butting and fishing That's why Southern workers are again flocking to our industrial centers as they did during Worl War II.

Winter Rain Song

By BEATRICE MeDONALD

The rain is raining all around in narrow thin grey lines Hung slantingly down from the sky, with top end fastened to the clouds And bottom end to earth.

The rain is raining hard today And little dribbly drops Are swirling on the windowpanes. And splashing, plopping on the gr And freezing on the snow.