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the People
Will Find
Their Own
Way

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Amon Carter's Recognition

By WALTER R. HUMPHREY

It was a high honor which came to Fort Worth yesterday when Amon Carter was decorated for his high contribution to U. S. aviation.

The "Air Force Exceptional Service Award" which was presented Mr. Carter by W. Stuart Symington, secretary for air, certainly was a merited one.

Surely, Fort Worth's "far-sighted American patriot," as he was described by Secretary Symington, has made so many contributions to the program of the Air Force and aviation in general that no one could criticize the recognition.

His constant support of and his advocacy of strong air power for this nation, his dynamic espousal of all programs directed to that end, and his effective leadership in a civilian role have been conspicuous.

The recognition given Mr. Carter ... the fourth civilian ever so honored ... reflects great credit on Fort Worth.

There's no mistaking, after all, where Amon Carter hails from and where his first loyalty lies.

To our distinguished fellow citizen, enthusiastic congratulations.

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Our Assignment for 1950

THIS YEAR in Fort Worth is to be highlighted by efforts to nail down an effective flood control program for the city.

The curtain was raised on the campaign when the Citizens Flood Control Committee yesterday considered a program for halting floods on Sycamore creek within the city limits.

Within a few days, it is apparent now, the U. S. Army Engineers will release their program for work on the Trinity floodway within the city.

The chief of engineers is due to give the go-ahead signal to recommendations made by his sub-office, district and regional engineers.

Channel-straightening, clearing, levee strengthening and other programs will be included. These, tied in with Benbrook dam's completion, will nail down a sound, effective plan to halt Trinity floods here.

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Thoughts for Today

And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?—Matthew 7:3.

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In matters of equity between man and man, our Savior has taught us to put my neighbor in place of myself, and myself in place of my neighbor.—Dr. Watts.

Not Worth a War

American foreign policy is becoming more inconsistent by the hour.

The United States, we are told, will not furnish munitions to Chiang Kai-Shek for defense of Formosa against Communist attack because that might provoke a war with Russia.

That is the new "peace policy"—in Asia.

But our government will furnish limited military assistance to Marshal Tito, if Communist Yugoslavia is attacked by Russia, according to a reported decision of the National Security Council.

The Yugoslavs, it is explained, are strong enough to defend themselves against Moscow's satellites. But "out-right and large-scale support" by the Soviet of such an attack would imperil Yugoslavia's sovereignty. That is where we would come in, and then, and only then, according to this inspired story from unidentified official sources.

If this is to be American policy in the Balkans, it certainly is neither a "peace policy" nor a policy that can win.

Limited American military assistance to Yugoslavia in a war with Russia could possibly tip the balance in Yugoslavia's favor. Nothing less than our all-out support could do that—men, planes, everything.

We know this. Russia knows it. Then why this reckless and dangerous commitment?

If it is just a bluff, it is a very transparent one at a time when we are in full retreat from a much less hazardous situation off the China coast, where the Soviets aren't as yet even directly involved.

If, on the other hand, the advance

Let There Be Light

The Press would like to congratulate the special fact-finding committee of city employees which uncovered certain strange practices in the conferring of licenses by the Electrical Examining Board. Members of this group, Heard Floore, Roy Driver and Hugh Floyd, hewed to the line.

Too often city employees are reluctant to make too strenuous a probe under such circumstances, because their findings tend to reflect on the men higher up. In this case, the facts discovered indicate that there has been favoritism displayed in the granting of licenses.

The fact that almost 80 per cent of the applicants failed the examinations also shows that the members of the board, making out grades, have erred on the side of harshness.

No one expects Mr. Jack Burton and other board members to make an electrician out of everyone who wants to become an electrician. But there is such a thing as a happy medium.

The board, it appears, has been going its way without much close supervision on the part of the City Council.

The recent probe lets in light where there should be light. As a result, a much healthier condition will result. Again, we congratulate Messrs. Floore, Driver and Floyd. They've shown themselves to be courageous and conscientious public servants.

A lot of trouble in this world is provided by those who turn out nothing else.

Somebody's Wrong

John W. Cutler, an employee of the U. S. Displaced Persons Commission in Munich, made a serious charge to Chairman McCarran of the Senate judiciary committee.

He said that his superiors had overruled findings of the Army's counter-