**Echols Says** 

Strict Orders

Keen Competition

"For many months he has tried

beat-up schoolhouse in which to put them all, male and female, in-

(Miss Higgins represents the New York Herald Tribune.)

'Not An Ounce'

Earlier, Col. Echols had said in

# Pay Your Poll Tax . . .

HAVE YOU paid your poll tax yet? Are he has adopted the old saw of "Let George you one of those who is going to pay Do It", by failing to pay his poll tax. his poll tax tomorrow?

late to pay your poll tax.

have that much money to spare? Maybe have that much money to spare? Maybe
you think you don't, but outside of your
health and your family, your right to vote

torate.

You are opposed to the poll tax because
it is undemocratic. You are entitled to your
favored the press taking its full responsibility along with military is the most precious possession you have in opinion and with that opinion you have the on censorship.

People are in chains or in slavery today because they took too lightly the value of their right to vote and neglected their ob- eration is that you qualify as a voter so that ligation as a citizen to cast a ballot.

It is difficult for us to see how any thinking person could advocate better citi- you think as we are in your qualifying yourzenship or hope for a better tomorrow when self to say what you think.

Classified in the Oklahoma City (Okla.) Times: "Black Formal, size 12, worn once. Sell or trade for baby bed."

No democratic government can be On January 31, tomorrow will be too stronger than the people it governs. It draws its strength from the support and di-rection it receives from an intelligent elec-A poll tax costs you \$1.75. You don't rection it receives from an intelligent elec-

> right to change it via the ballot box, providing you pay your poll tax. Whatever you think of the tax, the ultimate considyou can cast the ballot as you see fit.

We are not interested so much in what think as we are in your qualifying your-

Totalitarian communism cannot exist in countries populated by intelligent people who have freedom of the ballot. It will last housing. democratic country about as long as a "That's about twice the number in Paris in World War II," said Col. Echols. "They have big hotels in Paris. In Korea we had an oldis a democratic country about as long as a snowman could exist at the equator.

# Military Censors

around the Korean war with about as much sugar-coating as is possible. Gen. Mac-Arthur has abhored censorship in past statements. His headquarters, therefore, has set up a "press advisory division" to which correspondents have been ordered to submit stories "for clearance." The announcement carefully avoided using the word "censorship," but it's still censorship.

Some newspapers and newspapermen have welcomed this move as necessary for the protection of our forces there. They point to some stories which may have given type planes, guns, tanks are being produced aid and comfort to the enemy.

It sure is an unusual day when newspapermen not only accept censorship without a word, but actually welcome it. However, it somehow fits into this screwy world we live

If we were sure that censorship of the press would solve the problems of the military in the Far East, we would be all for it. But we're not sure. No censorship is 100% effective unless it has 100% control.

In Korea, the G.I.'s write letters, as soldiers do everywhere. Some of their letters are darned interesting and appear in local newspapers when proud parents show them to the editors. Those letters aren't censored. Tokyo may cut out of a news dispatch may mean in the future. appear in print in just that way.

We'll admit the speed of transmission and publication is a lot different in the two news items and with the situation as it is in Korea, the needs of the military are for immediate secrecy. So let's admit that censorship of news dispatches may help sometimes.

But we ought to know by experience that

TILITARY censorship has been wrapped once a censorship office is established, under Gen. MacArthur's approval — the be placed on the formation of the Western Speak freely on the progress of European armed forces? If the military asks the war. the press to refrain from mentioning that so many experimental-type jet planes are beso many experimental-type jet planes are being tried out in England, etc., who's going to watch the cables and the mails?

Instituted the new plan to minimize confusion," said Col. Echols. "Since the 8th Army now controls all ground activity, it is more efficient to let it announce offensive of Nov. 24 and that the to watch the cables and the mails?

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Under this state of emergency that we are in, are newspapers going to be asked to, or ordered to, refrain from mentioning what type planes, guns, tanks are being produced and at what rate in what plants?

Censorship leads to censorship, Once the American press has made an exception in its blanket opposition to any kind of censorship—once it has found an excuse to justify a little bit of censorship in one instance—then it is going to be easier to justify the mext instance, and the next. The news blockade has already spread to Alaska.

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"We don't intend to continue the debate at this time," he said. "At the proper time we will speak and it will be one of the great stories of newspaperdom. We are standing by Beech. Our facts are correct. We know where they came

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