

Logic Of Separation

The appointment of Basil L. Whitener as Solicitor of the 14th Judicial District meets with our unqualified approval...

bound by any previous considerations and the members are free to enter the race for Solicitor under the banner of either Party...

The matter is of particular importance now, for, in order to reduce the burden of the Mecklenburg-Gaston courts is at last in prospect...

The Gazette believes that now is the logical time to split this judicial district, or else to divorce Gaston from Mecklenburg County...

The Solicitorial election next Summer should be regarded as a preface to re-districting and certainly a dubious and outmoded private political arrangement has no place in it...

The Controlling Factors

Both of North Carolina's Senators have now had their say in the House on the Hubster brought on by the FEPC bill...

The reaction is not surprising, for, however sincere they may be, the North Carolina Senators base their objections to FEPC on the established prejudices of their constituents...

When Congressman Powell discusses racial matters his bias is open and admitted, and his bias is evident...

It has been said that no white man can ever understand the anger of Adam Clayton Powell, but it is important to try to understand it, for some part of it is shared by every member of his race...

Lesson From LaGuardia

We had occasion to remark the other day upon the action of Councilman Michael Quill of New York, who won a political point regarding the sale of city-owned power plants...

his own decisions and be able to take it, because no decision is possible in administering a city of this size that will please everybody...

A man who is perhaps as well qualified to deal with the subject as any in America—Florence H. LaGuardia—has now stated his opinion of the sale of the power plants, and of Michael Quill...

It's a neat summary of the political philosophy of one of the ablest public officials the country has produced. Mr. LaGuardia has been called every dirty name in the book, and he has never failed to reply in kind...

The lesson he seeks to pass on to Mayor O'Dwayer is as simple as it is uncontroverted: you can't be a politician. Controversy is valuable only to yourself, for it brings publicity with it...

It's a principle an honest politician should paste in his hat, whether or not it is black and broad-brimmed.

From The Richmond Times-Dispatch:

Private Hargrove's Public

Not content with tweaking the collective nose of the National Association of Manufacturers at its recent annual convention, Marion Hargrove, the same who became famous in the book 'Here's Private Hargrove'...

that in his current lectures "he refers sarcastically to enlisted men as Army scum, ill-fed, ill-housed, subject to universal Jim Crowing, and occasionally as a wicked, black, nigger."

There was no Sergeant Hargrove's outburst last week at Pelham, N. Y. for instance, which led Commander Daniel E. Brown, of Pelham's American Legion Post 50, to say: "Hargrove tried to lead down every moral precept and the intelligence of every man who ever served in it. Selecting isolated cases, without giving names and times, he tried to make it appear that his generalizations were true of the entire military service."

Wheel this boy Hargrove is really getting around. And he's doing it at \$300 per lecture, according to our information. Apparently the National Association of Manufacturers paid him \$25,000 last month to call it "prejudiced, behind the times, and more than a shade hypocritical."

The Farmers Will Strike

In The Spring

IT GIVES no joy to the farmer when the price of wheat rises. But the price-waves of today may have equal or even greater importance next Spring when farmers look for their food subsidies...

What most people don't realize is that the public is squarely in the power-lift, with organized pressure groups, both with conflicting interests, both sometimes taking public-spirited attitudes. One is organized labor. The other is the farm organizations...

Organized labor, of course, can better take care of itself, but unorganized and unprotected is a great body of white-collar workers, unskilled labor, plus the middle-class...

MEAT AND STEEL CIRCLES The meat and steel strikes are two illustrations of how the wage-price spiral works...

When the price of steel goes up, as it will by \$4 a ton, every user of steel will be forced to pay more for his product...

But when it comes to a consideration of the absorbing habit—steel pellet of plutonium that will run your automobile for six months or heat your kitchen range for a year...

It is easy to imagine some young pre-Adams, supercharged with an excess of energy, perhaps in a corymbic dance, grasping a couple of dry sticks and rubbing them together with such enthusiasm that suddenly, to the consternation of himself and the whole village, he discovers that he has done a "boy scout" and set the woods on fire!

ADMIRAL NIMITZ'S POINTS Adv. Chester Nimitz, new chief of naval operations, was sitting in the National Guard building...

Smiling, he mischievously, Nimitz remarked: "I never thought I'd get enough points to get out of the Pacific."

CAPITAL CASES Contracted Gen. Clayton Bissell, long head of military intelligence, is being transferred out of this key spot. His replacement will be Gen. Robert H. Canine...

What makes veterans' blood boil? When they drive up with their own trucks and haul surplus Government property away. This is the situation at Detroit's RUC warehouse...

Those two one-time enemies, APL's William Greer and United Mine Workers John L. Lewis, were seen, heads together, hunched, at the Mayflower Hotel here recently. "This may be an historic conference," Greer remarked...



The People's Platform

We'll Wait On The Atom

By G. A. REED SOUTHERN PINES In all the welter of enthusiasm over the possibilities of peacetime use of atomic energy...

learn at the moment it is a safe assumption that the production of relatively small amount of fissionable U235 requires the expenditure of a tremendous amount of electrical energy...

learn at the moment it is a safe assumption that the production of relatively small amount of fissionable U235 requires the expenditure of a tremendous amount of electrical energy...

Senator Bailey's Reply

By JOSIAH W. BAILEY United States Senator

I enclose copy of letter I have written to a gentleman who wrote to me enclosing one of your editorials. I do not ask for publication, but I wish you to know my point of view.

Thank you for your letter and the clipping. I do not think the editor quite understands my position. Certainly I am not in favor of abolishing the labor unions...

(NOTE: We also, have called for a re-examination of the present status of labor unions, but Senator Bailey approaches the matter with a proposal to outlaw the closed shop. This, in our view, comes a lot closer to destruction than does to restraint, and as we pointed out in the editorial under...

Fairness in Inflationist

WASHINGTON Director John W. Fairness of the United States Steel Corp. disclosed an extremely interesting fact that has, perhaps, not been generally known...

At the time all this was going on, there was strong suspicion that Snyder was doing just what—offering to increase the ante when management seemed to be held out in such a way that the possibility of good behavior was extorted in return.

Who was most suspicious, at the time the bargain was struck, was OPA Administrator Chester Bowles. He had been assured that no price increase over the promised \$4 a ton if the labor dispute could be settled.

Now can he afford to stay on in his present office? It will be for a long time. The possibility that he will be forced to step out cannot be overlooked as the dilemma of the Administration grows more acute.

Fairness speaks of the danger of an "inflationist spiral." Yet he apparently is perfectly willing to accept the \$4 a ton price increase, or even a \$6-a-ton increase. He would be most happy to see the price increase kept down to what he felt justified in paying.

What if the Government had granted a \$3 or even a \$2-a-ton increase? Had it been assured that no price increase over the promised \$4 a ton if the labor dispute could be settled, would he have been satisfied?

THE UNORGANIZED PUBLIC is caught in the middle of this inflation argument. Labor says one thing, management another. And the unorganized public is caught in the heat engendered in the dispute.

Another trend which has been set loose is our heavy reliance on the labor unions. There are all sorts of small straws in the wind; for the first time we have the spectacle of mayors of towns, cities, of police, etc. openly supporting strikers, reckoning with labor as an accepted political force in a somewhat new manner.

Perhaps there were some who thought these strikes would follow the familiar old-fashioned pattern, management would win, labor would lose, and the game would be over. It is longer, etc. but these strikes have shown a trend toward breaking away from the picket line, and the picket line has been comparatively unimportant in these battles, and the strike has become deflated.

What has happened is that a kind of fantasy has gone bust, a sort of daydream, in which the Government was to take over this could be a final showdown, briefly fought and quickly won. There are no finalities in a democratic society. Progress with; and a sense of the human values involved has come clear, and of the realities of the Government's role in winning or losing, of what it means to be a community, or a divided land. The girl answers become faint and the boy and the girl who are no longer now alien as they find that a catch phrase does not halt a social convulsion, any more than it stops a storm.

MUCH HAS BEEN set in motion; and while we address ourselves to the problem, with some haste, we must not lose sight of a moment to place historical responsibility on some of those who so lightly pushed the button and set this thing off. The impulse is irresistible to say that the most important news story of this week is a little item from the organization of the "New Deal" Labor Law. It is not a question of winning or losing. It is a question of what it means to be a community, or a divided land. The girl answers become faint and the boy and the girl who are no longer now alien as they find that a catch phrase does not halt a social convulsion, any more than it stops a storm.