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TWO SUGGESTIONS FOR CHARLOTTE POLICE

YOU ALL KNOW how the ticket looks. It's usually stuck under your windshield wiper when you get back to the parking space. Sometimes it's hand-delivered as you swoop alongside a department store to pick up the wife. Whatever the circumstance, the ticket read, in part, like this:
'You are hereby summoned to appear at the Traffic Bureau of the Police Department... within 24 hours...'
Nowhere on the ticket is it suggested that you may save yourself a trip to the Police Department by simply mailing the ticket and the amount of the fine to the police. Many violators do mail in their tickets, with fine enclosed. But some people think the police department means what it says about the ticket. So they come to headquarters. And their reaction, when they find that their inconvenience was unnecessary, can be put down as one of the reasons, if minor, why some folks are unhappy about the city police administration.
This needless irritant can be removed by simply printing on the ticket the amount of the fine for the common violation listed, and giving the violator the choice of a trip to headquarters or a stop at the mailbox.
And if in the suggestion business, we'll offer an idea, long applied elsewhere, for ticketing non-resident violators. The tourist who gets a ticket in Charlotte is not about to seek out 625 E. 4th St. to shell out a dollar or so. He'll tear up the ticket and be on his way. The city collects no money, but perhaps a lot of ill-will.
So why not give this visitor a lightly-phrased card, asking him payment of the fine card, to be accepted but, most important, hurry back? If the violator is a local resident with out-of-state tags, that fact will become apparent in police records if he becomes a repeater, and he can be dealt with accordingly.
These suggested changes, if adopted, ought to bring in at least as much, if more, fine money than is presently collected. And they would enhance the prestige of the police force among local residents and out-of-towners.

MIAMI LEARNS VALUE OF PLANNING

IN 1938, plans for a three and a half million dollar causeway linking Miami and Miami Beach, part payable by the Federal government and part to be financed by bonds, were abandoned because property owners at one end of the route put up a terrific wall.
In 1946, the Florida State Roads Department offered to build the causeway with state and federal funds at no cost to Miami, but the project was again lost after another big battle. By that time, the estimated cost had soared to six million dollars.
Preceded to act at last because of traffic saturation, the Miami Beach city council has just ordered a detailed study of the route originally proposed in 1938. The Miami Herald says that current estimates are 15 million dollars.
Calling this to the attention of the Charlotte Planning Board last week, Commissioner J. Herman Saxon said, 'There is a lesson in this for Charlotte.'

A QUIET HOOSIER, DOING A JOB

PROBABLY you have never heard of him, but some of his pictures... Headlines seldom feature Charles Brownson, a heavy-set, scholarly young man with a thatch of graying hair. His lack of fame is surprising, in view of his job. He is a congressional investigator.
Representative Brownson, a Republican from Indianapolis, is chairman of the subcommittee on International Operations of the House Committee on Government Operations. His responsibilities in jurisdiction could extend, if it so chose, to the more sensational fields of international affairs that several other committees are now crowding. However, this man obviously is not interested in headlines or victims. He is after good government.
His subcommittee recently returned from Korea with an analysis of the financial requests of Syngman Rhee that is sweeping the country like a prairie fire.
If those 'international Deweycats' aren't stopped, he writes, and if the Bricker amendment isn't passed, and if we don't have a complete clean-out of the State Department, and change those Truman-Acheson foreign policies and cut taxes, then 'nothing can stop a new party.'
We sure hope Sally is right about the prospects for a third party, although not even a small blaze has been detected in these parts. Republicans and Democrats alike would be delighted if she and her friends would go off by themselves and either away in the manner of all third parties, instead of messing up the two major ones.

FROM THE WALL STREET JOURNAL

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'Will the struggle of my client for his rights be as noble as that of the great sires of his clients to state rights, the attorney asked in choked voice.
'No, sir!' roared the well-eyed old justice, 'ain't any use hearin' more evidence 'plint' wint'!'
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What more need be said about the desirability of having an early action on public improvements needed by this growing metropolis?

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COURT ISSUE HASTENS PROGRESS

'You know, Senator, this would probably be a very dull job if it weren't for the Russians.'

NEW SCHOOLS FOR THE SOUTH

The South Carolina Educational Finance Commission, which is managing the school construction program, is intent on absolute equality as between the races. An incident which occurred not long ago illustrates the rigidity with which this rule is being applied.

OTHER STATES SLOWER

OTHER states are moving at a slower pace, but they are moving. Alabama is spending 16 million dollars on new school construction, Mississippi has just passed a law...

HIGHER TAXES NECESSARY

SOME members of the Mississippi Legislature are demanding that additional taxes be necessary to support it. The proposal is to raise the sales tax from 3 to 4 percent, to increase from 10 to 15 percent in Virginia per capita cigarette tax from four to five cents a pack...

DREW PEARSON'S Merry-Go-Round

BOTH sides in the Brownell spy expose are now limbering up their big guns for action against the other. And each is making appreciable amounts of money. The Democrats have dug up the fact that Eisenhower, while president of Columbia University, was paid \$20,000 by the Communist government of Czechoslovakia to manage the receipt of \$10,000 a year from the Communist Embassy in New York...

U.S., British Backseat Drivers Hamper French in Indochina

By JOSEPH ALSON

SAIGON, Indochina (AP)—The French and British are still fighting to stem the power of the communists in Asia. As the leader of the free world, America will not let the impact of this war in Asia end sooner than France. And a defeat here will be a major setback for the West.