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Five Votes Vs. The Power Of Reason

THE shy boots of Tar Heel politics are chortling today. They say the honeymoon may be over for Luther Hartwell Hodges.

Separation of the prison system from the State Highway Commission has been close to the governor's heart. It was called by some his major goal for 1957, the chef-d'oeuvre of his whole legislative program.

The bill of divorce was skillfully drawn. It had powerful support. In the House of Representatives it took some pummeling and suffered some alteration, but it survived.

The acid test came in the Senate. It failed.

The Committee on State Government voted 5-3 to give the measure an unfavorable report.

It was indeed a setback for Mr. Hodges. But, more important, it was a setback for reason.

Continuation of this ridiculous marriage between prisons and roads is political nonsense. It is an illogical and improper union if there ever was one.

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Well, Maybe It's Worth A Soft Chuckle

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By JOSEPH ALSOP
GAZA
IT IS still a secret in Cairo and the Western capitals; but here in the Gaza Strip it is easy enough to foresee the final stage of the transformation of the U.N. force in Egypt into a border guard, as some of the officers call it.



ville 'transformation acts,' which has radically altered the real character and purpose of the U.N. force here in the Gaza Strip and elsewhere on the demarcation line.



was forthwith appointed as civil governor and took over the administration on March 13. His appointment and authority have not yet been officially recognized by Gen. Burns. But Gen. Latif is an accomplished fact all the same.

This will be the clear result of the as yet unannounced deal that has been virtually signed and sealed between U. N. Secretary Dag Hammarskjöld and his assistant, Dr. Ralph Bunche, on the one hand, and Egypt's President Nasser, on the other.

'Haven't Laid A Hand On Her!'

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'Dulles, Dulles, Foiled And Troubled!'

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Hammarskjöld and Bunche have conceded another cardinal point to President Nasser. They have agreed that the U. N. patrols on the Israeli-Egyptian demarcation line will be accompanied by armed Palestine Police under the command of the Egyptian civil governor of the Gaza Strip, Maj. Gen. Mohammed Abdul Latif.

rather essential military privilege. In return, President Nasser has also made certain concessions. Arrangements have been made which are presumed to increase the likelihood that Egyptian border crossers will really be punished by the Egyptian authorities. Furthermore, the accord, when published, will contain a positive statement by President Nasser—the first of the sort that he has made—positively condemning Egyptian border crossings into Israeli territory.

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USE OF ARMS
The Egyptian controlled police will moreover have the right to use arms against border crossers. But the U. N. elements in the border patrols will not enjoy this

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LATIF TAKES OVER
The inevitable therefore occurred with great speed. The refugees rioted on order. The strictly non-shooting U. N. force had no means to control them. Gen. Latif

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People's Platform Were 'Witch-Hunters' To Blame For Suicide?

Monroe
AFTER Canadian Ambassador Norman committed suicide, Canadian Secretary Pearson declared it was due to "the combined effect of overwork, overstrain and the feeling of renewed persecution on a sensitive mind and a not very robust body."

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charged "It was hard to believe otherwise" than that Sen. Watkins, Johnson, Jenner, Eastland, and the other members of the subcommittee were responsible for Ambassador Norman's suicide.

nyside Rose Garden and the grounds of the Mint Museum.

The "persecution" referred to was the publication by the U. S. Internal Security Subcommittee of testimony that Mr. Norman had been linked with communism at one time.

It would be as illogical however to charge the subcommittee with responsibility in the suicide of Mr. Norman as it would be to charge the U. S. government with responsibility in the suicides of the three Hungarians.

This latest example of the liberal press' highly emotional claptrap, its lack of reason or logic, and its consistent abuse in dealing with our elected representatives who try to ferret out the truth, makes all the more urgent the burning question—why?

In addition to raising money, the tour stimulates interest in gardening. The more beautiful a city, the more it will prosper. Watch Charlotte grow—flowers. Our city is now called the Garden City of the Piedmont.

—PENNELOPE CURRIE
Publicity Chairman
Charlotte Garden Club

This testimony was made public only after Sen. Arthur Watkins had personally checked with the State Department security office and had received that department's approval for release of the testimony, and only after he and other members of the subcommittee had approved its release.

From the New York Times, which made a vicious and unsubstantiated attack on the subcommittee when it attempted to investigate communism in the Press, to The Charlotte News, which echoed that attack, the abuse has rained again.

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Whether this testimony was really one of the three factors mentioned by Mr. Pearson as being responsible for Mr. Norman's suicide may never be known, any more than whether the suicides of three Hungarian refugees were

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Those Few-And-Far-Between Potations

NORTH CAROLINA dries frequently complain the General Assembly is indifferent to their pleas. Perhaps they should ring up Sen. Henry Vann of Sampson who has proposed adoption of a 16-line official state toast. Sixteen count 'em, 16 sopped-in-sentiment lines such as these:

Neath the murmuring pines of the Old North State!
Here's to the land where maidens are fair
Where friends are true and cold hearts rare
The near land, the dear land what-fore we love!

Here's to the land of the cotton bloom white
Where the scuppernon perfumes the breeze at night,
Where the soft southern moss and jessamine mate,

Sen. Vann's proposal probably will pass. It is in the grand tradition of what the governor of North Carolina said to the governor of South Carolina, to wit: "It's a long time between drinks."

The Sensible People Have No Poets

April is the cruelest month. IN THAT definition T. S. Eliot is poet for philosophers and for sensitive-souled galley slaves in kitchens and offices as well.

Saturdays should suddenly turn up, wanting to hire out on the warm days. Why dogs come running, somersaulting and trying to please whenever he steps out the back door.

But in between the lofty truth seekers and girls giddily dreaming April dreams, there is a very large group of eminently sensible people who have no poet. They think—wrongly—that a hardy sense of proportion is protection enough against the pitfalls and terrible portents that April hides behind her frilly skirts.

Why the family demands to be taken on aimless Sunday drives. Why he was beamed by a leather-covered object while making innocent passage across a diamond-shaped section of a public park.

Thus the sensible man thinks it is just as safe to sit on a park bench during April as on a warm day in December. He never quite understands why people laugh at him, nor why the wet paint sign wasn't posted where he could see it. Nor does he think before commenting approvingly on the single tulip he planted last fall in response to a wifely demand for a spot of spring color in the lawn. Thus he is quite taken aback when his wife exclaims: "Oh, wouldn't you like to plant just acres and acres of them?"

Having no poet, the sensible man doesn't believe there is anything special about April.

There are some other things he doesn't quite understand:

He thinks it is simply that everyone has gone slightly crazy, and that he must bear with them until they come to their senses. He has observed that they always do—that after a few weeks of daffiness, the park benches are safe and reliable, the wife forgets about planting tulips and wants to buy an air conditioner, people take the grubby little flowers out of their button holes, the neighbor boy survives his sudden excess of ambition, the dogs lie quiet in the shade, the family fire of Sunday drives and the boys on the baseball diamond have developed such control that he can walk across the basepaths without getting clobbered.

Why his fellow human beings wear grubby little flowers in their lapels and go about sniffing their wifed fragrance.

Maybe the sensible man doesn't need a poet after all.

Why the neighbor boy who watched him cut his lawn all those sullen wintry

measure of human conduct.

'As Usual, I Shall Not Criticize Anybody'

Herbert Norman, Canadian ambassador to the U. S., committed suicide. The cause was attributed to "the combined effect of overwork, overstrain and the feeling of renewed persecution on a sensitive mind and a not very robust body."

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A Quick Check

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From The St. Louis Post-Dispatch

DENISE DEEVER

IN what seems, at its clearest, a cryptic gesture, the British Army has announced to the House of Commons that it will no longer buy panties for the Women's Royal Army Corps. Mr. Chetwind, a Labor member, wanted sarcastically to know whether "this decision to deprive the women's services of their underclothing" is part of your recruiting campaign? War Secretary Hare replied, with that dignity for which the British have been notable through the centuries, that "we have given the ladies the right to buy the underclothing for themselves."

events in the Army he so often hymned. Perhaps it would be about a WRAC named Denise Deever, who is no more regardless of fickle fashion...
For they're stoppin' buyin' panties for the Women's Royal Corps.
They used to do it always, but they stopped it now.
They took off the huge expenses that the British Army bore,
An' they're stoppin' buyin' panties in the mornin'.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

THOUGH American bins are overflowing with surplus wheat, the State Department has told Polish negotiators bluntly to go to Canada for the wheat they need to feed hungry Poland. Under the law, Secretary of State Dulles must certify that Poland is a friendly nation before it can be eligible to receive surplus food. This is a debatable point. Strong argument can be made that the people of Poland are friendly, and even that the government of Poland, though still Communist, wants to be friendly.

No U. S. Wheat For Hungry Poland

in Washington. If the delegation comes home without Western aid, it will throw Poland upon Moscow's mercy and probably destroy the present moderate government.

Food Needed

The Poles asked Washington for \$300 million in aid. The State Department offered only a tenth of the request—\$30 million. After prolonged negotiations, the offer was finally raised to \$75 million.

Kennedy Vs. McCarthy

Mop-haired Bob Kennedy, chief counsel to the Senate Rackets Committee, has broken with the man who brought him to Capitol Hill—Sen. Joe McCarthy.

Under The Dome

Many congressmen deny reports that voters are demanding more budget-pruning. They report little change in their mood. The Secretary of the Senate Humphreys' scare talk about a depression has given a field day to the Chamber of Commerce, which proposes a proposed social welfare program and foreign aid is now footing Congress regarding the budget.

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Dulles, however, is worried about political reaction at home if he supports the Poles. Yet, at the same time, he doesn't want them to go back empty-handed.

He also doesn't want to turn the Poles down publicly, because

Later, McCarthy got embroiled in a hassle over his Senate absences. In the heat of the debate, he announced that he had been busy investigating Kennedy's investigator.

Angry Outburst

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