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People's Platform

Has Mount Sinai Been Moved To Tar Heelia?

Charlotte.
Editors, The News:
UNTIL I read of Sen. Wilbur Jolly's proposed amendment to the "sterilization law," I had no idea that the good Lord had

moved Mt. Sinai over to Franklin County, North Carolina.
Mr. Jolly proposed:
"Proof that a woman has given birth out of wedlock to two children, not twins, shall be prima

facie (guilt) evidence that such woman is feeble-minded."
Pharaoh of Egypt and Herod of old Judea proscribed only the "male child" and the "first born."

Neither of them dared go as far as Wilbur Jolly of Franklin. And the crowning impertinence: Hundreds of women being directed to the mutilation block under the law written by a man named Jolly. "Indeed, And what about the males? How about mutilating them? Did they not have an equal share in the establishment of the problem of "illegitimacy"?

Which reminds me of the time a delegation of irate citizens (males, of course) called on Mayor William G. Goyens of New York and demanded that he forthwith send from the city all the "loose" women. Goyens looked his audience over, and said: "Gentlemen, if I were to chase all these women out of the city tomorrow, fellows would make \$1,000,000 new ones during the next fiscal year."
If Mr. Jolly were either historian or philosopher he would know that "illegitimate babies" are not "made" by "welfare funds." There were illegitimate children even before the first established charity in ancient China.

And what if the next "illegitimate child" turned out to be an orphan Leonardo Da Vinci, the man of "The Last Supper." He was "illegitimate" and Joan of Arc, the patron saint of all the people who have kind hearts and gentle souls, and who carried her banner proudly beside her colleagues arms. Jean Duvois, Bastard of Orleans.

In all seriousness, however, the history of human progress has been the long march toward the dignity of the human spirit, although there have been serious breaks along the way. One quite recently, the tenth article of the laws passed at Nuremberg by the Lords of Hitler was concerned with the sterilization of the "unfit."

Let us hope we can save Mr. Jolly from this foolishness. I am sure that once he gets out from under that senatorial dome, he would be just the kind of fellow you'd like to be stranded with in a Pullman smoking car. His name continues to fascinate me. It was a name for neither Nuremberg or Sinai.

We know positively from the records left us by all previous generations of man that the number of "illegitimate" children goes down as "self-esteem" goes up, and this precious commodity—"self-esteem"—is achieved only by a hope for a brighter future, a future made bright by the prospects of less taxation, less inflation, and of course, less poverty.

But let us be fair with Mr. Jolly. So that his standing shall not be considered a total loss, let him propose an amendment to eliminate all welfare payments to the mothers of "illegitimate" children. This would give him the relief he seeks and transfer the problem from the Burning of Mt. Sinai to the Budget Committee of the General Assembly where it properly belongs. If at the end of the first year of "welfare-free" payments, there are less "illegitimate" babies, I promise to buy Mr. Jolly a copy of John Locke's "Fundamental Constitutions for the Carolinas," upon which this great free society rests.

—BARRY GOLDEN
Editor
The Carolina Israelite

Jaypees To Remain 12 Centuries More
Charlotte
Editors, The News:
THERE are only five justices of the peace in Charlotte. If you think they are reaping a harvest, spend one week in my office. Many cases are dismissed with no cost. That is a complete relief when the constant expense of rent, lights, advertising, stationery, etc.

There is not a decent living for a Jaypee. If he (Sen. Perry Martin of Northampton who proposes that the Jaypees of the fee system) will pay all the expenses, I will gladly give him the profit. If the legislature listened to him, his law would require 40 Jaypees in Charlotte—all to be paid salaries, furnished offices, secretaries, stationery, regardless of how little business they do. And I will be truthful. I could sit back, take the little business that comes in, crack jokes, entertain friends and draw my salary, and a deputy would have to be paid to help me entertain them.

As Jaypee offices are now conducted, no one pays any taxes to pay the Jaypee, his deputy and other expenses. The Jaypee pays all his expenses and has to pay taxes out of his small earnings. Did anyone ever see or know of a wealthy Jaypee? If you do, trot him out. I would like to extend the glad hand to a wise old Jaypee.

Jaypees are usually like the 78-year-old writer who established a Jaypee office as a place to hang out until God sent me to call them in. These belly-achers about Jaypees are usually birds who got caught spending and hates anyone who made them pay for it. The Jaypees in Charlotte do not try traffic violations.

The magistrate's office known as Justice of the Peace was inaugurated in the 18th century and will be here in the 32nd century.

Our lawmakers are not going to tax the citizens to please any one man or some sore-heads lawyer that cannot make a living and wants to be a lazy judge in a small claims court at a big salary at the expense of the taxpayers. A good lawyer would not have it.

—WILLIAM C. MCINTIRE
Justice of the Peace

Solons Discourteous To Local Delegation
Charlotte
Editors, The News:
I WAS one of the group to go to Raleigh last week in the interest of the annexation bill. I am very much interested even though everything is made to sound as if we are in the wrong. But what really worries me as much as the bill is the attitude of three of our representatives down there. I thought when we had the trouble to take a person into office he would appreciate it enough to at least act interested in bills being discussed.

These three were very attentive while the discussion of annexation was on, but as soon as our side came up they sat and read newspapers. One of them was sitting almost in front of the speaker.

I feel this is an insult to any person and common courtesy would have prevented them from doing so. They were not even going to consider our side at all, and I am truly disappointed in them, and glad to know next time they do not to vote for.

—MRS. L. J. BOLLINGER
Give Channel 9 A Warm Welcome
Rock Hill, S. C.
Editors, The News:
ONLY a few more days and we can dial our TV sets to Channel 9. Citizens of Charlotte surrounding the area should hang high their flags, sound the trumpets and sing huzzahs for the most persevering and most energetic of us who are in the fight—erle in the Carolinas.

Plucky Earl Gluck, Larry Walker and their associates deserve the plauds of all and sundry. I wonder how many businessmen would have fought on with might and main as these illustrious gentlemen did. How many years has it been since the applications were filed for the second channel in Charlotte? It goes way back. Has it been seven, eight or nine years?

But backed with the good wishes of their fellow Carolinians, a steady record of fine public service over their WSOB radio station, these men put their money on the line, tightened their belts and took on all comers. Good luck to the new channel and though we will get more TV mayhem, commercials and peep-shows here and there, new worth waiting up for, we welcome another TV station.

—RAD MEMPHIS
Choice Of Risks
The formulation of policy involves the choice between alternative risks. There are risks of inaction as well as risks of action. But the greatest risk is complacency. Foreign policy must be continually adapted to the facts of the changing present and the prospect of the future. Final report of the Tenth American Assembly, Harriman, N. Y., Nov. 18.

Arrogant Senate Defies The People

FOR 36 years the General Assembly has stood in defiance of the Constitution of the sovereign state of North Carolina.
For that many years it has refused to obey constitutional provisions for proportional representation of the people in the House and Senate. But this week—in a fit of arrogance—the Senate not only renewed its disobedience of the Constitution: It actually had the effrontery to revive an attempt, already defeated by the people at the polls, to legalize that disobedience. On Thursday, the body withdrew its attempt to limit all counties to one senator each rather than to deal justly with the counties—Mecklenburg and Guilford—entitled under the Constitution to two senators each. But the withdrawal does not erase the arrogance the Senate displayed in its shameful session Wednesday.

It is no longer possible to excuse the Senate's disobedience of the Constitution as pure shiftlessness or shortsightedness. Mecklenburg's Sen. Bell and Guilford's Kirkman made the issue crystal clear. They appealed to the Senate's honor, honesty and integrity. They showed that every consideration—moral and political—argued for obedience to the Constitution. They proved that the Weathers Commission plan for legislative reapportionment actually would provide new safeguards for rural areas already over-represented in the General Assembly.

The Senate's response was to wreck the Weathers plan and go beyond that

into defiance of the people by voting for a measure the people already had rejected.

The Senate action left no visible hope for reapportionment now or in the future. The smaller counties made it clear that they regard possession as the law, whatever the Constitution says to the contrary. They possess control of the Assembly. They do not intend to let anything diminish that control.

The fact that a citizen in Mecklenburg has only one-twentieth the voting power in the Senate and one-thirtieth in the House doesn't matter.

The fact that Mecklenburg which has one-twentieth of the population, but has only one-fiftieth of the representation in the Senate and one-thirtieth in the House doesn't matter.

The fact that Mecklenburg pays one-tenth of the state's taxes doesn't matter. The fact that a small county like Franklin gets back from the state \$2.38 for every tax dollar it pays in while Mecklenburg gets back only 38 cents from each of its tax dollars doesn't matter.

Nothing matters except the possession of power—illegal, unjust and undemocratic though it may be. The Senate has done a disservice to itself and to the State of North Carolina. But even though it has again defeated reapportionment, it cannot rest easy. The public schools are still teaching American history.

UCS Agencies Must Toe The Line

THE family quarrel inside United Community Services over the operation of the Charlotte Rescue Mission is regrettable to say the least. But the community can still salvage a lesson in social responsibility from the embers of pride and pique which have glowed so savagely all week.

The Rescue Mission has performed a useful public service. It has rendered timely help to the helpless. Its intentions are undoubtedly honorable.

At the same time, considerable evidence has been presented to indicate that managerial, operational inefficiency and questionable administrative procedures have seriously hampered the agency's program.

The Rescue Mission has been requested to conform to standards set up for all UCS member agencies. It has been unwilling or unable to do so to the satisfaction of UCS.

Finally, an audit of the Rescue Mission's books by the Charlotte accounting firm of Dombart and Co. has revealed apparent instances of mismanagement.

These matters cannot be taken lightly by UCS or by the people of Mecklenburg County who contribute to the support of all United Appeal agencies by a single annual donation.

The member agencies must toe the line. They must earn the public's confidence by operating strictly in accordance of sound management and administrative efficiency. They must be above suspicion.

If they falter, if they grow lax and careless, they do harm not only to themselves but to the whole cause of federated fundraising.

As UCS President Stanford Brookshire emphasized yesterday, UCS holds a public trust in the administration of United Appeal funds for the health, welfare and recreational needs of this community. It is the clear duty of UCS and all of its member agencies to see that these funds are used wisely and efficiently.

We are convinced that the Rescue Mission can render broad and valuable services as a UCS member if it will reverse its decision to withdraw and decide instead to put its house in order. It need only submit to the same standards of efficiency, economy and good administration applicable to all UCS agencies. Those standards are both necessary and reasonable.

If the Rescue Mission is not willing to respond favorably to the conditions of UCS membership, there is no logical place for it in the organization.

'Man, Listen To That Beat'



End Of A Honeymoon

Byrd Probes The Bankers
By DORIS FLEESON

WASHINGTON
BETWEEN SPEAKER Rayburn calling for a tax cut and Sen. Harry Byrd of Virginia heading an investigation of the administration's tight money policy, the honeymoon of Treasury Secretary George Humphrey, is definitely over.

The Senate Finance Committee of which Byrd is chairman voted unanimously for the money probe which many Democrats in the Senate and House long have wanted. Now the question is how the southern conservative from Virginia really feels about the present rise in the cost of carrying the na-

Byrd Probes The Bankers

tion being them down. The rest of us can soothe some of the rabble out of the bushes, but Byrd can give us the kind of investigation the importance of the problem demands.

It has been clear for some time that some way, somehow, Democrats were determined to have an investigation of tight money. An effort by Speaker Rayburn to put in the hands of a House committee headed by Rep. Wright Patman of Texas failed, when southerners bolted the Speaker leadership. The bill has been called a southern pay-off to Republican conservatives for GOP support on the civil rights issue.

The turning point in Byrd's thinking about the matter seems to have been reached last week when the ranking Democrat on Finance, Sen. Robert S. Kerr of Oklahoma, cross-examined Treasury Undersecretary Randolph Burgess.

SELF-MADE MEN
Byrd and Kerr are self-made men who have made a great deal of money and they greatly respect each other's knowledge in this field. On major other matters, they split. Kerr going left and Byrd to the far right.

Kerr possesses the art of translating complicated matters into simple language. When he took over the Burgess questioning he developed that the Treasury is now paying one billion two hundred million dollars more interest on only 30 per cent of the public debt than was being paid in the last year of the Truman administration.

That part of the public debt structure is all the Eisenhower part; the other 70 per cent he inherited. The entire debt must of course eventually be refinanced. Kerr was able to demonstrate that the re-financing of the remainder is done under the Humphrey-Burgess system, servicing the debt would cost \$4 billion dollars more annually than it did in the last Truman year.

Whatever Became Of Individualism?

INDIVIDUALISM as a distinguishing trait of the model American man can now take its place under glass in the Museum of Natural History.

We have long suspected its decline and fall but the fact had never been brought so forcefully home as it was today when we picked out copy of TIME, the weekly newsmagazine. There is an item therein on Sylvester L. (Pat) Weaver, ex boss of NBC, who used to be considered the No. 1 individualist of U.S. radio's top brass. No more. He is identified as the "one-man Groupthinker."

It was inevitable, we suppose, that Groupthinking should become the newest and most fashionable form of intellectual expression but we are not too happy about it. Jose Ortega y Gasset warned the West years ago of the com-

ing of the Mass Man. His definition of mass, however, was "conmoplace."

The trend has been downhill to mediocrity ever since conformity became a thing of extreme virtue in the United States. The trouble is that conformity tends to crush everything that is different, individual and selective.

We are not for the individualism of the great cats, but we are against the conformity of the beehive and the ant-hill.

We rather like the old intellectual tradition of exuberant humanism—what Taine called the "classic spirit"—where the mind is committed yet dispassionate, ready to stand alone, curious, eager, independent.

Group thinking leaves us cold.

From The Raleigh News & Observer

THE UNSUNG MULE

THE unusual qualities of countless animals have been celebrated in song, poetry, and legend. We know all about the horse's common sense, the cat's remarkable anatomy, the cunning of the fox, the bird's gift of song, and the cow's daily blessing to diet. And in stirring, purple rhetoric, the late Senator Vester immortalized the faithful dog. But strangely enough the obvious wonders of the magnificent mule remains unheralded. It is high time that something be done about this ignoble omission.

The shamefully maligned mule enters the world a bastard and an Ishmaelite, denied the inspiration of ancestry and the hope of posterity. And yet he is man's most dependable servant, and he remarkably emulates man's intelligence. When the dinner bell rings, the mule stops to be unhitched. He is always known when to stop. When he is tired, no matter where he is, he will stop to rest. When he is overloaded he abruptly declines to pull, and when he is whipped to go faster, he always slows down before he injures his breathing organs. No matter how hungry he is and no matter

what is placed before him, he never eats too much, and all the pressure of thirst can't make him overdrink. He is a supreme master at health conservation.

The famers are fond of this saying: "Whoever saw a dead mule?" The hospital and morgue are as familiar with men who broke all the rules of temperance to which the mule steadfastly clings. If a horse catches his foot in a wire fence he gets so wrought up that he tears his leg to bits. But the wise old mule stands defiantly until a man comes along to extricate him. The mule is a wonderful teacher, and it seems almost a pity that the tractor has come along to make him become increasingly extinct.

Atomic irradiation, scientists tell us, can result in genealogical throwbacks. Don't let your brother get too close to a nuclear laboratory or you may be a monkey's uncle.—NEW ORLEANS STATES.

Weeks have passed since an airplane overtook its own bullets. But no one has yet flown southward.—LAUREL (Miss.) LEADER-CALL.



SEC. HUMPHREY Is Tight Money...



SEN. BYRD ... Policy Doomed?

SEC. HUMPHREY Is Tight Money...
national debt. Does he share the view that it represents a special privilege for the bankers but is bad for everyone else?

Byrd's choice of counsel and his conduct of the investigation will yield the answers. He has a wide-open resolution and he can conduct an investigation reaching as far as he likes. His stature as a fiscal conservative will protect him from attacks on his motives to which most other Democrats would be subjected.

As one senator neatly put it: "If there are bears in the mulberry tree in this area, Harry Byrd

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON
THE complex maze of statements, Senate speeches, and diplomatic notes fired back and forth in the case of the Canadian ambassador's suicide make it extremely difficult to know just who is telling the truth.

Truth in this case is particularly important because it involves relations with two important nations: 1. Canada, perhaps our most vital neighbor; 2. Ireland, another strong friend, to which Scott McLeod has just been appointed ambassador.

Probe Asked
McLeod is in charge of the State Department office which allegedly approved release of the data on Canadian Ambassador Norman, as a result of which some opposition to his appointment has arisen in Ireland. Sen. Neuberger (D-Ore) has asked for an investigation.

One question is whether McLeod and

Eastland Tries To Cover His Tracks

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Meddling Charged
In addition, Canada charges that he was meddling in her affairs by trying to decide whether she should have as ambassador to Egypt.

Just what is the truth? Sen. Eastland of Mississippi denies the above. Defending his Internal Security subcommittee on the Senate floor, he said: "There were two hearings held. They were not investigations of Ambassador Norman, but of persons in our State Department."

Not Proved
The record does not bear this out. It shows that State Department personnel, namely John K. Emerson of the U.S.

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Star Chamber
It was a star chamber proceeding similar to an official finding by a committee of the British House of Commons that our ambassador to Egypt, Raymond Hare, was a Communist.

The State Department denied that it had ever approved publication of the record on Ambassador Norman, claiming only the testimony of John Emerson

was released. It's difficult, however, to see how the two could be separated.

The Senate Security subcommittee issued a statement. "The transcript was cleared for publication by the State Department." Later, senators withdrew this statement.

H Hoover's Comment
J. Edgar Hoover issued a statement: "The FBI has not made available to the Senate Security subcommittee any reports or files or information pertaining to the case of Ambassador Norman." The Senate subcommittee asked the State Department to get the Norman report from the FBI, the FBI gave it to the State Department, and the State Department then gave it to the Senate subcommittee.

In the Truman administration, raw FBI files withheld from congressional committees.