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Let's Not Confuse The Responsibility

TWO points ought to be made clear about Thomaboro's water crisis. One is that the city has no responsibility to provide water to the area either now or in the immediate future.

principal family, Charlotte certainly ought to be willing, with Councilman Herbert Baxter, to go the second mile to help people."

A Jury Box Must Be Filled With Care

IN THE wake of reports that a state law has been violated recently in the selection of local juries, the skirts of Mecklenburg justice seem to be just a bid dingy. It should go without saying that all applicable laws must be observed scrupulously in filling the jury box.

The law itself seems to have mixed merits. Some attorneys feel that its observance would discourage use of "professional" jurors who by sitting too frequently in the jury box form strong likes and dislikes for counsel themselves.

The Secrecy Bug Bites Everybody

WHEN the Commission on Government Security proposed jailing newsmen who publish information labeled secret or top secret, the congressional reaction was a mixture of resentment and silence.

particular commission proposal was encouraging. Some members rose to declare strongly for the utmost freedom of information.

King Solomon Couldn't Hold This Job

KING Solomon was wiser than all other men, the Bible says. He uttered 3,000 proverbs and wrote 1,005 songs.

to appoint on any official committees men who maintain harem.

From The Greensboro Daily News

OPERATION BIRD-LIFT

NOT all tragedy is confined to human beings. Take, for instance, the case of the three little vireos which fortunately, it now appears, had a happy ending.

Meanwhile Mr. and Mrs. Vireo were frantic. The little vireos, wee bits of partly feathered bird life and mostly mouth, just about cheeped out. They obviously had been hatched only a short time and thus had neither the strength nor the know-how to leave their nest.

We were having some trees taken down around the place, and the crew had gotten around to a hickory just off the back porch. It never was a pretty thing to behold; and more recently it had grown to the point where its branches extended over the roof and its falling leaves and nuts constantly stopped up the gutters.

So the transfer was made. Not a vireo was touched; the delicately constructed nest was scarcely jarred. The tree-man came within it, climbed the nearby gum, picked up a safe, settled down to the routine which had ruled in the now felled hickory.

It was a great source of joy and food for the squirrels. But we had no idea any other wildlife depended upon it until one of the workmen, chopping off branches preliminary to topping, called down: "Hey, there's a nest up here. Whatcha gonna do about it?"

It was all a matter of minutes but tragedy had been averted; gentleness and compassion had found a way and everybody felt better, even though the squirrels did seem to sense what was going on and watched glumly as the branches on which they had so recently been cavorting were dragged away, green hickory nuts and all, to the mounting brush heap.

Somebody had to make a decision. The vireo was already partly dismembered, but one of us, including the boss of the household, the querying workman and the children of the neighborhood who had gathered to watch the operations, wanted to disturb the little vireos or interfere with their homelife.

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The guilty look on her husband's face is usually the key that unlocks a wife's intuition.—WALL STREET JOURNAL.

The 'Catching Up' Begins

Mr. Khrushchev Will Prevail

By WALTER LIPPMANN

THE PURGE of Molotov and the five other high Soviet officials has been made public in two stages. In the first, there was an official communique which charged them with opposing the reforms which have been in effect since the death and degradation of Stalin.

self the leader of a faction in a state where factionalism is a crime, is treason against the sacred deposit of Leninism and the laws of the revolution. Molotov has, says the communique, been "at variance with the party line," which means not merely that he has voted against it but that he has been conspiring against the party.

opposition to Khrushchev has been formidable, we can be reasonably certain that for some time to come Khrushchev's new policies will prevail. He will prevail, to govern the Soviet Union not, of course, with the active consent of all its people but, with sufficient support to favor to win their passive assent. He believes he can do this, as he said on Saturday in a speech at Leningrad: by catching up with the United States of America — not in its constitutional development but in industrial production per capita of population and in the production of meat, milk and butter.

SEN. RICHARD RUSSELL Choosing The Ground

South Holds Top Cards In Rights Fight

By DORIS FLEESON

A CLOUD has been cast over the civil rights debate by the charge of highly respected southerners that Attorney General Herbert Brownell was guilty of deliberate deception in the pending legislation.

ALL OPPOSITION Thus in domestic affairs Molotov has opposed the policy of appeasing the national feelings of the constituent republics. He has been opposed to the decentralization of the industrial machine. He has been opposed to offering the peasants greater economic rewards, and he has been opposed to the agrarian policy which aims at more production of milk, butter and eggs.

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The southerners have scored heavily at the civil rights catching President Eisenhower off base. The President admitted his distress over what he claimed was in the hands of the courts. There were some phrases in it he himself did not understand.

PRIMITIVE THEORY The official explanation of the purge is plausible enough if we read it within the framework of the primitive political theory that a disagreement on important matters can be solved only when the losing faction has been destroyed. It is a recent and very advanced idea that there can be, indeed that there ought to be, such a thing as a loyal opposition.

In foreign policy, Molotov "showed narrow-mindedness and hampered in every way" measures "to erase international tensions." He opposed the Austrian Treaty. He opposed the "normalization" of relations with Japan. He opposed improved relations with Tito. He opposed the good will missions which Bulganin and Khrushchev have been making to foreign countries.

What he did not seem to realize was that he could not afford to let an impression gain ground that his attorney general was trying any fancy footwork on this intractable issue. The President failed to defend Brownell strongly against any such imputation and still has not done so.

At the level of policy, Khrushchev's complaint against Molotov is that he has become a narrow-minded and cantankerous old fogey. As such he has made himself

LACKS STANDING

The result is that the opening stages of the debate find Brownell — the man who wrote the bill and will be charged with enforcing it — deeply on the defensive. And the trouble is that he does not have that standing and popularity in the Senate which would rally able defenders to his side.

'It's Not That We Like You Less'



The reverse is true. Senators are not impressed by Brownell's legal attainments, and many of them resent what they regard as his high political conduct of his office. He has paid heavily here and elsewhere for his early attack on the loyalty of former President Truman.

Statue Of Calhoun Should Come Alive

Editors, The News: I ENCLOSE a copy of a letter I have sent Hon. Paul Douglas, U. S. Senator from Illinois. I feel very strongly about this and would appreciate your printing this note in The News.

People's Platform

is generally denied the right to vote. I have been active in behalf of good government in Mecklenburg County for many years, and I assure you that all of our citizens are urged to vote by secret ballot at every election. Our trouble here is the general apathy toward voting at all.

RELATED ISSUES

It is difficult for a layman to judge the merits of the southern idea that the Senate should be reformed. Senator B. Russell of Georgia, Samuel J. Ervin Jr. of North Carolina and others are only too ready to commit him firmly about its effect on such related issues as school desegregation.

Unwritten Rule

Congressman John J. Rhodes (R-Ariz.) has run afoul of an unwritten rule of the House of Representatives whereby congressmen refrain from criticizing the poor harvest so projected by the Ben English Common Law proclaimed by Lord Coke, Blackstone and Thomas Jefferson, that the right

of trial by jury was purged and became one of the pillars of our constitution. It is coupled with the presumption of one's innocence until proven guilty and this presumption of innocence follows the accused until the weight of evidence to the contrary is so great that the jury overcomes it. What a guarantee of liberty we have in the right of trial by jury, for without it we would go back to the law of the Caesars of Rome. It must ever be preserved as the bedrock of American justice.

Sold On Peace

In another report, Bohlen expressed the conviction that the Russian people had become so sold on peace that it would take intensive propaganda for their leaders in the Kremlin to convert them. This is the view that the Ben English leaders in the Kremlin were convinced modern war would be so suicidal to both sides that no one would wish to see Russia's future lie in a peaceful though victorious struggle to control men's minds.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

SOME weeks before he left Moscow, Ambassador Chip Bohlen reported to the State Department that he had connected this with industry and domestic economy, predicted that because of this inner turmoil there was no prospect of war with Russia for many years to come.

People-To-People

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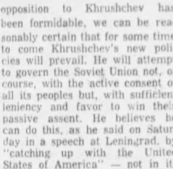
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SEN. JOHN SPARKMAN Aid Plea Lost

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Here are the ways the new legislation may help you: You can buy a house with less cash if your bank is willing to accept the new minimum downpayment required by the Federal Housing Administration. The FHA takes the risk out of lending by promising the bank to pay your mortgage if you don't. In exchange for this insurance, the FHA makes certain demands upon the bank giving out the loan, including how much the minimum downpayment must be.

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The old minimum downpayment for an FHA-insured loan was 5 per cent of the first \$9,000 of the house's appraised value and 25 per cent of the rest. The new minimum downpayment is 3 per cent on the first \$10,000, 15 per cent on the next \$2,000 and 20 per cent on the rest. So the new minimum downpayment on an \$18,000 house would be \$1,200 instead of \$2,700. The highest mortgage FHA will insure is \$20,000.

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In some areas, builders put up FHA-approved houses selling for less than \$10,000. The minimum downpayment on these homes, usually in outlying areas, is now 5 per cent instead of 3 per cent of the appraised value. The maximum mortgage the FHA will insure on these homes was increased from \$6,650 to \$8,000.

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The bill may increase your chance of getting a home mortgage in today's tight money market. For the thing your banker may have an easier time selling his FHA and GI mortgages to the general public. As a result, he will have more money to lend. The legislation enables the Federal National Mortgage Assn. to buy up an additional \$650 million worth of FHA and GI mortgages (see page 1).

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The maximum construction cost for public housing was raised from \$1,750 to \$2,000 a room for regular units and from \$2,250 to \$2,500 a room for units built specifically for elderly persons.

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There is more federal money available for slum clearance. The bill added another \$30 million to the nearly exhausted \$900 million fund for slum clearance and urban renewal. Your state's maximum size of slum clearance fund was raised from 10 per cent to 12 1/2 per cent of the total amount available. The bill also gives your city a choice of having the government pay either two-thirds or three-fourths of the slum clearance project. The three-fourths formula disallows some expenses that the two-thirds formula includes. The federal slum clearance money is a grant; it does not have to be repaid.

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Additional federal aid for the elderly, veterans and families of deceased income were in a Senate bill pushed by Chairman John J. Sparkman (D-Ala.) of the Senate Banking & Currency Committee, but were eliminated in a House-Senate conference on the legislation.

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The perennial controversy over how many public housing units should be authorized by the government was sidestepped this year. The 1956 housing bill provided for 35,000 units a year for two years, so that pace was unchanged by the 1957 legislation.

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