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## Editorial Correspondence

### Hate, Loneliness & Hopeless Humans Crowd The Refugee Camps Of Jordan

By CECIL PRINCE  
Editor, The News

IF YOU cherish any naive platitudes about man's natural desire to rise above his fate and achieve contentment and dignity in unpromising surroundings, stay away from the Arab refugee camps. You will be disillusioned.

To the average refugee today the future is a bucket of ashes—as cold and dead as the past.

But that does not stop him from reflecting angrily today on the hopelessness of tomorrow and from yielding to impotent rage.

NO ONE camp is quite like another. You have to visit many to get a firm and accurate picture of this new kind of living death for a million Palestine refugees.

Actually, the dreadfulness of their situation is more psychological and spiritual than physical. Some camps—like the new one at Amman—are reasonably neat and clean, with rows of standardized cement block houses and many community facilities provided by UNRWA (United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees). But there are other camps which resist all help offered and prefer to suffer in the most terrible filth.

Most camps are somewhere between these two extremes. But this middle ground is not at all pleasant. It is what it can be it is not enough. It is tragically short of funds.

Most of the tents have disappeared by now but the huts which have replaced them are barely fit for human habitation. UNRWA provides a ration of 500 calories a day in summer, 1,600 in winter. Babies under a year old get an additional milk ration of 9 calories a day. Extra rations are also available for children, pregnant and nursing mothers, and sick persons under a doctor's recommendation. Health, education and rehabilitation services are also available, but they are extremely limited.

All of this is done on seven cents a day per refugee. It cost 70 cents a day to keep a prisoner of war during the Korean war.

THE new camp at Amman is regarded as "model" in Jordan. It was built for 7,000. Today it houses more than 11,000. The cement block huts contain no lights, no water, no heat. They stand as stark, standardized monuments to human hopelessness.

In Jordan, the refugees work, if they can, to supplement their bleak existence. This is possible here because Jordan is giving the refugees full citizenship. Other Arab states have been reluctant to extend the rights of citizenship—and even the right of the refugees to work. But work is scarce, even in Jordan. Most of the refugees will not or cannot find anything to do. They merely sit. They stare into space. They listen to the agitators. They nurture their resentment.

"Even the young seem to know nothing but longing and hate," said one camp official this week. "Sometimes you will give a boy a book and he will rip it to pieces. Sit him at a desk and in two or three days he will find a way to smash it. I have seen them throw food into the faces of their benefactors when they are starving."

Only the small children—like small children everywhere—seem to be com-

## People's Platform

**Southern Pines**  
**THE** action of the State Board of Medical Examiners in attempting to force the resignation of doctors out of North Carolina is not new. As a member of the North Carolina Hospitals Board of Control since 1949, I have witnessed numerous similar efforts in individual instances.

**The Alcoholic Rehabilitation Center** at Butler was the brainchild of one of these forebore doctors. It is now nationally recognized as outstanding, and various other states have patterned theirs after it. This particular doctor could speak five languages fluently and his ability to speak English was considerably above average. He joined his wife at Yale University to assist in their program of summer studies and they offered him an improved position there. Out of loyalty he stayed with the North Carolina program. He passed the State Board examinations and was admitted to practice medicine in Ohio and Florida, and North Carolina has reciprocated with Ohio. The North Carolina Board of Medical Examiners insisted that he attend a Medical School here before he could take a position at the University of North Carolina. He is licensed in North Carolina. He now heads the State Alcoholic Rehabilitation Program in Florida at a higher salary than his former superiors in North Carolina are paid.

**When Dr. Defferre** says that these foreign-born doctors are substandard he impugns the judgment of the governing boards and staffs of the institutions using them. Dr. Defferre is right, when these persons who are judged to be impugners should be replaced by others who agree with him. And how does Dr. Defferre justify the position of his board in permitting these doctors to practice here for the past ten years? "Substandard" is worse than no care at all," as he now says.

The record speaks for itself. The successful treatment program at the North Carolina institutions is no better than it has ever been, but a review of records compares very favorably with other states on a national level. The statements and action of Dr. Defferre and his board are based on personal opinions and prejudices which cannot be justified by facts and records.

**JOHN S. RUGGLES**  
 Chairman, N. C. Alcoholic Rehabilitation Program

**How Can Ike Just Sit Idly By?**

**Editors, The News:**  
 MAY I read with highest esteem the letter in Saturday's News. It expressed what I believe to be the thoughts of the majority of the American public. Titled, "Expensive Fashion in Clever Foreign Forces," it was an excellent summary of the GOP administration! Truly the President is a general and a genius in various military techniques but the sooner the better he realizes that it is doing no one any good except themselves to surround himself with a group of men who care less for the welfare and happiness of the American people than they do for their own democratic form of government in Moscow!

**How can a man who has accomplished so very much during his lifetime and whose character seems to well above the word "freedom" sit by as our leader, our spokesman, and our Chief Executive, and watch every idea our forefathers of this great country were known for dissolved into nothing?**

How can the Commander-in-Chief of all our forces stand and watch one of his boys be stripped of all the seemingly justified rights of an American soldier in Japan—who would not have been there had it not been the wish of the ruling body of our nation—and was certainly by no fault of his own sent to a foreign country to help protect the people who were not sending him to a foreign country, not thinking him important enough to even bother with?

How can he idly watch a man, named Chief Justice Warren, and his colleagues issue final answers concerning everything from military trials to integration—seeing them as unfair as they could be?

**WASHINGTON**  
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possibly lie—and yet not daring to correct or call any of their so-called "decisions?"

So continues the drama. A man, our President—the supporting actors, his Cabinet—sit back while the extras, the American public, wonder. Yes, our America is growing stronger, more powerful, and greater every day—but are the people, at the same time, losing their individuality, are we being robbed of our independence of everybody and everything except theirs after it. This particular doctor could speak five languages fluently and his ability to speak English was considerably above average. He joined his wife at Yale University to assist in their program of summer studies and they offered him an improved position there. Out of loyalty he stayed with the North Carolina program. He passed the State Board examinations and was admitted to practice medicine in Ohio and Florida, and North Carolina has reciprocated with Ohio. The North Carolina Board of Medical Examiners insisted that he attend a Medical School here before he could take a position at the University of North Carolina. He is licensed in North Carolina. He now heads the State Alcoholic Rehabilitation Program in Florida at a higher salary than his former superiors in North Carolina are paid.

**MARY HUMPHRIES**  
 President, Mecklenburg 4th County Council

**Palestine Never Was A Land Just Of Jews**

**Charlotte**  
**Editors, The News:**  
 I NOTICED in this column the other day an article by the editor of The Carolina Israelite, Harry Golden, who attempted to justify Jewish claim to Palestine, and the establishment of the Israeli state.

Candor compels me to charge that on this subject Mr. Golden is a socialist of the first order. No degree of "silver eloquence" in Mr. Golden's part can justify the lengthy, craty Zionist conspiracy which led to the establishment of the Israeli state. The details of that conspiracy is another tale, however.

A salient point I wish to make here is that, despite Mr. Golden's astuteness at quoting the Protestant Bible in attempting to make his points, Palestine has never been and is not now a land just of Jews. In that connection, the noted anti-Zionist Jewish scholar, Alfred M. Lillenthal, in his revealing book "What Price Israel?" informs us: "Today, to trace anyone's descent to ancient Palestine would be a genealogical impossibility and to presume, axiomatically, such a descent for Jews, alone among all human groups, is an assumption of purely national significance. Most everybody in the Western world could take out some claim of Palestinian descent, if genealogical records could be established for two thousand years."

Let us, therefore, take with a

grain of salt the Zionist myth of Palestine being the "rightful national homeland of all Jews." Dr. Lillenthal points out that this myth has been largely perpetuated as a result of the writings of Leo Pinsker, one of the early Zionist philosophers, who wrote that "The Jews formed, in the midst of the nations among whom they reside, a distinctive element which cannot be readily absorbed by any nation." No more stinging indictment of Zionism need be presented than these words.

**J. R. CHERRY JR.**

**'Old Maids' Deserve Honor For Their Work**

**Charlotte**  
**Editors, The News:**  
 I AM SURE there are a lot of middle-aged women who have been called old maids. There are some women I know that call themselves old maids, but I look at them as some of the sweetest people we have. What would we do today if we didn't have nurses who never married so they could nurse the sick, and teachers who don't marry, and teach our children and grandchildren. I think old maids should be honored for making their own living in service to others.

I have many friends who call themselves old maids, who are filling a place in life that a married woman could not leave her home to fill. So I say bless the old maids, the ones whom we should thank and honor, who are the best business people we have in service to others today.

**MRS. MAYME BARGER**

**Jewish Scholar Kept Arab Culture Alive**

**Charlotte**  
**Editors, The News:**  
 I HAVE a rebuttal may be called for the letter of B. Schalsansy in reply to my Platform letter of July 18. It is said that Mr. Schalsansy's letter should involve not only the renunciation of logic but a denial of humanity. He speaks of the Palestine "settlement" by "citizens of Warsaw." I say that this is a sad observation because

it denies a racial memory of the Jewish scholar Solomon Ibn Gabirol, who, with others, kept alive the culture of the Arabs in the West during the Middle Ages when the Arabs elected to sit in almost total darkness. The "citizens of Warsaw" referred to were some 1,000 survivors of a civilization of some half-million; people who made a stand against the Nazi tanks in the Warsaw ghetto, lighting sticks, stones, and bare hands.

Mr. Schalsansy's reference to "communists" in the Israeli Parliament omitted the highly important fact that three out of four of them are Arabs, members of the Arab minority who have voted for them. And this must come as something of an amazing phenomenon. For the first time in the history of the Middle East a Prime Minister can watch his inaugural parade standing beside his predecessor. This has never happened in the Arab world. The Arab "predecessor" is always in one of three places—in Switzerland, under "house arrest," or dead. Mr. Schalsansy's letter appeared on the same day that the press reports told us the Soviet submarines are nestled in Alexandria, and that Communist army, navy, and air force technicians are in the tight control of the armed forces of Col. Nassir; and saddest of all is that Syria is today in the Communist orbit as securely as Albania or Rumania.

The tragedy of the 187 Arab children out of every thousand who die in infancy, will be avoided when peace finally comes to that unhappy area. Lawrence of Arabia, the great friend of the Arabs, said, "The Jews will bring the Western heaven to the Middle East." Someday the Hadassah Hospital together with Arab scientists will bring health and happiness to the millions in the Middle East—Christian, Jew, and Moslem. And I can assure Mr. Schalsansy that my affection for Christianity goes back a very long time, to the understanding that the prophetic teachings of the Jews raised the ethical and religious concepts of mankind to hitherto unknown heights. They have been accepted by both Christianity and Islam, the spiritual daughters of Judaism; and that all three great religions stand

upon this Hebrew concept: "Ye shall be Holy; for I the Lord your God, am Holy."

**HARRY L. GOLDEN**  
 Editor, The Carolina Israelite

**Rid The City Payroll Of The 'Dead Wood'**

**Charlotte**  
**Editors, The News:**  
 I SEE one where the City of Charlotte is thinking of raising the tax rate. If there were not so much "dead wood" in unecessary employes, this would not be needed, or at least it would help the situation. I have in mind a Plumbing Inspection Department. There are four or more inspectors who are expected to work eight hours a day, or at least they are paid for that many hours. They are supposed to report at the office at 8:30 a.m., but don't go out on inspection until 9:30 a.m., which means it will be 9 a.m. before we can get a job inspected; and then we cannot get an inspection from after 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m., when they leave their office and get to our job at 3 p.m. Then we cannot get a job paid for that many hours; so you see, we only get three hours service from these men, which means that the taxpayer is the loser.

With this number of men on the payroll, we should be able to get any plumbing service any hour during the day from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., as they can alternate their shifts. Also, I think the city has a rule to retire its workers at the age of 65 years. One of the inspectors in the Plumbing Inspection Department is over 70 years of age and on the payroll.

I am strictly against any public servant being supported for life. The oath they take when taking office must be the marriage oath. I think it should be in part:—

**CHARLES W. COPPALA SR.**

**ABC's Frank Sims Makes Poor Defense**

**Charlotte**  
**Editors, The News:**  
 YOUR recent editorial entitled "Frank Sims' Bad Hang By Headlines" is very well put but the News is not entirely innocent. Witness the headlines announcing his indictment. I do not think Mr. Sims deserved those headlines.

Be that as it may, Mr. Sims has let himself in for criticism and has made a very poor out-defending himself so far.

Your statement that Mecklenburg County is the better for his efforts is open to question. If the savings of \$10 million dollars a year from Mecklenburg County is better than he has helped.

First: Just what part of Mr. Sims' office did call for "lobbying" in Raleigh?  
 Second: Has his lobbying in any way influenced the legislative committee in repealing the people a right of referendum on the question of the sale of liquor in North Carolina?  
 Third: Did Mr. Sims use his influence in any way in the passage of legislation in the last assembly that makes it more difficult for the voters of a county to hold a referendum on the sale of beer in their respective counties?  
 Fourth: Does Mr. Sims think that the ABC has contributed to the understanding of the people and whether the appalling increase in alcoholics is in any way encouraged by the abundance of legal liquor in our state?  
 Will Mr. Sims answer the above?

**R. C. BOLEN**

**An Anson Beauty Was Overlooked**

**Wadesboro**  
**Editors, The News:**  
 WE HERE in Anson County are mighty proud of your article about Anson's beauty. We are so proud of the girls themselves. But didn't you overlook Mary Grace Hatfill, also Miss N. C. Universe a couple of years ago?

There are a couple of others who have been sadly overlooked lately. They are Mary Eva Harkley, in whom I have no special interest, and Patsy Jo Roeters in whom I have. Thanks again for the plug.

**D. C. ROGERS**

## From The Manchester Guardian

### HOW WRITERS WRITE

HOW does a successful writer discipline himself to keep "putting pen to paper?" And how many different ways are there of setting about writing? Alistair Maclean, the best-selling war novelist, we were told recently, writes 2,000 careful words a day from 9 to 5 in the dining room of his Glasgow bungalow—an impressive enough performance.

But some authors have been writing robots. Zola had a "robot" which did its "line" carved over his mantelpiece. Balzac wrote a given number of words daily and when, in spite of the stimulus of gallons of black coffee, he could not find anything to write he would copy his daily ration of words from the Bible or a newspaper. But he could write nothing without a candle burning at his elbow, even in daylight.

Anthony Trollope, the perfect civil servant, was for one meticulous method—even to paying a manservant extra wages to pour a bucket of water over him to wake him at 5 a.m. Then, timing himself by a stop watch, he would sit down to write 250 words to a page to each quarter of an hour.

He never wasted a moment if he could get on with writing. With the help of a portable writing desk, he could compose with equal facility on railway platforms, in coaches and on boats. He was so fanciful to believe that the gentle rhythm of "Barchester Towers" owes a lot to his having written mainly from the

deep upholstery of a Victorian first-class railway carriage?  
 Dickens had little "method." He wrote best at night, against the clock, to turn out his famous installments, with the publisher's messenger waiting impatiently in his hall.

In our day, George Simenon, the master of millions of best-selling words, prefers to write from dawn to breakfast time.

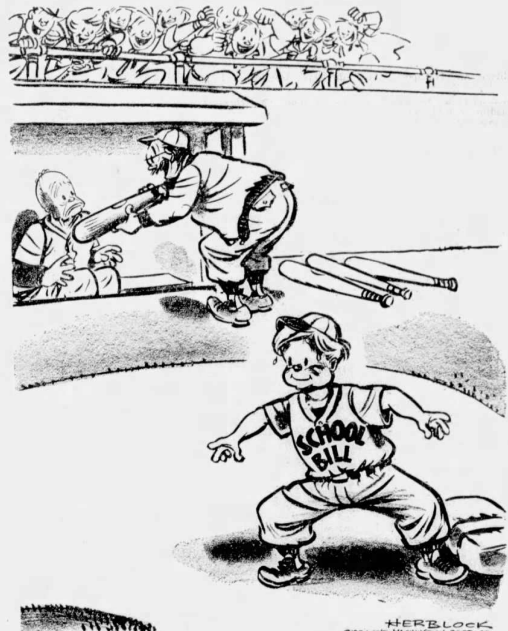
Authors have had plenty of fads as well. Alexandre Dumas could write articles only on pink paper, poetry on yellow sheets and novels on blue—and could never write a novel with a pen he had already used on a play.

Ronald Firbank, however, thought he wrote best on square blue post cards. Still more finicky was Walter Pater, who could not write until all his notes were arranged on a table in front of him, and could never write on white paper.

Robert Bridges had a different requirement—he could write only with a quill pen, which he cut with a silver knife at the Oxford bank which provided them!

From the way experts generally disagree, you'd think they were all lawyers.—GREENSBORO DAILY NEWS.

The smartest man we know always carries a lunch bag when he takes a vacation trip, claiming that it keeps people from knowing he is a tourist.—COLUMBIA (S.C.) STATE.



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### Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

**WASHINGTON**  
 THE long-delayed school construction bill comes up for a vote in the House of Representatives today or tomorrow. It has been there for four years. It has been held up—either by Mr. Hobbs' go-slow tactics, by the Powell amendment, or by U. S. Chamber of Commerce opposition.

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in the nation, no matter who is president. And Ike has used his efficient lobbying machine to kill the Patman banking bill, to stall Hell's Canyon, and to pass foreign aid.

The interesting question will be whether this same machine will be thrown into high gear to pass another part of the Eisenhower program—school construction. The bets on Capitol Hill are that it won't.

**Educating Ike**  
 Sen. Paul Douglas of Illinois sits all day crouched over a desk on the Senate floor. He listens to the debate, sometimes lifts his withered hand up on the desk to hold down a sheaf of papers.

Douglas is a Quaker who believes in peace when he can have peace, but will fight when he has to fight. He's fighting now. He entered in the Marines as a private at the age of 50. And he has been battling for civil rights nine years ago when many Republican senators, now for civil rights, were part of the coalition which opposed.

### Republicans Fume

Probably at no time during his four-year tenure in the White House have Republican leaders been more furious at their own President than during the civil rights battle. Their ire comes from the fact that they don't know where their leader stands.

First flare-up came about two weeks ago when Eisenhower started backing down on his previous stand for civil rights. He told a press conference he wasn't familiar with the bill, wouldn't go for some of its provisions.

This was exactly the opposite of what Ike's own leaders had been telling GOP

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congressmen. Ex-Speaker Joe Martin of Massachusetts had long had an understanding with southern Democrats to oppose the bill. But when he went down the line for civil rights, he got word that the President wanted it.

"We should debate this bill long enough," he said at every conference he attended, "to make sure the President understands it."

"One of us," replied Sen. Humphrey of Minnesota, "will live that long."

**No 'Must'**  
 So when the man who demanded the bill said he wasn't familiar with its language and wanted to protect voting rights, it sent the three GOP leaders scurrying to the White House telephone. This seemed to bother the President. Afterward, July 18, he issued a much stronger statement. Vice President Johnson, who was the wishy-washy position, helped to draft the statement.