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—Stampone in The Army Times.

Give Local Colleges A Chance To Serve

CHARLOTTE'S community colleges have offered Mecklenburgers a bargain rather than a burden in their request for a $915,000 bond issue.

It is a bargain the community must accept in its own best interests and those of its children. The alternative is to impede Mecklenburg's burgeoning industrial growth and to deny Mecklenburg youth the skills and knowledge they must have to profit from that growth.

If anything, the college expansion program has been delayed too long. The need for additional facilities for higher education in this most under-colleged area of the state has long been a matter of pressing concern to local and state officials. The need in the immediate future is certain to be much greater and even more of a factor in the economic and social development of the Piedmont area. The proposed expansion program is the only way to meet this need. It also is the most economical way.

Charlotte and Carver Colleges have served more than ample apprentice periods. They have rendered invaluable service to thousands of youths and adults in the decade since they were established. Charlotte College, for example, has given college-credit courses to more than 3,000 students. It has served an equal number in its adult education program—qualifying people for better jobs, teaching them the means for profitable use of liesure time, helping them explore the wide worlds of science, literature and languages.

Carver College has done an equally admirable job on an equally short shoestring.

Still the colleges have not served all who want additional educational opportunities and cannot afford to get them elsewhere. This is because they have inadequate space, operate only at night, and are limited severely in laboratory facilities and other teaching aids.

The problem, in short, has been a lack of tools — classrooms, laboratories and schedules adjustable to the available time of potential students. For various reasons a large group of potential students can attend classes only during daytime hours.

But the present problem furnishes only half the argument for expansion of Charlotte and Carver into full-fledged junior colleges. Within ten to 15 years, the number of college-age students will be doubled. This is no guess. The people already have been born. There will be a greater demand for technical training and adult education. But unless a start is made now, there will be no facilities to serve them.

The state, hard-pressed as it is to maintain its present inadequate system of higher education facilities, obviously is not going to be able to duplicate that system to take care of increased enrollment. It is going to have to expand community institutions already in operation.

That is the basic reason the state is now offering to provide half the funds for construction of junior college facilities in Charlotte and other cities. It is the reason approval of the bond issue probably will lead to eventual four-year status for Charlotte and Carver colleges.

More than 21 per cent of North Carolina high school graduates live within 50 miles of Charlotte. The closest four-year state institution is Woman's College in Greensboro, 90 miles distant. And as D. Hiden Ramsey, chairman of the State Board of Higher Education, has pointed out, students attend an institution in direct ration to their proximity to it.

Mecklenburg has long been the logical place for a state-supported four-year institution. In the immediate future, it will be the necessary place.

In the expansion of Charlotte and Carver colleges, Mecklenburgers would meet a pressing need for better educational opportunities today and assure even better opportunities for tomorrow.

The state's offer of matching construction funds must be accepted.

A better offer or a better bargain simply is not available.

Moderation's Case Is Strengthened

CHARLOTTE still has the time and flexibility it needs to work out its racial difficulties in accordance with local conditions.

In dismissing the appeal several white parents entered to the City School Board's July 23 decision to admit five Negroes to white schools, Superior Court Judge J. Will Pless took the only course open to him under the law. In effect, however, it was a victory for moderation. As long as Charlotte is permitted to make prudent use of North Carolina's Pupil Assignment Act to control its own educational destiny, less appetizing consequences can be avoided. The federal courts, after all, might not be so sensitive to the needs of individual communities.

As Judge Pless said yesterday, the law of the land must be obeyed. But as long as the ways and means of adjusting to law of the land are in the hands of people who are close to the problem and fully cognizant of tender community sensibilities, there is some hope that the adjustments can be made peacefully.

There is a wise, workable program, neither rebellious nor precipitate, which local people can agree upon, given the chance. The impulsiveness of many will require strict restraint. Every move must be firm, careful, humane and wise.

It is a big order. But Charlotte can handle it.

Whatever Happened To The Crusade?

SOMEHOW that "mess" in Washington never gets cleaned up, the red tape never gets cut and the staggering waste never stops.

Just coming into view, via a Senate investigation, is a horrifying example of what we mean. It is a comedy of costly errors enacted by the Northeast Air Command, consisting of nine camps in Newfoundland and Greenland. It comes in several acts, including these:

1. A supply chief disposed of $33,000 worth of carburetors, spark plugs and distributor caps by burying them six feet under the frozen tundra.

2. A post commander filled a huge gully with a fleet of trucks, a rather novel and expensive method of stopping erosion.

3. The Air Force sold a rock crushing machine costing $226,000 and needing $50,000 worth of repairs to a private individual for $98,000 and ordered another $226,000 crusher from the states for its own use.

4. The Air Force also ordered a new air compressor from the states—while simultaneously offering a new compressor for sale as surplus.

5. The Air Force also stacked a number of unopened cartons out of doors, labeling the contents "unserviceable." The contents were brand new boots.

Despite these methods of disposal, the Northeast Air Command found itself two years ago with $55 million worth of materiel it couldn't use. Today it has $31 million worth, much of it piled out in the weather.

The trouble, it seems, was inventory. An Air Force general who went to the record room found the inventory cards scattered about the floor. There was an investigation. The cards were collected and put in order. Then it was found that half of them contained the wrong information.

The generals blamed the whole thing on the enlisted men. Under this theory, of course, the blame also rests on Defense Secretary Wilson—who was very strict about inventory back at General Motors.

The crusaders in Washington, we take it, are tired and the economy they promised the nation is, at best, creeping economy.

From The Gastonia Gazette

FOUR STRIKES AND OUT!

SHAKESPEARE wrote about "The Seven stages of Man."

But we can actually see only four . . .

For the first 12 or 15 years of your life, you're not interested in anything but toys and playmates and pets and having fun. . .

Then for the next five or six years, you're not interested in anything much but courting . . . which in most cases eventually ends up in marriage.

For the next 15 to 20 years you are concerned principally with providing for your family . . . buying a house, a car, paying the grocery bill, keeping up the installment payments.

Then . . . after 40 . . . you don't think about anything but your health. Pills and pills. Treatments and treatments. Aching bones and sagging muscles. Buying a cemetery lot and getting your house in order against the day you're going to conk out . . . which you are sure could be most any day now.

This brings us to hypochondriacs.

There was a woman who was forever and ever complaining about her health.

Her friends got so they would cross the street when they saw her coming to spare themselves her woeful tale.

Finally, as with us all, she did turn up her toes. At the age of 80.

The inscription on her tombstone:

"You see, I told you I was sick."

When a woman says, "I'll be ready in a minute," you can be sure of just one thing: She speaks English.—GREENVILLE (S.C.) PIEDMONT.

Most of us don't need to be led into temptation. We can find our own way.—CLEVELAND (GA.) COURIER.

New Red Missile Packs More Publicity Than Power

By MARQUIS CHILDS

WASHINGTON

AS HAS been established beyond doubt by a top committee of technical intelligence experts, Soviet Russia fired an intercontinental ballistic missile at least six weeks ago and not immediately prior to the announcement that came with dramatic suddenness earlier this week.

A small group in the Pentagon, the State Department and the intelligence services have known for a month or more of the success of the Soviet ICBM. The distance the missile traveled was between 4,000 and 4,500 miles.

No advance announcement was made by Washington, as is done when the Atomic Energy Commission learns of a Soviet nuclear explosion, because intelligence officials wanted to wait and see what use the Soviet Union would make of this achievement. They were interested in seeing in what political context Moscow would put the news.

CAREFULLY TIMED

There is little doubt that it was carefully timed to coincide with Soviet delegate Valerian A. Zorin's blast in the United Nations disarmament subcommittee in London rejecting the American package deal aimed at preventing a surprise attack.

The whole tone of the announcement, as reviewed by the highest intelligence authorities, was intended to convey the impression to the world that the Soviet Union was so powerful and so advanced in weapons development that the American proposal could be spurned.

The intelligence data on the ICBM firing in Siberia shows that it was a multi-stage missile. This is one reason why concern over the Soviet achievement was not too great.

LIMITED ACCURACY

A multi-stage missile has only a limited potential accuracy. It is, in effect, a quickie weapon which Amercan missile - makers felt they could also have perfected in a relatively short time if they had wanted to sidetrack their efforts to get a single-stage missile.

But at least two other reasons, which get into the troubled area of inter-service rivalry, help to explain why there has been no undue dismay in Washington at the Moscow announcement.

One is the fact that progress on the anti-missile missile has been much greater than anyone has yet suggested publicly. According to an authoritative source, the United States is, by conservative estimate, three years and perhaps four years ahead of the Soviet Union in development of the fantastically complicated defensive weapon.

CHARLES E. WILSON
He Called A Stop

STOP ORDER

The Army is developing the anti-missile missile, just as the Army also had, until a recent stop order from Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson, pushed further than any other service the intermediate 1,200-mile surface-to-surface missile. This is the Army's Jupiter, developed at the Redstone Arsenal in Alabama and the object of intense service rivalry.

With the bases available to the United States in Europe and the Middle East, the Jupiter, its proponents say, is more than the equivalent of the 5,000-mile missile. It has these pronounced advantages:

It can carry a much larger warhead — in the megaton (the equivalent of millions of tons of TNT) rather than the kiloton (thousands of tons) range.

It can be fired from a small and readily-concealed launching site whereas the ICBM takes a huge launching apparatus and, in the present phase of development, the equivalent of a small city of technicians. To conceal it from enemy intelligence is, therefore, almost impossible.

It is much more accurate.

And the proponents add what they believe is the clincher: The Jupiter has been successfully test-fired. In contrast, the Air Force's longer range Thor has repeatedly gone pffft in tests at base at Cocoa Beach, Fla.

REAL ADVANTAGES

Here, of course, one comes up against powerful forces, since facilities costing several millions of dollars have been installed by a private aircraft company to make the Thor while the Jupiter has been the product of a technical staff assembled by the Army.

For the moment, at least, America can count real advantages in the missile race. It would be a tragedy if they were lost in the fierce competitive scramble of the services under the economy ceiling.

People's Platform — Mecklenburg GOP Lives On Hope Of Patronage

Charlotte

Editors, The News:

INSPIRATION and pleasure may attend the view of those who, in the higher realm of politics, serve their country and the race; however, I do not get that experience from viewing the activities of Congress and the present administration. Mr. Eisenhower submitted a budget which I fail to see he defended or satisfactorily explained. Congress has before it a bill called the civil rights bill, a very serious and far-reaching measure, with which it has been playing politics. The motive appears to be with both Republican and Democratic parties in Congress what form the bill should be in order to get the most votes or lose the fewer votes.

Do these honorable congressmen and senators have the impression that the people are dumb or are they lacking in a sense of responsibility and a measure of knowledge? The administration has tried to prevent a visit to China of a group of students curious to see the world and its people. Does the administration apprehend that this group of students may find conditions there different or better than they and we have been led to believe, or is it the purpose of the administration to smother all knowledge of those governments and people with which we are not on the best of terms? I wonder if Mr. Herter ever heard of the Chinese Wall. Also what becomes of our long iterated and sarcastic use of the words, "Iron Curtain"? Are we starting on a new policy or are we copying?

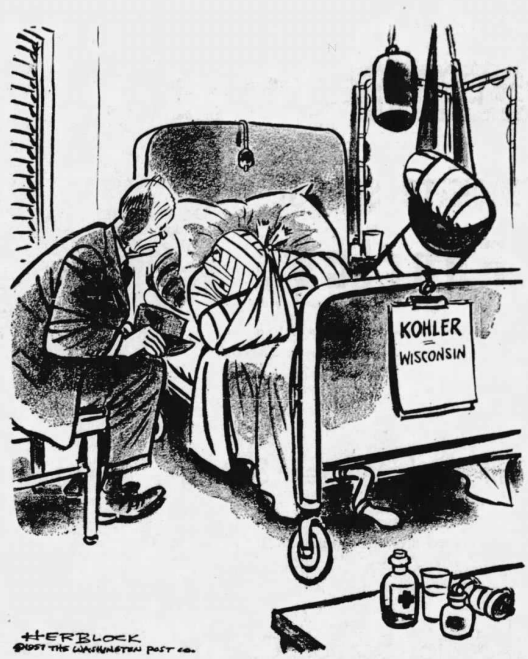
A little experience in the lower realm of Republican politics here in Mecklenburg sufficed to effect my estimate of human nature. A party that has been in the minority for nearly a century and has had nothing to brighten its path except, after long intervals, a federal job; no leadership except office seekers: no reward for the honorable advocate of its principles except back stabbers; no organization except self-seekers, is out of date with the concepts of basic democracy. Men and women long inured to this pit of narrowness, selfishness, chicanery and bossism measure the intellectual and ethical status to which a political party can degenerate in a one party state.

How can the people, the voters, remedy this situation except by a primary, and the Republican Party in Mecklenburg is not governed by a primary election. It, and the Republican Party in the state, have a very ineffective precinct and township representation. For that reason honorable individual voters who hold to Republican principles register as Democrats so they can have a voice in local party control. For fifty years the Democratic Party has had primary elections in North Carolina; for at least fifty years the Republican Party in North Carolina (except in a few western counties) has been ruled by fixed committees and back room conferences.

As all political recognition has come from Washington the party is dominated from Washington and not by the voters, and that is because, in the South, the incentive to leadership in the Republican Party, with rare exceptions, is based upon hope of federal patronage. That is paradoxical in a democracy. Victory will not come to the Republican Party at the polls in North Carolina until party control resides in the voters and leadership is coincident with the victors in primary elections. Ultimate power rests with the people.

— HOYT EAVES

'Yeah, I Mentioned Your Name'



Fair-Minded Citizens Oppose 'Sunday' Law

Charlotte

Editors, The News:

IT IS rotten to the core, sending out police to arrest 29 poor little merchants who sell a few grocery items, mostly to the downtrodden, on Sunday. Their customers don't have money until Saturday night when they get paid off. A mother with small children perhaps has a few nickels and dimes to spend when the father comes in after a Saturday drunk and gives the leavings to the family for a few potatoes, a loaf of bread, a few eggs and a small chunk of fatback.

It is not right. Many of these merchants are old people just barely making a half-living out of it. They are not on charity, just small merchants. Big businesses sell anything anyone needs. Many filling stations carry a small line of groceries. Look at the big store on Wilkinson Boulevard that stays open day and night, 365 days in the year. These small merchants are a necessity and a blessing to their neighborhoods. I say it is all wrong. Let's leave them alone.

As a justice of the peace, were I to try these cases, I would continue prayer for judgment for the whole 29 for five years with no cost. That would give the present Council plenty of time to repeal that law. It would not stand up before a high court. If they are found guilty, I recommend they pool their money, employ good lawyers and go direct to the Supreme Court. No fair-minded citizen approves of this one-sided law.

I am 100 per cent for closing down the whole town on Sunday. Just make it a blue town. That's the proper way. Then the people would swamped the Council to repeal all blue laws.

These small stores are a blessing to the people. I am 78 years old, and never went out drinking, fishing or raising hell on Sunday in my life. I am 100 per cent for letting these small stores alone.

— WILLIAM C. McINTIRE

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round — Mamie Enjoys Life In Military Hospital

WASHINGTON

WHAT White House Servants Are Talking About — How Mamie is getting such wonderful treatment at Walter Reed Hospital she almost does not want to go back to the White House. She's now been in the hospital almost a month. The nurses love her; she likes them. Recently hospital personnel had to go out and buy a special pillow for her. Cost: $35.00.

What Congressmen Are Talking About — How Congressman Carl Vinson of Georgia stole the bill of Congressman Eddie Hebert of Louisiana requiring the armed services to restore competitive buying. Hebert had conducted a sensational investigation exposing the manner in which the Army, Navy, and Air Force had squandered the taxpayers' money by giving contracts to their favorite contractors without competition. Vinson of Georgia sat on the sidelines. After Hebert did the spadework, Vinson suddenly introduced the bill Hebert was introducing, took all the credit himself.

Collins Speaks

What The Governors Are Talking About—How the governor of Florida, Leroy Collins, will speak at Sea Island on the dynamite-laden question, "Can a Southerner be elected President?" The governor of Florida is one of the most farsighted north or south of the Mason-Dixon line. Other governors are watching to see how he'll handle segregation.

What The Children Are Talking About —How their nature center, established in Washington's Rock Creek Park at a cost to taxpayers of $50,000, is being moved because of complaints from a Senate stenographer. John D. Rhodes, official reporter of Senate debates, complained that kids arriving on buses to visit the center made too much noise and trampled his grass. The Interior Department has now promised the nature center will be moved.

Dictatorships

What The Latin Americans Are Talking About— Congressman Charlie Porter's amendment to the foreign aid bill banning direct military or economic aid to any Latin American country which the State Department determined to be a dictatorship. Congressmen voting for the dictators: 171. Congressmen voting against the dictators: 4. They were: Cooper (Tenn.), Boyle (Ill.), Reuss, (Wis.), and Porter (Ore.) . . . Porter introduced a second amendment in exact conformity with the Pan American Union's requirement for preference to democracies under the military loan fund. Congressmen who voted for the dictators: 168. Congressmen who voted for democracies: 6. They included, in addition to the above, Hagan of California and Wier of Minnesota, all Democrats.

Postal Subsidies

What Newspapermen Are Talking About—The provision in the Post Office bill which would cost Life magazine $9,310,000, and Readers' Digest $4,172,000. It's the amendment by Rep. George Rhodes of Reading, Pa., limiting any one magazine's subsidy to $100,000 a year. Hemphill of South Carolina and Holifield of California, both Democrats, pushed the bill and it passed the House. The big magazine lobbyists are trying to knock it out in the Senate. Congressman John Moss of California reports that in ten years first class mail has shown a profit of $846,404,480; second class mail a deficit of $2,000,000,000. The taxpayers paid two billion dollars in ten years to help the big magazines.

Bill Stymied

What The Lobbyists Are Talking About— How Congressman Thomas B. Curtis, Republican of Missouri, managed to stymie the bill to plug loopholes in the tax law. He managed to get special permission from the rules committee to offer an amendment on behalf of the big insurance companies. Big business has a lot of friends on the rules committee. This special favor for insurance companies got Chairman Jere Cooper of Tennessee so indignant he held up the entire tax loophole bill rather than continue a loophole for one group.

Next War

What The Critics Are Talking About —The new book by Nevil Shute, "On The Beach." It takes us into the next war, which is over in a few days with all the northern hemisphere wiped out, and shows life in Australia as it waits for radioactivity gradually to blot out that continent. The rest of the world has already been poisoned and Australia awaits a similar fate as the winds drift south. The war, incidentally, started between two friends, Russia and China, and the United States got into it by accident because we thought we were going to be attacked . . . Also they're talking about the new mystery thriller, "The Terrible Game" by Dan T. Moore, onetime counterspy for the OSS. Terrific summer reading . . . Also the new Broadway musical "West Side Story," just opened in Washington. Despite the heat, you couldn't get a seat.