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Is It True What They Say About Dixie?

FORGIVE us for not reacting with typically Confederate vim and vinegar this week when New Hampshire's Sen. Norris Cotton let Dixie have it on the question of wooing Yankee industry southward.
It merely reminded us of Abe Lincoln's classic yarn about a henpecked fellow named Jones.
One day after Jones' wife was seen switching him out of the house, a friend met him on the street and said, 'Jones, I've always stood up for you, but I refuse to do it any longer. Any man who quietly takes a switching from his wife deserves to be hot-whipped.'

This Is More Like It, Commissioners

ODDS for approval of bonds for a new \$2 million county office building improved noticeably this week when County Commissioners selected the 4th St. site across from the present Courthouse.
The decision represents a happy marriage of necessity and opportunity.
More space for governmental operations is desperately needed. The area in question is the gateway to Brooklyn's slums and is already being considered by the Urban Renewal Commission for possible redevelopment. Furthermore, it is where planners would locate a new government plaza for maximum efficiency and convenience in transacting the taxpayers' business.
But County Commissioners toyed briefly with the idea of throwing in the whole thing into the voters' laps. Mecklenburgers would not only have been asked to approve a bond issue for the

new building but also to decide whether the structure, if approved, should be located on Courthouse Square property, that is already cramped, or across 4th St. This was an unsatisfactory and thoroughly confusing way to handle the matter.
The Courthouse Square property was plainly unsuitable. It should never have been offered for consideration. Many voters would simply have refused to approve issuance of the bonds if they thought an unsatisfactory site might be selected.
As the matter now stands, Mecklenburgers will have a simple question before them and one they can conscientiously support. The proposition already has strong backing from the Chamber of Commerce, the 26th Judicial District Bar Association and the Urban Renewal Commission.
Clearly, the Commissioners' action paves the way for significant community progress.

Euthanasia On The Fifty Yard Line

I MAKE no excuses for coaches," confesses our sports editor.
Wise man; but let us shed at least a perfunctory tear for them—and in particular for Sunny Jim Tatum at Chapel Hill and for his neighbor, Bill Murray, at Duke.
From the slings of Davids these days, death comes to football Goliaths. Just ask Sunny Jim and Dapper Bill, who are spending the week on the fields at Chapel Hill and Durham wearing crepe after loincloth respectively, to see and Clemson, South Carolina and Virginia.
Touted as at least among the Goliaths in the Atlantic Coast Conference this year, Duke and Carolina might conceivably dispute the hoopy prize instead of the crown at their traditional November meeting.
What an anti-climax! After years of hot combat between critics and defenders of big-time college football, it looks as if football in the Durham-Chapel Hill crescent has entered a phase of "involuntary de-emphasis."
Maybe it's conference-wide. Baffled alumni, at this very minute, must be asking each other in indignation seminars: "What's happened? We hired the teams, didn't we?" Sure, they hired the teams. But it is beginning to look as if you can do all the hiring and recruiting you want this season and still end up in the cellar. It's also beginning to look as if this set-to between coaches and pedagogues will blow over. Secessionists of the coaching world

cried, "Winning is everything." The pedagogues and assorted academic fancy-pantses cried back, "You must de-emphasize and play for the sport of it—chaps." And the coaches shouted back that they would never de-emphasize at eraser-point.
Who will join us in a brief hallelujah over "involuntary de-emphasis"? On the deep hush-hush, we have an idea even Jim Tatum and Bill Murray would give them a few alumni off their backs. Especially if some of those recent long Greasy Saturday afternoons.
Cari Snavely, who used to turn out fair teams before he went to Washington University in St. Louis and found his charges working algebra on the benches, has entered a strong plea on the side of the coach which tends to confirm our guess. "Usually," the Gray Fox said, "the coach has been in the position of a religiously law-abiding citizen who has taken a walk in a game sanctuary and suddenly has been attacked and is about to be devoured by a grizzly bear. He must decide quickly whether to break the law by killing the bear if he can or to lose his life. His behavior will be guided by the law of self-preservation, but in any case he seems bound to suffer death, injury or punishment."
In "involuntary de-emphasis" it's just in the cards that everybody could beat everyone else. No massive, predictable, No screaming alumni with thwarted rolls of dough.
What was that about tears?

Nixon Rebuked For 'Reckless And Unfounded' Charges

By WALTER LIPPMANN

WASHINGTON
LAST Saturday, Mr. Nixon issued a statement saying that he had been shocked when he read the morning papers. There had been a news story carrying the information that out of about 8,000 letters received at the State Department, 80 per cent were critical of the administration's policy at Quemoy and Matsu. Mr. Nixon was shocked because there was so much opposition and he was even more shocked that the bad news had been published.

In fact, he was so shocked at the publication of the news that he promptly accused the subordinate official who gave it to a reporter of a "patent and deliberate effort . . . to sabotage" the policy of the secretary of state. This is a very serious charge, and it is one which cannot be passed over lightly. For here we have the vice president denouncing as sabotage what was in fact a truthful answer to a legitimate question asked by a responsible reporter in the course of quite normal and standard newspaper practice.



Nixon: Righteous Anger?

So we must ask whether Mr. Nixon presumes to say that the reporter had no right to ask the question about the State Department's mail. He will not presume to say that. Then what does he think was the duty of the State Department official? Should the official have refused to answer the reporter's question? Or should he have lied to him? Mr. Nixon must not make such reckless and unfounded accusations against innocent men. They are a reminder that there is still with us the old Nixon, whom the

new Nixon is supposed to have outgrown. It was the practice of the old Nixon to imply that those with whom he did not agree were on the verge of treason.

DEBATE IS HEALTHY

On the substance, it is, of course, true that foreign policy cannot and should not be conducted by counting the letters which reach the government. It is true that the right policy is often unpopular and that governments which let themselves be governed by opinion polls are weak and are very often wrong. But it may also be true that the policy of the government is wrong and that those who criticize and oppose it had better be listened to respectfully and carefully. That happens to be true in this case. Far from one can pretend that the administration has so clear a policy on the offshore islands that the policy is not open to genuine debate.

MOUNTING CONVICTION

The policy is, in fact, not yet determined and in the country especially among the informed and experienced in foreign affairs, the debate is proceeding. All the set items point to a mounting conviction that the administration has blundered into trouble, and that it needs help to extricate itself. Mr. Nixon says that "what is at stake . . . is the whole free world position in the Far East. And that has come to be at stake in Quemoy, then they have much to answer for to the American people and at the bar of his-

tory who allowed the whole free world position to be staked on so absurd a thing as the offshore islands.

BEYOND THE VERBAIGE

If we look beyond the angry words which are being exchanged, the actual situation has for the moment at least been stabilized. There is no evidence that the Communists mean to invade Quemoy. There is good evidence that we do not mean to allow Chiang to draw us into an attack upon the mainland. Our immediate policy is to help Chiang run the blockade, which probably means that there will be no decision at Quemoy for some time to come. Thus there is going to be time for mediation to work.

POLITICAL PROBLEM

If so, there is also going to be time for a debate in this country on whether and how our China policy should be revised. The debate will turn first of all on how to disengage Chiang's army and ourselves from the offshore islands, and then on what is to be the future of Formosa, once our military and political commitments have been reduced to Formosa itself and the Pescadores.

As Formosa is invulnerable to military conquest by the Red Chinese, as it can be taken only by a coup from within, the problem of Formosa—unlike the problem of Quemoy—is a political problem. It is a problem not for the United States alone but for the whole international community.

'And The Best Part Is That He's Paying Us For The Ride'



People's Platform

Editors, The News:
It is my belief that a letter to the editor should be a constitution of justifiable anger and personal prejudice. Our Charlotte radio stations have induced both. Being an unusually sound and irresponsible sleeper, it is necessary for me to be awakened not only by loud alarm, but by music in addition. However, I can experience only the proverbial "rude awakening" since our stations busy themselves with the nervousness of rock 'n' roll during that hypersensitive time of day.

Rude Awakening

The thinking individual finds it necessary to utilize the a. m. period to organize mind and body and let them function as a unit. It is also a valuable time of speculation on impending business conditions, a sort of "rude awakening," specifically, involving a method to extricate oneself from same.

Rock 'n' Roll Reville

To eliminate the possibility of an "arbitrary" skimming on their water for the United States alone but for the whole international community.
Remember too, the consumer would appreciate the 66 2/3 per cent savings just in their retirement costs.
It is my sincere hope that the entire Council will join Mr. Dellinger's efforts to modernize our inefficient Water Dept.
—JOSEPH S. TURNER

Suppression Of Truth The Confession Of Failure

By MARQUIS CHILDS

WASHINGTON
THE dilemma in which the Republican administration finds itself over Quemoy and Matsu is, in fact, indeed, and it helps to explain why Vice President Richard M. Nixon, usually so astute, got so far off base in attacking the State Department.
In the talks that have been going on at Warsaw, Red China's Ambassador Wang Ping-nan has been thrown up at America's Ambassador Jacob Beam every evidence of lack of support for the Dulles-Eisenhower stand on Quemoy. He has read statements of public figures and commentators to show that the public in the United States is not behind the official policy.

The responsibilities of power in a time like this and in a democracy such as ours are great. But that responsibility is not lessened by attempting to suppress the facts of the current trend of opinion. To try to suppress it is in a sense a confession of failure.



GEN. MACARTHUR That Was Another Story

At the same time as the election campaign warms up the question of possible involvement in war over the offshore islands is likely to figure more and more as an issue. By every indication, including the thousands of letters coming to the State Department, the public is hostile, toward any defense of the islands that would draw the country into a war with mainland China.

sacrifice that right in the struggle with communism—in short, whether in that struggle we are to become more and more like the totalitarian enemy.
POLICY BY POLL
No sensible person would argue that foreign policy can be based on opinion polls, since often unpopular decisions must be taken. But at the same time public opinion must be a factor in reaching those decisions. As James Reston pointed out in his rebuttal of Nixon's charge, the Eisenhower administration has repeatedly referred to the public response in letters and telegrams when the response was favorable. The Congressional Record shows that at the height of the uproar over Gen. MacArthur's dismissal as commander in Korea, Nixon then a senator, said on the floor of the Senate that he had received 500 telegrams and only one of them was favorable to President Truman.

Water Dept.'s Billing System Needs Remedy

Charlotte
CONGRATULATIONS TO Congressman Dellinger for suggesting that the City Water Dept. modernize their antiquated billing system.
The main objection raised by the Underwood was that the poor water consumer might benefit by a savings of 25 cents every two months. Literally speaking, this attitude of the Water Dept. is all wet.
I would like to go even further than Congressman Dellinger and suggest that the consumer be billed every three months just like they do in major cities such as Detroit. Then 66 2/3 per cent savings in postage, labor,

Librarians, Newsmen Stand Guard Together

Raleigh
Editors, The News:
A National Newspaper Week approaches I want to take this opportunity to thank you and your staff for the library coverage included in your paper during the past year. Especially do I want to express appreciation for the outstanding participation in National Library Week last March.
Librarians believe that we stand together with newspapermen, editors and publishers in guarding our freedoms. We believe we have a mutual responsibility in keeping our communities well informed and look forward to continued association in our fields of interest.
—ELIZABETH H. HUGHES
State Librarian

From The Greenville (S. C.) Piedmont

MUSIC IN THE AIR

ONE of the refreshing wonders of modern American life is the way certain words go plugging along in an obscure spot in the dictionary and then suddenly are on everybody's tongues.
For a long, long time the word "fidelity" was something phandering husbands didn't have and stalwart trust companies did.
Then somebody put it together with the simple adjective "high" and the whole phonograph industry was revolutionized. Now, if you can't also begin to look as if this set-to between coaches and pedagogues will blow over. Secessionists of the coaching world

Once we had the stereophonic for pictures in depth and then the stereoscopic, an optical instrument with similar purpose.
Now it's sound which is not only faithful, but deep and full. It strikes your ears from both sides, as in reality.
Hard to imagine what can come next. Unless there should come a stereophonic knock at the door, followed by the tramping of a full orchestra into your living room.
The administration is supported planning to ask another port rate increase next year. If this keeps up, college boys won't be able to afford to write home for money.—FORT MYERS (FLA.) NEWS-PRESS.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round Green Recalls Meeting 14 Presidents

WASHINGTON
SEN. Theodore Francis Green of Rhode Island has seen 14 years of American history roll by during which he has met 14 presidents. This is almost one-half the presidents of the United States.
His memory is quite clear regarding them.
He saw Henry is quite clear regarding them.
The first was Rutherford B. Hayes, who came to Providence in 1877. Mrs. Hayes, seeing the 10-year-old Theodore Francis just behind her in the receiving line, said, "Come here, little boy, you can't see what's going on." Thereafter he stood right beside the president.
Charles Arthur, who followed Hayes, was assassinated. He was the only president since 1877 Green did not meet.
Chester Arthur, who replaced Garfield in 1881, came to Newport when Green was about 15. When they shook hands,

Theodore Francis yelled, "Ouch!" "Look here, young man," said President Arthur. "I'll shake you something I always squeeze the other man's hand first. Otherwise he'll squeeze mine."
First Democrat
Green Cleveland, the first Democratic President Green met, came to Harvard when the senator was studying at Harvard Law school, and the future senator was invited to sit on the platform.
The senator recalls meeting Benjamin Harrison briefly at a White House reception.
White House Party
President William McKinley, Green also met at a White House party in which he had been invited by Secretary of State John Hay, a friend of Green's father at Brown University.
"Theodore Roosevelt was really a good friend," recalls Sen. Green, "so much

so that he asked me to be his New England campaign manager.
Meets Wilson
Green first met Woodrow Wilson when the latter was a professor at Princeton and came to speak at Brown. Wilson spent the night at the Green residence in Providence, built in colonial days.
"Wilson was aloof," recalls the senator. "I admired him very much, but I never could get close to him."
Silent Cal
Warren G. Harding, who died in office, Green met many times, and he remembers a story told him by one of the famed Patton sisters who knew she was going to be beside Coolidge and bet \$10 she could make him talk. At the dinner the following conversation took place:
"Mr. President, I'm so honored to sit

beside you."
"No answer."
"They told me you wouldn't talk."
"No answer."
"Did I know you'd talk to me?"
"No answer."
"Isn't that ten dollars on it?"
"Yes, that is."
Notable Record
Herbert Hoover once spent the night at the Green home with Secretary of Commerce Franklin Roosevelt's also was entertained at the senator's home in Providence when secretary of the Navy.
Sen. Green first met Harry Truman in the Senate and occupied the office for four years. They were close friends. President Eisenhower, first, when he was an army officer.
Sen. Green is the oldest man ever to serve in the Senate. Probably no other man has ever known so many presidents, and it may take another half century for anyone else to equal the record.