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Efficient Police Deserve Public Praises

'PUBLI'c ridicule is the prescription usually given to rid a community of such organized activities as the Ku Klux Klan.
Laughter and contempt are sharp weapons. They also are inadequate weapons and by no means a substitute for alert and determined police work.

'Arab Nationalism' Is Coming Of Age

THE Middle East a crossroads of time where men have been creating and destroying civilizations for thousands of years, is about to add another poignant page to history.
The signs are plain. They are, in fact, all too legible for comfort in Washington.

After years of unrest a political pendulum is swinging in the region at last. Like a giant scimitar, it is cutting a swath through old alignments and alliances. New cohesion are forming and, more important, the ancient ideal of a unified Arab state is a little bit closer than many may suspect.

The New Year has already produced two new power groupings. One has drawn Egypt, Syria and Yemen into what will be known as the United Arab Republic. The other involves Jordan and Iraq and is called the Arab Federation.
It goes without saying that fear of Gamal Abdel Nasser's United Arab Republic encouraged Jordan and Iraq, who share a common Hashemite heritage, to unite.

Sam Inman: Some Lasting Souvenirs

THE congregation of Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church will suffer a temporary but sad loss of identity tomorrow.
To passively churches are identifiable by address, the stance of steeples or by some other architectural feature. To the people who go into them regularly, churches tend to become synonymous with their pastors. That is how it has been for the last 15 years at Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian—the Rev. Sam Inman's church.
Outwardly all this changes Sunday when Mr. Inman preaches his last sermon before assuming new duties as executive secretary of the Athens (Ga.) Presbytery. But he will leave behind significant mementos in stone and spirit that for many a year to come his name and the church will be inseparable.

Uncle Sam Races To Be First To Shoot The Moon

By STEWART ALSOP

ALTHOUGH little attention has been paid to it, the United States is now engaged in a race with the Soviet Union at least as important in terms of prestige and propaganda as the race for the first earth satellite. We are in a race to be first to shoot the moon.

President Eisenhower has acknowledged that he and his advisers underestimated the global psychological effect of the Soviet triumph in launching the first satellite. The effect of the appearance of a visible bluish spot on the face of the old moon, which has peered down on the earth for so many years, is likely to be even greater. This is why, in the wake of the Soviet Sputniks, a very high priority was assigned to an Air Force project which has the moon as a staged missile.

FIRST SHOT THIS YEAR
The current Air Force schedule—which represents, it should be understood, more a hope than a certainty—calls for the first moon shot before the end of this year, perhaps by mid-summer or even earlier. The vehicle will be a Thor rocket, equipped with a booster to kick its speed up to the necessary escape velocity of around 24,000 miles an hour.

Psychological Aim
In other words, the first nation to shoot the moon successfully will display to the world a most significant technical proficiency in the vital field of ballistic guidance. This in a symbolic sense, the first moon shot will have more real strategic significance than the first satellite launching.

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Little in the massive transmitter

'How Long?'

and both bodies are moving at great speeds. This shooting the moon might be compared, in the simplest terms, to bringing down a fast-flying goose with a bola from the top of a speeding automobile.

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less, certain gases on the surface of the moon, which would convey to the scientists important information about atmospheric and other lunar conditions. The gases would, however, be invisible from the earth.

The alternative is to pack the massive warhead with certain dyes which would on impact color a sufficient area of the moon's surface to be visible from the earth, at least through telescopes. The dyes would have little scientific meaning. But with the lesson of the Sputniks in mind, the advocates of a visible dye are likely to have their way. The main initial object of the race for the moon is psychological. Purely scientific experiments can come later.

ARE REDS BUSY?

There is no really solid basis for saying the likely winner of the race for the moon. Ever since the second Sputnik firing the intelligence experts have been waiting anxiously for another shot to drop. The Soviets had been expected to launch further satellites at the rate of one a month — indeed, they had boasted that they would do so.

One theory to explain the long gun sleep the second Sputnik launching is that the Soviets have a poorly held ace in the suit of anti-lunars, and that they are now concentrating all their energies on winning the race to the moon.

RACE IS ON

There is no doubt that the Soviets can provide the necessary thrust to achieve escape velocity. But there is some belief — probably wishful — that their guidance system is not sufficiently sophisticated for a moon shot. There is even some evidence, taken seri-



'It's one of those earth-launched satellites... Let's send 'em a message like, 'There's nobody up here but us chickens'...'

ously by the experts, that some weeks ago the Soviets attempted a moon shot which failed.

At any rate, the race for the moon is on — and this time, at least, the responsible American authorities have acknowledged to themselves that we are in a race. The race for the moon is only a part of course, of the whole race for space.

LOUSY WITH HARDWARE
All three services are prepared to launch further satellites this year, so that, as one space specialist put it, "space will soon be busy with hardware." Project Freedom, the Air Force program for a television-equipped reconnaissance satellite is sufficiently advanced so that the first crude spy satellite may be launched this year. There are even serious plans for shots at Mars and Venus to follow the first moon shots. And the grand prize — true manned space travel — is now considered certain to be won, whether by the Russians or ourselves, in the rather near future.

Canny Soviets Struggle To Preserve The Status Quo

By WALTER LIPPMANN

AFTER a diligent reading of the NEW YORK TIMES and other letters from Russia and China, together with some inquiries among those who might know what they are talking about, it is reasonably clear to me what is the guiding principle of their current foreign policy. It is that as between East and West, the tie is now running in their favor; that what is wanted is not an attempt to settle the substantive issues but, on the contrary, relaxation of the tension and of any serious effort to interfere with the course of events. Thus, while they want to talk at the summit, they look upon such a meeting as useful to quiet the

emotions and to allay resistance and anxiety about what, in nobody's interest, is going to happen. What is going to happen, they confidently believe, is that the Western system of alliances will disintegrate before the Communist alliances disintegrate.

DOWN TO EARTH
As Marxists, they are, of course, determinists and therefore disposed to believe that history is with them. But though their current foreign policy suits their Marxist ways of thinking, Khrushchev and company are practical men who remain very close to the earth.

There is no evidence, so far as I can see, that he is touting the notion of using overt military intervention nor even that he is counting upon achieving a decisive military superiority. His policy assumes a continuing military stalemate such a balance of power that neither side can compel the other. What he counts upon is the durability of his system in comparison with the instability of the Western democracies and their internal complications arising from the diseased remnants of the old European empires.

THERE'S A DIFFERENCE
It has its effect, then the fundamental question for the Western democracies is whether they can afford to base their policy, like Khrushchev's, on the principle of the status quo. In fact, though not in name, the maintenance of the status quo is what we stand for in Germany, in Algeria, in Cyprus, in the Middle East, in Southeast Asia, in Formosa, in Korea. The difference between us and Khrushchev is that we stand for the status quo because we are afraid of the very disturbing it. Khrushchev stands for the status quo because he is confident that it will evolve in his favor.

HOW CONVENIENT
If, by chance, Khrushchev is right in what he expects, how convenient it must be for him to find Mr. Dulles, Dr. Aftener and Mr. Macmillan working to prevent the Red Army from taking any serious initiative aimed to alter the status quo. How convenient for him, since he does not want to take the Red Army out of Eastern Germany and Poland, to have so many elegant advocates in the West, particularly in America, so busy with arguing against any initiative that might disturb his occupation of German and Polish territory.

'This Will Keep Out Foreign Salesmen'



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People's Platform

Busby Group Grateful For Encouragement
Editors: The News: Charlotte
I WANT to express my deep appreciation for your very kind editorial of Feb. 9, in which you commended our program of vision screening the children of poor people. We are grateful for your consideration and your moral support.

The National Society for the Prevention of Blindness celebrates in March its 50th anniversary of service to the nation. Until this year it has served this state through the North Carolina Commission for the Blind. Last October Dr. Franklin Foote, the executive director of the National Society, came to me to bid chairman appointment as it meant giving a more intensive service to the state at large, particularly in the educational field. I have state committee members all over North Carolina who are serving communities and surrounding areas by providing educational materials, and an eye clinic, the prevention programs in high school sickle cells and in industry. None of us are paid; so it is with a special gratitude from our committee that I say "thank you" for your encouragement.

Would Anyone Play With A Rattlesnake?
Editors: The News: Charlotte
I son in his right mind would even think of leaving his pet, or even suggest giving it a trial. Would any person in his right mind think of playing with a cobra or rattlesnake to see if it will bite? Why would any sane person want to pay upwards of \$500 a year to see TV when it is free? And only people with money to throw away could afford to pay to see it. It would be better to go to a movie.

Just how free are we with Congress and the Supreme Court destroying every freedom we have had? I suppose some Communist will suggest a bill in Congress to make it illegal to be a Communist. When they call for the offer, and I know that is about all we have left in free America. And I wonder if the time will come when we will have to drop a coin in the ballot box when we go to the polls to vote.

Quote, Unquote
"You tell me how to get rid of him," said Adams. "The President will accept his resignation if he gives it. But Benson is not making the offer, and I don't want to ask for it because he doesn't want an unpleasant situation."

He Got Cold Feet
But This suddenly got cold feet He left without mentioning Benson's name. He explained that he had no qualms that he didn't want to name personalities into it.

Benson is still secretary of agriculture and his farm program is still official position of the Eisenhower administration.

HOW TO UNDERSTAND BUSINESSMEN

THE London office of an Anglo-American construction company has circulated a guide to business terms to its staff. A glance at this somewhat disenchanted glossary tends to confirm what many laymen suspect. That business jargon is often a cover for some quite unbusinesslike confusion here are a few selections.
'Expedite' To confound confusion with confusion.
'Coordinator' The man who has a desk between two expediers.
'Consultant' Any ordinary guy more than 50 miles from home.
'Clarification' To fill in the background with so much data that the foreground goes underground.
'To activate' To make carbons and add more names to the memo.
'We are making a survey' We need more time to think of an answer.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round Ike's Advisers Are Out To Get Benson

WASHINGTON
REPUBLICAN leaders have told everyone, short of tar and feathers to force Secretary of Agriculture Benson to resign, but like the man who came to dinner, he has refused to take the bait. The trouble is, the President Eisenhower won't ask for his resignation, and Benson apparently won't offer it. The President, who admires Benson's moral qualities, doesn't want to create an 'unpleasant situation' by showing him the door.
He Won't Budge
The men around Ike, including both Vice President Dick Nixon and Assistant Secretary Sherman Adams, are less sympathetic. They have been trying their best to shove the unwanted secretary out the nearest exit.
But like the builders of his native Rocky Mountains, Benson isn't easy to

budge. He is carrying out his farm program with the zeal of a religious crusade and looks upon those who disagree with him as men too weak to resist political temptations.
Adams Promised
South Dakota's plump, plaintive Sen. Karl Mundt, speaking for farm-state Republicans, called on Adams last Nov. 22 to demand Benson's resignation. It was the only way, Mundt warned, to prevent a Republican calamity at the polls in 1958.
Adams, who needed no convincing, promised "Benson will be out of the Cabinet by Christmas."
No Christmas Gift
But Santa Claus came and left venting no new secretary of agriculture in the G.O. stocking.
Kansas kindly Sen. Frank Carlson, who

kept at Ike's elbow throughout the 1952 campaign and could have taken the agriculture post for himself, made repeated visits to the White House urging Benson's dismissal. Vice President Nixon was also active behind the scenes, trying to send Benson back to Utah.
They're Try
Finally Sen. Ed. Thye, a Minnesota chicken farmer, wrote an urgent letter to Eisenhower requesting an appointment. Thye intended to lay it on the line with the President and have a dozen or so Republicans would be defeated in farm areas. They also planned to ask the President to stop Benson from dropping dairy support prices on April 1.
The day before his presidential appointment, Thye had both Sherman Adams to discuss strategy. Thye, who is running for reelection in Minnesota this

year, complained that his seat was in peril because of Benson.
"You tell me how to get rid of him," said Adams. "The President will accept his resignation if he gives it. But Benson is not making the offer, and I don't want to ask for it because he doesn't want an unpleasant situation."
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