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## Bribery Will Get You Nowhere, Senator

SEN. Paul H. Douglas' plan to offer southern communities federal bribes to integrate their schools is as best, dubious and at worst palpable nonsense. It demonstrates not only the senator's ignorance of the South and its people but also a deep and debasing cynicism regarding the cause he is supposedly championing. Consequently, his bill is an insult to the South and an insult to sincere champions of social justice who have their arguments for desegregation on principle rather than pocketbooks. A sizable portion of the South may degenerate its public schools during the decades ahead. When and if this occurs it will not be because of dancing dollars from Washington. It will be because southern communities yield on a principle of law. The issue at stake is not merely political. It involves pride, prejudice, outrage, tradition and more than a little purple passion—conditions which are terrifyingly real and terrifyingly personal. Southern attitudes have been aged in anguish for too long to be changed overnight. The change, when and if it comes,

will not be from a clear, sharp blow or as a result of this political stratagem against another. That is not the way it is with people anywhere and that is especially not the way it is with the people of the South. To suggest that integration can be bought with a \$200 million federal slush fund is to suggest that principles come pretty cheap in America today. It also suggests that Sen. Douglas is far more interested in impressing certain voting blocs in Illinois than he is in solving a serious and infinitely complex social and legal problem. Surely he does not really believe that integration can be bought. The trouble with the Douglases on one side and the Talmadges on the other is that they stir up so much dust with their impossible and outrageous schemes that sensible people cannot see the real issues whole. They are mainly comic figures, with a touch of pathos. Unfortunately, we are involved in serious business and the present need is for serious thought. There ought to be a way whereby the professional whooper-up could be put on ice for a few months so the voices of the virtuous could be heard.

## Give A Cheer For That Man In Raleigh

TAR HEEL taxpayers owe Gov. Luther H. Hodges at least one hip and a hooray. The governor refused to say yesterday whether he will recommend a tax increase to the 1959 General Assembly but he came out solidly for a pay-as-you-go system of collecting state income taxes. Such a plan, if adopted, would result in a handsome multimillion-dollar windfall in non-recurring revenue for North Carolina during the next biennium. It might—repeat, might—make a tax boost unnecessary. The governor's support for a state withholding system was timely and necessary. It is, in our opinion, a piece of "must" legislation facing the new General Assembly. But it will require some pushing. Despite the governor's notion that there is "very little opposition against it," some opposition is developing on the ground that it would mean extra expense for employers. There might be some expense but it would certainly be insignificant since federal income tax

deductions are already being withheld. Consider the reactions of other states with a withholding system in force: "Employers have not objected to withholding in Colorado because of the ease of calculating the amount." (Colorado Director of Revenue.) "I have heard no complaints as to employers finding the system a burden or expense." (Delaware State Tax Commissioner.) "We have received no complaints from employers in our four years of withholding experience." (Kentucky Department of Revenue.) The experience of all states which have installed a pay-as-you-go plan is that revenue is from around 10 percent to as high as 25 percent. This is because it is more difficult to evade the state income tax law if the money is withheld by the employer. The honest taxpayer is penalized by the present system, we are involved in serious business and the present need is for serious thought. There ought to be a way whereby the professional whooper-up could be put on ice for a few months so the voices of the virtuous could be heard.

## Chief Justice - Baiting Is An Old Sport

SMOKE from a very studied peace pipe billows high around President Eisenhower and Chief Justice Warren these days. Each stoutly denies he has said nasty things about the way the other is doing his job. What brought the denials was an article by The New York Herald Tribune's Robert J. Donovan. Donovan reported that the chief justice is irked by Ike's hands-off policy on the Supreme Court's desegregation decisions. Ike by the court's brisk crackdown on security measures. The President, at his news conference before last, cited what he took to be the precedent of history: He does not think it the role of the chief executive to express approval or disapproval of court decisions. This concentrated peace pipe puffing is delicious; and by the lights of Washington's present tranquility it is probably in keeping. But let the President be reminded that he is missing out on one of the ancient presidential sports — chief justice-baiting. Many chief executives have cried "tally ho, the chief justice!" and charged off in a gallop of words and political maneuver to subdue him. Jefferson and

Madison both tried the sport, as did Andrew Jackson, Abraham Lincoln, Teddy Roosevelt, FDR, and even, in a milder case, Harry Truman. Like "dishing the Whites" in British politics, it is a fine and diverting blood sport which comes with the territory. Like tea in the East Room and four and a tax-free income. One word of caution, only strong Presidents have cared, or dared, to enjoy the chase. At this point, any evidence of strength in the White House would be welcome. So if the peace pipe smoke doesn't taste good, lie, puff it out. **The Positive Approach** THE President's advisers report that he has become convinced that talking to a few congressional leaders is not enough. They say he believes that to put his program through the heavily Democratic Congress, he must embark on an active campaign to develop more support for his ideas among the voters themselves. One form GOP leaders hope this will take will be dramatic, imaginative veto messages. —WALL STREET JOURNAL

From The New York Times

## NO TAX-EXEMPT HIPPOS

THE New York City government may be subject to criticism on other grounds, but you have to admit that when there is a Park Department surplus hippopotamus to sell, it drives a hard bargain. In the first place it was no small feat to get Bertie safely born in the Central Park Zoo and reared to the age of two years and the weight of 1200 pounds. Then to find a buyer at \$2,450—going, going, gone to the Denver zoo—was fine salesmanship. But there is a real cunning game in Bertie was sold for delivery inside the city, so a 3 per cent sales tax becomes instantly payable, a goodly dividend of \$73.50. At first glance it might look as though the city had found, in the breeding of hippos, a gold mine, helpful to the strained budget. Good business in fact, but business, pardon the expression. But like the tomato you raised in your back yard last summer, Bertie didn't come cheap. It took a lot of feeding to build up this baby. In fact, the Park Department estimates that the bill for raising Bertie to where he was old enough to leave his mother's side was about \$800 in food, and heaven knows how much manpower and overhead.

Obviously the only way you can afford a loss on every hippopotamus is to sell a great many. Mass production, that's the thing. A wise woman puts a grain of sugar into everything, she says to a man, and takes a grain of salt with everything, he says to her.—LANSAR (Mo) DEMOCRAT. Astronomers are pretty silly. After finding there is no water on the moon, they gave such names to various areas of it as "Sea of Serenity," "Sea of Tranquility," etc.—JACKSON (Miss) STATE TIMES. The teacher wrote a note to mother to give her boy a bath. And mother wrote back, "Dear teacher, just teach him—don't wash him." —AMARILLO (TEX.) GLOBE TIMES. A fisherman can be described as a person who at an early age began bending pins and corks.—ORLANDO (FLA.) SENTINEL. To those who asked whether summer would ever end the answer is "yes." —GASTONIA GAZETTE.

# Should Unruly School Kids Be Given 'Tranquilizers'?

By ROBERT C. RUARK

PALAMOS, Spain MY THIRST for knowledge has been known to lead me up strange pathways, and right now I'm around mulling if I had a prayer wheel, like a Tibetan monk, you would be able to hear it whirr. Education when I was a boy—sixty president, 20 million a day through the snow, teacher's pet, our class won the chocolate cake—education, as I was saying, when I split the kindling and cooked the breakfast—education was different. Yesirree bob, RIGID TRINITY You went to school. You raised your hand to go to the little boys' room. You sneaked in—oh, no, that wasn't me, that was my brother—you but you got kept in after school if you flung spitballs or paper airplanes or dipped your neighbor's pigtail in an inkpot. Even the Penros and Tom Sawyers managed to behave slightly while being forcibly subjected to the rigid trinity of the inexorable "R's."

hocco after you found that the teacher was a secret user, but mostly they refrained from having to kill us to keep us quiet. If we were a little rough on substitute teachers it was because they were sometimes things, not terribly big and severe only making costume-jewelry money anyhow. I heard that that some of them smoked and necked, too, but anyhow we was big for my age and that is quite another story. NEW THEOREM But now I am confronted with the theorem that in order to install a little rudimentary Chaucer and simple subtraction into modern minds, we are faced with the necessity of either dragging the little dears or hasting them briskly about the syllabus. One school of thought is going to try tranquilizing pills on the unruly, hereinafter described as "hyperactive, difficult children," on the grounds they are emotionally disturbed and need a badge of Nembutal to quell the beast that dwells within. That's in the Bronx, N. Y., where sterner things have happened. Now, in Stamford, in the mani-



The Younger Footpads . . .

curated areas of Connecticut, they just conducted a secret poll among teachers, and, cloaked in anonymity, the teachers ratted on the chummy little students. The teachers reported that out of 14,000 pupils there were approximately

800 "persistent disciplinary problem pupils." In the elementary grades, there were some 350 bad kids among a rough 2,000 total. Five hundred out of 5,000 in junior and high schools were stinkers. Teachers said. They recommended that the younger footpads be paddled, and the elder pimple-bearers be expelled "when all other means of control fail." The teachers blamed parents, as usual, for the state of anarchy in the classroom. "Working mothers not home" and "materialistic parents" and "permissive parents" absorbed the slap for Junior's misconduct and little Tessie's prescription for sticking out her tongue at the mere suggestion of a spelling bee.



... Ought To Be Paddled

ones whimpering that they can't control the unruly ones? It's somebody's fault and I'm not sure you can blame it entirely on the students. I am almost certain that a Marine sergeant would have very little difficulty with the darlings of the switch-blade education-

## PILLS ARE BAD

I am with the Stamford group, in principle, since I do not see how pill-taking is going to tranquilize some little highbrow who ought to be in reform school into thinking that "Pippa Passes" might amply with a horse and carriage. You start a kid off on any kind of pill that forgives him for being a little animal, and you got a candidate for a life of steady substitution of personal responsibility for other people's fancied frailties.

## DISCIPLINE NEEDED

What baffles me most, though, is how the autocrat of the classroom just control of these bulking mischief-makers in the first place. Whatever happened to authority, that you have to set cops to patrolling the schools, and the teach-

## 'How Soon Do You Think They'll Collapse?'



## People's Platform

# Unitarianism Dying

WHILE I subscribe wholeheartedly to Dr. Freeman's argument that the influence on American life, both contemporary and assessed by whatever amount of statistical evidence which can be adduced and while it is an undeniable and admirable merit of that movement not to seek converts in happy contrast to the types of sect which solicits funds in front of liquor stores "to help humanity," by which is meant, presumably, supplying cheap cotton shirts to some howling savages in the remote reaches of Madagascar, I must confess to believe that Unitarianism is a dying force in American life. It is dying because the intelligent man's subscription to the philosophy of ethical relativism has been rudely shaken by two world wars characterized by unheard-of brutalities and such ever increasing manifestations of man's inextinguishable inhumanity as to shake the optimistic faith of the moderate. Dr. Paulauskas, Unitarianism which is inspired by the essentially noble belief that the truth is beyond the exclusive province of the Christian church, is inextricably tied to the doctrines of ethical relativism and will, therefore, die as the world in general and America in particular grows toward a system of absolute values.

Unitarianism, which I like to think is best described by the poet Robert Frost's opinion that every man has the right to go to hell in his own way, is perhaps the cultural apogee of American history, but it hardly serves the needs of a mass society scared out of its wits by the prospects of atomic war. —R. SCHALLANSKY

## Citizensry Should Be Kept Informed

ON BEHALF of the North Carolina Federation of Republican Women, I wish to thank you for the excellent news coverage which you gave to the recent National Federation of Republican Women board meeting which was held here in Charlotte. I personally feel that the citizens to participate in the affairs of the party of their choice without any personal benefit except knowing that if this country is to remain strong and free we must be doing a service of the highest order. Whenever the newspapers fail to keep the citizens informed about what is going on in the social, economic, and political areas of our life they are reminding us that we are not always doing so well on the national and international level, so I am particularly happy that you saw fit to cover this national board meeting. I hope that in the future you will also cover such meetings even though they occur in other cities.

I wish to thank you also for the coverage you have given in the past to the activities of the North Carolina Federation of Republican Women, while I have been president. —MRS. J. D. STRATTON, President, National Federation of Republican Women.

## Quote, Unquote

"Dancing is wonderful training for girls. It's the first way they learn to give what a man is owing to do before he does it." —Christopher Morley.

## Ominous Possibilities

# Zero Hour Approaches In Virginia

By DORIS FLEESON

A COURT order to arrest four Negroes in an Arlington, Va. Junior High school Monday poses a potential little Rock square on the doorstep of the nation's capital. The ominous possibilities find everyone playing a waiting game. President Eisenhower and the White House are silent. The Department of Justice expresses a cautious optimism and does not admit or deny that it has any special plans for dealing with the situation. The new Civil Rights Commission has no power to act. Neither has Congress at this point, though it would react explosively to violence.

he true. However, the principal aim of public Monday has come from the local Defenders of State Sovereignty and Individual Liberties, the segregationist group of about 100 other Norfolk school children will be patient over a limited solution. At some time, someone, Washington will have to face up to the fact that its employees must have schools for their children or they will look for other employment.

It is not to be expected that the federal government will have to face up to the fact that its employees must have schools for their children or they will look for other employment. The men and women who have such skills are almost entirely being produced for defense and the highest kind of technical skills. The men and women who have such skills are almost entirely being produced for defense and the highest kind of technical skills. The men and women who have such skills are almost entirely being produced for defense and the highest kind of technical skills.

## LOCAL ATTIETES

Arlington seems quiet as the zero hour approaches. Its internal citizens are not of one mind on the merits of integration, but they seem to be agreed that their people want both the schools open. It is this which forms the basis of Justice Department hopes that the federal government will not have to step in. Arlington spokesmen also insist that outsiders will only step away, they can handle the problem. Such insistence is routine in situations of this kind and it may

NORFOLK'S PLIGHT The federal government has already been compelled to step into the situation at Norfolk, Va., because it has so many employees there, both civilian and military. The secretary of health, education and welfare, Arthur Flemming, has announced he will make funds

FEDERAL CONTRACTS That this is true is one of the little-discussed facts of life with the men who award federal contracts in the Pentagon have been dealing for many years with the highest kind of technical skills. The men and women who have such skills are almost entirely being produced for defense and the highest kind of technical skills. The men and women who have such skills are almost entirely being produced for defense and the highest kind of technical skills.

## Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

HARLEM's debut Congressman Adam Clayton Powell, who hurried to Havana to get into the spotlight, tried to buy a round of drinks the other night for a group of Fidel Castro's bearded rebels. The rebels politely declined, explaining that it might reflect upon their movement. It took Powell's most inebriating manner to persuade them finally to accept cigars, which they smoked at considerable fire hazard to their beards.

## Two Opposing Friends

Strange battles take place in the Senate. Two senators can fight each other, argue with each other, try to pile up votes against each other—and yet be the best of friends. Two men on opposite sides in the recent filibuster debate happen to be close friends—Lyndon Johnson of Texas and Clinton Anderson of New Mexico. Anderson was with Johnson when the latter suffered his heart attack at the

## Castro's Army Shuns Powell's Hooch

Batista was not allowed in this country. Ever since he got stoned in Venezuela, Nixon has appeared the danger of even giving the appearance of American support to him. From now on, the State Dept. will adopt the policy of a firm handshake for dictators and a warm embrace for the democratic leaders of Latin America.

## Why Mikoyan Frowned

Most mysterious event in the entire career of Deputy Premier Mikoyan was how he happened to go into the office of Deputy Undersecretary Douglas Dillon all smiles and come out 45 minutes later, all frowns, to blast the State Dept. for

## Dillon Said No

However, the Pentagon had different ideas. By the time Mikoyan got to Washington the Defense Dept. had become alarmed over the purchase. Thus, Deputy Premier Mikoyan, all smiles, called on Deputy Undersecretary Dillon, completely unaware of Pentagon frowns. When Mikoyan mentioned the purchase of pipe, Dillon pointedly said no.