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Mecklenburg Must Meet This Need

MECKLENBURG'S United Community Services must come to grips at once with the building needs of hard-pressed member agencies.

Serious deficiencies exist. Some will have to be remedied before another year passes.

UCS has done a superb job in helping affiliated services meet their operational expenses. But the growing physical needs of many of these same agencies have gone unmet. United Appeal dollars won't buy buildings.

The result: Physical decay, overcrowding and, in a few cases, actual danger. The situation at the Charlotte Day Nursery is an extreme example of the kind of inadequacies that today plague a number of UCS agencies.

Mecklenburg is not so poor that it must depend on fire traps for its social services.

Nor is it unreasonable to expect UCS agencies to perform their chores properly in facilities tailored for a T-model community.

Mecklenburg has grown swiftly in the past several decades. Its social services have grown, too. But as a rule, they are dispensed from quarters that were inadequate in 1945.

There are exceptions, of course. Furthermore, some of the physical inadequacies are not serious enough to merit public pity. But others are serious. What's more, UCS officials ought to be deeply and publicly concerned.

If in the judgment of UCS a separate capital funds drive is the only comprehensive answer to plight of these agencies then it ought to waste no time in getting a campaign underway. The need is urgent—so urgent that immediate action would be definitely in order.

Mecklenburgers will not turn their backs on the problem. They will respond as they have always responded to community needs—dutifully with a deep sense of civic responsibility.

Gentlemen, it is up to you

A Step Of Symbolic Importance In Rome

JOHN XXIII, hailed a "political pope" at his investiture, has made a political step which the Papacy has avoided since 1870.

It was the week of the annual all-party Congress in Moscow; against this background, as the Soviets worshipped their economic divinities, Pope John called for an ecumenical council of the Church. The air is said to be that of reaching some doctrinal meeting of minds throughout the Christian Church. Protestant leaders in the U. S., as elsewhere, divide in their reaction. Certainly, they say, they will not in any case assume the "heretical" role. Practically, the Pope's aim is said to be a rapprochement with the merely "schismatic" Eastern Orthodox Church.

The Pope has moved into a very delicate sphere. But however delicate, westerners of whatever credo will see the symbolic worth of ceremony for better or worse, the Western world has accomplished both its creations and its

follies under a system of the greatest disunity. The cohesive influence of the early Christian Church did not survive the schismatic impact of Near Eastern politics in the 11th Century, and of the rise of capitalism and the city in Europe in the 16th. Now does it seem likely with such forces accentuated today that another consensus will be found? The West has no ideology and no common faith to serve as a counterpart to communism: the chances are it will continue to accept the system of peaceful competition in faith and politics. It is not, in general, drawn to divide or to earthly absolutes.

Yet, as C. L. Sulzberger of THE NEW YORK TIMES puts it: "Even a slight success would have political importance. For if in all those who believe in divinity can in any way be drawn together, communism will suffer a serious setback." That is the council's symbolic work.

Some Tips For Running In Local Events

ON the local political front there are rumblings.

This could be the year city elections make Popocatepetl's lava output resemble the batter bubbles from an over-filled waffle grid.

But first, the candidates themselves must get into condition.

This will come as little news to veteran campaigners, but to neophytes, a word.

Barbecue. One simply must be prepared to down it in quantity this season. There is no bad barbecue in Charlotte, but if a taste for it hasn't been cultivated, get busy. Not only will barbecue be present, but preparation for it is needed by the consumer.

It's going to be difficult to chew it properly, what with answering questions, shaking hands and balancing slaw on the left knee. One's interior can quickly re-

semble the fiery regions so aptly demonstrated on television ads these days. Learn to chew and speak at the same time. It's usually best to qualify one's answers by muddling in the mouth, anyway.

Sometimes a group will switch off suddenly and ring in barbecued chicken. Be prepared against slips. One fumbled drumstick and shirt and tie give folks the impression one has been stabbed by an opponent.

That left-knee slaw balancing is important, too. How can one lend a steady influence in government if slaw suddenly hits the deck?

Noters notice these things. It takes a real pro to handle all the liquids offered, but stand fast. They'll probably balance off one another—and anticid. Druggsters are sometimes handy as a catalyst is needed. Happy vote-hunting!

Take Not Their Titles Of Honor Away

A Virginia radio station has announced, "no uncertain terms, that henceforth its masters of ceremony for musical hours will be known as 'musicasters'."

We believe the disc jockey holds an important place for a hard-core, volatile audience which grips every word like silent screen heroines in a cliff-hanger. They respond as surely as television's fizz tablets in water when an appeal is made: they can recite by memory which current rhythm-heavy record rests in top place.

When zircos of thought are revealed, these become as bright diamonds of conversation for the day. "Did you hear Ed Flipper this morning?" He said, "There's

nothing surer than death and taxes." He told the truth, didn't he?"

The disc jockey is unique. There are the satin-throated ones who can shiver young females. There are the great humorists, an occasional battler against convention, the older sages to offer in homey advice, the young in spirit. That last category can expend more effort in lousy cheerfulness than that needed to push a satellite rocket aloft.

A "musicaster"? Heaven forbid! We wouldn't change them, by content or title, one iota.

It's something like asking the Kingston Trio, or of Tom Dooley, fame, to become this country's legation team in Moscow. Their fans wouldn't stand for it.

From The Manchester Guardian

ALL THE ANSWERS

FROM time to time our New York manager sends out mail little cards offering a trial of the MASCHESTER GUARDIAN Weekly to Americans who have been mentioned to him as likely to be interested. Two of the cards bounced back at him last week. One had on it a printed sticker

SORRY:
I can't afford it.
I'm an

Underpaid Teacher.

The other said tersely "Don't want your goddamn product."

There is the germ of an idea here. Surely some enterprising firm could market a set of labels that would save our time in dealing with all kinds of correspondence. The two messages above

(with emendations) would form a useful nucleus: The former for dealing with the nicker type of begging letter and the latter for soap coupons and hard-selling circulars. For more personal correspondence we could use quite a lot of labels saying:

Yes to
No to
Reply from you
Reply will reply
Soon
And there might be a demand for:

Duffing
X X X X
To reply pertinent correspondents, such as the Internal Revenue, all four could be used in rotation. A fat lot of difference it makes, anyway, what you say to them.

Dulles Plan For Berlin—Stand Fast And Rattle Sword

By JOSEPH ALSOP

WASHINGTON SECRETARY OF State John Foster Dulles has been asking our allies to agree to meet any Soviet challenge at Berlin without temporizing, without equivocation and head-on. Under the Dulles program, for instance, a challenge of the Western allies' right to use the land routes to Berlin will be answered by sending an armed convoy.

This program in fact demands the will to fight a big war—an H-bomb war—for the defense of

Jerusalem, that the whole problem be "stuffed out" in careful detail.

HE WENT HOME

A leading planner from the British War Office staff was actually sent to Washington to conduct preliminary staff talks with the planners attached to the Joint Chiefs of Staff. This high-ranking officer kicked his heels here for a week, and then went home after accomplishing nothing. One therefore suspects that the proclaimed Dulles-Pentagon thesis, after satisfactory staff talks.

If this suspicion is correct, the British will also reject the Dulles-Pentagon thesis at the end of the "stuffed out" process. At that point, one would be already pretty clear: Secretary Dulles will hardly secure final allied agreement for his "contingency" plan for Berlin, while the Pentagon carries on business as usual.

NEED CONVINCING

In this respect at least there is no logical answer to the British doubts about the Dulles approach to the Berlin problem. Dismissed as usual at the Pentagon which is plainly inconsistent with the whole Dulles approach depends on convincing the Kremlin that the West is in deadly earnest, and will fight a big war, if need be. In these circumstances, there are certain practical measures that plainly need to be taken without much further delay. If an armed convoy is planned, some reinforcement of the divisions in Germany is surely essential — if only to prove that the plan is serious. For the same purpose, training exercises are needed, to show that the West's engineering troops can surmount any purely physical obstacles to the convoy, such as broken bridges.

FULL READINESS

Above all, however, adoption of the Dulles approach imperatively demands bringing the Strategic Air Command to a state of full readiness. At present, despite the widespread readiness of the contrary, SAC maintains no air alert. Experiments with an air alert



Russian Soldiers Standing Before Berlin's Brandenburg Gate

were made in the autumn. It was found to be practical to keep a high proportion of SAC's planes always in the air and always ready to attack their targets. But this way of keeping a substantial striking force beyond reach of enemy attack was also found to be costly. Hence a 15-minute ground alert plan was chosen.

As the SAC commander, Gen. Thomas P. Power, very clearly pointed out, the 15-minute ground alert offers no protection at all

against a Soviet missile-strike. The air-missile warning system is not yet complete and it will not be completed for some time to come. Thus the warning time for a missile-strike will be zero. With zero warning time, SAC's planes on the ground would be destroyed by any successful missile-strike; whether there was a 15-minute alert or no alert at all.

In truth, if SAC is to bear the main burden of bridging the missile gap, a permanent air alert is necessary in any case, quite without regard to the threat at Berlin. It is all the more urgently necessary, if the American official policy is to risk a big war, if it is at a time that is no longer very distant.

People's Platform

'Extravagant Idea'

Charlotte Editor, The News: INVITING the General Assembly to meet in Charlotte is a fine but extravagant promotion idea.

"If the Chamber of Commerce wants to promote Charlotte, they don't put some of their promotion money where it belongs? I say clean up the slums, help feed the hungry, and needy people who call Charlotte, N. C., their home before providing 'free' extravagance to those who don't have to turn to charitable organizations for the bare necessities of life."

—TOMMY R. FURR

Different Effect Than Pea-Pickin'

Charlotte Editor, The News: NOW that several hundred white children in Virginia have attended school with a few Negro children, we wonder if it has had any different effect than if they had been hanging out on picking peas in the same field with the colored kids, or maybe just been shopping in the same supermarket?

—A. C. BUCKLE

Tracts For Census A Boon To Agencies

Charlotte Editor, The News: THE Department of Commerce recently announced that census tracts had been approved for Charlotte and Mecklenburg County. This is a tremendous step forward. The Planning Commission can study our population much more effectively. They can give guidance to merchants on the exact population composition of a very limited area, with predictions of just

how this small area or areas will develop. Churches can take an informed look at their immediate area. Health agencies can study their problems on a neighborhood basis. Utilities can plan their present and projected needs with great accuracy. In fact, all our planning in all areas for the future and present will be improved.

However, there are some steps to take in all areas that are prepared for use in taking census at some cost. The tracts must be used by various agencies, especially public utilities, for them to become dynamic instruments for planning the future.

The planning commission, the Chamber of Commerce and other interested agencies and people continue to need help and support on this project.

—CHARLES N. BRILEY
President, Mecklenburg County Tuberculosis and Health Association.

From Great Books, A Running Stream

Salisbury Editor, The News: EACH PARENT should try to set all the good ideas that they can into the minds and feelings of their children.

Those tend to expand and grow when they have been planted in the right way in the thoughts and souls of children. But ideas must be presented and understood if they are to hang on and bring forth the fruit that we expect them to bring.

Great books are built of great ideas, emotions and thoughts. And that is why we must read all kinds of good books in order that we may have a mind that is a running stream for our children to drink from.

—J. W. JEWELL



HAROLD MACMILLAN
Some Doubts Remain

Berlin. Neither a single tank column nor all the Western divisions in NATO, can possibly open a road to Berlin against the opposition of the massive Soviet armies in East Germany. Hence humiliating retreat or a big war will be the only way out, if a convoy is sent and is halted.

DEMAND COUNTERED

The thesis of Secretary Dulles and his strong supporters, the American Joint Chiefs of Staff, is that the Kremlin will not risk a big war for Berlin. Therefore, the Dulles-Pentagon thesis continues, the Kremlin will not press its Berlin claims to the utmost, if we show that we prefer to run this risk rather than to surrender.

At least until Secretary Dulles' visit to London, the British government was unwilling to accept the Dulles-Pentagon thesis. There was a strong impulse in London to base the Western plans for Berlin on a direct challenge, by resort to an air lift. The American pressure for acceptance of the Dulles-Pentagon thesis was meanwhile met by a British coun-

'Don't Forget To Fasten Your Money Belt'



Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

BETWEEN teeth clenched on a sugary sugar, Gen. Nathan Twining gave this terse opinion of the rival bureaus' claims jurisdiction over outer space: "There's a bigger threat than the Russians."

This remark by the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff was made in the privacy of his own office, not in Capitol Hill. But the sunbathing over satellite-missile authority, which promotion his comment almost broke into the open last week at a Senate space hearing.

Multiple Chiefs

Space wars seem to be multiplying inside the Pentagon like rabbits, and the more senators learned about them the more they became confused over who was in charge of satellites and missiles. "We've got to untangle the chain of command,"

They Wonced

Turning to Roy Johnson, director of advance research (the counsel) department, "Do you make technical decisions?" "Yes sir," replied Johnson, adding with a sweep of his hand that "the decisions I make on the technical level are overriding."

Everybody's Confused On Space Leaders

On the sidelines, a half dozen rival space wars waged.

"Can you override General (Bernard) Schriever, who is in charge of the ballistic missile program for the Air Force?" asked Weist, trying to get down to cases.

Another Question

"On space technology programs that I ask General Schriever to do for me, I am his boss," proclaimed Research Director Johnson.

Sole Judge?

"What part of that satellite program does the Air Force have?" pressed Weist.

"That is right," acknowledged Johnson. "Herbert York, director of defense research, was also present. He shifted restlessly in his seat."

"What part do you have, Dr. York?" the committee counsel inquired.

'In Principle'

"Just a minute," protested Weist. "You will be able to override Mr. Johnson won't you?"

Nearer The Top?

"Wait a minute," protested Johnson. "I can override the secretary, too."

"You can override the secretary of defense," demanded Weist skeptically.

"On the programs that I control, I can override anyone," asserted Johnson.

Abbott & Costello

Chairman Lyndon Johnson, puzzled, broke in to give his namesake a chance for rebuttal.

Footnote

Note—Guided missiles boss William Halliday, civilian space boss Keith Glennan and a host of other satellite-missile chiefs also staked their claims to authority. The senators would still like to know "who's on first."