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Caution Takes A Holiday At 110 MPH

"The horror of that moment," the King went on, "I shall never, never forget."
"You will though," the Queen said, "if you don't make a memorandum of it."
—Lewis Carroll

There are limits to the peril law enforcement officers should inflict on the community merely to apprehend a suspect in a minor case. Local ABC agents who chased a car carrying white liquor through the driving rain at speeds up to 110 miles an hour exceeded those limits by a country mile.

The car being pursued flipped over and burst into flames. Its driver suffered minor injuries.

But every man, woman and child along the chase route was placed in deadly danger by the tenacity and zeal of the lawmen.

Tenacity and zeal are commendable traits in lawmen. But they can be tried too far. In almost any instance, it behooves an officer to weigh carefully the necessity to make an immediate arrest against the possible risks to innocent people.

If a known killer were attempting a getaway perhaps the risks to pedestrians and other motorists would be worth taking. But the lives of the two ABC

agents involved in Tuesday's chase — and the lives of others who might have unwittingly gotten in the way of their speeding vehicle — are worth considerably more than 136 gallons of liquor and the custody of a suspected bootlegger.

This is not the first time local ABC agents have thrown prudence to the wind in attempting to get their man. There was a similar case in 1955. ABC men chased a suspect from midtown to about three miles north of the city limits at speeds up to 120 miles an hour. They caught him—but only after he lost control of his vehicle, which went over a four-foot embankment and overturned.

The car's occupant, a New Jersey youth, was also charged with transporting white whisky.

It must be pointed out, in fairness to the local ABC law enforcement division, that such races are rare. Suspects are usually blocked off rather than run down. Tuesday's chase was the exception rather than the rule.

There should, however, be no exceptions when grave risks to human lives are involved. Perhaps it would be well to make a memorandum of it while the "horror of the moment" is fresh in everyone's mind.

When Animals Begin To Get Uppity

Now that white supremacists have blithered "The Three Little Pigs" and "The Rabbit Wedding" as racial propaganda we suppose nothing is safe—not even "Mother Goose" (especially not "Mother Goose").

But this is old stuff. The boobies have been denouncing children's classics for roughly 1,000 years. It is no doubt because this is the only branch of literature composed almost exclusively of one and two-syllable words. Ordinarily, the fear of books derives largely from those who do not, or cannot, read them.

The governor of China's Hunan Province banned Lewis Carroll's "Alice in Wonderland" in 1931 because "Animals should not use human language, and that it is disastrous to put animals and human beings on the same level." Animals, presumably, are all right in their place but when they get uppity, and begin to make speeches, form committees and file petitions, it's time to draw the line.

That's not all. Mark Twain's "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" was banned by the public library in Thosau's home town of Concord, Mass., as "trash and suitable only for the slums." The first edition of Lena Towles's "Peggy and Peter—What They Did Today" was stopped in New York in 1931 because the children were not shown saying their prayers. In 16th century England, the "King Arthur" stories were denounced as "bold adultery and villful murder." Jack London's "The Call of the Wild" was banned by Yugoslavia in 1929 as "too

radical." Soviet Russia banned "The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes" in 1929 because of "occultism and spiritualism." Hans Christian Andersen's "Wonder Stories" were banned by czarist Russia in 1835, for reasons that are not quite clear, and by Communist Russia in 1935 because they "glorify princes and princesses." Censors in Illinois stamped Andersen's fairy tales "For Adult Readers Only" in 1954 to make it "impossible for children to obtain smut." Ireland suppressed "Gulliver's Travels" in 1726 because it was considered obscene and detrimental to both government and morals.

There is something sick in a society that finds evil in the antics of furry rabbits and fat little pigs who build houses and dance the jig. But there have been badly frightened people who mistake yellow birds for the devil and set fire to witches out of sheer frustration. There always will be, we suppose.

Meanwhile, we are putting our copy of James Thurber's "Fables For Our Time" away until the whole thing blows over. It contains a story about a crow who fell in love with a Baltimore oriole.

Amnesia

A Charlotte weatherman doubted that was really tropical storm Arlene which dropped .77 inches of rain here Tuesday. "The storm," he explained, "lost its identity yesterday."

They May Laugh With New Compassion

Voices are rising in Washington against a Hollywood filming of the Leder-Burdick best selling novel, "The Ugly American." They argue it could damage us as shown abroad.

True, the novel does not strike a pretty picture of our prosecution of policy in Southeast Asia. It is largely a satirical rogue's gallery in words, showing political ambassadors outwitted by astute Russian professionals. Embassy employees striking plush and exclusive postures before poor natives with the help of tax-free cars, cocktails, and canned goods. American funds building highways where bicycle paths are needed.

The novel is not, however, so one-sided as the rogue's gallery part makes it sound. The "ugly American" himself is a sympathetic midwesterner, an engineer, who improvises helpful rice-paddy pumps to be driven by bicycles. Rather than damn our efforts, the novel instead makes the point that with

the purging of some elementary flaws and more competent personnel Americans could make headway.

"I think it will impress foreign audiences that we can point out our faults," says the prospective film producer. Probably it will. But there are better reasons to make the film than to thumb our uncensored chest. No matter how it blasts us, "The Ugly American" should be filmed truly and shown widely. For it accurately shows the agony a thumbful of Americans go through—braving cocksure isolationists, congressional miserliness, military greed for weapons, and the timidity of bureaucrats—to build a dam or deliver a bag of rice to Asia. It stages the threat of a crumbling democracy trying, with many ties to the fence-in-past, to match the demands of a world where all the fences have fallen down.

Abroad, they may laugh or even ungraciously curse us. But in the language of the world there may be an entirely new compassion.

From The Raleigh News & Observer

WHEN THE NICKEL CAME

In May 1866, the five cent piece was authorized. It was 75 per cent copper and 25 per cent nickel.

An obvious demand for small change was brought about in ever-increasing sales of notions and oddsends. Horse-drawn carriages were carrying more and more passengers, and wholesale commuting was beginning. You had to tote too many pennies, and although there were small denominations in paper money, this was unwieldy and making change was a formidable chore.

The nickel became a currency springboard. In the long periods of parlous times, a nickel was big money. It meant bread. (For years, even up to recent times, a loaf of bread cost only a nickel.) Bakers also sold nickel pies and cakes, short on flavor, perhaps, but long on rib-tickling taste. A new parlance entered in the form of ten thousand "two-fers." In the small towns, especially, everything seemed to revolve around the nickel. Hundreds of items were produced ostensibly to be sold for a nickel. Merchants fixed matters so that the customer who wanted a nickel's worth of something could be served promptly. This was particularly true of cake toget-

co, cakes and pies, boxes of dried fruit, and dozens of kinds of canned goods. It was not jesting alone that prompted Vice President Marshall to say, "What this country needs is a good five-cent cigar." With inflation, Franklin P. Adams said, "What this country needs is a good five-cent nickel."

Above all, the Indian and buffalo introduced boys to the realm of finance. There were a million jobs that paid a nickel, flat. Some chores, requiring a little specialized skill, paid five cents an hour. You could get enough lemonade for a nickel to drown an elephant. You could see a movie or buy a good pair of socks. (Someone once gently chided Horace Williams, the old UNC philosopher, about his penchant for clinging to money. He answered, "I came along when things were tight. A nickel was vital. It meant bread.")

"Would you say the defendant has a habit of talking to himself when he's alone?" asked the lawyer. After considerable thought the witness replied, "That's a hard question to answer. You see, I've never been with him when he's alone." —Fort Myers (Fla.) News-Press.

People's Platform

Trustees' New Code Should Bring Good Cheer

Editors, The News: I have just seen your editorial of May 27 with regard to the newly adopted policy statement regarding academic freedom at the University. I realize that it is not a critical editorial and I am not at all unhappy about it. However, I would like to take mild exception to your statement that "we confess we are sad that writing down liberties so essential should be thought necessary in 1959."

I should frankly admit to some prejudice on the subject, as I served as chairman of the Consolidated University Faculty Committee which originally drafted the proposals. Further, I am a lawyer and perhaps my professional training induces me to prefer rights which are legally enforceable to those supported only by tradition.

The tradition is essential, as without it, legislative declarations of university governing bodies may not be honored. Furthermore, there are great universities (for example, Harvard) which have never formulated such regulations as were recently adopted for our university.

On the other hand, there are many fine American universities which have comparable regulations; and when we were



Brandis: No Melancholy

As your editorial pointed out, legislation regarding the conditions of tenure and "academic due process" are quite necessary. Under the latter, our new trustee legislation recognizes that a faculty member may be discharged for "misconduct of such a nature as to indicate

working on our draft we found that there was something of a trend in this direction. For ample, the University of Illinois had just adopted new regulations and a committee comparable to ours was working on regulations for the University of Pennsylvania. However, much native sons and university alumni such as the writer might be willing to rely upon tradition alone, when this university invites a scholar from another section of the country to join its faculty, he, lacking experience with our traditions and our people, may quite legitimately prefer a formal declaration in the trustees' code which he can read and appraise for himself.

However, should such a case arise, this declaration of the trustees gives advance support to the faculty committee in resisting all outside pressures to recommend discharge of a faculty member who has merely exercised his academic freedom, however unpopular and publicly unpalatable the exercise may have been. During the past quarter of a century there has been enough hysteria directed at enough respectable American universities and their faculty members to make that man bold indeed who would assert that it can never happen in North Carolina.

There are various freedoms in the American tradition; but the Americans also have a tradition, departing from that of their British cousins, of embodying the guarantees of those freedoms in written constitutions. It does not make me sad that we have Bills of Rights in both the national and state constitutions. I recently served as a member of the North Carolina Constitutional Commission. It did not make me sad that the members of our commission unanimously thought it advisable to continue in the proposed new constitution a guarantee of freedom of the press. In fact, we thought it advisable to add a written guarantee of freedom of speech. Certainly our state has fine traditions of freedom of speech and freedom of the press. The latter, with the help of many able editors, has given us, considering the size of our cities, the finest set of dailies in the South. To me, it is vitally important that your freedom continue to be backstopped by written, legally enforceable guarantees.

My primary hope is to persuade the writer of your editorial that, however felicitous his total product may have been, his melancholia is perhaps unnecessary. Please tell him to be of good cheer.

—HENRY BRANDIS JR.
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"A Tradition Of Written Constitutions"

that he is unfit to continue as a member of the faculty." On its face, this is vague; and it would be almost impossible to write a precise, self-exhausting definition of the kind of misconduct contemplated. It thus becomes highly important that the same legislation contain the declaration regarding academic freedom by a faculty member should never be regarded as such misconduct. I trust that we will never have a case in which, in effect, a faculty member must be tried by a faculty committee.

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Payton's Quote

Was Hilarious

Charlotte

Editors, The News:

You never hear anything much said about the ladies who patrol school children, seeing that they get safely across busy streets to school. I have two precious grandchildren who go to Parkville, Hutchinson and Tryon Hills schools. If I didn't know that some good woman was seeing to their safety, I would be miserable. Hutchinson Street is a truck route. I don't know what they receive, but their safety should be a good job, for it takes a good, kind person to be interested in the safety of children.

—MRS. MAYME BARGER

As Others See Us

'The Never-Never Land'

British Africans have a new name for the U.S. — Never-Never Land.

This has nothing to do with fairy tales, but derives from the colorful British expression for buying on the installment plan, "buying on the never-nevers."

Observes the Rhodesian Monthly Review: "America may be the land of the almighty dollar but the almighty dollar seems to be vanishing from the scene and credit cards taking its place."

"Everything is done on credit. I hear. Borrowing money from banks is simplicity itself. If you already owe money but have been paying the installments regularly you can double your loan bank the asking. "In fact, it is easier for a person who lives on the never-never to get credit than for one who puts his money in the cash customer, is likely to be caught with suspicion if he suddenly wants to borrow some cash." —Tom Turner.

Maine, Republican, who is on the fence regarding Strauss' confirmation. Sen. Smith, though not a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, was singled out from all other senators for this exclusive dinner.

Last Minute Change

But at the last minute Mrs. Smith didn't make it. The sent word that she was detained by a Senate vote which wasn't called until 10 p.m. Sen. Smith has a record of missing a single roll-call vote since June 1, 1953. She has been present to answer a vote or may for a total of 270 votes and she didn't want to break that record. She did not know until later, incidentally, that plans had been made to have her dinner with the Cabinet officer who very much wants her vote for his confirmation.

"Oh Boy-Wait Till They Discover 'Black Beauty'"



Prime Issues In 1960

War & Peace Presidency

By WALTER LIPPMANN

WASHINGTON

There have been elections, for example the election of 1958, when except for the possibility of another election, there never was any doubt about the results. In 1956, if Eisenhower was able to accept the nomination, he was sure to be elected. For 1960, the situation is altogether different. There is no certainty who will be nominated by either party and, as respects the candidates for the presidency, there is no certainty, not even a high probability, as to who could or would be elected.

PARADOX

Most of the uncertainty comes out of the situation revealed by the various tests of public opinion, notably the Gallup polls. They disclose a paradox. While the Republicans are in a steady and deep decline for the congressional elections, President Eisenhower's personal popularity has improved rather dramatically since the spectacular defeat of the Republicans in the elections of last November.

My guess is that there are three reasons why this is so. It was not surprising that it should be so. It was not surprising that it should be so.

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