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Here Is A Chore For Home Folks

College doors will be closed to dozens of Mecklenburg's finest high school graduates in September.

The reasons are financial. Some of the county's most promising youngsters simply cannot afford the "luxury" of higher education.

The notion, expressed here last week, that the National Defense Student Loan Fund will take the edge off the problem is rosy indeed. Too rosy.

Charlotte's share of federal money is small. A few students will benefit, but only a few.

Any really significant effort to solve the problem of this tragic waste of talent will probably have to come from private, local sources.

Nor is the situation in Mecklenburg unique. If anything, conditions are better here than in the state's poorer counties. William C. Friday, president of the University of North Carolina, capsuled the tragedy in a speech in Raleigh several years ago. He said:

Fewer than one-third of North Carolina's promising high school graduates actually attend college.

Fewer than one-half of the technical personnel needed by industry and agriculture in North Carolina today are being trained in this state.

As a matter of fact, only 5 per cent of the state's population 25 years or over has completed four or more years of college. In this respect, North Carolina ranks 39th in the nation.

The irony is that many doting fathers

send ill-trained youngsters into higher education simply because "going to college" has become the thing to do. Often they are students without any real conception of higher education or the ability to profit from it. They take up space that should be occupied by young people who are qualified for college but can't get in.

Actually, there are two problems: The familiar one of preserving the quality of higher education and the less familiar and more difficult one of making sure that higher education remains open to all students capable of absorbing it.

Mecklenburg has a vital stake in the latter problem. It simply cannot afford to waste talent that can contribute mightfully to the county's cultural, social and economic progress.

There are ways in which individuals, corporations, professional organizations and civic groups can help. Regular contributions to nearby institutions of higher learning would enable these institutions to bolster loan funds and scholarship programs. Individual scholarships could be established for qualified students who would not otherwise be able to attend college — preferably without too many limitations as to fields of study. Locally, both Charlotte College and Carver College are sorely in need of scholarships for needy students. A few have already been established; others would help greatly.

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Charlotte Corrects Some Illusions

Charlotte was treated to a vivid glimpse of the abstractions by which Americans are known, Tuesday, when youths from Pakistan, the Philippines, Argentina, and Italy stomped the Queen City on a "People-to-People" tour organized by Rutgers students.

As their fixed ideas faded before the reality, the reactions, if hardly new, were startling. The Italian, a political science student, looked for Americans to be "rich, superficial, and spoiled by easy living." He found them in bondage to the same problems that bother Italians.

The Pakistani, convinced that southern racism is a matter of "hated," decided, "if I had to pick out a single cause for the racial difficulty found here it would be fear instead of hatred." At a Charlotte hospital, he found young people "supposed to think only of money" working as volunteers to serve the ill and handicapped.

Though quickly dispelled, these stereotyped notions are disconcerting, and indicate that even in a day when a jet plane can span either ocean in a few hours most of us lack not only insight (which is often hard to come by) but even accurate observation of other lands. What is there so strange that Americans worry

about paying for houses and cars or doctor's bills, or fear payroll competition from the Negro, more than they hate him, or volunteer occasionally for charity work? It is all so commonplace as to be unnoticed; but foreigners are amazed.

Why are such abstractions so engrained abroad? One good guess is that most of the travelers to America from abroad, who return to report what they see, are in the majority of instances the highly refined and the wealthy who can afford the high cost of tourism. Toward the United States, there has been no poverty of cultural reaction, from de Tagueville to Mme. Chiang Kai-shek. But we have lacked, decidedly, the reactions of those more modestly placed in their own countries, like the Dutch garbage collector whom "People-to-People" brought on an earlier tour. Aboard, travel is so much the prerogative of the established that the flood of American tourists there makes friends and enemies think of us all as boundlessly wealthy.

The fixed ideas — that we are mean, spoiled moneybags, and uncharitable — are startling; but they do not stand up for a minute to observation. "People to people" travel ought to be encouraged by resources bigger than those of a few college students with imagination.

Finally! Bugaboos We Can Deal With

A friend of ours, who has been taking the curative liquids in some obscure mountain resort, came home the other day and made an alarming observation. "The beasts are taking charge," he said somewhat excitedly.

"Beasts?" we asked. "If you mean the Republicans."

"I mean beasts. Real ones, the size of collie dogs, with pointed ears, woolly coats and bulging eyes. Don't you read your own newspaper? They're being seen all over. I should think you would want to write an editorial — view them with alarm or something."

Suddenly we understood. He meant the strange animals that have been reported in the vicinity for several weeks now. There was the one who left four-toed tracks in Irrell County, the big-headed one with white rings around his body in South Carolina, the "Crittter of Mecklenburg" who looked "like a gorilla" and was once seen strolling up Trade Street, the "bear" who has been roaming the rural precincts. Yes, we are aware of these reports. Furthermore, we are comforted by them and told our friend so.

"Comforted?" he fairly shrieked. "You and your chaise-car of the wild! Haven't we got enough trouble without worrying about monsters?"

"Beasts," we said firmly. "Not monsters. You yourself called them beasts and that's what they are — bears, gorillas, four-toed hippopotami and the like — flesh-and-blood beasts that grow and leave footprints."

"I know, but..."

From The Green Bay (Wis.) Press-Gazette

MR. HICKS' LAW VS. 'THE GREEN YEARS'

The old saw about sparing the rod and spoiling the child may be put to the test in North Carolina.

That state's Assembly the other day passed a bill which would give North Carolina school teachers the right to spank unruly pupils.

Several representatives expressed fears the bill, if passed, would turn students into sadists. Others voiced similar warnings.

Rep. Ernest Hicks, author of the bill, says the courts have held that a teacher may use reasonable force to restrain a

pupil the same as a prudent parent would use. The bill, he says, merely spells it out into law.

We do not know what fate awaits this new law. Nor is there an attempt here and now to speak out for or against such a proposal.

There's this to consider, however: What with integration problems, talk of a 12-month school year and now a spanking proposal, the serious-minded eighth grader may rightfully ask himself: "These are the green years!"

Johnson And The Democrats Are Missing The Bus

By WALTER LIPPMANN

WASHINGTON
We have been seeing once again that this country cannot be governed from the other end of Pennsylvania Ave., that is to say, from Congress. The Democrats have big majorities in both houses but they cannot mobilize them to impose a positive program on the President. They can deny him what he asks, and he can deny them what they want. But the center of authority cannot be moved from the White House to the Capitol.



Johnson: A Vital Role

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This being a presidential system of government, only the President can govern. The Congress can oppose him, it can obstruct him, and it can stop him from governing. That is why congressional government as Woodrow Wilson said in his book 75 years ago, is bad government.

People's Platform

One Baby's Smile Brightens A Day

Editors, The News:

After treatment at the Doctors' Building I made my exit into the hallway. Lining along thoughts of thankfulness came to me for doctors and nurses, for knowledge of medicine, and appreciation of spousalness. Twenty feet away, at the elevator, stood a mother with her baby. Baby began smiling. The smile was for me! How I smiled back at a baby's smile for a perfect stranger!

"Thank you," I said to the mother. "For letting me acknowledge that smile!"
"Oh, he smiles at everybody," mother said.
But this one was for me, me, undisputed, unpretended, priceless.

Human Values

How To Build A World

The needs begin with the scientific but do not end there. A cement plant has no inherent democratic qualities. It can be run by Communist, and Fascists as well as by us. Our endowment of a nation with the material things it needs to keep abreast with modernity insures nothing but its existence. If we are to build a world community where human values survive, we must construct many bridges besides the scientific ones. Our nexus with the civilization of the world must be philosophical as well as materialistic.

There are great values for us in the interchange. Many of the civilizations of the world are rich in culture. We have much to give in return — great deposits of learning in government, politics and the humanities. We have contributions for those who are taking over for the first time the reins of government. The parliamentary system is the product of rebellion against despotic power. It

is the result of centuries of experience. The political history of the English-speaking world must somehow reach through to the intelligentsia of the new nations that have been born.

So should the empirical methods of our education. We have literature that is eternal because it reflects moods that are free, intellects that are not harassed by one creature's free exchange of ideas, the give and take of debate, the liberty of conscience, the freedom to write and believe as one thinks — these are more the hallmark of our civilization than electric toasters, automobiles and dams. Russia has a plethora of the material things, but is strikingly short of things humanistic and spiritual. It is at the human level that we are going to build our world community. We must help men of all tongues find the secret of freedom as well as the secret of sense.

William O. Douglas in the Wilson Library Bulletin.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON
Secretary of State Herter sits down once again with Foreign Minister Gromyko under anything but favorable auspices. Here are the instructions and diplomatic conversations which make it so:

Herter's Instructions

1—Eisenhower has told Herter to permit no prolonged conversations or as they would say in the Senate—dilatory. If no agreement is in sight within two weeks, Herter has been instructed to come home.

Short And Sweet?

2—Gromyko has already served notice to the same end. He has sent word that he wants the foreign ministers

meeting to be short and sweet, so he can get back to Moscow by July 22 to welcome Vice President Nixon. That leaves only 10 days to negotiate.

Confidential Report

3—Eisenhower received a confidential report from CIA Director Allen Dulles, just before Herter left, that the "United States and Russia are closer to war than at any time since the Bolshevik revolution. This warning was based on the belief that Premier Khrushchev is in a reckless mood and has decided the allies can be bluffed out of Berlin.

Ike Is Skeptical

Eisenhower, listening to the Dulles report, could not believe Khrushchev would be foolish enough to risk a show-

down that could plunge the world into war. Perhaps that's why Eisenhower has resisted advice by the Joint Chiefs of Staff and Secretary Herter to take military precautions in advance. Herter wants the Strategic Air Command to put on a night-and-day alert, and perhaps the National Guard called out.

Democratic Editor Picked

Ambassador John Hay Whitney, new owner of the rock-ribbed Republican Herald Tribune, has finally picked his new editor — Robert White II, publisher of the Mexico, Mo., Ledger, a Democratic paper.

The fact that Whitney has gone to

more taxes. If the tactic is insincere and also unconvincing it is surely not good politics, and Sen. Johnson has been right to avoid it.

SHAMEFUL NEGLECT

But is that all? I think not.

The political tactic proposed by Sen. Johnson's critics would be a mistake. But surely they are not wholly wrong in their feeling that somehow a Democratic Congress should be doing something of its own besides choosing between obstructing the President or giving in to him. What could that something be? It would be to prepare public opinion for the future, which is not yet here but is near at hand. It would be to prepare public opinion for the decade of the sixties which, assuming that there is no war, is bound to be an era of great innovation and development of our public facilities.

For it is inconceivable, to cite a few examples, that a country which can spend what we spend on landies should tolerate much longer the shameful neglect and starvation of public education. It is inconceivable that this country will put up with inadequate medical care, with inadequate airports and failing railroads. The public facilities of this country are not keeping up with the growth of the population, the congestion in the cities, and the rising standards of private life. It is as absurd as anything of this sort can be that in the decade of the sixties there will be a

great modernization and expansion of public facilities.

Without doubt, this will require more taxes out of a more rapidly growing economy.

It is here that Sen. Johnson and the congressional leadership are missing the bus and are failing to hold the confidence of the new generation of Democrats in Congress and in the country. Not only do they accommodate themselves to the Old Guard Republicans on the spending bills, which is in the circumstances correct, but they give the effect of thinking and talking like the Old Guard Republicans which is a pity.

For while the Democrats in Congress cannot, and should not try to, govern the country they can and they should be leading and teaching the people to realize what the future is going to be like.

'Merrily We Roll Along'



Conformity Is Brutal Off With The Necktie, Suh!

By EDWARD R. MURROW
In a CBS Newscast

undertaken an independent career, wear the shirt on the outside, thereby softening the lines of the contour.

A SAD TRADITION

No one has yet contended that it is un-American to be comfortable. We suffer as we do, be-

cause of an unwillingness on the part of the individual to break from the herd. We are the victims of a sad tradition combined with timidity.

LIBERATION

Maybe this unnecessary coloring, which we hope will make us appear more respectable and important than we are. But it isn't comfortable, and I suspect it isn't even good for the health. It's the necktie, the necktie, the necktie.

LOOK AT HIM!

Have regard for a moment to neck of the average city dweller in the hot months of summer. It is encased in a shirt; the collar at least shirt generally contains at least four layers of cloth. The neck is further swaddled by a necktie — at least two more layers; then the coat collar, another two or maybe four layers of cloth.

What price the free, independent, nonconformist nature of the American male, when he submits so tamely to this torture? He is neither free nor independent. From head to toe, he is a conformist.

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NEW YORK

"Conformity" has become a nasty word. Writers and speakers deplore it, while continuing to conform. We talk about the dignity, the independence, the freedom of the individual, and yet in hot weather the poor miserable male cannot free his own neck or his knees. In hot weather in this city of steam, scurry, and scramble, he goes about attired in garb that is an offense against nature and logic. He may be a rebel, a dissenter, a spirit soaring free — but he lacks courage, he is a conformist, and his attire proves it.

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These are some of the unhappy off-stage events as the foreign ministers meet again in Geneva.

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Missouri to select his editor, and the fact that Whitney's assistant in London is the son of Sen. Stuart Symington of Missouri may well mean that the Herald Tribune will give editorial support to Symington in his still undecided but definite candidacy for president.

Rough Sledding

It could also mean that the Herald Tribune, which has unwaveringly supported the Republican Party for more than a century, will become independent. A out-and-out Republican paper seems to have rough sledding in Democratic New York City. The appointment of White, a Missouri Democrat, could mean a change in editorial policy. White will serve as editor and president, but not publisher.