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Charlotte's Mayor Comes Out Swinging

MAYOR James Saxon Smith came out swinging on two vital issues this week and the sight was something to behold.

With unusual firmness and candor, he attacked the Chamber of Commerce aviation committee's suggestion that an operating airport be established for Douglas Municipal Airport and then took sharp issue with two other officials on the purpose of the community's new juvenile diagnostic center.

This was the "new" Jim Smith in action. He was no longer subdued and cautious, no longer an above-the-battle expounder and eulogist of political tranquility. He was proving once again that when he wants to, he can breathe fire and life into a somewhat lackluster city administration.

The mayor made an excellent case for City Council control of airport operations and outlined with commendable clarity the proper function of the diagnostic center.

On the airport: "If we keep on farming out governmental authority and functions to various agencies the first thing we know all that will be left is for the council to meet once a year, draw up a budget to raise the money for these authorities and turn it over to them."

On the diagnostic center: "The building which was dedicated Sunday was originally designed and intended for one purpose and one purpose only, that of housing delinquent juveniles under sentence by the court until such time as they could be properly placed in state institutions..."

Not since January 1958, when Mr. Smith unveiled his 15-point program for a better Charlotte, had such fresh, forthright talk come out of City Hall. It is as welcome today as it was 13 months ago.

Unkind critics may argue that the mayor's steaming visions of strong opposition in the coming election and needs the headline space. But if we have reached the point where any display of active leadership is politically suspect we are in bad shape indeed. Justly, Mayor Smith is a man of considerable conviction and complete honesty. It is just that he has kept his ideas a little too much to himself in the past and has been a mite too hesitant to speak out when speaking out is definitely needed to turn the tide toward progress.

Partnership is not an evil, it is a necessity. Charlotte's system of municipal government demands a strong, forceful mayor who is willing to roll up his sleeves and scrap for his program. The mayor has no vote on the City Council except in case of a tie. But his influence as presiding officer is great. In Charlotte's best and most progressive administrations of the past it has often been the mayor who has determined the major policies on which the council has acted. When the mayor has abdicated his leadership there has never been any wholly satisfactory place for the mantle to fall.

Mayor Smith has indicated that he will take off the gloves and scrap bare-knuckle style. That's the way it should be.

There's Pride In The Queen City, Too

CHARLOTTEANS shared South Carolina's pride this week when Gov. Hollings' promising new Business Development Corp. was born in Columbia.

BDC is a quasi-governmental agency to provide venture capital for small businesses that are unable to obtain funds from other sources. It is similar to the development corporation Gov. Hodges launched in North Carolina in 1955.

The Tar Heel agency was specifically designed to promote homegrown industry. It embodied an idea economists had advanced after studying North Carolina's specific needs and opportunities; namely, that a strong state economy cannot be built with transplants of northern money alone. It was found that a variety of small industries feeding on native raw materials was needed to fill the big gaps in employment and payroll between the big plants that were scattered across the state. The theory was that this local industry would generate profits that would remain in the state.

The idea is sound and well-tested. New England has had such an organization going for several years. The seeds for a similar agency were planted in New York by the Harriman administration.

If the South Carolina development corporation patterns its operations along

these general lines and holds out a helping hand to home-grown small industry unlimited good can be accomplished. Charlotte, as the center of economic activity, for the two Carolinas, will be sure to share in many of the rewards of industrial growth south of the line.

Economic rivalry? Of course, it involves economic rivalry between the two neighbors. But this is rivalry of the healthiest sort. It will strengthen the economy of the entire region and to a large extent the economic benefits will be mutually shared.

It is well for Carolinians—North and South—to mark well the words of a transplant Tar Heel who is today editor of the WALL STREET JOURNAL, Vermont C. Royster. He said several years ago:

"The South cannot really escape its colonial status until it by and large controls its industrial growth and receives full profits from it so that those profits can be plowed back into southern development of southern capital markets—a system through which southern capital can be put together and made available to southern industry."

The business development corporation is one sure way to accomplish this difficult feat.

U. S. Life Includes A Car And A Half

NOW the Raleigh City Council has a clear-cut policy in foreign affairs—at least in buying automobiles.

A lengthy discussion brought a 5 to 1 edge for domestic brands over imported products when the council chose an economy car for city government.

The low bid offered with a Volkswagen was snubbed and a Studebaker product approved for \$15 more.

But at least an attempt at economy in government and a note for the "Big Three" of motoring's Mt. Olympus.

It is felt in many quarters that the booming U. S. market in small machines has wiped Detroit's windshield for a clear second look.

One idea is a rejection by many of the mushrooming size, power and expense of American cars. Another belief is that this country is quite willing to get along on a car and a half, as it were, rather than two full-sized models.

Perhaps somebody can come along with a practical idea to reduce size even further until we can buy one of those beetle bugs for each foot.

From The Manchester Guardian

DO CLOTHES MAKE THE MARXIST?

MR. KHURUSHEV'S versatile mind grows adroitly over many topics, from ballistic missiles to padded jackets. He has now had a detached look at these latter garments and has found them lacking in refinement; they are to be consigned to the museums.

Conversion to the new K line should be hastened by his comment that padded jackets were characteristic of the tsarist reign. No one will wish to be politically suspect as well as sartorially unfashionable. Perhaps it is not surprising that this new leap forward comes so soon after the recent party congress. The outstanding feature of the photographs published was not that all the delegates voted unanimously for Mr. Khurushchev's plan, but that they looked so eminently respectable, in fact, completely bourgeois. A cloth cap would have looked quite as much out of place in that assembly as Mr. Khrushchev's in the House of Commons.

There have, of course, been unofficial movements of dress reform in recent years among Russian youths—such as the bright shirts and drab trousers worn by the young men, and these were condemned by the party because they showed an alien ideology. Will Mr. Khurushchev's new reform leave the ideology intact?

Clothes have a subtle influence on con-

duct. Before the last war there were people in this country who argued that if fashion ever came to Britain it would wear dark jackets and striped trousers. But can you behave like a Fascist if you are not dressed like one? The practitioners of that creed knew better. Can the Russians continue to feel revolutionary ardor once they start being careful about leaving that last waistcoat button undone?

Yet there may be ideological compensations. Emerson knew a lady who declared that the sense of being perfectly dressed gives a feeling of inward tranquility which religion is powerless to bestow.

Now that the Army has a new device that can see in the dark, maybe they'll use it to find out who's doing all that whistling.—NEW ORLEANS STATES AND ITEM.

Life of the Senate Rackets Committee was extended for a third year. It may live long enough to see a law passed.—MEMPHIS PRESS-SCIMITAR.

Jimmy Hoffa doesn't seem to be impressed by allegations the federal government is getting bigger and more powerful all the time.—GASTONIA GAZETTE.

No Soviet Change

Bad Sign in Moscow

By WALTER LIPPMAN

WE DO not as yet know that caused Mr. Khrushchev to interrupt his confidential talks with Mr. Macmillan in order to make a public speech.

But if the report is correct that what he said about Germany and European security had been written out in advance, then his speech was a calculated diplomatic move—presumably to let the world know that he is not discussing with Mr. Macmillan any serious change in the Soviet position.

The way Mr. Macmillan has been treated in Moscow is not a good sign. For it is extraordinary that Mr. Khrushchev did not wait until he had finished his talks with Mr. Macmillan. Why he did not wait, he alone knows.

NO COMPROMISE

It may have been that for one reason or another he did not dare to let the impression grow that he was on the way to a negotiated compromise. This might be due to opposition within the Kremlin. It might be due to opposition within the Communist orbit. Or, Mr. Khrushchev's calculated breach of the confidential talks with Mr. Macmillan may be due to an over-weening confidence that he is dealing from a position of superior strength. We do not know. But Mr. Macmillan is bound to do his best to find out in the talks which are still to come.

In the meantime, it is only prudent to assume that Mr. Khrushchev believes that he is in the superior position, and then to ask ourselves if indeed he is, and if so, what we can do about it.

MIXED FEELINGS

My own view, for what it is worth, is that there is in the Soviet attitude a mixture of anxiety and confidence. The more skeptical, I think, deeply anxious about the position in Eastern Europe and in Eastern Europe, once the West German army is completed and armed with nuclear weapons. It is not because they think that West Germany can or will attack the Soviet Union. It is because they fear, not without reason, that an armed Western Germany will have a magnetic attraction for the underlying rebellion and resistance in Eastern Europe. The Kremlin is, therefore, under great pressure to arrive at some kind of

modus vivendi in the West Germans within the two years that remain before the last German are fully armed.

WINNING HAND?

Along with this anxiety there is at the same time great confidence, perhaps over-confidence, in dealing with the German question the Soviet Union now holds the stronger cards. The Soviet hand is strong because they have the diplomatic initiative. They can create situations where—if it came to force—the onus of firing the first shot will be on the West and the actual occasion for firing will not be good enough to rally the West for a world war.

Because they have this initiative, they can exercise pressure on the West. Unless they overplay their hand, they will be able to bluff and use military force to blockade Berlin, there is much reason to believe that the West will feel impelled to look further for a more negotiable position on the two Germans, on the two Berlins, and on security arrangements in Central Europe.

LOST HOLD

The weakness of the West is that it is dealing from an old formula and because of that it has lost the initiative. Every time the West reappraises and revises in some measure the old formula, it seems to be retreating—in as fact it is not—by making a concession to the Soviets. Thus any new idea becomes appeasement and, if by any chance the Soviets have first mentioned the idea, it becomes surrender. This will go on until the West itself seizes the initiative.

To seize the initiative would be to test the Soviet proposals, not by rejecting them but by asking why they should be made, and how in practice they would carry out their proposals. Thus for example Mr. K. says that German territory is a problem not for the four Allies but for the two Germans. Does he in fact mean the Belgian Congo, where the Africans deal with each other and is he willing to abide by the results?

Dr. Adenauer could become willing to make a move of this kind, it would in some measure reverse the field and restore the initiative to the West.

People's Platform

Too Few Understand Communist Thinking

Editors, The News:

THERE is too little knowledge among our statesmen, officials, diplomats or just politicians, including the President of the United States, the Cabinet, members of Congress or any politician connected with the administration, pertaining to the philosophy, system or government of the Communists.

Most of our officials are under the illusion that they are dealing with a responsible government when they confer with representatives of the Soviet Union. They definitely are not.

Because, the communist system, whether in Russia, China or Yugoslavia or anywhere else, follows a designed plan initiated for them by Karl Marx and slightly revised by Lenin. This system does not permit any concession to capitalism unless it is of a temporary nature but must be advantageous to Communists or communism.

Therefore, all the conferences, whether by their invitation or ours, are used by them as a camouflage because they have no intention to bring anything to a conclusive solution unless it will be to their benefit. And no matter what agreements or promises they make, because of an unforeseen situation, they will not stick by them unless they will be to their advantage.

This is the Marxist-Leninist philosophy: To explore a revolution at all time. At present it is known by the cold war. Their purpose is to continuously create disturbances between all non-Communist countries. Use intrigue, lies, misdeeds or any means, crooked or otherwise, as long as it serves their purpose. As to planting spies or what we used to call fifth columnists, everything with the intent and purpose to stir up disagreements and dissensions between any of the countries that are sympathetic to the West.

Khrushchev is actually their first leader, who tries to carry out the Marxist-Leninist plan to the letter. He has the understanding of the ways and the capabilities and if he is not replaced will more

successfully be able to achieve success.

Let me emphatically state that under our government and Congress, there is no one in fact, that they are not dealing with just another government, but with a system that has no intention to cooperate, all democratic governments, including our own, will lose out to the Communists.

Had our government understood who they were facing on the other side of the conference table, they would not have wasted all these years in conferences or summit meetings.

— HENRY KAVE

Catholic Dictators Not Wanted In U. S.

Saltbury

Editors, The News: ALL THIS talk about nominating a Catholic for President of the United States is pure poppycock. Let the Catholics dictate in Cuba, Spain and South America, but the United States is a Protestant country where people came to be free of the chains of Catholicism.

— JAMES W. JEWELL

Neutron Star, Rocket Would Collide Heavily

Starbuck

Editors, The News: GEN. JOHN B. Stolaris of Redstone Arsenal tells us of a new space ship of sending a space ship to the moon in two and a half hours. The Newswatch of the previous day had described a neutron star discovered by astronomers, which weighs millions of tons per cubic inch.

Now just suppose that Modaris's space ship, traveling 100,000 m.p.h. were to collide with a neutron star. It would be like a tank making a real scatterment in the firmament?

Then can you picture an ambulance-rocket blazing out yonder with its siren screaming and its red lights blinking, to pick up the victims?

Well, we hope Modaris goes ahead with development of the new rocket. He would like to try a few drops of it in our old Ford.

— A. C. BUCKLE

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON

LAST year when Mr. Eisenhower went to Elizabeth Arden, Arizona, to his ranch, the President made headlines by taking a 2,450-mile detour in the combine to visit his wife and sister, Mrs. Gertrude Moore, and Mrs. Ellis Slater, wife of the Seagrams distillery executive, at Phoenix.

Carefully Planned

This year with talk of budget balance in the White House, it is said that Mrs. Mammie by train. However, the taxpayers will find that the reducing trip of the popular First Lady will cost them seven thousand dollars.

Line To Washington

During her two-day stopover in San Antonio, a private line to the White House was installed in her \$60-a-day hotel suite, and an Army sergeant was dispatched all the way from Washington to man the switchboard. The same convenient telephone service was provided

'Did They Say This Was A Balanced Budget Or A Juggled One?'



Spirit Came From Whites

The Differences In Africa

By ROBERT C. RUARK

I THINK it might be fair to assume that the upsurge of fervid nationalism can be attributed to the cities, the ports, and the planned working colonies, such as the Belgian Congo, where the Africans have been subjected to contact with the white man, with his teachings, and with the reckless political thinking which has grown out of this contact.

The native labor leaders, I think, are as enormously powerful and equally as unscrupulous as any in the world, whether it be Kenya's Tom Mboya or Guinea's Sekou Toure, with the added advantage of having a blind, faceless following which will bend as reeds and sway to spell-binding words, beyond the most hysterical ruck of the European.

CADENCE HELPS

Much of the African personality is bound up in this hysteria, which sometimes becomes so great as to be almost spastic. The thump of a drum, the shrilling of a flute, a cattle-leader or a simple Ngorima dance can rouse whole groups to a state of semi-tranced mass action.

SIGHT ENOUGH

This is because the more sight of the shield might fetch back the

The highly vocal spellbinders play on the native love of oratory, to which the listener may not be so much concerned in content as in cadence. The harangue, the plover, accompanied by beer and music, may arouse massive groups to anything from a small raid to a major war to an overwhelming vote for a principle in which they have little knowledge and not much interest.

We will be seeing a big cattle auction here in a day or so which will certainly end in a big dance and a lot of native beer and may go on to a small series of local wars if the dancing, the music and the beer is potent enough to cause the warrior to clan on his ostrich feathers and catch up his spear and whip off into the bush.

If this seems an exaggeration of an African's response to emotional stimulus, it is true that the burlesque-like fighting shield, which bears the owner's heraldic paintings, is more or less outlawed among the Masai, the fierce fighting tribe of southern Kenya.

GREED PRESENT

The new African leaders who scream a leadly for Africa for the Africans, hence men, are not without greed and lust for power. We have already seen Ghana turned into a dictatorship by Kwame Nkrumah.

Suppose Nkrumah decides he wants Nigeria and the Cameroons and the Republic of the Congo? The Ivory Coast Republic (still French) is all that stands between Nkrumah and Guinea.

And suppose the likes of Mboya, having settled Kenya's hash, decides, to take on surrounding Tanganyika and Uganda. Kenya is still a crown colony, but the white man will go like a snaf if Mboya gets his undiluted democratic quest and disorder, and if he weighs the white of 10 to one.

The white colonialist brought order to an Africa that was a shambles of the world's black vote, and ingrafted its civilized portions to a point where it was physically able to stand for independence.

And suppose the likes of Mboya, frequently asked is: how much of a favor was done to Africa when various nations, freedoms, and independence were granted? There seems to be little but mutiny and power grabs in so many liberated states all over the world, with little regard for the welfare of the majority of the residents.

A lot of people think the white man was assuredly on his way out of Africa (or a time). But the same people think that the white man will be back again to settle the confusion. So the question is: who will be the new settlers, the West or the East? Certainly, the President ordered the country, the calculated maneuver to bring life into the threatening situation.

Allowance Soared

It's economy edict did not apply to his good-will trip to Mexico. Significantly, the President ordered the per diem expense allowance raised from \$9 to \$22 a day just for that period.

Almost every government official who travels must open an account with the State Department. They give him the same special allowance like gave his staff at Acapulco.



Africa's East Coast: Trouble Spots, Too