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The Community's Patience Is Strained

MECKLENBURG was tapping its foot today, waiting for city and county officials to stop wrangling and start consolidating. The breach between the two governments over operation of the property appraisal office is so unnecessary as it is unseemly. It wouldn't happen if city and county tax operations were merged under a single supervisor of superior ability.

This Crisis Gets The Silent Treatment

THIS is a strange other-worldliness about the Berlin crisis. The struggle over the future of Berlin contains the threat of a major explosion. There is at least the possibility of war if things go badly during the coming conferences. Yet no one of our acquaintance is particularly moved by a sense of urgency or even equipped with an elementary awareness of the potential peril.

Exercise

DO you realize U. S. cigarette production last year comes to 22,337,788.3 miles? That dandy figure herewith offered gratis to tobaccocon, came at the conclusion of our own exhaustive medical survey. It was based on 1958's record crop of 470 billion cigarettes stacked end to end at three inches each (unit king size).

Rep. MacDonald Plays Don Quixote

REP. Torbert H. MacDonald (D-Miss.) has taken the stance of a one-man band to trumpet a blast against rock 'n' roll. The New Englander has come to the hithered decision that Congress immediately debased itself last year in passing a bill to provide lowest fourth class mailings for recordings. Naturally enough records passing through the mails are bound to include some rock 'n' roll numbers.

THE MAD MARCH DAYS

MARCH (Martius) was the first month of the year on the old Roman calendar. Maybe, the child of Mars came first because after four weeks of his incredible tantrums, anyone could stand the other eleven months. March is usually three sheets in the wind. It has all the grace and aplomb of an irate bull on roller skates. It is always badly in need of psychiatric treatment. March is the wild man fromorneo, laden with cash and out to terrify the town on his spree.

Must Union Members Pay For Political Activities?

BY CONGRESSIONAL QUARTERLY

WASHINGTON LABOR unions have won the latest round in a significant court battle testing their right to compel members to support their political and lobbying activities. The North Carolina Supreme Court Feb. 25 ruled that unions who must join a union to hold their jobs can also be forced to pay dues to support the union's lobbying and political activities, even though they oppose the objectives of those activities.

People's Seen A Saucer? The Line Forms On The Left

Seattle, Wash. W. ABE advised that "unidentified flying objects" were seen over your area on Jan. 27, 1959. "Because of our deep scientific interest in all aerial phenomena and our desire to solve the riddle of the so-called 'unidentified flying objects,' we would greatly appreciate your assistance in contacting witnesses to this object. We would appreciate it if all persons witnessing aerial phenomena over your area on said date would send a report and diagram of their observation to our office. All names will be held strictly confidential unless otherwise stated.

Africa Cries Out For Independence

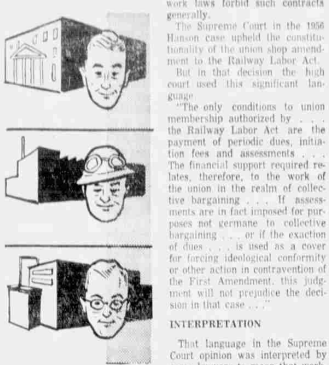
AFTER THE World War II, a new spirit began to erupt from Africa. One would be inclined to think that the renaissance and the reformation had finally kicked in the door in Africa. But the last three months have been a period of great significance.

Higher Education?

AT East Carolina College, North Carolina, 20 men and women are enrolled in a course for credit called Camping Techniques. The purpose of which is "to acquire skills in simple outdoor living." The highlight of the course is a camping trip during which the students learn such skills as camping, cooking and fishing. Presumably, the marking system calls for a B for a well-browned batch of pancakes and an A for catching a 12-ounce trout.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON King of the Cabbage Patch," was convicted after the record of the John J. Allen Trust Fund" was brought into court and it was shown that thousands of dollars in cash, won at the gambling tables, had been brought by Chin to Congressman Allen's law office, and then siphoned off through devious routes into real estate and other business ventures. This, Chin did not pay taxes on his gambling profits.



From The Rank & File, One Point Of View?

Interpretation

That language in the Supreme Court opinion was interpreted by some lawyers to mean that workers covered by a union shop contract could be forced to pay dues only for their share of the union's collective bargaining and not for other purposes like lobbying or political education. That is exactly what the Supreme Court held in its ruling on the technical point of the Georgia case in 1957.

America Should Have Fought Russia Earlier

IF the U.S. makes a little comparison of 25 years ago and the present, we were then the strongest and most influential country in the world and our words were respected. The Soviet Union had no influence. No one had respect for them and they weren't strong. But now, we are only richer financially. We are less influential and weaker than they are. They have the first word. And we are not even as strong as we were. We are losing now. Unless we get a better definition of Americanism, we will lose out in every way.

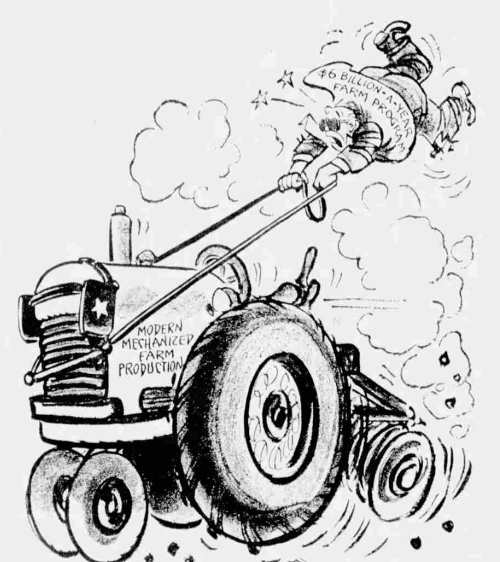
Judge's Ruling

Although Congressman Allen's brother Liston pleaded client-lawyer relationship, U.S. Judge George Harris ruled that the congressman had "translated his activities into those of an accountant," said a lawyer. As a result, Liston Allen spent hours on the witness stand admitting that cash had come into the "John J. Allen Trust Fund" and then was invested in various legitimate business enterprises.

Chin Jailed

Chin Bok Him was sentenced to 10 years in jail, fined \$20,000, and threatened with deportation for cheating the government on \$133,967 in income taxes. The gambler, sometimes called "The King of the Cabbage Patch," was convicted after the record of the John J. Allen Trust Fund" was brought into court and it was shown that thousands of dollars in cash, won at the gambling tables, had been brought by Chin to Congressman Allen's law office, and then siphoned off through devious routes into real estate and other business ventures. This, Chin did not pay taxes on his gambling profits.

Brother John Asked on witness stand about some of these transactions, Liston Allen replied: "I don't know. I just followed the system that had been set up by my brother John before I became his partner in 1942." Brother John is the congressman from Oakland, Calif., who has now become undersecretary of commerce.



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