

Politics And The Sustained Veto

OF the curious aspects of the House failure to override the President's veto on the Reconstruction bill was the relatively large number of Democratic Representatives who reversed their original stand.

Seven of North Carolina's Representatives - Bonner, Kerr, Doughton, Jones, Bulwinkle, Redden and Deane - voted for the tax bill when it finally passed the House Feb. 29.

It appears to be a foregone conclusion that the Board will authorize another major air line in this field. Its expansion, however, has recommended that Charlotte be bypassed, and the route sent over the mountains via Asheville.

Robeson Honors A Prophet

A WEARY newspaper editor would be surprised, in any event, if the citizens of his community suddenly turned out to honor him.

Another Voice

WE HAVE just been looking at a news photograph of a railroad coach which has been retired from service and is being used as a church near Frankfort, Ill.

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stood they were doing when they defied their own leadership to vote with the Republicans.

A better explanation, we think, is that those who refused to help the Republicans carry out their campaign pledge by overriding the veto were taking advantage of an opportunity to get off the hook.

Could it be that the Tar Heels are coming down with a sudden severe attack of the royal coziness that besets every congressman, we agree, should be extremely reluctant to over-ride a Democratic President's veto.

Another Round Before CAB

THE CITY has now filed another formal complaint with the Civil Aeronautics Board against the local Eastern Air Line monopoly.

They have recommended that the new line go into both the Richmond and Mobile, already served by Eastern, in order to provide local competition at those points.

This case is not as important to Charlotte, in the short-range view at least, as the effort to obtain a re-hearing on the matter of direct east-west service. It is, however, well worth the City's time and effort.

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In their midst back in 1907. They had seen the bright young man from Trinity develop into a leading citizen. And they had seen his Robesonian grow from a weekly, to a semi-weekly, to a tri-weekly, and finally, in 1940, emerged as a daily.

The distinguished guests were so much wind-up-dressing. The heart of Editor Sharpe's testimonial lay in the spontaneous salute of his neighbors. They were the ones who had fought alongside him (and sometimes with him) in a variety of civic projects that created their thriving city.

We extend our own congratulations to Editor Sharpe, knowing that they are meaningless alongside the tribute paid him by his own subscribers. They have recognized him as a prophet and honored him in his own land, and mere words can add nothing to that.

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'Maybe You Won't Have Sunk It So Soon'



Mecklenburg And ABC

MECKLENBURG, citadel of "dry" North Carolina, has fallen. Saturday's sizable majority vote for A.B.C. stores shatters a tradition of Prohibition that extends for generations in that second-most populous of North Carolina counties.

It is, of course, the merest understatement to say that Mecklenburg election will reverberate throughout North Carolina, and especially in the West. No county west of Durham has State liquor stores. Most of the Piedmont and most of the mountain region have been legally "dry" since the first decade of the present century.

Sensible Decision

INSTEAD of buying their liquor as heretofore through bootleggers who supplied dealers in York County, South Carolina, Mecklenburg citizens hereafter will operate their own ABC stores, getting their whiskey cheaper than under the old system and allowing North Carolina, rather than South Carolina, to profit by the transaction.

The Supply

HAD Mecklenburg County's wet vote of last Saturday come months earlier, liquor traffic in the already wet 25 counties would have found supplies even thinner than they were back in December and January.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round : Chicago Realtors Vioate Rent Ceilings

LEADERS of the Chicago real estate industry have recently issued amazing advice to landlords-namely, that they should deliberately disregard the law and raise rents regardless of Government regulations.

Isolationist Plot

WASHINGTON Behind the furious huffing and puffing in the House over the vote in terms of something very like a concerted plot. Among the never-say-die isolationists, who had paddled around that this was the moment for all-time great anti-isolationism.

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Responsible Republican leaders who reject isolationism are doing some serious thinking about the prospects in terms of this intra-party division. They are aware of the views of Henry R. McComb of the Chicago Tribune, which just celebrated its centennial with a great anti-isolationist self-claim.

POLITICAL PROBLEM They are aware, too, that one of the difficulties of the situation is that of the political problems that would be acceptable to Harold Stassen, Senator Vandenberg or Governor Dewey and his adviser on foreign affairs, John Foster Dulles, one of those political problems that are usually met by trying to pretend that the right hand knows nothing of what the left hand is up to.

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CORE REDUCED

The Senate is likely to accept the Mundt bill, after the debate on Friday, it could be expected that the Mundt bill would have worked on the hard core of isolationism in the upper chamber to reduce it to a small fraction.

Joseph & Stewart Alsop

Strategic Nightmare

WASHINGTON There is at least a possibility that the President will ask Congress to act in the European theater and to strengthen the European front, before the present session ends. In its prevailing mood, the Senate is chiefly interested in the more prosaic aspects of domestic administration and hardly permits the United States to remain passive and impotent.

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Henry Wallace's Front

WHEN Clark Foreman, president of the Southern Christian League, heard that the House Un-American Committee was to be reorganized as a "Front" for Communism, he went to Congressman Herbert Bonner of North Carolina, a member of the committee, and suggested that he should liberally list his report to appear a day before Henry Wallace's Washington speech.