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Ambassador Johnson To Brazil

HERSCHEL J. JOHNSON'S nomination to the post of Ambassador to Brazil is good news to Charlotte and to the nation as a whole, for it means that we will have one of the notable workers for democracy, the United Nations and peace in a field that has assumed major importance in the world drama.

Johnson followed the career of Ambassador Johnson with interest since the days of World War I when he served overseas as captain in the Army and formed the determination to work for peace which has been the guiding motive in his life. The ambassadorial service in 1920 after a brief turn as a school teacher.

In February of this year, Charlotteans joined with other North Carolinians in honoring Mr. Johnson at the Brothers in Arms Dinner. At that time the 1947 Carolina Isabelle Gold Medal, awarded in recognition of Ambassador Johnson's service to the brotherhood cause, was presented.

A memorable incident of the Brother-

hood dinner was the reading of a message from Ambassador Johnson carrying a strong endorsement of the new diplomatic field Mr. Johnson is entering is emphasized at this time by the Inter-American Conference at Bogota, Colombia. Its agenda includes proposals to increase economic cooperation among the 21 American nations, to reorganize the Pan-American Union as a regional branch of the United Nations and to set up machinery for settling disputes among the American republics. In short, it aims at the creation of a "Little United Nations."

From his post in Rio de Janeiro, Ambassador Johnson said he is in a strategic position to advance the program now being evolved at the Bogota conference. The task clearly is one that calls for the best of American statesmanship, and Mr. Truman enters the program with the confidence that he selected Charlotte's distinguished son for the Brazilian assignment.

A Boston Claghorn Sounds Off

SOMEBODY knocked! It's the Lieutenant-Governor of Massachusetts, the Hon. Arthur W. Coolidge, declaring that the "belt, buckle and button" of the South are "kidnaping" the textile industry of the Deep North. He proposes "to fire an opening gun in the new industrial War between the States." Letting go first round of the "Claghorn" war, he says "Dixie Claghorns" have already persuaded several New England woolens and worsted mills to move South.

Whoever the peacemaker, we would like to point out that the South is at least practicing reciprocity in this matter. If it is true that the new industrial Dixie is attracting mills from Massachusetts, it is also the fact that the Claghorns are moving to New England or the Lieutenant-Governor's huffing and puffing isn't a reliable sample of the bellicosity and frustration existing in certain quarters north of the Cotton Line.

Admittedly, Textile South is expanding rapidly, soundly and confidently but the Lieutenant-Governor entirely misses the main point of this development when he calls for a revival of sectionalism in an effort to stop the trend. The expansion is impelled by forces from two sources. One is the inherent strength of the textile in-

dustry as developed by Southern pioneers through many difficult years. The other is the infused strength provided by the influx of new money and well-to-do men with many millions of dollars of Northern capital which the Textile South even a year or two ago viewed with unforgotten suspicion.

That brings us to the point which the Massachusetts Lieutenant-Governor seemed to pierce at the State's economic vitals: The development of a woolens and worsteds weaving industry in the Cotton Textile South. The answer to that is short and to the point: Records show conclusively that far and away the greater part of worsted and woolens producing new mills in the South have been financed from the ground up by Northern capital, much of it actually flowing from Boston itself.

The novel charge by the Massachusetts patriot that the South is "kidnaping" New England textile industry isn't moving Southward—it is shrinking within itself. The Southern textile industry is in a new trend which reflects the ability of textile management all over the United States to evaluate and utilize opportunity.

That's an economic fact, son.

A Bigger Game Is Being Played

THE ONLY MAN at Princeton University who never saw a football game is Albert Einstein. He says so himself. His remark was made during banter with reporters preceding a special session of astrophysicists who formally were named the "Big Game" to inaugurate the creation of a powerful world government. The usually reserved Einstein, who does not like to give interviews, "let his hair down" and discussed photography, horse racing and family with reporters. He posed for a reporter who had a miniature camera. A young woman a reporter who asked advice on whether in these dangerous days it is advisable for a girl to marry and have a family was told "You can get a family, but the question is whether you can conserve it."

The famous scientist said that unless one has the "proper" training when he is young, there was no reason to go to any sports event. "If a hundred horses, or people for that matter, are running in a race, what does it matter which one wins?" he asked.

And come to think of it, what does it matter? Here in the South we still take our sport especially football, very seriously. All over the country one kind or another of sports at times excites something approaching hysteria among large sections of the population. It wasn't so long ago that probably half the men readers of newspapers turned to the sports section without more than a quick glance at the front page—and never got back to reading much, who often said "I'm going to read the lines. Many women read only the social and fashion pages. The kids read only the comics.

But during and since the last war the habits of reading have changed. Now we believe, in fact, that people are anxiously and in considerable detail—by practically all the men, more women than ever before, and even by our "weeonic children, who often say "I'm going to read the lines. Many women read only the social and fashion pages. The kids read only the comics.

Mr. and Mrs. America certainly won't go as far as Einstein in his detachment from the trivial. But we have changed a lot, as we must in a time of such great change. World government is a more exciting subject than football.

From The Washington Post

Family Life Test

White House Conference will provide as great a need now. This conference called by President Truman is backed by 125 organizations whose members include doctors, psychiatrists, school workers, homemakers, teachers, churchmen, business men, and other representative citizens. In preparation for the conference, specialists in education, health, home management, housing, social welfare, have been studying family needs and problems and will present the results of their study for discussion and action. We can expect a complete blueprint for the family's future to come out of this, but it is hoped that from the conference will come a change by which the school, the church, special agencies, communities and the Government can strengthen the family and help it to conserve its basic values as it adjusts itself to a new world.

Down in Georgia a nine-pound bass turned up his nose at a worm, derisively slapped at it with his tail and got caught so many times that he was finally released. The worm sends us reeling, too. Greenville Piedmont.

You Think You Can Bottle Me Up, Too?



People's Platform

Good Results Of Tax Cut

Editors, The News: I'm sure the overriding of the President's veto on tax reduction is the best piece of legislation that has been put across since the fighting days.

The majority of the American workers have been forced to struggle along with a meager take-home pay that actually reduces their energy and mathematical calculations available to "keep the home fires burning." After this stream on the financial and mental resources of the taxpayer, there is little hope left for investment in happiness for the future generations.

When the taxpayer can take home a little more each day than it takes for the "daily bread," then we can keep on friendly terms with our neighbor and have money left to lend aid to others who strive to insure freedom for all liberty-loving Americans. A sick mind is as much a hindrance to progress as a sick body, therefore I believe the steps taken on the tax reduction will lead to the arrival of prosperity that will greatly overshadow calamity pictured by the future generations.

I am also not saying that the fetish of universal education should be put at the top of the list. Perhaps the people are entirely right in the relative values they place upon these things.

Marquis Childs

Napping Intelligence

WASHINGTON
Bloody revolution is part of the intelligence of Latin-American politics. But such revolution has not happened suddenly and for no reason.

They grow out of long-simmering resentments and conflicts, sparked by leaders whose ambitions are fairly well known. Over the ashes of tragic Bogota is a nest of waiting.

For the first time in its history, this country has a special Intelligence Agency. The agency, under the direction of Admiral R. G. Hitchcock, has its own staff of agents. In addition, it co-ordinates the intelligence reports of the Department of State, the National Defense, the Atomic Energy Commission and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Although outsiders can know almost nothing about the agency, an impression prevails that Washington is for the first time equipped with the means to open up in advance of its happening. This is evidence, however, that the cloak and dagger atmosphere cloaks, in some instances at least, the kind of knowledge that can be obtained by the FBI alone.

There is a heavy staff of intelligence agency arrives with a top secret document. It can be delivered to the public only by the agency's messenger and the official.

If the official should decide to study it home and read it in the night, then an armed guard would be posted outside the door to keep being a busy and hard pressed man, then an armed guard would be posted outside the door to keep being a busy and hard pressed man.

An Apology to Pearson

Editors, The News: I wrote a letter to you in response to your request that your readers express their opinion on the editorial published in The News. To my surprise it was selected by you for publication in The News March 15.

I am now in receipt of a letter from Drew Pearson calling my attention to the following paragraph in the editorial: "The security of our army forces has been considered."

I am therefore glad to retract the statement and object to its publication and apologize to him for my unfortunate error.

Dr. E. V. Rieupeuro's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON
SECRETARY OF AIR STAFF Symington reviewed his stand on the subject of national defense in a report to the Armed Services Committee behind closed doors the other day, and made a desperate plea instead for a strong Air Force.

The People's Platform is available to any reader who cares to mount it. Communications should be less than 300 words, typewritten if possible, and on only one side of the paper. Label and obscenity will be deleted—otherwise anything goes. Each letter must be signed and return address given. In no case will we withhold the writer's name.

Samuel Grafton

Speaker Martin

WASHINGTON
I saw Speaker Joseph W. Martin Jr. of the House of Representatives in the little series I've been writing for long on the subject of the interview confirmed a feeling that there isn't really very much to be gained from a Truman policy.

If our foreign policy is as sound and appropriate as it seems of its edifice, it is not a good thing to wonder why it doesn't generate a little more happiness around here.

Speaker Martin helped to put ERP through the House before the Senate. It was a wonderful old office in the Capitol, the morning he was due to sign the bill. A big morning.

One of the things about having a lot of things to do is that we might get better utility. Every new President goes in with tremendous energy. He wants to do it all at the first time. The people would like to see a change of mind.

It seemed to me that perhaps we need a new kind of speaker. I asked the Speaker (whose words have a kind of special importance, but in the eyes of the people of succession to the Presidency) whether it would be possible to let things run on as they are running on in foreign policy, and object to its publication and apologize to him for my unfortunate error.

I don't want to be a back seat driver," he said. "I don't have the inside information. It can't be anybody in this world would really want another war."

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ber of readers. It is understandable that a brand new intelligence agency cannot achieve perfection overnight. Years of experience and development are necessary to round out such an organization.

Under the law, the FBI is responsible for internal security; those sabotage, with all its new identifying possibilities in the bacterial and atomic death. But the authority of the FBI ends at the water's edge in Central Intelligence and the Army and Navy take over.

Co-ordination is not good. I have learned of specific examples of where it has failed and where the failure could be serious.

Military policy-makers say the field of internal security is "under study" home and read it in the night, then an armed guard would be posted outside the door to keep being a busy and hard pressed man.

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