

For United States Senator

HOWEVER the primary election for U. S. Senator turns out, North Carolina is sure to be represented in that body. Both Wm. B. Umstead and J. Melville Broughton are good men. True North Carolinians and patriotic Americans. Furthermore, both are public servants and not opportunists. But of the two, good as they are individually, it seems to *News* that politically one is preferable to the other.

The United States Senate is, today, perhaps the most influential and important deliberative body in a disturbed world. Made up of only 96 men from the 48 states, it not only acts jointly with the more numerous and bolder House of Representatives in enacting legislation; its "advice and consent" to the President is required in the making of treaties.

Not in a good many ways has North Carolina sent to the Senate a man who attained to any great eminence or leadership in that organization, not even during the fourteen years in which the Democratic Party held the whip and Democratic Senators the chairmanships of all committees. The present senior Senator, Clyde R. Hoey, is a respected member of the Senate. Before he came to the Senate, he was a rare disgrace, just as Senator Overman before him had been a fine gentleman.

From the Eastern part of the state there was Senator Bailey, who possessed the scholarly ability to have exerted great influence on the shape of legislation. But except at election times Senator Bailey found himself out of step with the Administration, his capacity nullified. Senator Simmons, before him, was a real leader of the Senate, a power in shaping tax and tariff legislation, until in 1928 he took his stand against religious intolerance and committed the then-unforgivable sin of party irregularity.

Senator Umstead, who holds his office by interim appointment in return for services rendered Governor Cherry in the 1944 campaign, has given a good account of his stewardship during his brief experience in the Senate. It is certainly in line with the standard, personally and politically, of the average of his colleagues. It stands to reason that modesty has suggested to him

that he not attempt right at the start to assert himself too positively. Besides, he is not the pragmatic kind. His voting record shows that he is a legislator of convictions and a due measure of independence.

We would like to make it clear that North Carolina, by returning Mr. Umstead to the Senate, would assure itself of representation for which no apologies need be offered. We would like to make equally clear the opinion of this newspaper that by electing former Governor Broughton to the Senate, North Carolina could assure itself of considerably more than that.

There is probably no public man in the state today who has, in anywhere near the same measure and variety, the qualities which fit J. Melville Broughton for a seat in the United States Senate. He has a brilliant mind, and along with it the humanizing trait of understanding. He is a public speaker par excellence, and he showed in his term as Governor that he could perform the duty to give substance to his words. He is an experienced administrator and knows governmental organization.

Mr. Broughton has integrity that is unsurpassable. In his political convictions he combines the hard-headed practicality of a man who has practiced government in North Carolina, a hard-headed state, with the idealism of a progressive who believes in government for the best interests of all the people.

We venture to predict that after due seasoning in the Senate Mr. Broughton will be recognized by the ablest members of that body, nationally known for his influence on legislation and affairs, regarded with pride by the people of his own state as the most distinguished North Carolinian in the line of public men.

Both the candidates, Mr. Umstead and Mr. Broughton, have their legions of personal supporters, and it is complimentary to both that these legions are loyal, and that such loyalty in the case of neither man is misplaced. Looking at the choice from an impartial viewpoint, however, and conceding the acceptability of Mr. Umstead in his own right, we are convinced that the people of the state owe it to themselves at large to nominate the ablest man. That one, we believe, is Mr. Broughton.

Our Failure In The UN

WE may be witnessing the death of the United Nations in the Palestine conflict and the Arab states. The United States of America has ever suffered. The UN was and is particularly our child. The whole groundwork for it was laid in the main room of the world, with this country playing the main role of the main pillar.

Because of that, and also because of our position as the foremost nation on the globe, the primary responsibility has rested on us to make the United Nations succeed. We now stand in the position of being the chief agent in the threatened destruction of UN.

Present predicament of the United Nations results from the Washington Government's failure to stand by UN on the partition of Palestine after we had taken the lead in committing the international organization to the partition plan establishing separate Arab and Jewish states in the Holy Land. Under fire from the Arabs we backed down before the issue of implementing the partition program, a step which would have required the use of military force to keep order in Palestine.

As a substitute for partition, we offered a plan for a temporary trusteeship for Palestine. This was the New York Times Death By Violence

estine which has produced nothing but confusion. Meanwhile, the Jews have declared that they will not accept the UN and the Arabs are attacking them in an effort to take possession after the British give up the control they have exercised by their old mandate from the League of Nations.

The challenge to UN now comes not from Soviet Russia, but from states on the anti-Communist side. From Egypt, Transjordan, Syria and Lebanon. Their regular armies have moved on Palestine in a clear act of armed aggression, a fundamental violation of the UN Charter by which three of our closest friends are committed by their own solemnly ratified statutes.

This is a challenge not alone to the United Nations. It is also a very serious threat to America itself. If it has the effect of destroying UN, the Arab aggression will have knocked out one of the main pillars of the international order we have been endeavoring to construct. Faced with this crisis, we are compelled to realize as never before that the United Nations, born three years ago in San Francisco, is our greatest contribution to mankind in the dawn of the atomic age. If it fails, we fail.

Working for \$24 a day, Miami plumbers say they will not get that much because they won't work eight months in the year. And if they get the raise they can cut it to four months.—Fort Myers News-Press.

American diplomacy never seemed to have amounted to much since his-tradin' became a lost art in the USA. — New Orleans States.

Pome In Which Is Enunciated a Fundamental International Principle Which May Be Used Under "Big Thoughts": If we all can't agree, then we all can't agree.—Atlanta Journal.

'Are Them Atoms Democrats Or Republicans?'

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Reciprocal Trade Issue

Tariffs: Help Or Hindrance?

House Foreign Affairs Committee made substantially the same point in its report on ERP when it warned against increasing barriers to foreign-produced merchandise.

An uprising of House Republicans against the trade agreements last year was stymied through the intervention of Senate Finance Chairman Eugene D. Millikin (R-Colo.) and Senate Foreign Relations Chairman Arthur Vandenberg (R-Mich.) They temporarily pacified all sides by persuading the Administration to agree to an executive order tightening the procedure under which the trade agreements are negotiated and administered. But this year the problem can be settled so simply. Some affirmative action is required.

MOST big business and labor two-favors the program. The Chamber of Commerce is on record in favor of it, and so is the CIO. But there are important exceptions, chiefly among the glass and textile industries. In most cases where an industry opposes the act, organized labor in that industry also opposes it. This is true in the textile industry, where the industry is against the act but the workers are for it.

Agricultural organizations are split, usually in accordance with the chief product of most of their members and whether that product has to rely on an export market. Thus, the American Farm Bureau Federation, which has to rely on the export market, supports the program, though some of its branches—the California State Bureau, for example—oppose it. The poultry and livestock branches fear foreign competition. — Congressional Quarterly

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Here are the figures that will set politicians' mouths watering in 21 states. The sales tax rate will be raised from 2 to 3 percent. Reciprocity from the public and turned them into 27 State sales tax. The new tax will be levied on the form of taxation produced for the states. Tennessee, Maryland, Connecticut and Rhode Island joined up last year and increased their sales tax to 3 percent. But the success of the sales tax as a fiscal device has been questioned. Also in 1938 the act was burdensome on those least able to pay.—Atlanta Journal.

Attacking universal military training 25 professors argue that compulsory service never prevented war. They know? We've never tried it.—Fort Myers News-Press.

Dr. Hargue of Jersey City has announced that he will support Harry Truman for re-election, and we guess Ben Fergusson would be doing the same if he were alive today.—Charleston News & Courier.

Kiss On The Wrist

IT WAS the heroine of "Gentle-Hearted Blondes" who first gave voice to the idea of a "kiss on the wrist" as a reward for good behavior. After the Pennsylvania primary, Harold Stassen was distinctly miffed. The position of Joseph P. Kennedy was still uncertain, but there can be no doubt that Sen. Martin and Gov. Dewey of New York felt even more hostility to Stassen than Gov. Duff.

The inference must be drawn, however, that Pennsylvania should be tentatively classified as, in majority, a stop-Stassen delegation, and Oregon may of course spend its own classification. But with Pennsylvania, however, and with the last of giant stop-Stassen delegations in New York and most of Ohio—the Minnesota group's task now looks harder than ever.

Every incumbent, every temptress, every man who has offered stop-Stassen combination. Other than the fact that Stassen is being formed are also at hand. The fact people are asserting in that the Stassen delegation is a strength. Illinois will go for Dewey, and Philadelphia. It was to reward Gov. Dwight Green for giving up his own gubernatorial honor that Green was given the post of keynote speaker at the Stassen convention. The fact that the Stassen delegation failed to attract the support of Old Guard Republicans. And in this, of course, Dewey looked toward a victory.

Then too, the agreement between Dewey and Stassen was a double-edged sword. Dewey was giving Stassen a favor, and Stassen was giving Dewey a favor. And if Dewey should be unable to make the grade in the second ballot, Stassen would be able to make the grade for Dewey would create a situation favorable to the nomination of Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg, whom Duff has openly favored.

Those who are not surprised that they know Thomas well. It's just another chapter in his amazing intrigue with him. Lobbist Ralph Moore, Tom Linder of Georgia, A. G. Macdonald, the Texas agricultural commission, the Cullum, who recently cornered part of the dried-beef market. The really surprising thing is that the Senate has done nothing.

Mickey's Record

THAT FULLY appreciate the high, upstanding company that Mickey Mouse has made for himself, you have to read Mickey Mouse's record. In 1925 he was convicted of obstructing justice and was fined \$25,000. In 1926 he was convicted of obstructing justice and was fined \$25,000. In 1927 he was convicted of obstructing justice and was fined \$25,000. In 1928 he was convicted of obstructing justice and was fined \$25,000. In 1929 he was convicted of obstructing justice and was fined \$25,000. In 1930 he was convicted of obstructing justice and was fined \$25,000. In 1931 he was convicted of obstructing justice and was fined \$25,000. In 1932 he was convicted of obstructing justice and was fined \$25,000. In 1933 he was convicted of obstructing justice and was fined \$25,000. In 1934 he was convicted of obstructing justice and was fined \$25,000. In 1935 he was convicted of obstructing justice and was fined \$25,000. In 1936 he was convicted of obstructing justice and was fined \$25,000. 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