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Order In The Solicitations

THERE were about 43 campaigns for worthy causes in Charlotte last year and this number included the Community Chest drive, which was the largest of the various agencies. All of the solicitations suffered from the public's impression that there are too many appeals for help, which was heightened by the overlapping of campaigns in some instances.

In other Carolina communities. The Charlotte public solicitations committee has been organized to perform that service. Its aim is to coordinate all work of any organization or agency seeking to raise funds by public subscription but to advise and co-ordinate the various appeals for the mutual benefit of all involved.

Under the present arrangement, regulation of the drives is a haphazard affair. There is no system for determining the most advantageous timing for the various campaigns or for determining that the Charlotte drives in the national or state-wide quota is in line with the amounts sought

Clearly, the Charlotte solicitations committee is performing a public service in the highest sense of that term. It is a matter of general public interest that the chairmanship of the committee has been accepted by C. W. Gilchrist, whose capacities for leadership and devotion to the community's interests have been demonstrated on many occasions.

Wasting Hope On Eisenhower

THERE is little or no real encouragement for the Democratic drawers in the latest report on General Eisenhower's availability as a Presidential candidate which comes from Marquis Childs in his column on this page today.

of rage. In view of the General's positive and eloquent statement against political activity of military leaders, in the absence of an "overriding reason," his reversal certainly would lower his stock with others besides loyal Republicans.

The anti-Truman Democrats who have been plugging for an Eisenhower draft are proceeding in the notion that the General is so popular he can win on any ticket. That assumption merits a little critical examination.

It is inconceivable that General Eisenhower hasn't weighed all the uncertainties and dangers which would be involved in making public life. Marquis Childs' report makes it clear that he has shown no interest in the prospect or he would have dropped a hint before this to some of the important Democrats who have sounded him out.

Communist Trap For Americans

LEON HENDERSON, a spokesman for the New Deal survivors, hits the nail on the head when he declares that American Communists secretly hope that Congress will pass the drastic Mundt-Nixon anti-Communist bill.

In every case where it has been tried, the united front-bait was disastrous to liberals. On the one hand, it places the Communists in position to seize control of progressive groups which have been working for the betterment of the people.

Winston-Salem Wants It

ACCORDING to The Charlotte News the Junior Chamber of Commerce in that city has opened a campaign to have the proposed State Dental School located in that city.

But is it the most logical place for a State medical school? Winston-Salem's advantages in this respect are much superior to those of Charlotte. This city not only has fine hospitals and an excellent medical personnel but also one of the largest concentrations of population in North Carolina.

'Patience, Pal—We're Still Working On It'



'Hit 'Em Where They Ain't'

General MacArthur Drives On

BY RUSSELL BRINES
TOKYO—(AP)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur set alone in his study at the American Embassy, writing a statement with pencil as the other did. A few minutes later it was taken to his headquarters, five minutes distant, and mimeographed for the press.

None other. So military government teams have broadened their range of activities to include pressure on Japanese officials for the proper collection of taxes, increased production of coal, balanced budget and similar necessary improvements.

Until then, no one in Tokyo knew that the "old man" had decided at last on perhaps the biggest personal gamble of his career.

The occupation takes its time from Gen. MacArthur. He makes all the major policy decisions, closely supervises the full range of activities and keeps himself remarkably well informed on events under his jurisdiction.

The brief statement, which announced his Presidential availability, put MacArthur's extensive military record on the Japanese block, as it were his target for the roughest kind of criticism. It signalled the possible end of his career as supreme commander for the occupation of Japan, a project for which he has fought and worked intently.

Headquarters and military forces in Japan are highly loyal to the General. He has become a part of the increased authority it gives him as an essential part of his military position.

THIRTY minutes after the statement was released, MacArthur reached his headquarters office. He plunged at once into occupation affairs. His aides knew better than discuss politics with him.

THE desire to avoid ruffling or upsetting the "old man" appears to be always present at headquarters. He has become widely respected over newspaper criticism, and he is known to have a sharp tongue when roused.

That was the closest thing to saying MacArthur had calculated the risks and the final choice and put it into execution on his own.

He relies upon the advice of numerous experts and other officials, but none can be considered so close as an exercise dominant influence.

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General speaks frequently of those early war days with unfeigned sentimentality. In his office, he is known as a fast but driving taskmaster. He maintains a heavy personal schedule, without pause for holidays, Sundays or vacations.

He has the military man's preference for direct action. In combat he was noted for his aggressive strategy, the thrust and counter-thrust designed to keep the enemy off balance. "Hit 'em where they ain't" was a favorite headquarters motto.

Nevertheless, he remains in excellent health. Army physicians constantly watch him. A year ago, they reported his reflexes were those of a man of 50.

In the formative days of the Japanese occupation, his methods were the same. The defeated Government never had time to get its feet next in the way of reform from headquarters.

Throughout his career, MacArthur seldom has lost the soldier's touch and sense of touch to the highest. It could suffer. In his confidence he has thrown himself into the job with enthusiasm. In a few years he has pushed himself onward, as if following a restless destiny.

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"A bathroom," says an expert on sound, "is acoustically like the biggest pipe in an organ. It carries the notes and tones of the instruments like Caruso." You mean we don't?—Blackmond (N.) Times-Dispatch.

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Don't believe it but they're telling it around the United States and the Democrats are being policed so hard for the past two weeks they define an employee as one who works on a job over in Kent precinct Wednesday morning at 7 A. M. before realizing both of 'em were elected the day before.—Fermansland (N.) News-Leader.

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Marquis Childs

Ike & The Democrats

WASHINGTON
GEN. DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER has been named to continue the administration. Although Eisenhower has not yet actively taken over the reins of the administration, the news is being taken up by the press.

The General thinks the Senator would make a good President. He would like to see Eisenhower elected. He would like to see Eisenhower elected.

The analysis of the political situation was as follows: Eisenhower would go first on the roll call of the states, and on the first ballot would carry a state. Eisenhower's name in nomination must come Arizona, with the possibility of the other states in the delegation would go to the General. Third in line comes Michigan, a delegation with all probability for Eisenhower.

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