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Count Bernadotte's Death

IN ISRAEL this week there was unrest. Egyptian troops on a mountaintop near Bechem looked shells into the Jewish area in Jerusalem and United Nations observers scurried about marking down the exact location of the hits, the damage done, the direction (though they knew it) from which the shells were fired. The truce was on but the shooting wasn't off. The UN mediated truce had been on for over eight weeks but Arab guns were not quiet and Jewish burial squads were not idle.

Many Jews blamed a tall, dignified Swede—Count Folke Bernadotte, the United Nations mediator, Bernadotte, the Jews might have thought, negotiated the truce—the half-truce that in the words of a pro-Israel newspaper: *The New York Star*, was "a cold war of attrition against the Jews." The Jews of Israel had, like the *Star*, begun to sour toward what has often been called "the patient mediation" of the peace-loving Count.

Bernadotte's major aim in the eyes of the Jews was his suggestion that Jerusalem be turned over to Arabs. The Jews are, of course, fighting for Israel, for Zion, for a homeland—but the spirit of their battle is Jerusalem and Bernadotte's proposal to turn the city over was so much Jewish blood' has been shed was more than enough to turn all of Israel against him.

The *New York Star's* publisher—Bartley Crum—has been a force for a year or more now, he was there when his new-

paper said: "To continue the (truce) is intolerable and finally will force the ending of it by a Jewish explosion..." That explosion came yesterday morning when four men in Jewish uniforms shot Count Folke Bernadotte to death after he landed at a Jerusalem airport.

The death is shocking. Bernadotte's death, the death of a man who was not content merely to profess a love for peace but who insisted on working actively for it—and ultimately dying for it. But Folke Bernadotte's death will not bring peace to the Holy Land. If this assassination is the wind that will fan the smouldering Middle East into a flaming war, then that war will be a war to the end, a dangerous pilot which that might ignite the entire world.

Folke Bernadotte was a good man and a competent one; but for the United Nations to send him into the Holy Land without a force to back him up is to open the eyes of the Governments represented in UN, perhaps it will reveal the truth that UN is helpless and will remain so until it is given sufficient power. An international police force by these Governments to enforce its decisions and recommendations.

Folke Bernadotte's life did not save the Holy Land from war; let us hope that his death will save the UN from impotence and eventual destruction.

'Shout Freedom' Again In 1949

WITHIN past months we have been more than a little apprehensive about the fate of that remarkable cultural and patriotic endeavor, the Mecklenburg Historical Society's production of "Shout Freedom!" We had heard that there was some doubt that the historical drama would be produced next year.

Our fears were allayed yesterday when the directors of the Society promised that the production would appear on May 20, 1949 to recreate the Mecklenburg of May 20, 1775.

We were proud last May—proud with the entire city of the devotion to freedom displayed by the founders of Charlotte when, in a tiny wooden courtroom, on May 20, 1775, in this city's square, they signed the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence. Most of us have known all our lives of this document and of the boldness and determination of those who signed it, but never until a Spring night a few months ago had the meaning of that document and of that determination assumed its proper place in our mind.

Letting Blythe's script for the production, Lamar Stringfield's music, Tommie's careful direction and the unbounded sincerity of the actors made 1775 live for us and made us realize that we—all of us—had lost something of that spirit of '75.

We watched the production and heard the ringing words of the brave patriots directed against such tyrants as Gov. William Tryon, Lord Cornwallis and George III and realized that these men and women—our forefathers—had something that is sorely needed now. The courage of their convictions, the determination to make a stand that which isn't right.

We intend to see "Shout Freedom!" again next year—not only for its high entertainment value but for a renewal of the significance of freedom and courage it gave us last year.

The Mecklenburg Historical Society worked hard in the months before the first production of the drama, worked to it hastily gathered funds and with talent recruited from our own area and gave this city, this county, and this nation a demonstration of patriotic devotion of which we may all be proud.

Work for the survival of "Shout Freedom!" has been equally energetic. With public response lagging last Spring there was some concern for the timid to doubt that "Shout Freedom!" could keep its head above water next year. But the Society—exhibiting a bit of the determination displayed in 1775—decided that "Shout Freedom!" was for the timid to doubt that the Southern States Fairgrounds next year.

We are certain that the few who missed it this May will rejoice at the opportunity to see it next year and that those who did witness it this year will be more than anxious to see it again.

'Air Power Is Peace Power'

TODAY is not the first Air Force Day. August 1 having been given this distinction for several years, but it is the airman's first anniversary of the recognition as an independent branch of the defense establishment, on an equal footing with the Army and the Navy.

A great deal has happened to the air arm during its first year on its own. Twelve months ago the goal of 53 combat groups was still a hush-hush project which the flying generals feared Congress might trim. But the rapid deterioration in U. S.-Russian relations alarmed the lawmakers, and they went beyond the Administration's request and voted funds for 70 groups. As a result, the Air Force is in the midst of its greatest peacetime expansion, at the same

time concentrating on the immediate task of supplying some 2,000,000 people in Berlin with food, fuel and other necessities.

It is not only the military services, air power has modern beginnings. It is not hemmed in by the traditions of the cavalry or the battleship, but leans heavily upon the advice of university physicists and engineers, and is not afraid to operate abreast of the atomic age. It also pays some attention to another modern science, psychology, to keep its men happier than the older services have sometimes done.

As in previous years the theme of Air Force Day is "Air Power Is Peace Power." Millions of Americans are fervently hoping today that the slogan is more than a collection of mere words.

From The Hickory Daily Record

Old North 'Border State'

NORTH CAROLINA is now being generally recognized as a "Border State" in the Presidential election year, and the GOP leaders are looking for ways to make the most of their opportunity. Those in charge of the campaign are hoping to schedule both their standard-bearers—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey and Gov. Earl Warren—for address.

The Democrats, on the other hand, are becoming more and more optimistic as they begin to unlimber for the November battle of ballots. They may even bring President Harry S. Truman down for a major political address, and they certainly will schedule Senator Aiken Barkley for at least one speech in the state; tentatively at Asheville the night of September 27.

The news that Texas Democrats have pledged their twenty-three electoral votes to Truman has served as a tonic for the Lone Star State. Likewise, action of the Lone Star State convention announced to be another bucketful of cold water dumped on the Democrats.

Another hopeful sign for North Carolina Democrats is that a number of county

committees have been quite enthusiastic. At Danbury, a few days ago, more than a thousand Democrats gathered from Stokes and the surrounding counties to pick the courthouse square and make State and Congressional candidates feel good.

As the campaign gains momentum it will be possible to see whether or not there is real heart in considering Tar Heels as a "Border State."

"Too many persons go by the rules as though they were traffic signs, without paying any attention to them."—*Greensboro Daily News*.

It's the height of something or other to have to pay postage due on a letter which turns out to be a long winded grip, without a signature.—*Kingsport (Tenn.) Times*.

A New Hampshire sheriff wants to send his bloodhounds to North Carolina for the Winter because the snow gets too deep for them. While down there they could learn a thing or two about the Southern accent, too.—*Roanoke (Va.) Times*.

How Could Anybody Be So Dumb?



People's Platform

CENTRAL High has a good team. I can say it "any excuse is better than none." —**JACK B. HOWELL**

CHARLOTTE Editors: The News: I am reading the article appearing in Thursday's *Charlotte News* under "People's Platform" signed by "Pans-Southern Railway Freight Station." I cannot help but take issue with some of their statements. It is true that everyone has been offered the opportunity to purchase season tickets at \$5 for six games. I do not hear any complaints as to the admission for Charlotte Clippers games or college games that are played here. In some of these games the score is quite one-sided also.

I think anyone that attended the New Hanover High School-Central High School game on Friday night, Sept. 3, was highly pleased and certainly had his money's worth. In view of the fact that all of the proceeds from Central games are used exclusively for Central's benefit it is only right that we should give credit where credit is due. I do not think Central High School should be criticized so severely for the score last Saturday night. If anyone has ever played football he knows that these things happen now and then. Sometimes they are a real benefit to the losing team in the long run. One must not lose sight of the fact that there are several high schools in Charlotte among which eligible boys are divided and one school cannot obtain all of the best.

We have a good coach and a good football team. I feel that every one attending these games receives full value for the price of admission regardless of the score. An article such as the one printed in *The News* does more to hurt Central and its football team than all the games they might lose. They are playing the best teams and the crowds attending these games attest the public regard for Central High School and their football team.

—**H. L. MAILLISTER**, (Central Booster Club)

City's Two Top Teams

CHARLOTTE Editors: The News: With direct reference to your People's Platform Thursday which was highlighted by a letter from a group of fellows calling themselves "fans," anyone that has lived in Charlotte for any length of time at all should realize that Central High School is highly "overrated" as far as football prowess is concerned, their teams of recent years living on the reputation of Central teams in the past.

The so-called "fans" many whom I know personally, certainly did not see any more than they did at the stadium on Friday nights when the city's two top high school teams, Harding or Tech, played on the field. Most of the "fans" who never have an opportunity to grumble about the price because they'll receive much more than they paid for.

With further reference to statement given by F. O. Roberts, School Board member, flimsily trying to justify the higher prices at Central.

Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON The woebegone, bedraggled Democratic National Committee finally came to life last week, after limping perilously near the verge of bankruptcy.

Some of the committee's operations have been so unambitious, they are unbelieveably expensive. The committee has been paying for 50 rooms at the Biltmore Hotel—and that's not all. Desks and stenographers sit in the rooms—but that's all.

Meanwhile, young ladies have been given the job of raising money for the Democrats. Instead of having independent funds, the big girls, young ladies who never met the big boys before have made the calls and come away almost empty-handed. A young lady was even sent to call on millionaire John D. Rockefeller, Democratic chairman and former head of General Motors.

Chairman Howard McGrath, a good Senator but apparently not an executive, has let his committee drift—helpless, rudderless, pathless.

Truman Acquires Pathos I ASK week, however, a money-raising campaign was launched at the White House. Mr. Truman invited about 30 non-Democrats to tea, from California's Ed Paisley to New York's Morris Ernst. For the tea, he got up on a chair and made a little speech.

"I am appealing to you for help," he said, "help to carry out my message to the American people. We just haven't got the money to buy radio time. In Detroit on Labor Day, he got up on a chair and made a little speech. My speech because he didn't have the money to stay on the air."

Mr. Truman looked pathetic and alone. He looked so appealing that the present group of non-Democrats who had opposed his renomination, how many had predicted that no money could be raised if he was nominated. They even

Marquis Childs No Basic Difference

WASHINGTON IN FACING Moscow through the long, wearisome negotiations over the skeleton of Berlin, the Marquis Childs has been presented a united front. The reality of that united front has been important in the contest between East and West.

CLOSE REALITY The British did not see it that way. They have realities of their own and one of them is the reality of geography. In the last war, British troops have been through with in spite of any and all risks. The reality of that risk is, of course, the risk of war.

While the front has been a fact beyond dispute, there have been differences of opinion as to the nature of the front. Anthony Eden was in agreement with the Labor Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin. He was one of those long projections of British policy that rises above party politics.

Eden and Bevin said, in effect, that Britain must form the nucleus of a front across the continent, a balance between the colossus of the USSR on one hand and the colossus of the USA on the other. Naturally it was not so bluntly, but that was the import of it.

Those speeches may have been carefully noted in the aftermath of the transatlantic argument over the significance of the Moscow negotiations. That argument between London and Washington went on over a number of radio-tele-voice machines that are such a positive boon to the exchange of ideas.

The British reaction produced a great irritation in some quarters. One heard again that unhappy word "appeasement."

What the British did justify is hard for anyone on the outside to see.

Joseph & Stewart Also Berlin Is A Wedge

WASHINGTON THE BERLIN crisis has had at least one side effect. It has cast considerable light on the Kremlin's future plans for the organization of the Soviet Republic. It is now an even bet that there will be a new wave of attacks on the whole area of the Soviet Union. The attacks are the forcible bodily incorporation of the Soviet Republics into a greater Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

Throughout the Berlin negotiations, the Kremlin has sought to gain two objectives. Objective number one has been to expel British, French and American troops from the Ruhr or even to make western Germany a working, producing area. The second objective has been to gain this second objective in total, exclusive control of Berlin.

Objective number two, however, has been simply to expel the Western Allies from Berlin. And the Russian effort has been concentrated on the Ruhr or even on western Germany. The real effort has been to gain this second objective in total, exclusive control of Berlin.

As is indicated by the report of the odds given above, expert opinion is still divided on the issue. But a constantly growing faction holds that the struggle to drive us out of Berlin must be the first step in the Kremlin's over-all plans for the eastern European satellites.

REDS TIGHTEN UP If this faction reasons correctly, the Soviets began some months ago to batter down the hatches, so to speak, throughout the eastern European conquests. (The difficulty with Marshall's plan is that it is an open incident in this course.)

Berlin, unfortunately, lies deep within the Soviet zone of occupation. The end of the war has been the one really important place where the Soviet and American puppets were in constant, intimate contact. With the Western Allies still in Berlin, their contact has been the correct organization of the Soviet zone of Germany—the Berlin. Since the end of the war it has been and still is an impossibility. Our occupation forces have been short, has the effect of a huge wedge, which prevents the hatches of the Russian empire from being battered down as completely as the Kremlin would have us believe.

This interpretation of the Berlin crisis is confirmed by intelligence from the Soviet satellites. In the case of the Soviet Republics, the course of the Berlin negotiations has caused the earlier analysis of the situation to be re-examined.

Further, our evidence seems to be in accord with such secret intelligence. Everywhere beyond the Iron Curtain, the secret services of the Soviet police forces and the KGB are being ruthlessly purged. In the case of the Soviet Republics, Premier Gorbunov has ordered the elimination of between 5,000 and 6,000 officers in the Czech army alone. The purges are being carried out in the most thorough manner.

Finally, the logic of the Soviet situation suggests that the satellites must eventually be transformed into a single, unified bloc. The Kremlin's economic, political and military policies are being carried out through the puppet states to the detriment of the puppet states themselves. The puppet states are being transformed into a single, unified bloc.

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The South & The North

CLOVER, S. C.

Editors: The News:

I received People's Platform, a letter written by Mrs. Thomas Crowe. She is beginning to cause some surprising comment. Mrs. Crowe writes that during the eighteen years she lived in the North, she never heard an unkind reference to Southerners or the South. That is a long time to live in a region that is constantly critical of the South and never hear one unkind reference.

She continues by saying that her children were persecuted by being called "Dixie" "Yankees" and that it is too bad that children should bear the burden of crimes of their fathers and that she is sorry. However, that may not be the case after all. Mrs. Crowe blandly ignores the controversial issue of the present to declare the South is still fighting the Civil War. I wonder if Mrs. Crowe would admit that it is barely possible that most of the Yankee conquest of the present is caused by the civil rights issue.

Mrs. Crowe's text describes to a dreamy description of New England coastal scenery and adds a condescending remark about Spring blossoms in the South. In a later issue, Mr. James Melton states that Mrs. Crowe wrote a nice letter on the race problem. Mr. Melton must have confused what Mrs. Crowe actually said with some of his own wishful thinking. She did not even mention race.

In the same issue, Mrs. Rose Blanton comments on Mrs. Crowe's letter and manages to inject the race question into it. She says that Mrs. Crowe in some vague fashion she is trying to blame the general Southern public because Mrs. Crowe does not have a bath and hot water in her house. I can sympathize with Mrs. Blanton's mind because I live in a house without bath or hot water. Mrs. Blanton could solve the problem for her maid by a substantial salary increase.

—**THOMAS E. JOHNSTON**

Quote, Unquote

SONS OF OBEDIENCE

Ed Gardner and Dan Driskill had their car well packed yesterday with all kinds of equipment for fishing and camping. They were already past one o'clock and they were rushed. Said they had to drive to their homes, obtain their wives' permission to go in their Park cars, for the week-end and be on their way by 1:30—Pennington Park (Va.) Powell Valley News.

RIGHTOUSNESS IN JERSEY

The New Jersey Legislature which met this week has bills before it from both the Republicans and the Democrats for non-prosecuting Democratic candidates. It seems that bingo games are being operated all over the state by religious and patriotic groups. The bills probably have little chance of passage. They have run into strong opposition from religious and civic groups.—*Fort Myers (Fla.) News-Free*.

85 TO WILLIAM

To William Prim, son-in-law of North Carolina's late Senator Bailey Johnson was a tough bowling-out. "You can cooperate with us and get some work done," stormed the ex-Assistant War Secretary, "or you can get out."

Ambassador Pawley amazed his colleagues by telling how he walked into Democratic Headquarters and told one of the lady money-raisers: "I want to give five. Will you please write out a check for me?" "Naturally, I meant five grand," explained Pawley later. "So imagine my surprise when the young lady wrote me a check for \$5. No more, no less."

This caused Johnson to jump down the throat of another chair-warmer, Aca Caraway, son of Arkansas' ex-Senator Hatcher Caraway.

"This kind of thing has got to stop," he told Caraway, who was considered responsible for the lady money-raisers. "Either it's going to stop—or you get out."

Johnson also proceeded to raise the Democratic money-

raising goal from the \$500,000 of which had been fixed by McGrath to \$2,500,000.

Black Eye Captures Gen. Vaughan

ONE thing that discourages Democratic campaign-planners is that for every \$100,000 they raise for Truman, his grandstanding military aide, Gen. Harry Vaughan, throws away \$200,000.

The genial, bumbling Vaughan has just pulled a one that will take a lot of political repair work to patch up. He was caught on a recording of the radio by a "Colonel" Hubert Pantier Julian, who describes himself as the "Colonel" of the entire American Expeditionary Force in Europe during the World War, was Emperor Haile Selassie's one-man air corps.

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