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BOLD MOVE BY MR. LEWIS

At the moment this is written, it appears that John L. Lewis' scheme to acquire Phillip Murray in his steel strike will come to grief.
The major obstacle is the distaste of William Green's AFL. Mr. Green has consistently refused to combine forces with the CIO in the political arena...

RUGGLES REPORT ON ALCOHOLISM

The most encouraging thing about the Ruggles report on the treatment of alcoholics is that it marks an abrupt and complete departure from the outdated methods for which we have been following in North Carolina.
The report was prepared by John S. Ruggles of Southern Pines, chairman of a special committee of the State Board of Health...

THE QUEEN CITY CLASSIC

The sale of tickets for the Queen City Classic is the principal source of income for financing the entire athletic program in the two Negro high schools of Charlotte. Receipts from this game, which will be played on the evening of Friday, Sept. 4 at the Memorial Stadium, will provide the necessary funds for football, basketball and track at the West Charlotte and the Second Ward High Schools.
Last year's athletic budget at these two Negro schools was \$6,000-\$7,000 for each school. The budget was met only because the city made a special appropriation...

POLITICAL MORALITY AT A LOW EBB

The United States has hit a new low in political morality. We have allowed the worst 'faux' of the big city political machines to become a part of our national political thought and methods. We make a fetish of our loyalty to the party, which isn't even one cut above loyalty down in the wards to the big city machine in power.
Our political schemes are aimed at enabling the crowd in power to profit at the expense of the crowd out of power. It seems that almost every piece of legislation introduced in Congress and national legislative bodies is designed to benefit one group at the expense of another. Still other legislation is designed to weld minority groups into a large group which can swing elections.
And that isn't all! If the residents of one or two of Greenville's wards, or the main street merchants, raised \$50,000 to win or "buy" a city election, the city would be so raked that the smell of it would roll out over Paris mountain and Caesar's Head would hold its nose.
But that is not the only fact that it takes many thousands of dollars (some say \$200,000 and more) to elect a Governor or a United States Senator in North Carolina. It takes millions to elect a President of the United States.
An ex-Georgia official said this week his life was an open book; so was Whiz Bang but they say it has some naughty pictures in it.—Pelham (Ga.) Journal.

There—Everything Fits'

Robert C. Ruark

Am Surprised!



MY childish faith in the relationship of crime to punishment, somewhat impaired in past years by striking down the Supreme Court's action on aid money, the conviving Congressman...
NEW YORK (AP)—The House Judiciary committee during the recent scuffle with Hitler, got a little greasy and was caught with its hand in the jam. He and a couple of sweet friends, including Henry and Murray, got together on some Government munitions contracts. Andy was in palm oil, in return for his influence as ruling member of the committee. He was convicted of using that influence to grab off Government business from the Garsons.
That was in 1947. Since then Congressman Andrew has continued his sine from his home in Prestonburg, Ky., nursing the ill health which seems to go automatically with convictions for racketeering. He had appealed his sentence and now he is up top, and last Monday the Supreme Court reversed the conviction. This gives the so-called sine to clap eyes. May in the meantime together with his cute conspirators.
It isn't much of a sentence, in fact considering the size of the crime—only eight months to two years in the penitentiary, with an appeal, under a flimsy bond of \$500, he could have served his time in jail and might have been freed. What surprises me is that, in an admission of guilt which is the odor of the old Pendergast regime, that Andy and his buddies were so forward as to have brought to trial.
There is something surprising in that the Court, now also laden with Truman politics, didn't reverse the conviction. The Chief Justice Fred Vinson and Justice Tom Clark look no more than the second fall to beat down the verdict of sentence. This seems a little odd, but a never the less, it is a question of the process of the law. May is 58 (or 59) and possibly infirm and he served sixteen years in the penitentiary.

People's Platform

Those Government Eggs
It occurs to us also that a desirable purpose could possibly have been served if the article, after having mentioned the identity of the contractor, had perhaps described to the readers one or two advantages of the private enterprise, contract method of construction; such as the assurance of having obtained the lowest possible cost through free and open competition, the guaranteed known cost of the project, the guaranteed quality according to plans and specifications, and the centralized responsibility of the contractor for the construction.
With the present day trend throughout all branches and levels of our government and socially nurtured schemes for the curtailing, if not outright elimination of free enterprise it appears to us to be the responsibility of each of us to utilize every opportunity to publicize the advantages of America's proven free enterprise system.
—BOBBY PATTON
Executive Secretary
Carroll's Branch
Associated General Contractors of America, Inc.

Note Of Appreciation

THE Employ The Physically Handicapped Committee of Mecklenburg County has just completed its fourth annual conference and a co-operative newspaper had a most excellent educational program.
Due to a tightened labor market the placements for the immediate week were not as high as expected, but employers were made more aware of the abilities of the limited person. A quantity number of employers personally visited our office and others will consider a physically handicapped person on their orders.
The press reports such a powerful influence over the mind and thought of the public that a community is very fortunate in having its assistance in promoting any project.
Please give our personal thanks to any of your staff who assisted us—especially your publisher, Mr. MRS. EVA M. YOUNG, Chairman.

Individual Initiative

AL residents of Smallwood Homes are gratified with an action on the part of C. D. Spangler in personally underwriting to the City of Charlotte the improvement of the W. Trade St. there. Mr. Spangler was largely responsible for the development and construction of low cost housing units in that area with preference to veterans for loan applications. His generous gesture may inspire previous similar steps by the City to install urgently needed street lights and by Duke Power Co. for promised extension of bus lines and service there.
This community is an integral part of Greater Charlotte proper, and has been overlooked due to its mushroom growth in the last few years. The immediate needs are concerned. However, it is a significant note that two churches have been organized and a Boy Scout Troop formed, packed with its proper spirit.
—HENRY D. EDGERTON

Local Firm Responsible

WE have read with interest the article appearing on Page 1-B of the Charlotte News of Friday, Oct. 7, headlined "There's a Concrete System to Laying Concrete."
This article, written by Tom Peeperman, along with its accompanying pictures, taken by Tom Franklin Studio, constitutes a very informative and readable item.
We fail, however, to locate anywhere in the article mention of the contracting firm responsible for construction operation described in the article. Contractor happens to be a local firm, Ren Construction Co., President and General Manager, Mr. R. Rex, has long specialized in concrete paving construction, and is considered an outstanding expert in that business.
Would not the article in question have contained something more human interest, especially for Charlotte readers, had mention been made of the above?

Book Review Criticized

ON FRIDAY, Oct. 7, you published a 'review' of "The Libicon of Pigeon Creek," a new novel by William E. Wilson. I have a double complaint to make about the review.
First, you violated the Oct. 7 publication date. Second, your reviewer obviously did not read the book. The review is basically wrong and if we stick to it the date of publication to read Mr. Wilson's novel, he undoubtedly would have appreciated the very fine, sharp work that it is.
—REED BARRETT,
Associate Editor,
The Evening Star.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

IT'S a tough job for Mr. John Q. Public today to make head or tail out of the welter of headlines and accusations heaped for and against the B-36, the Navy and the atomic bomb.
However, to keep the record straight, here are some statements made by some of the same principals before the B-36 controversy got so hot:
STATEMENT NO. 1.—Made by Sen. Adm. Ralph A. Oette to the HOUSE Armed Services Committee last week that the A-bomb was inhuman, barbaric and should be used.
STATEMENT NO. 2.—Made by the same Adm. Oette one year before, June 30, 1948, at the Aviation Writers' Association in New York—"the atomic bomb is the 'man shot' in our armamentarium, the next time the atomic bomb both should be and probably is a major consideration today in the war plan of the United States."
STATEMENT NO. 3.—Naval testimony presented before the Armed Services Committee last week that the A-bomb would do little damage at short distance from the target and that its importance was being overemphasized by the Army, Navy and Secretary of Defense.
STATEMENT NO. 4.—Early in 1948, Adm. Dan Gallery wrote a memo which for about a year became the Navy's bible on the subject of atomic bombing. The memo read: "The next war will be a lot different from any previous one. It seems obvious that the next time the bomb both should be an atomic bomb aimed at the enemy capitals or industrial centers and that the outcome of the war will be determined by strategic bombing. The war will not whichever side is able to deliver the atomic bomb to the enemy's industrial centers."
STATEMENT NO. 5.—"I think the time is right now," continued Adm. Gallery, "for the Navy to start an aggressive campaign aimed at proving that the Navy can deliver the atomic bomb more effectively than the Army forces can."
STATEMENT NO. 6.—"If the delivery of the atomic bomb is the major mission, and if we develop the proper ships, planes

Navy Now Calls A-Bomb Barbaric Weapon

and tactics, the Navy can become the principal offensive branch of the nation's defense—the branch which actually delivers the knockout blow."
Navy Faces Oblivescence
SIGNIFICANTLY, Adm. Gallery also stated: "It will not be much different from the last one. This assumption is basically wrong and if we stick to it the war will soon be obsolete."
STATEMENT NO. 7.—Secretary of Defense James V. Forrestal once fought to take over the delivery of the A-bomb. This was what the controversy over the super-airplane carrier was all about. The Navy was doing up land-based planes, and this question, and the first meeting, the famous Key West conference, was held on Secretary Forrestal's March 11, 1948, decided the following two basic policies:
1. Strategic bombing, in other words delivery of the A-bomb, is the primary responsibility of the Army.
2. Anti-submarine warfare should be the responsibility of naval aviation.
Following the Gallery memo had received scant attention, but there was quite an argument over whether the Navy or the Air Force should build submarines, since most of the sub-patrol work in the recent war was done by land-based planes, and the Army with the Civil Air Patrol had a notable record. But the Navy won out on this, and there was no further argument.

Public Needs To Know

Harlan Trott
(In The Christian Science Monitor)
WASHINGTON
ONE reason why the country is so confused about the B-36 bomber is that the bottom of the Navy-Air Force row over unification is owing to the fact that the Navy has a military strategy is just too complete.
This is a dangerous assumption, particularly in a democracy which goes on the basis of informed consent. The public should always control the military.
Congress itself has ordered the Navy has been offered to the Vinson committee this week in substitution for the Air Force claims about the range and invulnerability of its B-36 bomber.
Americans wonder whether they have not been too indifferent to the strategy decisions of the nation's top defense planners.
If it is true, it suggests that there are secret reasons for Air Force confidence or the Air Force advantage. It is a tragedy that the big bomber's program is being analyzed, sentence by sentence. Position is not being held, nor is any information from the Navy.
The admirals have complained the Air Force won't serve any officers to see the B-36 in the existing command and control system. But if the Navy is being kept in the dark, its commander-in-chief, the Navy Secretary and its secretariat would "unification" would seem to be justified.
READ AND REMEMBER
BY W. L. GORDON
A complete list of the Americans depicted on our paper cover in the past week: Winston Churchill, \$100,000; Harry Truman, \$50,000; Dwight D. Eisenhower, \$50,000; General Douglas MacArthur, \$50,000; General Curtis LeMay, \$50,000; General H. H. Arnold, \$50,000; General Omar Bradley, \$50,000; General James H. Doolittle, \$50,000; General Joseph P. Stilwell, \$50,000; General Mark W. Clark, \$50,000; General Matthew B. Ridgway, \$50,000; General John W. West, \$50,000; General George S. Patton, \$50,000; General William H. Tunner, \$50,000; General Omar Bradley, \$50,000; General James H. Doolittle, \$50,000; General Mark W. Clark, \$50,000; General Matthew B. Ridgway, \$50,000; General John W. West, \$50,000; General George S. Patton, \$50,000; General William H. Tunner, \$50,000.
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