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THE BICKERING BRASS

LIKE a row of dominoes the top men in the nation's defense line-up have fallen in the past weeks. Forrestal first, then Army Secretary Kenneth Royall, now John L. Sullivan, Secretary of the Navy.

the orders handed down to him by the Secretary of Defense with the approval of the Commander-in-Chief.
His duty happens to be something else again. We feel his duty was to accept the orders of his superiors gratefully.

SEPARATE ELECTIONS

WE are relieved that a speculative report that the city and state bond elections would be held on the same day proved to be totally unfounded. Here it is true, the joint election would certainly have contributed to the defeat of the local program.

share gasoline tax revenues with the cities on a more equitable basis.
Similarly, the \$25 million school building bond issue will affect Charlotteans little. We are likely to vote against this bond issue under the very logical theory that they can build their own school buildings at a much lower cost.

SCHOOL SOLICITATIONS

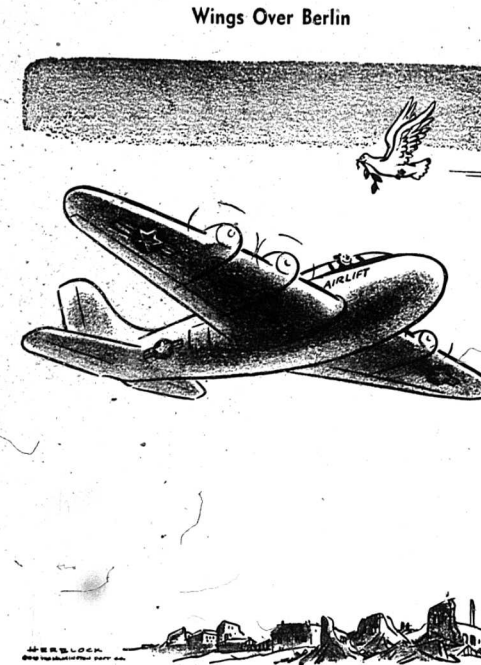
THE Charlotte School Board is trying to find a way to limit solicitations for worthy causes among school children and teachers. If the board discovers a magic formula, perhaps we can apply it to the whole community.

Parents are alternately badgered and begged until they kick through.
Thus the husband gives at his office, the wife gives at the residence, and both give again through their children. It's a real triple play.

WE'RE STILL CONFUSED

THE average American stands in awe of the big corporations, and understandably so for the financial mumbo-jumbo of big business is a thing of bewildering complexity.
We have in mind Governor Kerr Scott's little tiff with the Standard Oil Company. Why, the Governor asked in a telegram, did Standard recently increase the price of its gasoline almost half-a-cent in North Carolina?

Purchases of crude products and other merchandise from other supplies also reached a new high of \$1,386,248,000.
Consolidated net earnings of Standard Oil (New Jersey) were \$365,903,000, equal to \$12.44 a share, for 1948, compared with \$268,827,000 or \$9.83 a share the previous year.



Wings Over Berlin

Marquis Childs

Evasion Of Duty

IT is now nearly three months since President Truman sent to the Senate the name of Mon Wallgren as head of the National Security Resources Board.
The Senate Armed Services Committee, by a majority of one, voted to keep the Wallgren nomination in the conference, which means that the full Senate cannot pass on it.

People's Platform

Sugaw Creek --- A Disgrace

CHARLOTTE
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Stewart Alsop

Mr. Katayama Withers

THE route to the official residence of the Prime Minister of Japan with endless little bottle structures, with a fountain on the westland left by the American soldiers, is a large, modern, depressing structure.
This present occupant, Mr. Katayama, is a middle-aged, somewhat effeminate man with a very wide smile which is apparently a permanent feature of his face.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON
URGENT questions affecting our hopes for peace are being asked by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.
It came talking to the top other day behind the closed doors of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Answering the questions of the members of the committee were Secretary of State Acheson, Secretary of Defense Johnson and ECA Ambassador Harriman. They talked brilliantly, but not quickly enough to please the Senate.

Police Commended

CHARLOTTE
THIS is to inform you that the police officers have been very good about maintaining order around our church at night service, and I do hereby commend them for their good behavior.

Atlantic Pact Searched For Pitfalls

WASHINGTON
THE Michigan Republican warned, however, that the Atlantic Pact is not a simple matter.
Latter, Chairman Tom Connally stamped angrily into the meeting after a trip upstairs to vote.
Following this incident, it was agreed to release a proposed military aid, he thundered. "Some newspaperman told me the figure and asked if that was correct."

Senate Stairs Too Steep

WASHINGTON
TO do to the turmoil, the meeting was interrupted thirteen times by roll-call votes on the Senate floor.
The Senators straggling up and down stairs to the Senate floor, the old Sen. George of Georgia finally snorted in disgust.
"By God, I can't go up and down these stairs any more!" he bellowed.

Only Arms To Europe?

WASHINGTON
"WHAT I want to know," chimed in Utah's scholarly Sen. Elbert Thomas, "is what do you mean by the rearming of Europe?"
The idea of supplying arms seems archaic unless we give our own troops the same treatment. But if we do that, I am against the whole program.

Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON
IT is really off balance, Perle, social arbiter for the first lady Ambassador, to be so concerned by an appointment as Mrs. Mott.
Mrs. Mott has decided to equip our Western European allies with the same kind of Marshall Plan money as we are giving to the U. S. has six million Germans in surplus and is planning to send them home, improved morale for American troops.
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