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WHICH PAPER DO YOU READ?

ONE of the more interesting journalistic battles of recent years is raging in Forsyth County where the Dry Winston-Salem Journal and the pro-ABC Winston-Salem Sentinel, both owned by the same publishing company, have taken opposite sides in the controversy over the establishment of ABC stores in Forsyth County.

It's a doubly interesting fight for Mecklenburgers, since our own ABC control system is right in the middle of the fray. The operation of the local system is furnishing ample ammunition for both sides.

The Journal, a morning paper, ran an editorial this week under the head, "More About Drinking in Charlotte, which quotes a letter from O. Clarkston of Charlotte, president of the Allied Church League. The letter said, in part:

"You are correct in saying that more liquor is being consumed in Charlotte and more drunkness prevails here since liquor stores were set up than before... Figures will show that the number of arrests and convictions have increased from 25 per cent to 28 per cent since the establishment of liquor stores here."

Mr. Clarkston also quoted an unnamed staff writer for The News as saying that the increase in the number of arrests for drunkness is due to better law enforcement. To this, Mr. Clarkston replied:

"We know that the sale of liquor in Charlotte means more drinking and much more drunkness. Also, it is a matter of common knowledge that all drinks are not ascribed by any means."

The Journal pointed out to its readers that the "ten million dollars worth of liquor" was the amount sold by the ABC stores alone in Charlotte last year, and added: "This, of course, was in addition to the amount sold by bootleggers to evade the high tax on legal liquor."

That was one side of the story. Next day The Sentinel, an afternoon paper, disputed Mr. Clarkston's figures and referred to the findings of a special investigator, William S. Mitchell, Winston-Salem attorney and former FBI man, who was hired to do a fact-finding job for the Committee of One Hundred of that city. Said The Sentinel:

"Arrests for drunkness in Charlotte increased sharply each year from 1944 through 1947. The rate of increase for 1948—the first year ABC stores in Charlotte—dropped considerably."

Arrests for drunkness in Charlotte for the year 1948 were 40.1 per cent higher than for the year 1947. For the year 1947 they were 21.1 per cent higher than for 1946. For the year 1947 they were 18.6 per cent higher than for the year 1946. But for the year 1948 they were only 6.5 per cent higher than for the year 1947.

Mr. Mitchell also found that since September 25, 1947, the date that liquor control became effective in Charlotte, "bootlegging" as a business has been eliminated, and "known full time bootleggers have been put out of business and only 'off-hour' and 'week-end' sales are being made by part time operators."

What does it all prove? 1. That facts and figures can be twisted to show almost anything you want them to show. 2. That Mecklenburgers drink whisky under Prohibition and still drink it under ABC stores.

Neither paper touches the main point: That the citizens of Mecklenburg County, after long years of experience with Prohibition and following a great public debate on the issue, voted by a comfortable margin in favor of the ABC control system; and that today, unless all signs are misleading, they would not again return to the era of the bootlegger and the speakeasy and the evil empire of crime they spawned here.

Most North Carolinians consider Dr. Graham something of a "radical." He has been president of the University of North Carolina since 1930, and has contributed toward its outstanding Southern liberality, and a center of liberalism.

However, Graham's desire is to make progress without hurting anyone's feelings. He holds the belief that the struggle against fascism and white supremacy in the U. S. must be waged as a moral and religious educational campaign. This dulls his ability to come to grips with the material and economic basis for the centuries-old subjugation of the Negro people.

Graham's progressivism had serious weaknesses before the war (witness his red-baiting in the Southern Conference for Human Welfare). The weaknesses have intensified since the war. Recently, especially since Roosevelt's death, he has engaged in more frequent red-baiting. He is a loud proponent of Truman's foreign policy and war program.

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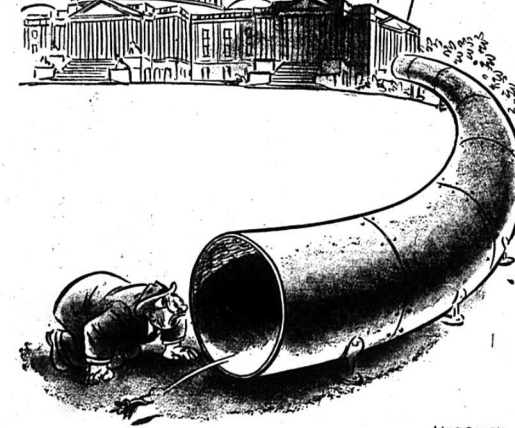
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THE impression is that of walking on a knife-edge under the blaring light of history. On either side are people of world-wide fame. On the left is the Soviet Union and its satellites. On the right is the United States and its satellites.

The error of Molotov at the first conference in Paris in the Summer of 1947 initiating the Marshall Plan has been compounded many times over. Molotov arrived in Paris for the first Marshall Plan talk with a staff of 122 assistants. This in itself seems to indicate that the Soviets had decided for a time at least to support the Marshall Plan. They were there to repeat the Marshall Plan and they would hardly have come to Paris if they had not intended to do so.

At the first closed session the Foreign Ministers of Western Europe were present. The Soviet Minister, Molotov, was the only one to learn the Soviet viewpoint. Molotov was quiet for the most part. While he spoke with the customary caution, he indicated clearly that the Soviet Union was not interested in the Marshall Plan.

At this point a Soviet courier handed Molotov a sealed envelope. He quickly glanced at the contents and before the courier could leave the table he had signed the envelope. The envelope was addressed to the State Department and was signed "Molotov".

Joseph And Stewart Also

The Righteous Man

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Will Atlantic Pact Bring Peace?

SO, despite that I have come to be, I sat at the signing of the North Atlantic Pact. I was in a mood to wonder what lay ahead, whether this might be a step toward the millennium—or just another milestone on the road to a new era of peace.

PIG 311 AND THE REST OF US

This little piggy went to market...

Children's Rhyme

YOU could find a counterpart of Pig 311 on any number of farms within hollering distance of Charlotte's city limits. Now weighing 600 pounds, it was once as plump and curly tailed as the piglets that sits on your daughter's dressing table.

But Pig 311 is a pig of distinction.

If everybody in the world knew what Pig 311 knows there probably wouldn't be any more wars.

And if everyone had gone through what Pig 311 went through there probably wouldn't be any more piglets.

For Pig 311 underwent a trial by radiation; she was a guest on the Japanese cruiser Sakawa which we used in our atomic bomb tests at Bikini. Pig 311 is alive, but she's sterile. The A-bomb fixed it so she couldn't have any offspring.

But she's sterile. The A-bomb fixed it so she couldn't have any offspring. But the scientists have tested, and she's barren, all right.

The same thing will probably happen to a lot of people if World War III comes. The atomic war—comes off as so many expect. Also a lot of people will probably be killed outright.

As for Pig 311, she's apparently happy but sterile. They've fixed her up with a nice nook at the National Zoological Park in Washington and all-day long people (if only they knew, Pig 311 must think) come to look her over.

They plant themselves outside Pig 311's apartment and stare at the porker. Maybe they wonder how long the little gilt will be an oddity, how long she will be in a class by herself.

EXERCISE IN OPTICS

Oh wad more power the little gee us

To see ourself's as others see us!

—Robert Burns

SENATOR FRANK GRAHAM would wind up cross-eyed if he possessed, and used, that power the Scottish poet longed for.

He would be confused, as perhaps no other contemporary American would be confused, at the picture he would see. He would realize, as we all do, that the vast majority of people who know him, see him as a courageous, Christian liberal, and he would feel good about that.

GOVERNMENT BY VOLUME

There's nothing like a statistic for a shrew, bogged-eyed emphasis. That is, it's the only way to get the facts.

The research of Congressman Mack Washington, who made the headlines by firmly announcing that last year's tax collections of Uncle Sam, if stacked in \$1,000 bills, would raise a pile 1,653 feet high, or two and a half miles. If the Federal take were mounted in \$1 bills, presumably it would be 2,500 miles tall—assuming no wind.

This sort of game is almost endless in Washington. The United States takes from the Federal Government every 267,000,000 checks a year, or 2,000 a minute. If I laid end to end, the News informs, these checks would stretch all the way around the world and run another 6,000 miles on the ground.

The Hoover Commission reported red tape costs Federal taxpayers \$1,000,000,000 a year and Government records require 100 storage buildings, spilling over into miles of hallways.

Did you know Federal hiring and firing takes the full time of 23,000 United States personnel workers? If end to end, no more than take up more than 100 square miles of swivel chairs. Through diligent plugging,

one learns the freight bill for moving Federal property higher and you add up to \$1,000,000 a year, or 10 per cent of the railroads' and truckers' business. Uncle Sam's rent bill runs about \$200,000,000 a year, just for civilian agency quarters. He operates 895,000 automobiles. He prints 1,000,000,000 full length bills, and has 832,249 (Congressional report) typewriters, or 3.6 for every stenographer in Federal service.

The qualitative as a survey of our Federal Government may be tricky task, but this quantitative analysis is positively staggering.

Driving up to the house to deliver the family's seventh baby, the doctor slumped over a duck. "Is that your duck out front?" he asked the father. "It's ours all right, but it ain't no duck. That's a stork with his legs worn off from making so many calls here." —Fernandina (Fla.) News-Leader.

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