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FOR BETTER GOVERNMENT

ELSEWHERE on this page today is the last in a series of 15 special articles prepared by the staff of Fortune Magazine...

The articles were published as a public service in the belief that here, at last, is an adequate opportunity...

They published against a backdrop of encouraging indications in Washington that the labors of the Commission will not be lost...

TRADE COURSES NEEDED

IT WOULD appear that the City School Board's decision to emphasize training in special trades at the new city colleges...

In the first place, the Negro high school graduates of the City already have access, in Johnson C. Smith, to a liberal, to a university-wide curriculum of academic courses...

STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLE

THE interest in a recently published White House editorial "Separation of Church and State"...

The point at issue, for those who haven't been following the news too closely, is whether or not Federal aid to education should be limited to public schools alone...

The News has consistently opposed the entire Federal aid to education scheme for several reasons, among them: (1) the vast majority of the money...

ON WATERING THE GRASS

GRASS in the Summertime cries out to be watered. Though not yet burned tan by the sun, the green blades seem nonchalant dry and tired...

For this reason, in the early June, you often boring watering the lawn with the earth. Always, the time when the grass and unlimbering the garden hose from the garage...

It is advisable, if your feet are not excessively tender, to water the Grass with an act. This has two advantages: (1) physical, and (2) philosophical.

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strengthening and better co-ordinating the State Department and the National Defense Establishment, and there is reason to believe that progress will be made in these two fields.

The President chose some of the less controversial recommendations for its beginning—but it is a beginning, and it sets the pattern for what this newspaper hopes will be a steady series of other reorganization plans.

Meanwhile there is something the average American can do. He can notify the President and his own elected representatives in Washington that he is alert to the need of governmental reorganization, and that he expects them to rise above political differences and selfish motives and work together harmoniously in this great non-partisan effort to achieve efficiency in government.

If he keeps the pressure applied during the coming months and years, he will receive rich dividends in better government at lower cost. The goal seems worth whatever effort it takes.

pairing, brick-laying, baking, catering, and the like. A new shop building now under construction will afford facilities for these courses.

Between the two institutions, young Negroes of Charlotte who are desirous of continuing their education will find it much easier to do so than in the past.

The operation of the college center for white students, under supervision of the University of North Carolina, has been eminently successful, and has established a real need for its continuance and for the provision of a similar institution for Negroes.

It is gratifying that City school officials are proceeding with their plans in such a rapid, and sound, fashion.

activities, and a requirement that the money must be used only in the public school systems.

This newspaper, while opposing the whole Federal aid to education program, believes that the Barden version is the least of evils. We must not separate our basic separation of church and state, and thus jeopardize the freedom of each from the influence of the other, by using public money in any but public schools, whether religious or not, with public money.

The News will welcome further letters from its readers on both sides of this question, but the editors will apply the same "ground rules" to letter writers they are applying to themselves, to wit:

- 1. The arguments will be held to principles.
2. No one will be permitted to use this newspaper to attack another religion, or another person because of his religious views.
3. No one will be allowed, in so far as possible, to inject bias or animosity into the debate on the question.

This is not a religious controversy; it is a matter of political science and of public economy. We shall strive to keep it at that level, all the while recognizing that even here there is room for honest men to differ.

'I'll Do The Tallying On This One'



People's Platform Free Church In A Free State

ATLANTA and intelligent enough to put such an editorial. Let us have more like it.

H. L. FERGUSON, Minister, Thomabore Baptist Church.

Another Reaction

CHARLOTTE I WANT to express my hearty appreciation for your very strong editorial in the June 29 issue of the News...

When the editor of the News dares to point out the fallacies, and even the bitterness, of Cardinal Spellman's "bitter attack"...

"It is no longer an academic question. One has but to read the record of the recent court trial in New Mexico in which the chief judge, Judge J. Hensley, declared (Dixon public school case): 'There is no separation of church and state here. There is a church-state in nineteen separate courts, barred nuns from teaching in the public schools in the religious garb, and ordered removed from the public school building all statues and plaques of saints, and forbade further use of the public school building for Roman Catholic mass.'"

"The difficulty in dealing with this vital principle, so dear to the American people who know any history, is the fact that the proponents of breaking down the wall separating church and state are, in almost all instances, voices echoing the ancient philosophy of a church-state in this young nation."

"I believe we shall have to work on our side, but it may be later than we think."

—LOUIE D. NEWTON, Past President, Baptist Southern Convention.

Editorial Fights Favor

CHARLOTTE I ET me express to you my real appreciation for your fine editorial of June 21 on "Separation of Church and State." You certainly hit the nail on the head when you stated that parochial schools have as their purpose the teaching of specific religious doctrine...

Many Baptists have sealed with their life blood their convictions concerning the separation of Church and State. Many thousands of others would do the same. Only a meager announcement leaked out to the press...

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON PRESIDENT TRUMAN discussed plans for fortifying the nation's economy against depression in a recent off-the-record talk with six Democratic Senators and Congressmen.

Only a meager announcement leaked out to the press. The dox actually enjoys it, as the Grass-Waterer will discover when he tries to chase the canine away.

There is nothing exciting or supremely thrilling, to be sure, about watering the Grass. It is only a pleasant, peaceful, cool way to while away a twilight hour early in June.

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Right now is a slack season in this vicinity. Plant season is gone and the tobacco market has not opened its business in so dull that one could drop dead on main street and not be discovered for several days. —Omega (Ga.) News.

An old country boy from this section is just back from New York City. It was his first visit to the big city, and he said he sun-burned the roof of his mouth the first night he was there. —Corobad (N.M.) Current-Argus.

Hoover Commission Veterans' Affairs

Last in a series of fifteen articles appearing in this issue is the Hoover Commission report on reorganizing the Federal Government...

World War II created 14,000,000 new veterans entitled to the services of the Veterans' Administration...

Over 40 per cent of all money now spent by the states, the Commission reports, comes from the Federal Treasury through grants-in-aid.

Specific items: Veterans' Administration's 685 varieties of technical bulletins, over 400 circulars...

The average time required to process an application for an administration insurance policy is 80 days. Private companies are trying to establish themselves in a place where Federal claims within fifteen days after filing...

The VA, which spent some \$3 billion in fiscal 1949 for veterans' activities, has insisted on control over the quality and usefulness of the education provided...

The Commission mildly recommends: (1) that the functions and activities of government be appraised to determine which can be eliminated...

Marquis Childs National Shrine

HYDE PARK, N. Y. THE license plates on the big, paved parking area are from states in every corner of the globe...

The groups of tourists passing the shrine are from all over the world. The groups of tourists passing the shrine are from all over the world. The groups of tourists passing the shrine are from all over the world.

Another Duplication?

CHARLOTTE THIS letter has reference to the news item in Monday's issue of your paper, titled "Enumerators Better Check on Local Business Places."

Why this duplication of effort and expense to accumulate information that is already available in another Government office?

—E. F. BAZSEL, Minister, St. John's Baptist Church.

Quote, Unquote

Bill Maffett says that the strange fish he caught of which he hanging outside his office, is a spoon-billed catfish and that he and his father have heard of many a one. Bill says the fish was "fins for a full twelve inches longer than its lower lip is something out of the ordinary and that this particular specimen, if it is a spoon-billed catfish, could be better named a steam-throated billfish. —Capitale (Ky.)

An English judge ruled that a woman who tried on an hat for five hours wasn't necessarily insane. Maybe he didn't see the hat. —Fort Myers (Fla.) News-Press.

Nothing Can Give You That Run Down Feeling Like Jaw-Jawking—Greenville (Tenn.)

Truman Wants To Strengthen Economy

Scratching a note on his pad, Truman replied: "Yes, we'll attend to that right away."

Merry-Go-Round

A GROUP of five editors held a private cocktail between them over beer before their meeting. They agreed Sen. Hickenlooper is making a bad impression among the home folks, because of his record on the floor...

That was no time for a rich man's tax bill—when poor people are suffering. The inevitable result was "economic dislocation," the President declared. From such dizzy heights, it would only be natural, Johnson said, that the Government must crash down. Therefore, he said, the Government must throw roadblocks in the way to prevent a depression. If the public doesn't get panicky, Truman added, there is no danger of depression.

Dixiecat Postmasters

SOUTH CAROLINA's wily Sen. Olin Johnston reversed the tables on President Truman the other day and applied the Dixiecat to the postmaster appointments in his state. It is no secret that the President has been holding up appointments to punish Southern Senators and Congressmen who have opposed his program. But what the White House didn't take into account was the fact that Johnston, chairman of the Senate Post Office Committee which must pass all postmaster appointments...

Acheson Reports

ONE important point that didn't leak out to Secretary Acheson's press conference to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee was regarding his smooth relations between the British and French were more reasonable over the question of German economic and political aid...

They were willing to go much farther in rebuilding Germany than we. That is, they would control over military development was guaranteed.