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JUSTIFIED USE OF AUTHORITY .

1. Meet the construction standards of the state;
2. Fit the needs of the community and the type of education intended;
3. Help carry out the general idea of consolidation of schools;
4. Are divided in a "just and equitable" fashion as between races.
Certainly, during the bond campaign, there was no admission from the proschool bond forces that approval of the is-Raleigh. Whether the people would have approved the proposal had they understood all its implications is another question. We are faced now with a just accompli, and this newspaper, while regreting that the voters weren't given the whole picture, jeels that such exercise of authority from Raleigh over the State funds is essential, whether the individual counted like it or not; if the money is to be spent visely. The two most defects in our State system of achool buildings are (1) the poor

THE proposed method of supervising the 350 million fiste schoolbuilding fund, as outlined in The New yesterday by Reporter Tom Freprenan, strikes in as eminerally sound and desirable; and we venture the hope that local school boards all over the state will graciously surrender the major past of their surhority over their basinos and efficiency in our state school plant system.

It may be surprising to others, as it was to us, that the phrase in Senate Bill 203 which says school building funds are "to be expended and distributed under direction and supervision of the State Board of Education," is so broad and all-inclusive set to justify the board's withholding funds unless the new plant.

1. Meet the construction standards of the state means the supplement of the State means the supervision of the State Board of Education, as the plant.

2. It the needs of the community and the Meetlenburg County shool system.

we will have moved a long way.

In the Mecklenburg County school system, for example, all of the meney from the recent local bond issue is being spent on three bugs white high schools. The County Soard has made some progress in consolidating Negop schools, however, the consolidating Negop schools in the consolidating the past two years. But there are still fourteen Negro schools in the county with four or fewer teachers spleed, and it would appear to be in the best interest of the whole county that the major proportion of its State ald fund be spent on consolidating them.

solidating them.

The New has consistently favored local responsibility for school buildings, despite the obvious defects of the system, and is not yet willing to abandon that position. But the people spoke in a loud voice in fayor of the \$25 million State|add program. Shey should not raise their voices in protein now if the State turns around and tells them how they can pend the money.

FLAME OF LIBERALISM?

L IBERALISM in the South, says Hodding
Carter in this week's Coiller's, is got
dead — just disorganized. "The flame of
purposeful liberalism," he says, "is lighting
up dark and tragic corners of a harried
reston."

region."

It is an optimistic article that Hodding Carter, Mississippi editor, novelist and usually sharp-eyed observer of the mores of the South, writes for the nation's con-

over."

It is not difficult to imagine what the socially myopic segment of the South would call a genuine Communist or a radical exponent of civil rights, but it would not be

wise to print it.
It is the old story. The layman who

champions the cause of organized labor, of fellow humans whose skin is black, of the reforms of Roosevelt is—to many South-erners — more to be hated than profes-sional union organizers or full-time race

The Southerner whose thinking is

these liberals.

It would be good if Carter's "Hame of purposeful liberalses" burned as brightly as heatesthese in the strictle he calls "New Robel Yell In Dixis."

We can agree with Carter that some Southerners have found the firm path out of the swamps or racial hatrad, have found their way out of the lituory fairfund of vanigorious reglance upon unusable tradition. But it is slow, so slow.

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The Collier's article is good press-agentry for the South. But it claims more for the for the south. But it claims more for the South than the region deserves. It makes of a valiant but pitifully small band of liberals a crusading army marching to the cheers of a vast audience.

Carter should take another look over his shoulder. That is no searchlight of truth gleaming there; it's a flaming cross.

AN ADMISSION OF FAILURE? Nor can law enforcement officers use the Revenue Department files for investigations of the control of the cont

O'NE of the Greensboro Daly News capi-tal correspondents, Arthur Johnsey, has put together an interesting analysis of the incongruity of the State's prohib-tion law in non-ABC counties and the policy of the State Revenue Department in collecting liquor taxes in those counties.

Asking the question, "How far will North Carolina go towards establishing a policy of collecting State taxes on bootlegged liq-uor?", Mr. Johnsey points to the parallel with Mississippi which is also a "dry" state but which permits the open sale of bootleg whisky and collects a State tax on it.

So far the State Revenue Department has filed tax claims totaling nearly \$900,000 which it asserts is due from the 8.5 per, cent retail tax on liquors sold through other than ABC stores.

other than ABC stores. These, as the correspondent points out, are "certificates of tax liability", liens on the property of the taxpare which make no charge that the liquor was sold illegally but simply demand that the seller pay his tax. Bo far, all of the settled claims have been for sales beyond the two-year statutory limitation for criminal liquor offenses, so the question of whether payment of claims constitute prime Ladie offense delates constitute prime Ladie of claims.

From The Greenville (S. C.) Pledmont

SUBSTANDARD SCHOOLS

NORTH CAROLINA'B State Board of Education is seeking to eliminate two dozen substandard high-schools in the state. It is advocating that where attendances in these 24 schools drops below 60 pupils during the next seasion these units. The population of North Carolina is more than a million and is half greater than Bouth Carolinas. If our neighboring state had the same number of substandard schools in proportion to South Carolina's, the number would be nearer 160 than 24.

On the basis of enrollment figures in the

certainly the Revenue Department is to be commended for collecting all the tax it can out of persons who buy tax-paid whisky from Northern wholesalers and

whisty from Northern wholesalers and presumably re-sell it in dry areas. And State ABC Chairman Winston is acting properly when he tries to eliminate such across-the-border traffic.

But the question still remains, Is it not an admission that Prohibition laws are totally ineffective when the State of North Carolina cash calmly go about collecting a tax on liquor imported into dry areas with-out a squawk from Prohibition forces?



People's Platform

Other Side Of The Question

Editors, The News:

MIS. GENÉVIEVE RANDALL HIESCH is probably
justified in seeing only one side to the question
aration for Church and State". I believe, though, that
he plays fair, admirably so, in reminding us (in her
letter Open Forum—June 20: that size speaks as a
hough one one who is greatly-devoted to her fails
and Church.

economic sophistry.

It is the function of Government to provide police protection for its citizens. If a bank sees the negle and the advantage of private police protection, our democracy accords that right to the institution. However, the bank must boy the uniforms for the privariety of the provided provided that the provided provided the provided provided that the content of the provided private out and the provided provided that the provided prov

Mrs. Hirsch may argue that the bank is cohcerned h profile, but the Catholic Church is concerned h that too, in a measure, the "profile" of teaching Catholic religion in all Catholic schools, strength-ing its faith, and adding to its growth.

As a matter of fact the Catholic schools already cetve a huge contribution, as do all other denominamal schools, from all the taxpayers regardless of ligidus faith, by-reason of the tax-exemption of all ch schools, and colleges.

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Mrs. Rirned argues that there can be no threat to democracy in whatever political association there may evolve between the Catholic Church and the Coward-mot college of the Catholic Church and the Coward-mot college.

Mrs. Rirch should Church and the Coward-mot college of the Catholic Church and the Catholic Church beyond the protection all must give to each other through contribute through converse to the Catholic Church beyond the protection all must give to each other through con-

stituted government?

There is one danger in the breaking down of the American dictum of "separation of church and state" which you did not adequately point, out in your cellorial, and that danger lies in the fact that oo great a church as the Cathbole would preductly overshadow at church as the Cathbole would preductly overshadow that evintually the Cathbole faith could belone the one official American religion. There is no special slarm in this, since we can only be guided by the conditions in countries where Cathbole are in the

of the South American states.

As Mrs. Hirsch thinks out the problem, she may see that the greatness of the Catholic Chipych, as a reason of the catholic Chipych, as a reason soliton of church and state. It is only when a sect destreas one political advantage or some utilizate goal of the control of the c

Reaction To Letter

Robert C. Ruark

Leave Me Alone

Stewart Alsop

Birth Of A Nation

public" are equipped to run with United States.

INTELLECT NOT EVERYTHING

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Drew Pearson's **Johnson Quietly Scales Down Air Force** Merry-Go-Round

A FEW months ago any move to scale down the 10-group. A Air Force would have brought how's of anguish from Congress and certain Air Force advocates.

But it is indicative of the improved 'harmony slowly settling down over the three warring armed services, that Secretary of Defense Johnson has quietly decreed a 48-group Air Force—and it did not cause a ripped and the contract of t

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Next Generation

That is why it is so important to give openings to the 1800,000 youngsters graduated from high schools and colleges last month—10 per cent of the college graduates being the college of the college graduates being the college of the college graduates being. That is also why the step taken by William Fullon Kurtz, head of the Pennsyvania Co. of Filladelphis, is so important. Kurtz wrote to every firm doing businely with his bank, unring that they give openings to fixes policylectation stones upon which this country must build. I sincerely urge that you make the employment of as many as you can, your own personal project. This will be good for you and me, good for them and good for the nation.

Hoover's FBI
THOORE who criticize J. Edgar Hoover for having a certain
manum of unchecked goestp in his confidential files
might be interested in this hitherto unpublished fact.

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Two years before the expose of Maj. Gen. Benny Mey in connection with sirplane procurement candals, the P received an anonymous letter stating that Meyers was engage in irregularities. Hoover sent the letter to Gen. Hap Arnot then chief of the Air Corps, who, instead of checking t letter, discarded it because it was unsigned.

Getting Johnson's Number

Because Alice did a take-off on the-new detense chief at a women's press party, he joiningly gave her his private marker at the Pentagon Bidg.

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True, would have been libelous. Rowever, it was made
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