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POTS AND KETTLES

BEING the silly season in politics... that strange liaison preceding Congressional elections when Logic takes flight and Fancy rules the roost...

There will be boys, and one of the favorite retorts in boyish disputes is the 'You're another'.

What moves us to these observations is the cross-fire of partisan charges which has caught our poor foreign policy smack in the middle...

There was a time not so long ago when this nation had a real bi-partisan foreign policy. It reached its zenith of effectiveness during the Republican-controlled 80th Congress...

Following the 1948 election, the President began to brush off the dejected Republican Senators Arthur Vandenberg's illness and the defeat of Senator John Foster Dulles made it easier. Bi-partisanship became nothing more than a catch-word.

Then came the China debacle, and Korea, and finally Senator Joe McCarthy. He has caused our poor foreign policy smack in the middle...

THE LINEBERRY 'BOOM'

LINEBERRY is exceptionally well qualified as a personnel officer, an administrator, an executive who can supervise a department and make it tick...

So said City Police Chief Frank Littlejohn about County Police Chief Stanhope Lineberry in a letter to Governor Scott regarding the appointment of Lineberry to the commandship of the State Highway Patrol.

With that estimate, most everyone who has had occasion to know Stanhope Lineberry and watch his line department in operation would agree...

FOR THE LAST TIME (WE HOPE)

THE Greensboro Daily News is a rather thin little editorial raises both with a Bridgeport, Conn., newspaper which recently identified evangelist Billy Graham as 'the Charlotte revivalist'.

There is some reason to believe the evangelist has visited Charlotte, as the Daily News, "and even that he once lived there; but it still looks as if there has been insufficient space for real station identification."

The editorial goes on to suggest that "it would have been easy for any average reporter long since to have determined without original degree of certitude the name of the man who covered an important speech filed a laudatory two columns with details of what was said, who was there, what was eaten, what was worn, and so on."

Reading back over the papers of 30 years ago, one readily sees the difference. In those days a reporter who covered an important speech filed a laudatory two columns with details of what was said, who was there, what was eaten, what was worn, and so on.

Today the same speech would rate perhaps four paragraphs written from an "advance copy," and the reporter present at the banquet would add nothing further unless something dramatic occurred—such as a pistol duel between the toastmaster and the guest of honor.

No doubt the modern reader, attuned to the headline, would find details of what actually happened rather dull. But the emphasis on speed has a disadvantage in that the citizen is apt to get thoroughly confused in shifting gears from future, present to past. Thus the case he got that the airplane, take his picture as he steps off the airplane, and "interview" him. This

President Truman moved to repair the damages. He appointed a Republican Senator to go with Secretary Acheson to Europe. He named Mr. Dulles to a State Department post. His emissaries began consulting with the still Vandenberg and with Senator Lodge of Massachusetts. Bi-partisanship began to take shape again. Then the President put his foot in his mouth again. He told a United Nations group that "this time we try to get Congress to believe in international co-operation wholeheartedly."

Mr. Ferguson fumed that Mr. Truman was "making a political football" out of the bi-partisan foreign policy, which is precisely what Mr. Truman had said about Senators Taft and McCarthy.

And so goes this "You're another" political argument while the nation watches with some concern to see if our foreign policy is really going to be irreparably damaged by a wild Congressional campaign.

Perhaps the best advice to both sides came from Governor Dewey who told a Princeton audience Wednesday night that this is no time for Republicans to be rocking the boat, even if it is being run mainly by Democrats. "Before any Republican reverts to the deep a good man does is to stick its neck out for a 'Fair Deal' candidate. North Carolina presented a far more complex picture. A Chattanooga editor, for instance, wrote: "What is most detestable in the Russian type of Communist state is the complete absence of freedom of opinion. How far this country has drifted under the present wave of fear and hysteria may be determined in North Carolina's senatorial primary on May 27."

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SPECIAL Washington is still chucking over Stewart A. Alsop's tale of the smoo campaign against Senator Pepper in Florida where his opponents tabbed him an "extrovert," his actress sister "a thespian," and said was practicing "propaganda" with his sister-in-law. However, a topper this week came from a North Carolina politician who pointed out that while the rights of free press and free speech are guaranteed by the Constitution, they are not guaranteed by the State Constitution.

is published. But by the time the poor fellow gets around to making his speech, the object of his visit, he is stale news and rates a couple of paragraphs. Six transit lines are closed today, and the way of saying what the 1950 city editor means when he tosses several pages of copy in the wastebasket and remarks, "We've already had that."

Referring to the fire that destroyed Spighurst night club on our Sunday paper said: "The blaze had spread so rapidly through the frame structure, however, that firemen could do little besides control it." (Firemen controlling a fire have their hands full, and the public should not expect them to do any other work while so engaged.)—Lexington (Ky.) Leader.

With the approach of city elections at Santa Fe, the pot-holes are being filled in and the larger lumps in the streets are being quietly manured. It's a lowly, but a vital driver's duty. Two years, reports our capital correspondent. Immediately after the voting, the holes are emptied and the contents used to stuff ballot boxes. The voter, of course, gets the lumps, later.—Corvado (N. M.) Current-Argus.

The word from training centers is that this year's baseball season even livelier. One hopes not, if the shortstop must be obliged to muddle it all over again.—Jackson (Miss.) Daily News.

This wasn't the winter without a snow, but it was the winter without a winter.—Elizabethtown (Ky.) News.



News From The Capital N. C. Race Gets National Attention

By TOM SCHELESINGER Charlotte News Special Writer

THE political eyes of the nation are coming to focus on North Carolina. For many months, the experts have been content to use Florida for their proving grounds, showing this theory and that theory will be borne out by the May 2 primary results.

Now that these columnists have received comforting assurances that the tide has turned in favor of Senator Claude Pepper, they have found fertile fields for forecasting in North Carolina.

Where the Florida race was supposed to indicate such mundane things as whether this is a good year for the incumbents, whether the liberals are still in favor and how much the Administration is willing to stick its neck out for a "Fair Deal" candidate, North Carolina presented a far more complex picture.

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SENATOR HOEY WAS quite outspoken in his denunciation of Attorney General McGrath's participation in a session case being argued before the Supreme Court last week.

He was privately giving a great deal of credit to Senator Graham for helping the Administration score its first legislative victory of the year—the passage of the liberalized Displaced Persons Act.

Kilgore, who led the fight on the Senate floor against the conservative version fashioned by Senator McCarran, said it was Graham who cast the first committee vote against McCarran's substitute. Graham was joined in a minority report by Kilgore and Henry Ferguson (R-Mo.).

Then it was Graham who helped talk Senators O'Connor (D-Md.), Kefauver (D-Tenn.), Magnuson (D-Wash.) and Wiley (R-Wash.) into a revolt against McCarran, the chairman of the Judiciary committee. Kilgore said. And through his efforts, seven members of a majority voted step of demanding a more liberal bill than the one originally reported favorably, 10-3.

It was with this support and after ten months of bitter struggle, that the bill finally came to vote. The action was in a thirteen-hour session in which the amendments were offered and twenty roll-call votes taken — a record for the Senate in one continuous session. However, Senator Graham wasn't on hand to see the final triumph of his work. He had a speaking date in Ashboro that evening, so he was unable to be present.

The Republican who has an election in mind is Zales N. Eaton (R-Mo.). After answering half-a-dozen votes until 1 P. M., he flew out for North Carolina. The Senate didn't convene until 10:30.

W. H. Bell, for whom Senator Graham carried advertisements, said he expected to announce his support for him in the near future. "House legislators, who for years have looked with envy upon Senator Bell, had a change of heart. They were in the chamber and their offices, last week called unannouncedly for a study on the possibility of installing a registration system in the subway which links the Capitol with the new and old office buildings. The Republican House member held another meeting in Washington last night with Wesley McDonald, Reynolds' former secretary, head of the range and range committee. The meeting would uphold VEPD's right to build a hydroelectric dam at Roanoke Rapids.

Drew Pearson's Why-Go-Round Atlantic Pact Defense Not Clicking

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McCarran Keeps Up Fight Against Indians in Nevada

THE OTHER DAY WASHINGTON committee hearing Sen. Pat McCarran of Nevada renewed his fight against the Indians in Nevada. He was defeated last year in prosecuting for twelve years or more. Senators around the chamber chuckled at the unshakable McCarran laced into Secretary of Interior Oscar Chapman who was in the witness chair.

In five previous Congresses McCarran had tried to get the Indians passed which would give to white settlers land claimed by Paiute Indians of the Pyramid Lake Indian reservation. As one of the Senator's colleagues remarked: "It looks like Pat wants to keep the displaced persons out of the Indians off."

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SAME STAND But McCarran the same stand as Hicks. In a letter written a year ago to Chairman Joseph C. O'Mahoney of the Interior and the Affairs Committee Kur explained his opposition to McCarran's persistence to give the Indians the white settlers.

McCarran had to five separate cases in which Federal courts had rendered decisions making it clear that the rights of the Indians to the lands involved in S. 17 (the McCarran bill) are paramount to the rights of the white settlers. A gross injustice would be perpetrated upon the Indians if they should be deprived of the lands.

McCarran insists, in spite of these opinions, that the Indians never owned the lands and that they have always belonged to white settlers. He talks about his boyhood in Nevada and how the region and his intimate knowledge of land ownership.

One of the claimants is a large ranching and livestock company. The others are prosperous ranchmen. The ranchers have had legal possession of the lands which they have operated in connection with other tracts and add that they have clear title.

McCarran's suggestion, eviction of the tracts owned by the Indian reservation. But the ranchers demanded price far in excess of the appraised value and the idea was dropped.

Once again McCarran's persistence has failed. He has lost the battle. But it is believed to have little chance of passing.

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Hollywood Has No Copyright On Any One Variety Of Sin

By ROBERT C. RUARK

ROSELLE said the Bergman baby is a movie, it's a picture, as Sen. Johnson has indicated in his impassioned oration among the stars. This seems rather a heavy-handed method of movie exploitation and would seem to be a violation of the beauty of Miss Bergman, an actress of sufficient skill to scrape out of the gutter and to account her latest production.

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