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THE OBSERVER'S ABLE PUBLISHER

ONE of the most enterprising and successful newspaper publishers in not only the South, but in the entire United States, died yesterday, Curtis B. Johnson...

rapidly the volume of his circulation and advertising. Although dimming the limelight, Mr. Johnson enjoyed immensely his friendship with many business and professional men...

Mr. Johnson and his talented associate, Walter B. Sullivan, who died many years ago, acquired The Observer in 1916 when the newspaper was small under the ownership of his father, John B. Johnson...

All those who knew him were impressed by his clear, forceful mind, his courteous manner, and his ready humor. He could talk convincingly on a wide variety of subjects, and loved good stories. His chief hobby was traveling, and wherever he went he would read every word of them...

CRIMINALS AND POLITICIANS

SENATOR KEAFER'S answer to Senator Brewster clears the atmosphere for an honest investigation of syndicated crime and its tie-in with politics.

when he says it will have general repercussions. In the first place, all politicians are venal. The voters may be expected to vent their anger against any candidate who makes a record of venality in the public world.

Replying to a statement from Brewster that Republicans were encouraged over the "disilluminating" facts brought out by the Keafeur probe, the Tennessee said: "We are trying to do an honest job and not trying to help or hurt anyone except the facts."

Democratic leaders also hope to get Secretary of Labor Tobin to support the bill. The bill is sponsored by Sen. Keafeur, Republican of Tennessee, and Sen. Brewster, Democrat of Tennessee.

If it develops that the Democratic Party on the local, state or national level lined up with the gangsters and gamblers, the revelations may have some effect on certain Congressional contests.

This crime investigation strikes us as a highly important undertaking, one which should be kept as free from politics as humanly possible. If Republicans like Senator Brewster persist in making it a political football, it may easily lose its purpose and direction, and end up by producing little or no benefit to the nation.

JOKERS IN THE LAW

A GOOD MANY of the "jokers" in the catch-all anti-communist bill whizzed through Congress were exposed in the long wrangling over its provisions. (viz: the forced deportation of distinguished refugees from Communist countries who are aiding our government in its fight against Communism.)

FBI men join the Communist Party and get to be trusted members. Their effectiveness depends on keeping their identity hidden. If they are forced to register, they will become known. If they refuse to register, the Government will be in the strange position of having to prosecute its own agents.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation, as most everybody knows, is keeping tab on the Commies in this country. To do so,

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A HYACINTH FOR OUR SOULS

THE Greek philosopher Anaxagoras was to appear suddenly on the streets of Charlotte in October, 1950. I am sure that he would repeat (in the modern idiom) that which he told the Athenians centuries before the Christian era.

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"The Greeks are a wonderful institution. It gets more promises and less done for it than anything in the world—Calhoun County (Ga.) News."

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By ROBERT C. RUARK
THE SERIES is on again, and I am glad to the television, and I figure the Yanks to grab it...

There was a comparable nobility in Richie Ashburn's play. Ashburn was once again taken out cold at the plate, since Ashburn isn't much of a thrower and covered several good-class citizens for 30 years. The Senator is backing the Phillies in the World Series.

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Idaho's 2-Senator Election Battle Flare Becomes A Dilly

Burtenshaw has centered his fire on Dworak's voting record in Congress, charging that the silver-haired senator had been a "Kremlin" game by voting against aid for Turkey and Greece and in opposing the Marshall Plan.

Democratic State Chairman Gilbert Larsen, has called Dworak "the worst Senator in Idaho history." A lot of the color went out of the Idaho campaign with the Aug. 21 election of the Republican incumbent, Senator Dworak.

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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

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By TOM SCHLESINGER
Charlotte News Special Writer
ALWAYS a glutton for punishment, Senator Frank McCarran has once again taken to his heart the cause of the underdog. This time, the lawmaker is championing a group which has been overlooked by the Federal Government for 30 years.

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TRIBULATIONS OF A CARRIER

He's up in the morning. But whatever his earnings. He can come back tomorrow. For he is a carrier too. This wouldn't be so bad. Created by prominent citizens. If it were only one in a while, But in time...

Capital News Capsules

RENT-GOING AGENTS—Complains are pouring into the Housing Expediter's office that landlords are hiking rents. The Housing Expediter is asking the FBI to tell them who or what is the cause of the rent increases.

Shortage Forces Allocation

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Mathematically, that's an eight per cent turnover in the Senate's full membership of 96. But in the case of the 23 Democrats, the turnover is a far more accurate index: a 24 per cent shift has already taken place.

Only six House incumbents have been elected in the past two years, maintained to the very end of his life a firm hand on all the operations of The Charlotte Observer.

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