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VOTE FOR FIVE TIMES

ON TUESDAY next week North Carolina voters will be handed a ballot listing five proposed amendments to the State Constitution. These amendments were approved by the 1949 session of the General Assembly before being put to a popular vote.

The first amendment will read like this on the special ballot:

For permitting any person, when represented by counsel, to waive indictment in all capital cases.

Against permitting any person, when represented by counsel, to waive indictment in all except capital cases.

At present, the necessity of obtaining "true bills" of indictment from grand juries in felony cases consumes much of the courts' time, as well as that of the defendant, who may be forced to spend money in order to obtain a grand jury action. This amendment will enable any defendant not charged with a capital offense to waive grand jury indictment when represented by counsel. He is not forced to do so, and will have the advantage of the opportunity if his counsel thinks there is the slightest chance that the grand jury will fail to indict.

It will speed up the courts' processes without taking away from the defendant any rights. Hence, it merits a vote "FOR."

The second amendment is worded thusly on the ballot:

For the securing and safeguarding of the funds of the Teachers and State Employees Retirement System.

Against amendment securing and safeguarding.

Contributions by teachers and state employees to a retirement fund are currently matched by the State. The money is invested in the State's general fund. The fund has grown to more than \$75,000,000. In theory, the General Assembly might at any time "tap" this fund and use the money for other purposes. It is not likely to do so, but this amendment will make it impossible for the retirement funds to be diverted to any other purpose. Its approval is not a life-and-death matter, but it will do some good without doing any harm. We urge its approval.

AMENDMENT No. 3 is slightly misleading, as phrased on the ballot. It reads like this:

For amendment allowing limited necessary composition of members of the General Assembly.

Against amendment allowing limited necessary, etc.

Actually, it is not proposed to pay legislators a vague and unspecified amount. Under the proposed amendment, they would be paid \$100 per day for each session, not exceeding 90 days, and would serve without pay if the session continues

longer. They would draw pay at the same rate for not more than 25 days of a special session.

The maximum compensation they could receive would be \$1,350 for a regular session and \$375 for an extra session. Even this amount is meager, but it is more realistic than \$800 they can now draw for regular terms, and \$160 for special sessions.

We consider this amendment to be the most urgent of the five, and commend it most enthusiastically to our readers.

TWO amendments have to do with our judicial systems. They were recommended by a special 1947 commission to study the judiciary, and subsequently endorsed by the Judicial Council.

The first: For permitting the General Assembly to prescribe the number of regular Superior Court judges in each judicial district, provided the number is at least one.

Against permitting the General Assembly to...

The General Assembly now has the power to increase or decrease the number of judicial districts in the state, but it is often difficult to do so because of ancient political lines. (The Mecklenburg-Jackson district is a good example.) This amendment would make it possible to elect more than one judge in each district if the volume of work is such as to require it. Admittedly, this is a "treatment" rather than a "cure," but it will help the situation and merits adoption.

The second: For transferring to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court the authority now exercised by the Governor in the assignment of judges and the calling of special terms of court, and empowering the Legislature to define the jurisdiction of the special judges.

Against transferring to the Chief Justice, etc.

The job of assigning special and emergency judges is now done by the Governor yet it is essentially a judicial rather than an executive function. The Chief Justice of the State Supreme, as the highest judicial officer in the State, would be better able to supply the function that our state court system needs.

Furthermore, the constitutional definition of the power and authority of special and emergency judges—same as regular judges but only in the courts which they are so appointed to hold—denies them any out-of-court jurisdiction, and even causes some doubt about the powers within the court. The amendment will make it possible for the General Assembly to define their jurisdiction more precisely, and to fix their compensation.

The recommendation of the judicial commission is enough for us. We urge the approval of this amendment.

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These five changes have received long and careful study. We believe them to be needed, and we urge North Carolinians to vote "FOR" each of the five ballot proposals to them next Tuesday.

THE invasion, however, Lie moved swiftly and decisively to organize the anti-Lie drive in the city of Washington. Article 99 of the charter gave him the power to call to the attention of the Security Council "any matter which... may threaten the maintenance of international peace and security." He exercised that authority for the first time—and in so doing, incurred the enmity of Moscow.

Vlahinsky's battle against a new term for Lie—a battle waged with customary Russian falsehoods—was a transparent attempt to "punish" the Norwegian, and thereby to serve warning on other future Secretary-Generals that they, too, would suffer if they followed Lie's footsteps.

Yesterday the General Assembly voted 4-3 to leave the city office. It was a vote of confidence in the way he had handled himself in the Korean affair, and it was a stinging back-of-the-hand to the Kremlin Future Secretary-Generals and the entire U. N. structure will be the stronger therefor.

FRANK SIMS' REAPPOINTMENT

THE reappointment of Frank Sims as chairman of the Mecklenburg County ABC stores has so potentially an example of good sense that it scarcely needs further comment.

Nonetheless, there is one phase of Mr. Sims' administration that the news stories failed to bring out. That is the admit manner in which he plotted this second control experiment through his most difficult period.

In no other county in North Carolina, probably, have ABC stores faced the same acid test they did in long-draw, churning Mecklenburg. They were approved by the voters after a long campaign in which the whole system was subjected to intense criticism. It became Mr. Sims' lot to overcome, or at least quiet, this huge backlog of resistance to the system.

Chaotic Egypt Torn By Tales Of High Graft

By MARQUIS CHILDS

CAIRO (AP)—A news report of view this side of the Nile is that the chaos in Egypt is not only a chaotic state in the world, but also a chaotic state in the country itself. What can be sent out by correspondents is the picture of a chaotic state in the world, but also a chaotic state in the country itself.

And the chaos almost invariably exacts a heavy price in human lives. The chaos in the country is not only a chaotic state in the world, but also a chaotic state in the country itself.

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Now To Get Every One Into His Snow Suit-GOP Seeks To Capitalize On General Unrest

By STEWART ALSOP



Collected By Bill Sharpe

TURPENTINE DRIPPINGS

Leave It Unsolved (Sanford City News-Herald) People like mysteries of various kinds, but let me explain that I am not referring to murder mysteries. They seem to enjoy nothing more than arguing about the possible causes and solutions for them. I have often said that I hoped the mystery of the Brown Mountain lights would never be solved—people have such a grand time discussing the whys and wherefores of the lights. If some one should produce an absolutely sure solution for what has been our big mystery for the past 2 years or more, I would get lost.

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VICTORY IN KOREA

CHICAGO (AP)—A former congressman in a casual remark to this reporter, summed up the basis for both Republican and Democratic strategy throughout this year. Dirksen is trying to unseat the well-known liberal Republican Leader Sen. Louis McClellan. He is confident he will do so. He is confident he will do so. He is confident he will do so.

This sense of dissatisfaction certainly exists—and it is certainly the dominant factor in the strategy to exploit it. But much depends on the way the opposition makes last Sunday at a Republican rally in the prosperous Chicago suburb of Oak Brook. Dirksen, as a fair sample of the technique of exploiting dissatisfaction among the voters, has been down in the mud with the Republicans in this general area.

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