

By ROBERT C. RUARK

I HAVE no objection to the fact that the state of Miss Ingrid Bergman's health, no private knowledge of her feelings...

But I gather from the front pages that Miss Bergman has found a lot of things in her life...

You would suppose that this pungent Bergman-Rosellini mess might possibly turn the stomachs of a great many...

GOAT WOULD BE SICK But the moving-go-round public has a stomach that would confound a poet. I do not believe it is possible to tear down an established movie...

People's Platform Special Edition Draws Praise

The Piedmont & Northern and Charlotte News have grown up together. It has been most pleasant association to us, and I hope it has contributed something to the success of your great paper.

With my best wishes for your continued success.

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Non-Recognition of Chinese Reds Just What Soviet Wants

By MARQUIS CHILDS

SALON. His dispatches show that Bul-Litt is not a Hollywood recognition, was a willing recipient of this flattery.

There is a parallel in recent history that should serve as an object lesson for our country.

One of the ardent advocates of recognition was Woodrow Wilson, who was President Roosevelt until he died.

BEARDLESS DEAN ACHESON A NOUS WARD, the bewhiskered counsel general who came to the White House to achieve a distinction that Acheson can't match.

Capital Snapshots DOLPH SARATH, the 84-year-old dean of the House in the restaurant with a napkin tied around his neck like a shawl.

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MR. BOYD ON REVALUATION

IT IS ALWAYS a temptation to any newspaper to ignore captious utterances by public officials, or to reply in an equally captious vein.

At Council meeting this week, Basil Boyd read into the record a statement giving his objections to a proposed scientific revaluation of all property in Mecklenburg County.

Mr. Boyd's objections are as follows: 1. "I am afraid of these outside experts... I'm afraid, to trust the mechanical scales of these outside experts... I believe that three (local) men can do the job more satisfactorily and at less expense."

Furthermore, the contention becomes even more fallacious if it is extended to other fields. Why should the City School Board employ "outside experts" for a long range survey if "homefolks" could do the job better?

FARMER BOB DOUGHTON

A LONG about this time every two years, we get around to expressing satisfaction to Farmer Bob Doughton who has decided to run for re-election to Congress from the Ninth Congressional District.

Farmer Bob never seems to want to run. He always gives in reluctantly to answer to the demand of his constituents. And he is not exaggerating when he gives that as his reason. His people feel safe when he's in Congress.

NEW JERSEY MEDICAL PLAN

THE New Jersey Plan—a medical insurance program advocated by that State's Medical Society president, who also is a vice-president of the national society—does not appear to have the makings of an adequate plan for providing medical care to those citizens of the United States who need it but cannot afford it.

From The Charleston News & Courier

Mr. Boyd would accept the verdict of "homefolks." Just last week, he decided he knew more about parking meters than our own City officials in charge of them, and voted to spend an extra \$3,800 of them, and to spend an extra \$3,800 of them, and to spend an extra \$3,800 of them, and to spend an extra \$3,800 of them...

His second point is simply untrue. Property revaluation is not going to "ruin" anyone. It is not going to increase the taxes on anyone, and it will eliminate the gross inequities now on the books which enable some property owners to pay less than their fair share and force others to pay more than their fair share.

In the third place, his questioning of the cost can be answered quite easily. Numerous cities and counties in North Carolina and elsewhere have employed property assessors for many years and it should not be much trouble to find how much they paid for jobs of corresponding size. And if the past record of the canny County Commissioners is any indication, that we have taken seventeen slings from this paper for it, it was well earned and certainly is a credit to Charlotte and The Charlotte News.

Perhaps Mr. Boyd's pronouncement is not worth so much space in these columns. It is not worth so much space in these columns. It is not worth so much space in these columns. It is not worth so much space in these columns.

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OF THE ironies of the time is that for the jubilation, the feasting, the reverent declaration of "loyalty" to a "Democratic party," a spot (lovely spot) in North Carolina was chosen.

and when the white people had endured it as long as they could they "rose," under the direction of Colonel Waddell, later a member of Congress, and they drove out the colored men and politicians.

Two years later, under the admirable leadership of Charles B. Aycock, the "Old North State" returned to its Democratic Government. Senator B. R. Tillman went to North Carolina and spoke for Aycock in his campaign for Governor.

Twenty-two years ago North Carolina was one of the five Southern states that asserted and proclaimed disloyalty to the Democratic party by casting its vote for Mr. Hoover, Republican, for President.

Conditions in that city became intolerable, and they were the only ones in the South that were not "disloyal" to the Democratic party in 1928. They voted for Smith, not Hoover.

Two years ago when they voted, 50,000 men, North Carolina returned to "Reconstruction," its "Populists" and Republicans combining and defeating the Democratic party. What followed? The "Wilmington massacre" followed in the Summer of 1898.



and the other things in Havana, and nobody squawks. Miss Bergman played bridge with a national reputation and played a matter of party politics. She played floozies with rather more finesse than she has concluded her private career under the direction.

Miss Ayres is about the last actor to recall whose private misdeeds fairly hurt his livelihood, and we were once young and less sophisticated in those days. The others—bopheads and wife-traders and frequent philanderers and drunkards—merely seemed to acquire more glamour by their escapades.

So I have decided not to bury Miss Bergman. Her very early baby was greeted with the attention to Oswald royal heir, and all Rita told of achieved these things was conducted in the most dignified manner to get her stashed in earlier days.