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SALE OF BUS SYSTEM IN ORDER

F THERE was ever a logical reason for Duke Power Co. to run municipal bus transportation systems, it dispepared with the passing of the old electric trolley car. An electric power utility and a motor bus system here nothing in common, and TRE NEWS is pleased that Duke has decided to get out of the bus business.

That is not to say that Duke has done a That is not to say that Duke has done a poor job of operating bases. To the contrary, there is ample evidence that the company has just into the service a good deal more than the revenue therefrom justified. It has proved to the State Utilities commission that it has loat money consistently on 16 bus operations, a fact which explains Duke resistance to extension of service into sparsely settled residential areas. On the whole Duke to be commended for the brand of service has rendered in Charlotte and other

Even so, it is better to divorce the electric Even so, it is better to divorce the electric and transportation systems so that each may stand on its own feet. Although North Caro-lina law does not permit one utility to sub-sidize another, that has been the case in Duke's operations. Electricity consumers have paid for the losses from the bus opera-tions. That is clearly unfair and unbusiness-like.

Fortunately, Duke has found a responsible purchaser, L. A. Love has made an enviable record as head of the Queen City Coach Co. His associates are also men of experience. The new company will combine professional experience with a background of local understanding in what should be a happy formula for streemer.

The fact that Duke is selling its The fact that Duke is selling its systems at a price far below the depreciated value of the equipment is another factor that augurs of success for the new company. Under N. C. law, a utility is allowed a fair return on its investment. If the new company investment is substantially below the book value of the equipment, it should be a loss life, the pressure for higher farse should be minimized, especially in the early years of the new operation.

Having disposed of its manufactured gas plants and urban transportation systems, Duke Power Co. will be in a position to con-centrate all its efforts on the production and sale of electricity. After all, that is its first responsibility to the people in the area it serves. And if demand for electric power con-tinues to increase as fast as it has increased in the past devade, there will be plenty to keep Duke budy.

PEOPLE AND POLITICIANS

THE main shortcoming of the current method of selecting Presidential candidates is that the politicians, not the people, do the picking. The convention system lends itself to tight control by practical politicians. Delegate votes are lined up before the convention meets, and the candidate who is best able to dangle political promises is the candidate most, likely to succeed.

Two recent Gallup polis published in Tism News offer a striking illustration of this basic deficiency of the convention system.

The first poll was a popular sampling of expinion. It showed that the American people list their Presidential preferences in this order: (1) General Eisenhower, (2) Mr. Truman. (3) General MacArthur, and (4) Senator Taft.
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favorite with 1.027 votes, almost three times
as namy as General Eisenhower's 375. Siaser with 94. MacArthur with 85, and Warren

with 64 followed in that order.

The county Party official does not of course, approach a Presidential election with the same state of mind as the average voter. To the local official, politics means patronage. It means light organization. It means campaign funds. It means loyalty to his party and to its leaders.

Thus it is not at all surprising to find the GOP county leaders strong for Senator Taft who, better than any other GOP candidate in sight, is in a better position to promise patronage and campaign funds, who is an satute campaign organizer, and who himself has been a loyal Republican.

That sentiment within the Republican Party does not coincide with popular sentiment is not, of course, a new development. In five straight Presidential elections, the Republicans have been out of step with popular opinion. In the absence of Presidential preference primaries in every state, of entity of the straight Presidential in every state, of entity dental preference primaries in every state. popular opinion. In the absence of Presi-dential preference primaries in every state, primaries that would give party leaders proof positive of popular opinion, it appears that the leaders of the GOP are about to make the same mistake for a sixth time.

THE TRUMAN-CHURCHILL MEETING

ment of it.

Since Mr. Churchill's Conservative Party
wo a marrow victory in the Oct. 25 British
election, a meeting with the American President has been in the cards. All that was
needed was the fixing of a time and place.
The agenda will include both tangibles and
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Under intangibles will come the broader. Iong-range planning of Anglo-American dip-lomatic, military, and economic strategy aimed, at keeping the policies of the two great English-speaking nations closely co-ercitated in the critical period shead.

The conference between Mr. Truman and Mr. Churchill will mark a return to the personal diplomacy resorted to during World War II with varying degrees of success. Personal diplomacy is more efficient, can accomplish things with greater dispatch, than the normal, slower processes. But the 'very fact that great decisions can be and are made quickly between heads of state is frequently productive of error.

To minimize the possibility of error and to preclade the probability that Truman-Churchill decisions will give Congressional Anglophobes a field day, we would suggest that top leaders of both houses of Congress

be asked to participate in the January con-ference. This would represent a departure from the practice at Casablanca, Cairo, Yalta and Teheran, but it should produce the same degree of Congressional support and co-operation that the Dumbarton Oaks, San Francisco U. N. charter, and Japanese Peace Treaty conferences enjoyed.

zreary conferences enjoyed. Participation by Congressional leaders would not only promote bipartisan foreign policy support, but would give the burdened U. S. taxpayer some assurance that his injerest is being protected in the talks behind closed doors.

CUT COPS' PAY?

In YONKERS, N. Y. volers turned down a 5500 a 59str pay raise for their policemen. Next day the coppers really handed out the tickets. They were just enforcing the law, but with acteal which made some of the volers wish they had voted differently.

of the volers wish they had voted differently. According to the Staniy Nears & Press 17,155 persons were arrested for speeding in North Carolina during the first nine months of this year, an average of 172 per county, nineteen per county per month, or above two-thirds of an arrest per day in the average of the person of th

age, population-wise county, in ma were age, population-wise county.

That's not many arrests, when compared with the number of violations of speeding laws we see every day. Maybe we should start a move to cut the pay of policemen and traffic officers, to encourage them to enforce

the law.

Some cops—bless 'em—are too lenient. If
we're going to cut down traffic fatalities
we've got to cut down on speed. Hit us in
the pocketbook, boys, or toss us in the clink:
don't be easy on the speeder.

From The Asheville Citizen

FOOD, DRINK AND HISTORY

BRITISH freighter bound from Tientsin

BRITISH freighter bound from Tientin At to Hong Kong was set upon by Chinese pirates one day recently. After a bit of guriplay, pirate to freighter, the marauders come aboard. Presently, reports the Associated Press, "the captain and the pirate leader retired to the bridge for tea."

Nothing much came of the incident, for in mid-passage the pirates changed their minds and gave up the ship. Is this at testimony to tea or to diplomary.

We rather hope it is to both. There is soutething about taking the edge off the appetite which leads to amicable, or at least cief, decisions in the course of momentous events. During the First World War Prime Minister David Lloyd George held most of his conferences and made most of his best decisions at breakfast where there was a sufficiency of bacon and orange marmalieds.

Marshal Joffre gave his successful order to prepare for the Battle of the Marne while nibbling a beef stew. William Pitt, the younger, worked best against Napoleon when the claret was handy. "Oh, my coun-try, how I leave thee" he is supposed to have said on his deathbed. But according to a biographer, his last words really were." I a biographer, his last words really were: "I think I'd like another of Bellamy's beef

Perhaps the fashioning of history should be turned over to the trenchermen. Hungry men haven't done too well by it.

Give a woman enough rope and she will make you walk it.—Ellaville (Ga.) Sun.

If the Government really wants to sell a lot of war bonds it should Sanforize them.

Shoddy Plan For America's Bread Basket



People's Platform

Hillbilly Music Appreciated

Editors. The News:

I CANNOT use the words here that I would like to use in answer to a Mr. A. W. Black's letter in reference to hilbilly music.

The programs "Hilbilly Star Time" and "G I. Tume" are for those who enjoy them and not for the highly educated society class. There is the symphonic orchestra and the opera for those who consider themselves in the "upper class", and as far as a star of the control of the control

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-HERMAN F. NEWELL.

Efforts Of All Christians Needed

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They "cannot see the necessity of this appointment." They are evidently unaware of the fact
that 44 countries, including Protestant England
and Hindu India, now have diplomatic representation at the Vatican.
"The Catholic Church can
newer be identified with those principles of freedom
and religious beliefs that have made our country
great in the heart as well as strong in power and

spirit". If these gentlemen would read U. S. history they would find that the colony of Maryland founded by Catholics in 1834 was the first English set-lement where religious freedom was part of the common law—and this at a time when Catholicism was legally prohibited by ten of the other twelve colonies.

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P.S.—For a quick check of the facts in this letter, consult Encyclopaedia Brittanica, 1946 edition, and subsequent year books.

Catholic Contributions

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Ridge conference of Baptist Associations.

It would be ludicrous if it were not recognized
as a strong attack on us Catablois, who never asked
for and care less whether the President sends as
there are many, many Baptist of my acquaintance
who don't agree with the ministers.

More than 20 years ago I made my home in
a small Rhode Island town, where my youngest
on, through scholastic achievement, won a scholarthe oldest Baptist university in the U.S.A. ... After
few months there he said to me: "Mother, one
of our professors told us that most of wal we have
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As one who made an extensive study searching for facts, I could self him that the Catholic Church most brilliant minds in the arts and sciences, sculpture, painting, music, etc., that the world has ever known, and in my lifetime of 70 years I could never enumerate the number of mp and women intellectuals who have, in search of facts, adopted

time or the triatronat. Itse the exercial fact remains.

The structure of society here—the ruthless exploitation of the many by the very few who own all the land and therefore all the bindefinitely. For all sorts of technological and political reasons, some sort of basic and probably violent change is inevitable here. In such a situation, those who stand for a situation, those who stand for things to the change in the stand for things as they are will surely lose. But the stand for the stand for things as they are will surely lose. The stand for things as they will lose in the best of the stand for things as they will lose in the best of the stand for things as they will lose in the present world struggle, in such areas as this. Yet the dilemma of the West is obvious. If only to keep the situation glued together, it is tempting, and speed together, it is tempting, and interesting to use something very like the technique of influence which be British used for all the structure of the Anglo-American particular the structure of th

Dictatorship' As Turks Had By STEWART ALSOP

Egypt Needs An 'Enlightened

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um irrst, what is needed in this sort of situation is a reasonably enlightened dictatorship. The model is Turkey's Kermil Atsutrk, who, by making basic changer, and anarchic society, much like Egypt's today, into a modern state. Tough though it may have been. Atsurk's dictatorship laid the groundwork for the democracy which now functions so surprisingly well in Turkey.

McMahon Does Okay As Cop, **But Longs For Gangster Role**

NEW YORN' ganasters in the movies, and, bemaybe 120, 130 people, the gentle man with the squashed nose and
wide nguth said, "Berecken live ter Riller of them all, in over 60
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Mae has just finished a stint on
the side of law and order. He has
played the second cop in both the
stage and screen versions of "De-tective Story," Sydney Kingsley's
fine piece of reportage on what
goes on in a precinct station house.
This, after a lifetime of playing

ter killer of them all, in over 60 movies. —

Mac played so many crooks that he has become a cop collector. He has been to page with the control of the cont

rie Antoinette." He had a terrible time in both.

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"I was the Lord's greatest gift to writers. I invented the clicher.

"Okay, boas." After any seems so-and so, keep the engine running, so-and so, keep the engine running, don't make no mistakes, all the other hoods say: 'Okay, boas.' Got so the writers left the special blank. They knew that okay-boas bit had to be there."

Drew Pearson's Let's Export Our Federal Principles Merry-Go-Round

PHREE figures in three different parts of the world last week pointed up the story of the world's hopes. It pains, its fears.

Figure No. 1 was a young girl whose courage and graciousness won great sympathy, but who in a way seemed a point of the property of the propert

Money Anu ruspe
THAT hope in each case, however, was based on virtually
The same foundation—money from the U. S. Eisenhower has to have more American money if he is to succed in rearming Europe. Churchill will desperately need
two billions if firitish finances are not to reach the vansibing point. And it was part of the Princess' job to help
create the goodwill so necessary for American-British conomic co-operation.

However, money is not inexhaustible. Furthermore, it

is only a temporary palitative. And while more money will be necessary to bolster British finances and European arment, it is time we corrido uto long-range plane that will carry hope-more them. The proposed friends permanent hope-mor cash and carry hope to the proposed friends permanent hope-more than the proposed friends of the proposed f

is a United States of Europe Two is applying the Declaration of Independence to

No European Equality

PROPOSING that these be applied to Europe may sound like pious preaching, but when you don't have equality and unity, you cannot build a firm foundation of peace and free government. Unfortunated from the peace and the government with the properties of the propert

Thus the great mass of the people, stuck in one groove, with little chance of improving themselves, abandon hope. That is why Communiant, full of wonderful, though the control of the state of the control of the people by the control of the contro

cultural or philosophical things.

We have rebuilt factories, helped big business, but have failed completely to attach any of the basic principles of the Deelaration of Independence regarding lush profits or workmen's opportunities.

United States Of Europe

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At the chief reason General Eisenhower flew back to Washington. Washington baild up a Europeas army, he has hed for it tring to baild up a Europeas army, he has hed for it tring the chief before the horse. He has been like foorge Washington, who tried to draft the Revolutionary Army from the thirteen colonies. Each colony reserved he right to decide how many men it would send to tight the British, how much they would be paid and when they would be mustered out. Washington had no control over them except the appeal to patriolism.

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