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The Voice Is The Voice Of Peace But The Hands Are The Hands Of Aggression

Krock Quietly Pulls Rug Out From Under His Own Scoop

THE KIDS ARE VICTIMS OF BUCK-PASSING

ONCE again the headlines tell of several hundred Charlotte school children who go hungry during the day because (1) their parents can't provide them with food or lunch money, or (2) their parents don't provide them with food or lunch money.

(2) Borderline charity cases, with incomes higher than the welfare scales but inadequate to make ends meet. Here, it would seem, the responsibility is directly upon one parent or the other, and the Community Chest to lend a helping hand.

(3) Families that have enough income to keep their children fed, but that spend it for something else. Here the responsibility is on the courts. There are adequate laws forbidding neglect and non-support of children. They ought to be strictly enforced against parents who buy booze or television sets while letting their kids go hungry.

It is not necessary to create a new government agency to solve this problem. All that is necessary is a little less buck-passing and a little more hard, common sense.

THE WEST KEEPS THE INITIATIVE

ALTHOUGH there is little reason to believe that Soviet Russia will ever agree to a workable plan for world armament control, there is a real advantage to the West in honestly advocating a disarmament program.

Too long has Soviet Russia posed as the champion of peace. Too long have the communists worn the banner of disarmament. Too long has the United States relied on its atomic superiority and its flexible industrial prowess.

Acheson's plea to the 60 nations to "follow

the broad, clear path" to peace and international cooperation brought resounding cheers from the delegates and gave new proof that there is a real will for peace in the world.

Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Vishinsky remained silent during Acheson's talk. He is no longer laughing at the West's proposals, as he did when it was first broached last week. He now realizes that he made a serious tactical propaganda error, an error that permitted the West to capture the initiative for peace that had been Russia's for some time.

TAX SETTLEMENTS NEED ATTENTION

THE sequence of recent events in the income tax scandal inquiry has turned public attention to the Justice Department. First there was the King Subcommittee's effort (still unsuccessful, by the way) to get the Justice Department to file a final report on its investigation.

Even so, the role of the Justice Department should not be over-emphasized. A recent survey by the St. Louis Post-Dispatch showed that some 90 per cent of the tax cases never reach the courts.

By out-of-court agreements or by civil litigation. We suspect that the King Subcommittee will find this the most fertile field of all for inquiry.

Because of the secrecy provisions of the tax laws, it is always possible for a taxpayer with political influence to work out a "deal," whereby his tax assessment is settled for a ridiculously low figure in return for certain considerations. In some cases, collectors and taxpayers agree to a deal, either directly or through political influence to work out a "deal," whereby his tax assessment is settled for a ridiculously low figure in return for certain considerations.

WELL-GROOMED GRIDERS

WE HAVE discovered why college football teams in North Carolina don't win more games. The scoring system is all wrong.

The conventional system of getting scores by making touchdowns, points after touchdowns, field goals and the like is old-fashioned. It is time for a new scoring system.

Haverford was trounced, 19 to 7. Of course a Tar Heel team is assured of victory—or two this coming weekend, with North Carolina at Duke. But Davidson would do well to institute the new system in its fray with Georgia Tech.

Such sportsmanlike displays of character would undoubtedly impress the judges, and might even confound some of the Rambling Wreckers. Heaven knows, Davidson will need all stratagem possible this weekend, and a character victory would be at least some solace if, as is likely, the conventional scoring system works against the Wildcats.

From The Washington Post

WOLF CALLS TO CLIO

SOME TIME ago, we hear, a visitor from out of town was lunching with a Washington acquaintance in one of the larger hotels. About half way through the meal the Washingtonian whispered to his companion: "See that fellow George McKee Elsey, who is leaving the White House to take a new job with the Mutual Security Administration. Mr. Elsey, as you may have heard, has helped to write a good many of the Presidential speeches, and Mr. Truman has a high opinion of his talents. The President observes that since it has become a custom for almost anybody who has been in the Government service—He did not, however, specifically mention Mr. Jimmy D. Jones or Mr. Jones or Mr. Jonathan Daniels—to write a book about Mr. Elsey, when he gets the

time, should write one too. For in contrast to some others in the field, the President is the kind of book Mr. Elsey would write would be "a unique contribution to history."

Well, it would be manifestly unjust at this point to pass any critical judgment on a book that Mr. Elsey, as far as we know, has not yet even begun to write. But if, when he gets around to it, he does write the kind of book that Mr. Truman would consider a "unique contribution to history," all we can say is we will add a good many complications to the task of the future historian who may seek to grapple with the mysteries of our epoch. The solicitude of so many warriors and politicians for their historical reputations, and the cheerful readiness of publishers to provide them all with contracts and, if necessary, ghost-writers, has already deflected the motives that gave rise to the vast flood of memoirs. These books, whether sincere or tendentious, have already made such a mountainous pile that no historian, however industrious, will be able to get to the bottom of it in one lifetime.

A local man says that a wife with horse sense never becomes a nag—Lamar (No.) Democrat.



People's Platform

Letters should be brief, written on one side of the paper. The writer's name must be signed, but may be withheld from publication in the discretion of the Editor. The News reserves the right to condense.

Pogo Must Not Go

Editors, The News: TO one who recently emigrated from the cliffs dwellings of New York City to escape, amidst other things, the persecutions of Huey P. O'Connell and his pre-historic steele Denny, in the comic strips, the discovery of Pogo in the Charlotte News was indeed a most favorable introduction to the fine comic tastes of the Queen City.



FEPC Is Needed

Editors, The News: I READ the letter in People's Platform by Hoyt H. Eaves, published by your paper Nov. 12th. He has been outstanding in logic in some of his previous articles, and it is amazing to see the position he takes on this question.

Thank God And Prepare For '52

Editors, The News: IN the interest of politics and humanism: we are all interdependent one to another. Hence every one receives his or her bit of benefit from the incessant toil of his or her fellowman, hence the golden heritage of love for the political party and fellowman.

Quote, Unquote

Psychiatrists say some folks who drive too fast unconsciously want to die. They don't like themselves. However, to openly court death would offend their consciences so they do it unwittingly by crashing into other cars.

What made us think of this little incident was Mr. Truman's touching letter of farewell to young George McKee Elsey, who is leaving the White House to take a new job with the Mutual Security Administration. Mr. Elsey, as you may have heard, has helped to write a good many of the Presidential speeches, and Mr. Truman has a high opinion of his talents. The President observes that since it has become a custom for almost anybody who has been in the Government service—He did not, however, specifically mention Mr. Jimmy D. Jones or Mr. Jones or Mr. Jonathan Daniels—to write a book about Mr. Elsey, when he gets the

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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

TWO of the nation's top newspapers, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch and the Providence R. I. Bulletin last week published a story charging the Rippo-Mitchell case in Mobile, Ala., charging Assistant Attorney General Lamar Caudle with failure to prosecute.

Lamar Caudle termed 'Honest' 'Indiscreet'

"Caudle phoned his former partner, asked him to withdraw from the case. He did so. Law Partner Got Fee 'Finally, however, Mitchell and Rippo approached Hill. Walter Bankhead of Alabama's politically powerful Bankhead family, and through him retained Ben Leader, former partner of the U. S. attorney in Birmingham. Hill, significantly, it was Hill who was to try the case.

By ROBERT L. HIGGS In The Louisville Courier-Journal WASHINGTON KROCK was able to hide his own correspondence by longhand, and it is possible that the only exchange necessary during the week there was a reference to the offer by Mr. Truman and a brief response outlining the obstacles. It was possible that since both insisted that they had discussed no 'political' topic at their press conference, the exchange was by intermediary.

Now, the version of a brief exchange between the two men and the version of no political exchange at all come a long way from the original Krock account. That account, published by the New York Times on Nov. 8, said that Truman made the nomination offer during the exchange visit to Washington, "presumably at their private luncheon Monday."

Eisenhower Movement Is Becoming Well-Organized

By JOSEPH ALSOP WASHINGTON THE new political movement is now being organized by the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower will announce his availability for the Republican Presidential nomination within three months. If all goes well, the Eisenhower unveiling ought to take place by the end of January or in the first week of February at the latest.

Phony Bookkeeping

MR. ANDERSON and I made a full presentation of what we had discovered about the phony bookkeeping system whereby Rippo and Mitchell had been keeping cash and accumulating. Then, when a big check came in, they accumulated small checks and cash to the same amount. It makes it appear that the big check had been cashed. Actually, the big check was never cashed. It was sent by a roundabout way to the Paramount Club of St. Louis, controlled by Mitchell, to the Paramount Club.