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## Reporter On Assignment

**The Assignment:**  
Why are truck routes necessary in Charlotte, and what are the suggestions for establishing such routes?

### And The Report:

By DICK YOUNG  
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CHARLOTTE, like most American cities, has outgrown its traffic arteries. Its streets, built in the horse and buggy days, are too narrow and are incapable of taking care of the choking flow of traffic including lighter passenger cars and the lumbering trucks bearing merchandise for the City's needs.

Consequently the streets are jammed with trucks, tractor-trailers, automobiles, all creeping along at snail's pace, adding to the cost of transportation and increasing the irritation of the drivers.

A detailed survey of the trucking movement in Charlotte was made by Herman J. Hoose, City Traffic Engineer, and his report on an "Improvement plan for trucking operations in Charlotte" has been submitted to the City Council.

In his report Mr. Hoose recognizes the big problem for the operation of the lumber trucks on the City's streets, and points out that the very existence of the City depends upon the cargoes these automotive behemoths bring into the city.

**WHAT CAN BE DONE**  
Since the city is dependent upon these trucks and since the streets under normal conditions permit quick and easy movement for them, what is to be done?

In the first place, the city should be redesigned and streets adequate for 1951's traffic volume can't be substituted for the narrow, congested lanes by the vane of a wand.

Broad expansion of traffic space is necessary and that means opening somebody else's land for street purposes. The cost would be out of the question.

And what about the property owners? They wouldn't give up their land without a fight.

Back in the '30s, when S. Graham St. was opened and extended to Morehead St., it was proposed that N. Graham St. be widened. The property owners along that street refused such a proposal and municipal administrators cringed before the storm of protest, cut down the proposed width and agreed to

## After The Floods Recede



Collected by Bill Sharpe

## TURPENTINE DRIPPINGS

### Bargain

(John Gargan, Washington News)

These youngsters often have more keenness of perception than we give them credit for. Take Lucy, for example.

### Cabbages And Queens

(Penn Seawell, Moore County News)

My late father always said that he didn't like cabbage even when it was fresh. He certainly didn't care for it when it was spoiled. But one of the great delicacies to some folks is home-made kraut and, if kraut is what you are looking for on my place, just wait a few days and kraut is what we have.

### Pop Knows

(Sandhill Citizen)

A few days ago we heard a man talking, who for years has been a civil service employe at nearby military installation. He said that he dreaded paying Federal taxes more than any other taxes.

### How To Woo

(F. C. Salisbury, Carteret County Times)

The wearing of a conjure bag about the neck is said to be of great aid in capturing the mate of your choice.

## Belyache Is Democratic, And May Make You Elder Statesman

By ROBERT C. RUARK

NEW YORK  
MR. BERNARD BARUCH's latest advice to the American people is to buckle up and get on with the simple injunction: "Don't belyache." I expect he confused the word with belittle, but he meant "whine," because B. M. has been a real belyacher. He has earned him a reputation as a hard thinker and a powerful force for intelligence.

In the dictionary, "belyaching" is a verb largely means "to fret, as with discontent, to complain." The belyacher has been a character of foolishness and a loud complainer against stupidity as it affects the welfare of the nation for more than a century.

The nation was founded on belyaching and the Constitution be so much admired was the direct fruiting of a national belyache.

My CORRECTION THINGS  
Mr. Baruch is somewhat disaffair over the decreased confidence in government which has caused the lack of moral and spiritual standards.

There is another definition of belyache, as a noun: "Intestinal complaint, the result of war and ain quite sure, as we look about us at some of the doings in our level of the state."

I expect there is a separation of meaning in the old gent's message about the belyache, but it is enough to reform, but complaining backed by action is the answer.

It takes a power of belyaching to sponsor a mile of action.

## Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

(Ed. Note.—Drew Pearson, in Europe for the launching of Friendship Bells behind the Iron Curtain, has also picked up some important reactions regarding the vital program.)

EN ROUTE THROUGH EUROPE  
EUROPE today is a study in contrasts—contrasts between East and West, contrasts between this continent and the USSR.

Here I—East Britain: As you walk behind the Iron Curtain through the beautiful city of East Berlin you are struck with the way Moscow has played the game that appeals most to men's hearts.

Flags are everywhere. And between every German, Czech, Russian and Hungarian is a white flag of peace. A top every pillar also squats the dove of peace—a plump, dumpy dove, a little too smug and self-satisfied in its serene expression.

In telling contrast are featured the words of President Truman, Secretary Marshall, Dean Acheson, warning of a danger to the West, warning that we must prepare for war.

It was international propaganda at its most effective, most direct and best. And despite the unadventurous though limited counterpropaganda, hundreds of thousands of the two million youngsters who attended the Berlin youth rally last week were left with the impression that the USA was the big bad goose of the world today, with the USSR their only hope for peace.

## Sleepy Sons

(The U. S. Senate, Washington, D. C.)

Senator McKellar of Tennessee, aged 88, chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, is listening sleepily to testimony regarding the budget. George Perkins, aged 56, son of a J. P. Morgan partner, Chief of European Affairs, and not exactly the Communist-type of man, is testifying that the U. S. Department is testifying the need for more funds to run the U. S. Embassy in Communist Poland.

"Young man," glowered Senator McKellar of Tennessee, "will you tell me under what article of the U. S. Constitution or by what law of Congress you have the right to go out and tamper with another nation's currency?"

It is this same Senator McKellar, using his deep insight into international affairs, who influences how much money the State Department is able to combat Communism.

It is this same Senator McKellar, who is listening to Assistant Secretary of State Barrett testifying regarding the U. S. Department of the world. McKellar keeps wide awake than his colleague from Tennessee. He even admits that Barrett has made a plausible argument. Finally, however, he concludes:

"I would hate to answer for the spending of all this money to prevent war, when I feel sure war is inevitable."  
U. S. Radio Popular

Scene 14—Back in Berlin: The studio of Radio Station

## THE CITY SETS A BAD EXAMPLE

CITY Manager Yancey's promise that the Municipal Administration Building at Municipal Airport will keep in better condition pending completion of a new structure is reassuring. But it doesn't explain why conditions had been permitted to become so bad as to arouse the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The Jaycees, following complaints from airline travelers, made a tour of the building some weeks ago. Their report, filed with the City Government, didn't make for pleasant reading.

numeration letters from visitors about these conditions, to say nothing of the hundreds of verbal complaints monthly.

deplorable conditions... the condition of the men's rest rooms is almost beyond description... the fifth are nauseating... not unusual to have pools of water standing on the floor... towels, cigarettes, etc., walls dirty... no hot water available to wash hands... rest rooms in need of paint... waiting room in a comparable state... careless and lazy attendant.

## STRANGLING THE VOICE

IF THE VOICE of America could create half as much stir abroad as it does in the U. S., it would be a whopping success.

One of the latest domestic flurries regarding the Voice comes from Senator McCarran, whose Appropriations subcommittee has passed the Voice bill.

McCarran has accused the President of increasing "a part of the lobby" to become the appropriation, because Mr. Truman asked Congress to restore the funds.

If Mr. Truman has so easily become a part of the lobby, he at least joined a good one. His distinguished co-lobbyists include Erwin Canham, editor of The Christian Science Monitor, and Ben Hibbs, editor of The Saturday Evening Post.

The recent World Youth Festival in Berlin, which was attended by some 20 million youngsters, illustrated how the Russians outdo us in propaganda. The headlines may have emphasized the visit of thousands of these youths to West Berlin, but the vast majority stayed with the crowd in the East.

## THE KLAN IN TAR HEELIA

ACCORDING to the interpretations of various local and state officials, there is no state law in North Carolina to prevent a peaceable assembly of masked persons such as the widely advertised gathering of the Ku Klux Klan near Whiteville Saturday night.

The Whiteville session was arranged by Thomas L. Hamilton, leader of the Klan in South Carolina. According to news reports, most of the 97 hooded Klansmen present were from South Carolina. The gathering was not exactly a masked, masked, masked, 5,000 curiosity seekers and the nearly 100 law enforcement officials probably left the scene wondering why grown men would don hoods

## PISCATORIAL PUSILLANIMITY

WE WERE reading the other day about some fellow over in Denmark or Norway or somewhere who had worked out a big commercial version of the old hand electric trap to charge salt water with electricity, stunning the fish and forcing them to the surface where they can be gathered in.

And now from Madison, Wisconsin, via the Associated Press, we learn that scientists have developed an electronic device, much like an old-fashioned echo sounder, to detect the movement of schools of fish. It is proposed, of course, to use the device in behalf of science only, in order to chart the course of schools of fish from feeding grounds.

But there is always the ominous possibility that a combination of the two—two to find the fish and the other to electrocute them—will be used by some unscrupulous person to hunt the finny creatures in a way, the resorting to such technical

From Life Magazine

## BREATHLESS PROSE DEPT.

LISSIME, lithe, perfumed, she is the super-perfumed embodiment of our age's concept of feminine perfection. Brown-hued tresses glossy and fragrant, lambent eyes sweep yet provocative.

To the male she is a materialized memory; the incredible girl another, luckier fellow brought to the Senior Prom a few years back.

To a woman she is ideally the one person of all others—no stand in next. (But how would I look, kneeling next to that sea, sheathed in this-litid lace, flatteringly lighted?)

Pretty girls are as much part of today's life as the irrationally bloodlines of war, the surrealities of some contemporary religious channels of international politics.

A far more normal, more human, more acceptable part. And of all pretty girls, here is she, caught by the camera's spell—magic for life.

Weeks later, the Jaycees, finding conditions better but still unsatisfactory, wrote the City Manager a letter, promising that "we shall proceed as rapidly as possible with the program as outlined insofar as consistent with funds appropriated for this purpose."

That means, we take it, that the bad conditions will be remedied, and that if there is not enough money they will ask Mr. Yancey will ask the Council for more.

The City officials are understandably reluctant to expend any substantial amount of money on the old building, since the new one should be ready for use in two or three years. However, that airport contention has returned the City a pretty penny in rent since World War II. And a part of the money would be well spent on preserving appearances and providing decent sanitary facilities. Hot water in the rest rooms should be a "must."

After all, thousands of persons pass through the portals of the Administration building every month. What impression of the Queen City will they get, especially after reading everywhere the slogan, "Make the Queen City the Clean City?"

where, where Communist indoctrination was pleasantly and skillfully accompanied by games, songs and dances.

Word warfare is as much a part of the present cold war as the blockbuster was of the past. But some members of Congress are slow to realize that fact. Risika is reported to be spending \$2 billion annually on propaganda. The President's request for \$115 million is about one-seventeenth that amount, and represents about one-third of one percent of our military budget.

So America, which has such a great story to tell, which has perfected the art of mass communication, sits back in silence as the Soviet dies and dies again, demanding revolution to the youth of the world.

What kind of battle tactics are these which America is using? If Russia attempted to conquer Europe by force, we would use force. But since members of Congress are slow to realize that fact, Risika is reported to be spending \$2 billion annually on propaganda. The President's request for \$115 million is about one-seventeenth that amount, and represents about one-third of one percent of our military budget.

## vestments on such a hot night.

One Klansman fainted from the heat.

But one colorless, uneventful meeting does not mean that the Ku Klux Klan, kicked around by South Carolina authorities, should be permitted to transfer its operations to North Carolina.

North Carolina has no need for the Klan. North Carolina doesn't want the Klan. And the best way to turn the Klan into a ludicrous, meaningless organization is to strip away the masks and let the world see what fools these mortals be.

If there is no State law banning the wearing of masks on such occasions, the 1953 General Assembly should write one.

It is proof that man is pusillanimous rather than pusillan in his piscatorial power. Man betrays himself in the proper regard, he it hip-boots for splashing after trout or a sun-visor for gazing out over the blue, its equip himself with flexible glass rods, colorless line, pay and enticing lures. He reads the accumulated wisdom of the ages in his fisherman's almanac to know just when and where to drop the hook.

Then he sets forth. He follows all the rules. He tries all the lures for which he has a sucker. And he returns home empty-handed.

Electric generators? Electronic echo sounders? A shameful confession that Man, despite all his intellectual prowess, has been unable to imagine himself a fish and go where a fish would go, as the wag said to the fellow who lost a horse.

## Picturesque headline dept.

(From the usually staid Congressional Record) "The People Will Drive Out of Washington All of the Minks, the Pinks, and the Stinks Who Are Destroying More than the Very Warp and Woof of Good Government." appeared over a Republican clamor rally speech by the Hon. B. Carroll Reece.

When a young man accepts a car and undrinkable cake to employ his athletic talents for a certain school, the accepted thing and he is honored. But when he accepts money to hold the score of his team down, it's bribery and he's branded as dishonest.

—Greenway (S. C.) Piedmont