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CHARLOTTE'S STREET NEEDS

THE Charlotte City Council has a grave responsibility to the people to proceed with long-range street improvements according to an intelligent, co-ordinated plan. That responsibility will never be fulfilled if the Council is to lavish money on the pet projects of individual Councilmen.

A many-phased street improvement program has already been drawn up by the Charlotte Planning Board. The Council's own agency for mapping the future of this growing city. It stresses what some Councilmen seem to neglect, that there are three general types of streets and that each requires separate treatment within the broad pattern of the City's needs.

The three types: arterial, state highway routes, and local streets.

Construction of arterial streets (such as Independence Boulevard) involves the three-way participation of the City, State and Federal governments. The Planning Board gives first priority to completing the Southwest extension of Independence Boulevard so that the thoroughfare may serve its basic purpose and simultaneously relieve the terrific congestion where it now joins Meridian. Second priority is given a north-south arterial leading west of Tryon Street.

Local streets are the backbone of the city. They follow the general course of Irwin Creek. Such a street would relieve Tryon and Graham of much of their present congestion.

The Powell Bill passed by the 1951 General Assembly makes the State Highway Commission responsible for urban streets which are a part of the numbered highway system. The Planning Board suggests that the City seek the co-operation of the State Highway Commission in widening Central Avenue, E. Seventh St., Providence Road, Park Road, S. Boulevard, S. Tryon St., Roswell Ferry Road, Beatty's Ford Road, Statesville Avenue, Hutchison Avenue, and Plaza Road.

In addition to these, the Planning Board has outlined the need for a great deal of local street work, to be done from local funds, including Charlotte's share of the Powell Bill money (\$325,000 there).

The improvement of local streets is the biggest job of all, and will require many years if available revenue remains at or below present level. The Planning Board listed many projects, but said these were the most urgent:

- 1. Selwyn Avenue from Westfield Road to the city limits.
- 2. Thirty-Sixth St. from the Plaza to N. Tryon St.
- 3. Euclid Avenue from Wilmore Drive to the city limits.
- 4. Eleventh St. from Brevard St. to Graham Street.
- 5. E. Boulevard from Dilworth Road to Queens Road W.
- 6. Briar Creek Road from Central Ave. to E. 7th St.
- 7. Tuckasee Road from W. Trade St. to the Old Thrift Road.
- 8. Euclid Avenue from Tremont Avenue to Magnolia Avenue.

The board gave top priority to widening 11th St., a project that was completely ignored at last week's Council session when funds were voted for 36th St., which the board had recommended, and W. 5th St., for which the board had merely suggested a setback ordinance for future widening.

On the same day that the ACL had a wreck near Dunn, N. C., the Cape Fear tore up two Government kitchen cars and injured five men at Fort Bragg. Not so long ago there were several articles in the paper telling how this tiny road was able to make thousands of dollars off the military traffic. No wonder you can't get any money when they do not have to pay for any damage that they do in making the money.

It is now time for the United States Government to look into this arrangement at Fort Bragg and see that something is done.

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When President Truman signed the measure providing funds for a score of Federal agencies, he found the amount was \$6,162,885—some \$775 million less than he had asked for. One key section requires the reduction of personnel by 10 per cent in the next fiscal year.

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'I'm In The Fourth Grade, Third Shift, Second Layer'



Some Of The Early Labor Day Psychology Continues Today

BY MARQUIS CHILDS
WASHINGTON
SOMETHING old-fashioned is adhering to the very idea of Labor Day. It comes as a surprise when such a gesture was a kind of pat on the back for the honest sort of toil who deserved a holiday named for them.

Today organized labor is one of the three or four most powerful components of our highly organized society. By virtue of that position labor today exercises its power in a matter of right. The pat on the back, the annual parade, the symbol of the full dinner pail, these are as outmoded as the moustache cup and the horse and buggy.

But as some union leaders are aware, a great deal of the psychology of that earlier day still dominates the thinking of much of the labor movement. Above all, above the attitude of a special-interest group seeking to get all it can out of the national Government, is the persistence of this narrow view: that a danger threatening all of the far-reaching gains of this century.

That is being shown ever more clearly as the squeeze of inflation becomes harder to bear. That is shown to the effectiveness of organization, the 15 million unionized workers have kept not too far behind the upward climb of prices. This has been due in no small part to cost-of-living clauses such as those in the contract of right. The Workers as the cost-of-living index goes up.

NON-UNION PAY LAGS
But with each week that passes, as the index inches upward, the discrepancy between the organized and the unorganized grows greater. Increases come far more slowly for policemen, firemen, teachers and other living positions outside small, fixed incomes. They come more slowly, that is to say, if they come at all.

Here is a source of profound resentment fed by fear and insecurity. As inflation cuts deeper when this is compounded by the "frappings" of television and the knowledge that a few million souls are hanging on your every whim, even a man with nothing to hide in the past is a man who is defensive from truth. And the possibilities of smear are limitless, since there is no recourse by libel or defamation.

It has never been too high on the list of demands for a strong weapon of democracy, since nothing much save noise usually comes from the stand. It is normally accepted of nothing, can merely duck and hope that too much of the muck won't stick.

Kaufner hopes to remedy this by a provision that anyone to be paid will be aware of the charges, and that any legislator who intends to name an individual or an organization in a derogatory way in a public hearing or in a speech is held liable for the charges. This is ostensibly to allow the witness to present a counter case, but it is a counsel who could cross-question the probers and set a rebuttal.

People's Platform Kaufner's Proposed Code Of Conduct Won't Do The Trick

BY ROBERT C. RUARK
NEW YORK
I WOULD LIKE to believe that this code of conduct proposed by Kaufner would be a step toward a more honest government. But I am not convinced that it will do the trick.

It would be a good idea to have a code of conduct for public officials. But the code proposed by Kaufner is not a code of conduct. It is a code of silence.

It is a code of silence because it does not require public officials to disclose their financial interests. It only requires them to disclose their financial interests if they are asked to do so.

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It is in these times when men's minds are beset with doubt and the brain grows tired with the thinking the unresolved thoughts of those anxious days and nights, there comes a certain relief in listening and watching and thinking about how little it matters to all these other folks.

Loneley Girl's Want Mail

SOMEWHERE IN KOREA
Editors, The News: WE ARE very loneley girls here in Korea, and we are hoping you will solve our problem. We don't get much mail and hope you will help us by publishing this request for mail in The Charlotte News.

The RICE PADDY GANG.
Sgt. Earl C. Thomas
Sgt. J. L. Sanders
Sgt. J. W. Williams
Pfc. James Littlejohn
Pfc. James Wilburn
Pfc. James Wilburn
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Spaugh Column Helpful
CHARLOTTE
Editors, The News: I READ Dr. Herbert Spaugh's columns in your paper daily and find that these columns have been very helpful to me in more ways than one. It is my opinion, as well as the opinion of quite a number of umpires, that his articles are the best published in your paper.

Drew Pearson's Labor Secretary Lands Out Brass Rings
WASHINGTON
I'D like to use this moment in the conductor's chair of the Merry-Go-Round to pass out some brass rings to the American workers and his boss.

Strike Is Negligible
MOST of the time the worker and his boss get along. In plants all over the country, they or their represent-

atives sit across the bargaining table and use the techniques of collective bargaining that have been encouraged by the Government for the last sixteen years.

Since 1985, it has been the public policy of the United States to encourage labor and management to work out their problems through collective bargaining. That policy, which developed over half a century, was started in 1935 when the National Labor Relations Act was passed.

The Government urges both sides to sit down and talk things over. It doesn't force them to agree, but it urges them to try. The Government can only encourage collective bargaining. Labor and management have made it work.

They have developed contracts setting forth the rights and obligations of each side. They have developed unwritten understandings that help them meet day-to-day problems without friction.

They have developed the practice of arbitrating disputes over the interpretation of contracts. If they can't settle a dispute themselves, they ask an impartial arbitrator to settle it for them. Over 80 per cent of collective bargaining contracts now provide for arbitration.

Collective bargaining has become the key to industrial peace in the United States. Collective bargaining is what the Government is counting on most heavily in this critical defense period to keep stoppages of production at an absolute minimum.

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