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COUNCIL MEDDLING THREATENS PARK PLAN

FOR SOME REASON which we have not yet fathomed, the Charlotte City Council is unable or unwilling to keep its hands off the affairs of the Park & Recreation Commission.

Twice in the past decade, Commission members, who serve without compensation, have either resigned or been fired because they wouldn't turn the City's recreation program into a political football.

The current hassle had its origin in the adoption of the new budget. The story is too long and too involved to repeat here, especially since it has been told and retold in the news columns of this newspaper.

Briefly, the Council turned down the Commission's budget request for a substantial increase in operating funds, and held it to a \$26,000 boost (the income from 6 cents on the sales tax).

Both stipulations had political origins. The first came from pressure from representatives of the Mint Museum; the second from a Glenwood delegation's request.

BYRNES AND THE KLAN

IF THE preservation of state rights is important in this troubled nation, and we believe that it is, then the exercise of state responsibility, when the challenge is made, is also important.

IT'S THE SAUCER SEASON

THIS IS THE SEASON when the Loch Ness monster usually reappears and strange and awesome sightings are reported by sundry citizens.

Earlier models varied from about three feet in diameter to a size larger than an airliner. In Mexico one discharged a spaceman some 36 inches in height, while an earlman was seen to enter a larger cylindrical saucer which had descended into a garden forest.

The flight characteristics of the saucers have been likewise diversified. The helicopter is reported to be the most common of late, while in the East the new jet saucer has made its appearance, featuring but four portals as compared with the several dozen appearing on earlier models.

When, about two weeks ago, a sighting was reported near Washington, D. C., it was our theory that this was an expedition from outer space, carrying designing men to case the conventions preparatory to invasion.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

THE Greensboro Daily News, from its vantage point looking out over the Piedmont Plateau, refers to citizens of its community as Greensboroites.

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of those funds provided by the eight cents tax levy. The \$6,500 involved is not in excess of the funds provided for the six far too important a service to be kicked around in the ultra-political City Council arena.

There is, and there has been, some sentiment on the Council for abolishing the semi-autonomous commission and putting parks under a regular department of the City Government. Perhaps this latest maneuver is a preliminary to an attempt to amend the City Charter accordingly in the 1953 session of the General Assembly.

Most of the members of the present Council served in the previous administration when a majority bloc booted out seven Republicans and the public library, the far too important a service to be kicked around in the ultra-political City Council arena.

This is a relatively minor issue, not important enough for a showdown. It could have been avoided very easily if the members of the Council had listened to advice given them during the budget hearings, or if they had shown a minimum of courtesy by calling in representatives of the Park & Recreation Commission for informal discussions about the proposals.

But if it becomes a major issue, we shall fight for the autonomy of the commission. We are confident that the people of Charlotte will not permit the sensible planning and wise execution of our public recreation program to be subverted by the petty politics that is too often the governing factor in City Council deliberations.

save the first raid by FBI agents in February have been made by state and local law enforcement authorities.

Mr. Hamilton was a resident of South Carolina. From his home in Leesville, he directed the plot to build up his subversive empire in the two states. He led a parade at Myrtle Beach which ended up in a raid on a Negro night club in which a Klansman was killed.

It is being unkind to ask why North Carolina authorities had to do a job that should have been done in a state governed by James F. Byrnes, that militant spokesman for state rights?

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phones had discouraged them, and they had hid off to Jupiter or some other less complicated planet.

But here now, they are back with us, the question is, but are they real objects, allegedly spotted on radar and sighted by another pilot near Washington.

And Tuesday a saucer reconnoitered the Piedmont, according to at least two witnesses, hovering over Liberty for 25 minutes, hovering over it, and emitting a bluish light.

The public concern of the Air Force seems to preclude the possibility that these are experimental superspacer Air Force gadgets. And unification, we believe, has proceeded to the point where the Air Force would surely be appraised of, and not give chase to, any of the Navy's wondrous new aeronautical creations from Muroc Dry Lake in California.

It's those Russians 2. It's space visitors, all right. 3. It's all in the head.

Well, a lot of responsible persons have seen these things. But until one covers over the question of the well-studied codgers that we are—are from Missouri.

Automobile traffic is increasing steadily. People who buy in America is the home of the brave.—Ellafile (Ga.) Sun.

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People's Platform

Letters should be brief. The writer's name and address must be given, but may be withheld from publication in the discretion of the Editors. The News reserves the right to condense.

Political Doggerel

THE Republicans and the Democrats met in conventions grand and made the same old promises along Chicago's Strand. They politic'd in smoke-filled rooms, they buzzed around the towns. They talked the righteous causes up, they talked the sinful down. The Republicans gave a mortgage on the earth, the moon and stars, with a hunk of the planet Venus and all of the planet Mars.

The Democrats did better, and fired their biggest guns. They promised us, and they delivered, that includes the sun. Astronomic figures have never faded them yet. For proof of their sincerity, they point to the national debt. They'd keep the hard cash coming. We would never beg or borrow. They'd keep our incomes booming, and tax them away tomorrow. The voter and the taxpayer, sure party is able to give the most. And when the party, war and banners lie in the dirt, one party has won the election, but the taxpayer has lost his shirt.

J. E. ELLROD.

Fears Campaign Bigotry

I READ with interest your editorial of July 26 titled, "A Wholly Opponent For Eisenhower." I am sure that your statement "The forthcoming campaign will be fought vigorously but cleanly, and over basic issues rather than personality" is in sharp contrast to the attitude that is contrary to historical fact. Tom Dewey's fight was fought on the lowest level in recent history. With Tom Dewey masterminding his campaign we can expect deep, unreasoning hatred with racial, religious and unrelenting political maneuvering to gain advantage at any cost.

America can be greatly harmed with the injection of sectional, racial and religious prejudices in Presidential political campaign. We must not permit this campaign to resort to the tactics of the "Dixiecrats" and the slogan "No Nigger, Romanism and Rebellion."

SHORTLY before Evita Peron died, U. S. relations with Argentina had reached such an all-time low that the withdrawal of the American ambassador from Buenos Aires, an official U. S. library operated by the State Department's culture, was announced.

The American public, engrossed in political contention, knew almost nothing about this incident. And the Argentine people appeared to know and care even less. Though the explosion injured two U. S. employees and did \$15,000 worth of damage, the Argentine Government merely shrugged its shoulders over the official protest.

Through all this, the State Department has continued to smile, a little bit, and to maintain that the Peron regime was merely trying to divert domestic attention away from the sad plight of Argentine economy by taking it out on the USA.

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A Great Acceptance Speech

I AM sincerely glad that you printed Gov. Stevenson's acceptance speech as delivered to the Democratic Convention in the early hours of Saturday morning, so that all of your readers may read and study that paragraph by paragraph.

Having listened attentively to General Eisenhower's acceptance speech, and believing that to the just man always listens to both sides of any question, I stayed awake to hear Gov. Stevenson's speech and the wait was worthwhile. Following as it did President Truman's typical mumbo-jumbo political speech, it was like a draught of cool water to a parched throat. I have heard many politicians of high and low degree call upon God and pray for mercy, but I have never heard Gov. Stevenson say that he would always try "to do justly and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with their God." His sincerity was so real that I understood that above everything else he was an underdog man who honestly felt his duty to his God and his fellow man, come what may, and his own fortunes in the future and—I am not ashamed to say that by my eyes filled with tears.

Every paragraph of the speech contains something that make a sincere person think, even though he may not intend to vote for Gov. Stevenson.

—ELMER SIMKINS.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

Note.—The death of Evita Peron may change the Argentine situation radically. With the end of her treacherous hold over labor and with the Argentine people free to elect their own government, there is almost certain to be a clash between labor and the military.

Mr. Lockhart carried his large bundle of cash in \$ 5, 10, 20 and 100-dollar bills down to the Federal Reserve Bank in Kansas City on Nov. 8, 1951, just a few days before he had to fill out a Treasury questionnaire regarding his assets and income for 1951.

He explained to John Phillips Jr., vice-president of the bank, that he had been keeping the money in a safe deposit box for some years and further explained to Sen. Arthur Williams on Jan. 12, 1952, that he had accumulated the cash over a period of 35 years because he had suffered a loss in a bank failure and had not trusted banks since.

Vice President Phillips of the Federal Reserve Bank reported that Lockhart had the appearance of having been packaged for some time, and some national banknotes were noted which have not been "issuable for circulation since 1955."

By MARQUIS CHILDS

MILLIONS of Americans who sat in front of their television sets for the first time at the national conventions of the political parties with all their circulations and comment since the lurid drama. In spite of the talk about tailoring the show for the benefit of television, what the nation saw was pretty much the familiar spectacle out of the past.

In a few weeks the campaign will be in full force and the revolutionary medium of television is bound to mean changes. It could mean the beginning of a new kind of campaign. Certainly, it is going to increase the cost of politics by a geometric factor. The televised speech that Dwight D. Eisenhower made at Detroit shortly after his return from Europe cost \$130,000.

Chairman Frank McKimney of the Democratic National Convention has indicated that the party would spend up to \$2,000,000 on radio and television. One may be sure that the Republicans will do at least as well. So the viewer and the listener will get more than enough of campaign oratory before it all ends in November.

But since there is no substitute for the personal candidate in the political arena, it will be in addition to that of the special trains that will carry the nominees and their elaborate publicity staffs to the country. As President Truman demonstrated in '48, the technique of public relations can be exceedingly effective.

Sometimes the drama of politics eludes even the all-seeing eye of the television camera. One of the moving episodes in the Democratic campaign was the emotional appeal of Connecticut in tribute to his colleague, Senator Brian McMahon of that state. Benton said that the Connecticut delegation had fully intended to put McMahon's name in nomination for the Presidency, but because of his serious illness they were refraining. So Benton explained the situation in his sick-room in Washington by way of the television screen.

When the millions of viewers could not know what that immediately afterward Benton called the hospital the President's name was not McMahon's request and because of his serious illness they were refraining. So Benton explained the situation in his sick-room in Washington by way of the television screen.

Perhaps because he was — for the Senate — a man of great skill in utilizing the new medium, television. Late last year Senator Robert A. Taft of Ohio in the course of a foreign policy discussion, the speaker of which he had appeared before his illness became acute was my program Washington Spotlight. In the Senate, he showed the foresight and the astuteness that made him so effective.

As the convention demonstrated once again, television is a crucial medium in the political arena. It is not only revealing so completely and often so devastatingly what is behind the oratory and the orator.

Red Coup in Iran Threatens Unless Oil Quarrel Settled

By JOSEPH & STEWART ALTSOFF

AS usual when Presidents are being nominated, the world's affairs are forgotten. And as usual, like any unwatched pot, the world situation is coming to a boil. The present situation is increasingly appalling, and plenty of troubles threaten elsewhere in the world. But this is the one unwatched pot that is really beginning to boil furiously.

The real meaning of what has happened in Iran is what has happened in the Middle East. In the first place, the young, Hamlet-like Shah, a once contented ruler of a country with a higher than ever, Khashani's murderous band of Moslem fanatics, in open alliance with the Communists, were chiefly responsible for the fall of Qavam.

Khashani is a tough and almost insanely ambitious man. If there is no settlement with Britain, Iran will soon be engulfed in total chaos. The Shah's power will be destroyed. For the Shah himself has had to use political force to maintain his power left to use.

The second stage was reached last week when the Shah took power. His first act was to call in the British and American ambassadors, and to talk much more sense than he had ever before.

Far more calmly than he has talked, Mosaddegh discussed the situation with the British. He talked of reasonable compensation for the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company, with the company to share the wide distribution rights, and with the details to be settled by a three man board, headed by the Shah.

The British were at first reluctant to start negotiating again. But just as they were on the point of agreeing with the Americans to accept the oil deal, the Shah's power was destroyed. For the Shah himself has had to use political force to maintain his power left to use.

Quizzed By Senator STEWART WILLIAMS, who looked into the matter, found that the only bank failure in which Lockhart was involved occurred in 1942, when he was asked to accumulate a cash hoard. Furthermore, the failure occurred to the bank in which Lockhart claimed to have had a savings account. He had to transfer his funds to another bank when the first bank closed.