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## A PERENNIAL PROBLEM APPEARS AGAIN

A LTHOUGH authority over Charlotte bus motor cars for personal transportation withthe N. C. Utilities Commission, the City Council has more than a vicarious interest in any question involving busses. It is the body elected by the people of Charlotte to represent their interests— a fact which the officials of the Duke Power Co. have recognized in a sking for a conference with the Councilmen to discuss Duke Index report to the request, even though it may regret have the reached, public bus transportation will be the only instrument for avoiding complete to the request, even though it may regret have the reached, public bus transportation will be the only instrument for avoiding complete the request, even though it may regret have the reached, public bus transportation will be the only instrument for avoiding complete the reached public bus transportation will be the only instrument for avoiding complete and the reached public bus transportation will be the only instrument for avoiding complete and the reached public bus transportation will be reached to the request the reached public bus transportation will be reached to the reached public bus transportation will be reached to the request the reached public bus transportation will be reached to the request the reached public bus transportation will be reached to the request the reached public bus transportation will be reached the request to the request the reached public bus transportation will be reached to the request the reached public bus transportation will be reached to the request the reached public bus transportation will be reached to the request the reached public bus transportation will be reached to the request the reached public bus transportation will be reached to the request the reached public bus transportation will be reached to the request the reached the request the reached the reached public bus transportation

The Council can do nothing but accede to the request, even though it may regret having to take up the controversis issue again. Before the discussions get ulmberway, wed like to offer one or two thoughts that may help prevent the question from becoming a political football, as it has been treated by certain Councilmen in the past.

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Fect 1: Duke is operating its busses at a bit foos.

Fact 2: N. C. law requires that each utility service stand on its own feet, i. e., Duke cannot subsidize its bus operations from its

cannot substance its Dus operations from his power earnings. Fact 3: Duke would like to get out of the bus business, has tried to do so, but has been unsuccessful. Fact 4: To break even, much less show a profit, Duke must curtail services or raise farree or both.

the members of the Council could de-If the members of the Council could de-tach public bus transportation from its re-lated effects, and view it as a single prob-lem, an answer might appear. Unfortunately, public transportation is inextricably bound up with the City's traffic-parking problem and indeed with the whole normal existence of the residential and business districts, and

of the residential and business districts, and can be viewed only as a part of the whole. Take the question of traffic and parking, for example. The Council right now is faced with a major decision on off-street parking facilities. Demand for such facilities has come about because of the increased use of

be the only instrument for avoiding complete strangilation.

To delay that day and, collaterally col hold, traffic congestion to a minimum, it is inspection to a minimum, it is inspectively to the straight of the straight

values in today's inflated market. There is a point of decreasing returns beyond which

a point of decreasing returns beyond which fare increases will produce less revenue instead of more, but we believe that point has not yet been reached.

As we see it, then, the Council should be very selective in endorsing any requests to curtail bus service, and should be very receptive to the request for higher fares, when those requests are properly documented. For it is to the interest of every citizen and every official in Charlotte to provide a superior public transportation system for this tast-growing city. And there will be no incentive to provide such a system so long as it loses money.

## ANOTHER GENERAL GETS OFF LIGHT

ONCE AGAIN the military has shown its eluctance to punish high-ranking s. Mai-Gen. Robert W. Grow, a former officers. Maj.-Gen. Robert W. Grow, a former military attache in Moscow, kept a personal diary, reportedly containing demands for war and details of his sping activities. The diary fell into Red hands. This week General Grow was convicted on two counts—improperly recording classified information and failing to safeguard it.

His punishment—a "reprimand" and sus-

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His punishment—a "reprimand" and susension from command for six months. Maxnum penalty could have been five years'
onfinement, dismissal from the Army and

forfeiture of pay and allowances. General Grow has a fine com forfeiture of pay and allowances.

General Grow has a fine combat record.

So have some enlisted men, who have received greater punishment for smaller

offenses, And a general, particularly an intel-ligence officer, should have a better under-

ligence officer, should have a better under-standing of security prescutions and pro-hibition of private diaries containing classi-fied information than does an enlisted man. The super-secrecy surrounding General Grow's trial and the fact that he was ac-quitted of an unrevealed "more serious" charge contribute to the public concern about the seriousness of his actions. As with the United States by inept officers was followed by light punishment and a shroud of secrecy, one wonders if the secrecy is not intended by light punishment and a shroud of secrety, one wonders if the secrecy is not intended to hide greater blunders rather than preserve security. Such doubts could be dispelled if the full story is publicized or submitted to Congressional or judicial geview.

bringing the ex-mayor back to an eager

2. Retired Maj Gen. Harry Vaughan, or

## A WONDERFUL BUT UNLIKELY SHOCK

THE protestations of William O'Dwyer, Ambassador to Mexico, that he has no intention of giving up hid citizenship and practicing law in Mexico, again brings to mind that pattern of 'littleness in little things' that characterizes President Truman.

things' that characteries President Truman. This characteristic led. in the first place, to the appointment of Mr. O'Dwyer-at a time when the Senate crime committee was linking him with the New York underworld. Mr. Truman has shown a remarkable ability to discern the temper of the times and act accordingly, even when it displeases some of his friends. Thus, sensing the desire for moderate government, he abandoned the young bucks of the Fair Deal and plugged for nomination of Governor Stevenson and rapprochement with the South.

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To carry this practical philosophy a bit further, would it not be wonderfully shorking if the President:

1. Replaced O'Dwyer as unceremoniously as the previous Ambassador was dismissed,

5. Declared that, even at this late date the administration of, justice under ex-Attorness General Howard McGrath and Tom Clark warrants investigation—and by someone other than cronic McGranery? Gladly would Adlai view such action. But we don't expect it. Apparently, a man who riese nobly to the requirements of the time in some actions remains chained to his past in others.

THE DEFENSE BUILD-UP LEVELS OFF This reduction in military growth of the three major. Western allies has its risks. Cer-tainly if the Communists would choose to launch an all-out attack soon these economies

would prove to be false indeed.
But if the usignent of many of our informed leaders is correct, if the Rissians do not contemplate aggression soon but prefer to have the West spend itself into economic chaos, then the slowdown by the Western nations may have its good points. They started out at a 440 pace for what appears to be a long-distance race. A steady, even stride permitting completion of the course is preferable to collapse short of the finish line.

Now that General MacArthur will be drawing about \$120,000 a year, with his Remington Rand salary and full military pay, we may expect from him even firmer denunciations of high taxes.

The neighbor's seven-year-old son says a tomahawk is what if you go to sleep suddenly and wake up without any hair there is an Indian with.—Carlebod (N. M.) Current-Argus.

## 'Do They Say 'Ike' Or 'Adlai' On Them?'



# People's Platform

# Young Russellite Grateful CHARLOTTE

Editors. THE News:

I WISH to thank all of the fine people of Charlotte, who gave freely of their time and effort in the support of the candidacy of Senator Richard B. Russell for the Democratic Presidential

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## Something Is Missing

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would probably be libelous, so that it will have to

suffice to say that it is difficult to understand the

makeup of such people. Obviously, there is something missing. LLOYD C. SMITH JR.

CHARLOTTE

# Battle Of Personalities SPARTANBURG

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THE Southern delegation, by their selfish settions at the National Demorstic Convention in Chicago, misregasesned the great majority of Southern voters. Any fair-minded voter would have taken the loyalty pledge without any hesitancy.

The South Carolina delegation reminded meet problem children misbehaving away from home. The convention of the property of the convention withpung they almost the convention of the convent

More tahn 40 other state delegations sized the pledez without wranging and hair-splitting over trivial technicalities. Convention was the man referred to as the "Ohio delegate" who put our James F. Byrnes on the spot three times with the same question asking if the names of the Democratic nominees would be placed on the ballots when the continues would be placed on the ballots when the place of the place

placed on general ballots. He answered in such a way that, legally, and he is a legal-minded man, he probably can still do as he pleases.

If Mr. Byrnes and the other South Carolina delegates think they represented the great majority of voters in this state, they are working under a delusion. But I doubt that representation of the voters back home ever crossed their minds one time even. It was a battle of personalities, among other things.

— J. WILSON HARRISON.

## Quote, Unquote

Ya'll Say That?

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Tealized for the first time that people either apiding and the start time that the start what we dyed-in-the-wood Dixie-ties say at all. Those of us who use the term in everyday conversation, unconsciously and without apology, say "yall," without even bothering to put an apostrophe in it.

Life's Like This

(Bob Rivers, Watauga Democrat)

Every time we decide that something has to be done about speeding, that the rapid clip used by some motorists in stying to beat the next traffic light, is endangering our safety, we are caught as the state of subtheseing automobiles to pass, bumper-sto bumper, like a row of unhurried snails.

The Irrestistible
(Sam Ragan, News & Observer)
There's a new cologne being manufactured for men that smells like "the interior of a Cadillac."

That's How Hot

(Smithfield Herald)

Speaking of hot weather, which everybody has been doing for the past week or so. N. L. Perkins, local tobacconist, comes up with a nifty one.

"peak"

one.
"Perk" sojourns in, Ridgecrest for several
months out of the year. Before leaving he always
has his electric stove disconnected for fear of
lightning. He came back the other day when the
thermometer was going out the top.
Getting up the next morning he cooked his
one breaklast of bacon and eggs and coffee.
"Perk" said he did his for three mornings before
connected out.

# Time-For-A-Change Slogan Has Its Own Counterweight

By MARQUIS CHILDS

WASHINGTON
THE theme heard over and over
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ion movement supporting the Dem-ocratic Party.

This was shown in striking fash-ion in the maneuvering that cen-tered around Vice-President Al-ben Barkley during the Demo-cratic convention. Part of that cratic convention. Part of that maneuvering was obvious enough. But the whole story reveals the cohesiveness of the curious sprawi-ing organization for which "Dem-ocratic Party" is an inadequate

ocratic Party" is an inadequate label.

TENTATIVE CHOICE
Atl a meeting in the White Atl a meeting in the Democrate met in Chicago the decision was taken to give Barkley his chance. The Republicans seemed about to spit in two. And because the control of the cont

But liberal-labor delegates assembling in Chicago would have some of this. In the control of the

far longer than most elected officials.

Lewis is 72 and he has been president of the mine wo re k ref and the second of the mine wo re k ref and the result of the result

plumpling for "harmony" and Barkley.

At the same meeting it was tentatively agreed that Secretary to 
Interior Ocar Chapman should be 
responsible for this designation 
was the President, himself, who 
has a high regard for Chapman 
ability both as public servant and 
politican.

# No One Has It So Good As Ex-Kings With Heavy Dough

By ROBERT C. RUARK

NEW YORK and Magda. There was always a We NoTE with considerable awe want to the work of young bucks. hanging want to the work of young bucks. hanging sailed majestically into Capri and panting to rip off a rumba sailed majestically into Capri and panting to rip off a rumba sailed majestically into Capri and panting to rip off a rumba been loaded to the plimadle with exiting sendended girl riend. If his eyes got heavy somehoody propoped him up, and caprically an extended to the result of the repulsary and the proposed proposed him up, and caprically always and the proposed proposed him up, and caprically always and the proposed proposed him to proposed proposed h sailed majestically into Capri on his yachi, which appears to have been loaded to the plimsoll with 40-cases of delectable booze and enough tennis, golf and fishing gear to keep Fuad's bad boy amused tor quite a spell.

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It seems to me that in an angry,
muddled world, a deposed king has
the finest of all jobs. His worries
arover He genelly manages to
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has a cacket of loot sheed of him.
He as facket of loot sheed of him.
Pleases him, and secrue hangovers
without bothering his aching head
about statecraft.

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The Mediterranean is stiff with deposed monarchs today. There must be half-adoren in Portugal alone. They never seem to be broke or dispirited, in public, anyhow, because they feet halong the and are all the time hanging out around the crap tables at the casnos. If they have a queen they usually feeth her, too, with all the seem to be amply staffed with equerries and valets and such.

I never an around much with

equerries and valets and such.

I never ran around much with
any kings except a few odd canni-bals with filled teeth and a high
odor of rancid cocoa butter, but I
used to sit and watch old Carol
with envy when he was sitting out
his exile in Cuba He came away
loaded with dough, and he had
Lapectu mit he Pelsiness along,
him maintain his dignity and keep
him maintain his dignity and keep
he elimbers of his neck. I never
saw a guy häve it so good.

He had the hierest suite in the

saw a guy have it so good.

He had the biggest suite in the
Nacional and he was out to the
casino every night with his Hapsburg lip draped over the rim of a
glass of Scotch. He didn't have
to roll his own dice, and he didn't
even have to dance with his old

tectered him off to the royal ear.
The only comedown in his kingly
existence was that he couldn't find
anybody to manicure the nails of
those bug-eyed little Pekes, because Cuba was having a heavy altack of dignity at that time and
the help was overendowed with
ideas about the culties of servanise
to the country of the country of the
two Pekes at him with an order to cut their nails. The belihop drew himself up to his full five
feet and spake thusly.
"Sow (whome) there." he said. "I

"Soy Cubano libre," he said, "I am a free Cuban. I do not cut the toenails of dogs. Cut them your-self, sire, but include me out."

## Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

# Alice Longworth, Taft Backer, Likes Ike

MRS. Alice Rossvelt Loncworth, daughter of Teddy and one of the rulers of Washington society, it either peting benign or cite has fallen for the Eistenbowr, that the Company of the Company of the Eistenbowr, After Willike was nominated, Alice remarked, "he sprang from the grass-roots of the country clubs of America".

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After Dewey was noninated, the cracked: "How can you vote for a man who look like a bridegroom on a wedding cake".

Bob Taft. But of the man who declated Taft for the third time. Allec is more tolera did not the third time. Allec is more tolera did not the third time. Allec is more tolera did not make it." she could be the third time. All can worst that Bob didn't make it." she could be the third time. All can willing to come the third time will be the third time. All can willing to come the third time will not be come the third time.

"Naturality."

"But that's the way it was to accept it."

She admitted that she watched the Eisenhower demonstration. "But," she added, "conventions aren't what they used to be Television is spoing them."

## Why Summerfield Switched

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THOUGH the Democrats probably got more publicly
focused on their hectic backstage wire-publing than
the Republicans, some of the blurry deals are just coming to the surface.
One of them, sure to be denied, sheds light on why
Arthur Summerfield of Michigan, long a vigorous Tatt
supporter, switched over to Enenhower. Summerfield, a
Chevrolet dealer, was under heavy pressure from Gra
that—according to the story today by Sammerfield's close
friend, Congressman Jesse Welcett of Michigan.
Welcett says that during the GOP discussion overseating the Southern delegates, be got a frantic phone

call from Summerfield to come to Chicago Immediately, Arriving in Chicago, Summerfield told him he was be-ing pressured by Tom Coleman, GOP leader in Wisconsin and Taft's floor manager, to beker Taft. He was also under pressure from Senator Fergusion and Congressman Schaler of Mchigan, death of the Company of the Coleman Congressman Schaler of Mchigan, the Coleman Congressman Schaler of Mchigan, and Congressman Schaler of Mchigan (Motors, for whom he op-erated a dealership, demanded that he support Eisen-hower.

## Job In Ike's Cabinet

THEREFORE, he asked Wolcott to act as a buffer—a sort of mediator in deciding the seating of the Southern delegates.

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He also told Wolcott that, in return for supporting five, he had been promised the right to full one spot in the Eisenhower caches for Secretary of the Treasury, he said, would be Congressman Wolcott.

In relating this to friends, Wolcott has said that he did not feel qualified to be Secretary of the Treasury, though he was glad to help Summerfield out, and did so. His help came when Summerfield, after listening to the Georgia delegates present their case, remarked has mentioned to the theory of the treasury, the most of the treasury that the more of the matter. Whereupon Welcott recommended a vote with the Eisenhower group. This helped to take the heat off Summerfield, also showed that at least one prominent Michigan Congressman was in Summerial to the control of the second of the secon

Note—Summerfield has already been rewarded by ap-pointment as GOP National Chairman. It will be interest-ing to see whether he gets the selection of a man for Secretary of the Treasury too.

## War Prisoners

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THE inside story of the bogged-down Korean truce talks
Is that we have been impaled on our own figuresfigures that we issued boastfully at the time we were
We amounced to the world last December, for instance, that we held 20.690 Chinese. But now we have told
the truce negotiators that all we can 'turn back is 6.400.
This is chiefly because the balance of the Chinese don't
want to go back onean prisoners, however, some of our
Army people padded the figures by including some South
Korean refugees with the North Korean prisoners, Now,
having announced them, they are stuck with those figures. The Refs won't believe anything class
Though an impression got out through the press
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at the start of the talks, we estimated that about
10.000 prisoners could be returned. After careful screening, however, we said only 72.000 could go back,
while they brought their figure down to 110,000. That's
as close as we have ever come.

While the Refs! offer of 110,000 was only 9,000
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That's exactly where the truce talks are today, Another full-dress session is scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 3,

# Retired [Maj-Gen. Harry - Vaughan, or gave him an, assignment commensurate with his military ability? Retained Mon Wallgren as an adviser only on Pacific Northwest fishing, ratherthan government policy? Told his Kansas City friends that, Buck Taylor's loyally to the Pendergast machine notwithstanding, his opponent for the Senate of man needed in the U. S. Senate? Declared that, even at this late date the administration of insiste under ev. Attorness.

THE FREE WORLD'S defenses, like U.S.
political parties, are tending toward
moderation these days. After an extremely
ambitious start toward rearmanment the
goals are being watered down and stretched
out. Some "gun" funds are going into "butter"
production, or simply just being appropriated
for economic reasons.

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In this country, Congress appropriated about \$6 billion less than the amount asked by the Administration for military and foreign assistance expenditures. Strikes and bottlenecks added to the slowdown. Timetables were found to be unpressible, and target date for Mday was changed from 1854 to 1858.

France, plagued as always by inflation, found that her defense funds would not produce as much armament as originally supposed. Cutbacks in presumed U.S. assistance to her have further reduced her goals. And Premier Pinay, in a drastic move to save the franc and restore economic stability, cut French expenditures on all fronts. In Britain, Prime Minister Churchill has said his country must divert resources from defense to the export drive, thus earning more money, in order lo svert.a. "plange into bankruptcy". The number of British Army recruits will be decreased by some 30,000 next, year, RAP personnel may be decreased. would prove to be false indeed.

Genius at work! Army officials have cided soldiers who do office work do need to be issued steel helmets.—Mcmp Press-Scimitar.