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COUNTY POLICE, LIKE THE FBI, OUGHT TO BE KEPT OUT OF POLITICS

TO DATE, at least no one has argued that the County Police Dept. is inefficient. No one has said that it is riddled with politics.

No one has argued that its esprit de corps is low. No one, in brief, even suggests that the department is doing anything less than a superb job, and that its personnel, from top to bottom, is not considerably above the average.

Yet it has been seriously proposed to the Mecklenburg legislative delegation, and the idea is being seriously considered by the legislators, that the County Police Dept. be abolished and its functions placed under the office of the Sheriff.

Why? The only reason advanced so far is that the cost of operating the department (\$200,518 last year) is too high, and that it is too high because County Policemen spend a good part of their time patrolling county roads, including main highways. That is a job for the State Highway Patrol.

LET US EXAMINE this proposition point by point. We hope that a majority of Mecklenburg's delegation does not favor the proposal, and that the current discussion is designed mainly to bring it out into the open where the light of public opinion may be brought to bear on it. Further, we hope that public opinion among county residents will make itself felt quickly and forcefully against the proposal.

There are, then, two sides to the argument over use of County Policemen in traffic safety work. Mecklenburg is a heavily congested area. It needs more intensive enforcement of traffic laws than the more sparsely settled sections of the State. It has, with 20 State Patrolmen, funds it needs more, and is planning to add its own men.

Moreover, Mecklenburg County has never been satisfied with basic State services—in teacher salaries, in social and welfare services, in tuberculosis hospital—and would not be satisfied with the minimum traffic regulation the State would be able to render through its State Highway Patrolmen.

It is not only fairly ridiculous to suggest a clear-cut line between traffic infractions and other violations, but it is also impossible to draw such a line. Would anyone seriously suggest that the State Highway Patrolmen should be used when they see speeders or reckless drivers on city streets which are also State highways? The question answers itself, and any contrary force, be it separate or be it

A TRAVESTY OF DEMOCRACY

REPRESENTATIVE Clifton Blue's proposed constitutional amendment to limit a single county to but one State Senator is unjust and indefensible, a brazen and audacious denial of the rights of citizens of equal representation. The General Assembly should get busy instead with the job of redistributing Senate seats, which it neglected to do last session despite the clear mandate of the North Carolina Constitution.

North Carolina's system of legislative representation is the reverse of that in any other State. All states have two representatives while the House seats are distributed according to population. In the state legislature the Senate, rather than the House, is supposed to represent the population of each county, regardless of size, has equal seats, the lower House, with the remaining 30 seats distributed according to population. And according to the State Constitution, "the Senate Districts shall be equal in population."

Representative proportion in the same sort of deal that was put forward in 1951. Small county legislators came out for it, as if to say "See here, now, you big Constitution, if you try to restrict like this amendment, and you'll be worse off than you are now."

The main issue, however, is not big county versus small county. It concerns the right of each separate citizen to relatively equal representation in the State Legislature. The General Assembly, if it has any concern for the rights of North Carolina citizens, will brush aside small screens such as Mr. Blue's and restrict the Senate in accordance with the Constitution.

In other words, with a state population

'Goodness, I've Hardly Picked The Ambassadors Yet'

Arthur Godfrey Won't Join The Administration After All

By JOSEPH & STEWART ALSO



Four Methods Of Approach

By Congressional Quarterly

National Emergency Strikes

By Congressional Quarterly

Injunction? Seizure? . . .

At present there seems to be four major methods of approach to the problem: (1) restraining labor from striking through injunctions; (2) keeping the courts from refusing to work; (3) seizure; (4) letting nature take its course.

Quote, Unquote

By what is supposed to be the modern world's best authority on the subject of the time: —Marshalltown (Ia.) Times-Republican.

Drew Pearson's Merry-G-Round

Humphrey Viewed As 'Spend-And-Tax' Man

THE man who picked Cleveland industrialist George M. Humphrey to be Secretary of the Treasury was Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Humphrey's reputation for being a man who is not a spender is well known. He is a saver, a man who is not a spender.

Humphrey's Empire

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By a narrow margin, the dynamic foreign policy of the Eisenhower administration is not only all to be credited by the celebrated comedian Arthur Godfrey.

Even so, the incident is not without interest. In brief, President Eisenhower has named William Jennings Bryan as his special representative to the Iron Curtain. The committee is to decide what to do about it.

The first two proposed members of the new committee are William Jackson, former Deputy Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, and C. J. Clegg, publisher of "Fortune" magazine.

CAUSED CONSTERNATION Considerable consternation was caused by the idea of co-opting a public entertainer, however popular and admirable, for this sort of assignment.

The intention to develop the projected committee's program in a very active way is indicated by the names of the members.

Truman Leaving 'Mark On Wall' For GOP To Shoot At

By MARQUIS CHILDS

IN his budget message President Truman said he had done "all in his power to ease the problems of transition."

Both in the Defense and State Departments, incoming officials have been working closely with outgoing ones.

They are a mark put up on the wall by the Democratic President, and the Republicans are to shoot at it.

The President's budget is hardly more than such a mark on the wall. In several departments it might be expected to follow Truman's policy of continuing the status quo.

On foreign aid, military and economic aid, Truman in his budget added more than \$1 billion to what is being spent for the purpose in the current fiscal year.

Book well advised, doesn't believe a tax bill can be written and passed if it is flooded. How can you fix the total tax bill until you know how much money you're going to spend, he reasons.

However, Humphrey's advisers will fix a general target of 10 percent excess profits tax to expire automatically next June; and another 10 percent when consumer buying may be low.

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Predictions On Humphrey

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