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

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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
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Why? The only reason advanced so far is that the cost of operating the department (\$300,518 last year) is too high, and that it is too high because County Policemon spend a good part of their time patrolling county roads, including main highways. That is a job for the State Highway Patrol, it is argued, and if the Patrol did it, local expenditures could be cut.

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against the proposal.

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horsever, Mecklenburg County has never
been salistified with basic Sites services—in
schools, in teacher salaries, in social and
welfare services, in tuberculosis hospitals—
and would not be satisfied with the minimum
traffie regulstion the Sites would be able
to render through its Sites Highway Patromen.

It is not only fairly ridiculous to suggest
a clear-cut line between traffie infractions
and other voilations, but it is also impossible
to draw such a line. Would anyone seriously
suggest that City Policemen turn their
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violations on county roads which are also State highways.

Third, State Sen. Pred H. McIntyre was quoted in news stories as believing that a savings of some 200,000 a year could be effected. Since the department cost only 200,218 to operate last year, it is quite apparent that that figure is highly inflated. I Shortif Clyde Hunter and his 10 deputies have been been supported that the first period proper in the salidation of the same properties of the properties of the properties of the cut), then it is apparent that his force would have to be tripled or quadrupled if it were given law enforcement duties in the county. What would happen to the savings?

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A TRAVESTY OF DEMOCRACY

PEPRESENTATIVE Ciliton Blue's proposed constitutional amendment to limit a single county to but one State Senator is unjust and indefensible, a brane and flagrant denial of the 'right of citinens to equal representation. The General Assembly should get busy Instead with the job of greditricting Senate seats, which if neglected to do last seasion despite the clear mandate of the North Carolina Constitution.

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North Carolina's system of legislative representation is the reverse of that in Congress. There all states have two Sanators, while the House seats are distributed according to population. In the state legislature the Sanate, rather than the House, is supposed to reflect the population. Each county, regardless of size, has one seat in the lower House, with the remaining 20 seats distributed according to population. And according to the State Constitution, "the Senate distributed according to population. And according to the State Constitution," the Senate districts shall be so allered by the General Assembly, at the first session after the return of every enumeration by order of Congress, that each Senate District shall contain, as near as may be, an equal number of

In other words, with a state population

of about four million, each of our 50 Sena-ators should regresent about 80,000 persons, and any county with over 160,000 population should be entitled to two Senators. But, be-cause the Legislature refused in 1851, as it did in 1941, to redistrict, the cittens of larger counties are grossly underrepresented in the Senate.

tesses the Legitature refused in 1891, as it did in 1941, to redistrict, the citizens of larger counting are greasly underrepresented. For example, the Treatneth District (Mecklemburg) and Seventeenth (Guilford) and 1800 populations of 1970.25 and 1800.75, But they have only one Senator each. The Fourth, Sirth, Eighth, and Ninsteenth Districts each had a population of less than 150,000. But they have two Senators. Representative Blue's proposition is the same sort of deal that was put forward in 1801. Small county legislaters came out for it, as if to say 'See here, new, you hig counties, if you try to redistrict like the Constitution arys, wall put through this constitution asys, wall put through this constitution asys, wall put through this many constitution of the same of the says, wall put through this constitution asys, wall put through this

amendment, and you'll be were off than you are now."

The main issue, however, is not hig county wi. little county. It concerns the right of each and every cilizen to relatively equal representation in the State Legislature. The General Assembly, if it has any concern for the rights of North Carolina citiests, will broat register of North Carolina citiests, will broat predistrict the Senate in accordance with the Constitution.

IN THE BEST TAR HEEL TRADITION

gated public school facilities unconstitu-tional?

That questioned has burzed around Ra-leigh since the first day the 1933 General Assemblymen turned to their tasks. So far, it han't been enswered.

"I don't think we've mentally prepared ourselves for such a decision," says LL-Gov. Luther Hodges. "Let's cross that bridge when we come to it." age, Sen. Calvin Grevas of Fortyth. "Let's not even think thoust it," ages use legislater from fower Bart. In reluxing to be punicked by the mare prospect of such a ruline, North Carolina Linds race issues cainly and judiciously, allowing like issues cainly and judiciously, allowing the such control like issues, which have other littery Southers states, which have such as a such as a such as high large such as a such as a such as a like is such as a such as a such as a like is such as a such as a such as a like is such as a such as a such as a like is such as a such as a such as a like is such as a such as a such as a like is such as a such as a such as a like is such as a such as a such as a like is such as a such as a such as a like is such as a such as a such as a like is such as a such as a such as a like is such as a such as a such as a like is such as a such as a such as a like is such as a such as a such as a like is such as a such as a such as a like is such as a such as a such as a like is such as a such as a such as a like is such as a such as a such as a like is such as a such as a such as a such as a like is such as a such as a such as a such as a like is such as a such as a such as a such as a like is such as a like is such as a like is such as a like is such as a such as

We're rather proud of the Old North State for its level-headed approach to this still speculative problem, and we hope that this General Assembly doesn't become precedured with it. If and when the Supreme Court comes through with a ruling that would upset segregation in the public schools of this state, there will be time enough for Governer Unstead to call a special session of the Legislature to deal with the specific issues more seen and the second of the common second of the second of

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



Four Methods Of Approach

National Emergency Strikes

COULD America ward off a serious economic crisis by keeping an essential industry going while labor and management ironed out differences?

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This is one of the tough labor questions which
may face the new 83rd Congress, according to a
Congressional (quarterly analysis—one which will
probably be debated in connection with any retagged to the construction of the construction of the conIn war time, the President has power to seize
and operate a strike-bound plant which is essential to national security.

But there is no widely-accepted formula for
preventing strikes in essential industries during
the sert of undeclared war in which the nation
CO found must students of the problem feel

CQ found most students of the problem feel that the major objectives should be to create a receptivity to settlement among both labor and management, and to avert a strike until agreement is reached.

But they differ over how this should be done

Injunction? Seizure? . .

AT present there seems to be four major methA dos of approach to the problem: (1) restraining
liber from striking through injunctions; (2) keeping the industry in operation through government
seture; (3) stempting to prevent a strike through
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included such organizations as the National Asseciation of Manufacturers and the U. S. Chamber
of Commerce.

or inducing others to strike, without fraud or vio-The present Tat-Hartles have passed 15 years. The present Tat-Hartles have passed 15 years, later, allows federal court action, only when the seneral counsel of the National, labor Relations board it convinced an employer has been or is beard it convinced an employer has been or is when the President decides an impending strike threatens the public welfare. Union leaders oppose this, However, some man-Union leaders oppose this, However, some man-tunctive features under even to see the law's low unctive features made even to see the law's low the property of the provision for an older, to Artle Houlpoil in a statement Dec. 31, and he wanted to preserve the provision for an older, so strike injunction is emergency disputes.

80 Days—Then What?
CRITICS of Taft-Hartley ask: W
about disputes not settled in
agreement is reached within this
junction is vacated.
Taft himself has recognized

exist. The Constitution says nothing about national unregencies. Some of those who oppose estimate believe that some of these who oppose estimate believe that some of the problem of the properties mediation. Draw would strengthen the Federal Mediation and Concillation Service and try to promote mediation between labor and management in the early stages of a dispute, inportant to the problem of the problem of

Quote, Unquote

Why be surprised that the modern world keeps shrinking. Isn't it in hot water most of the time?

—Marshalltown (Ia.) Times-Republican.

Arthur Godfrey Won't Join

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

By MARQUIS CHILDS

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son's aides.

But being a shreed and resourceful politician, the outgoing.

President wants to jeave a clearly
defined record against which the
performance of the new administration can be measured. That explains many of the statement and
reports Issued in recent weeks.

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Drew Pearson's Humphrey Viewed As 'Spend-And-Tax' Man Merry-Go-Round

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The man who picked Cleveland industrialist George M. R

Rumphrey to be Secretary of the Treasury was Gen. S

Lucius Clay, now head of Continental Can and one of a

Essenbower's closest friends. The statement of the continents of the Eisenbower brain trust. Clay got to knew Humphrey in Germany in 1948 when the we Secretary of the Treasury was appointed head of a committee to advise on the continents of Humphrey's report recommending the reti Germin factories was largely responsible for The fact that a man favoring German is sits in a key spot in the Eisenhower Cabinet to make it any easier to swing the French an arms treaty with Germany. And this treaty of Eisenhower's biggest European objectives.

Humphrey's Empire

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Also Ohio & Western Penns Dock Co.; Lower Like Dock Co.; Morton Ore Co.; Tourk Ore Co.; Dauglas Mining; Western Corp Committee Commit

Predictions On Humphrey
TAX prediction: There will be no strupt reduction of the Great
Taxe unless Congress takes the inflictive and runs
with the ball Humphrey is a careful planner, likes up push