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COMPROMISE WITH BANKRUPTCY

TWHS week the City Council is slated to It discuss a report from a special committee named to study the Firemen's Retirement System. The report has been properly Isbeled a "compromise" in that it represents the middle ground between widely divergent viewpoints. It recommends a readjustment in the retirement age and length of service, and suggests that the City's cointend from 5 per cent of each firemany salary to 10.21 per cent of cost firemany salary to 10.21 per

Because it clearly is a compromise, the City Council should turn it down. For you don't compromise with bankruptcy.

The Firemen's Retirement System is not actuarially sound today. The compromise plan will not make it sound. It will merely delay the day of reckoning.

It is not in the tradition of Charlotte's gov-erning bodies to temporize on such a funda-mental issue as the financial soundness of a retirement plan. It is not good government. It is not honest. It is not courageous.

A SOUND ADOPTION REQUIREMENT

NORTH CADUINA is one state that does not have a "black market" traffic in bables. This results from a good deal "of work by welfare agencies, through which adoptions are channeled, and from fairly stern laws. For example, anyone who separates a mother and a baby under six months of age, for the purpose of putting the child in a foster home or institution, is subject to a \$500 fine, one was imprisonment, or both — unless peryear imprisonment, or both — unless per-mission is first granted by a court and wel-

lare agency.

Last week Rep. Turner of Guilford proposed a change in this particular law, to permit a mother to lawfully place her baby in a foster home, without obtaining consent of

a foster home, without obtaining consent of a welfare agency and court.

Actually the court must approve the child's new home before final papers can be signed. Thus the effect of Mr. Turner's proposal would be to permit an unmaried mother who wants to give up her child to place the baby quickly. But the new home might be temporary. The courts and welfare agencies were well decide after professional Investigation. well decide, after professional investiga-that the foster-parents chosen by the

Furthermore, a compromise with bank-ruptcy would be a disservice to the firemen, whose faith in their retirement system-should be strong, and to the taxpayers, who eventu-ally will have to pay for any error of judg-

ally will have to pay for any error of judy-ment today.

The Council should adhere to one plain, simple, fundamental principle — actuarial soundness. If that means reducing the some-what generous benefits, if that means thiting the firements own contribution. If that means still greater contribution by the City, then one or more of these steps must be laten. And of the three, the last would be most un-

wise.

A better alternative would be to abolish
the fund entirely and put the firemen under
the N. C. Municipal retirement system.
The fund has been actuarially unsound
since the day it was set up. It is actuarially
unsound today. It will be actuarially sund
if the compromise plan is adopted. It must be unsound today. It will be actuariany unsound if the compromise plan is adopted. It must be put on a sound basis.

The firemen are due fair treatment. They are not due favoritism.

pour could not rear the child properly. Then the child would have to be uprooted, placed in a new home.

Demand for adopted bables exceeds the supply of those offered by about three to one locally. Young unmarried mothers, under emotional strain, are often besiged by would-be parents, some of them weefully unprapared for parenthood. The existing law restrains both parties from secretly providing. In the property of the parents of the parents and the parents and the parents and the parents and the parents from the place of the parents and the parents are signed. The reason for the "delay" in final decision is based upon the ultimately sound proposition that parenthood is a serious responsibility. The foster parents must be sure they want the child—and the other sure that the parents are signed. The reason for the "delay" in final decision is based upon the ultimately sound proposition that parenthood is a serious responsibility. The foster parents must be sure they want the child—and the other will provide the child a decent home. Mr. Turner's proposal should not become law.

A FORMER PRESIDENT'S PAY AND COUNSEL

WHEN Mr. Truman was President be re-ceived \$100,000, on which he paid a tax of \$56,000, plus a \$50,000 tax/free allowance. Thus his take-home pay was \$94,000. A good deal of this was spent on entertainment and White House expenses.

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Mr. Truman's pension now amounts to \$112.56 per month. This is for his former service as a reserve officer in the U. S. Army. Ironically, retired commanders-in-chief don't commanders-in-chief don't

get any pension.

The End Congress voted to end the tax-exemption on the \$50,000 expense allowance, effective at the end of Mr. Truman's term. So President Eisenhower will pay \$95,000 taxes on his \$150,000 income, leaving him \$55,000 take-home pay. He, too, will have to use some of this for entertainment and White House

expenses.

As a General of the Army on inactive service, he would have been eligible for an

annual stipend of 518,761. But President Etsenhower voluntarily relinquished this pay before he ran for office. Thus, as the law now stands, he will receive no pension whatsoever when he leaves the White House. This is a rather shably way to treat former Presidents. They, of course, get all sorts of lucrative offers. But we like to think that they, like former Congressment, the control of the course of th

Congress can kill two birds with one stone in this field. By providing former Presidents, for life, with all the perousities, facilities and privileges of Congressmen, except the vote, Congress will give itself the benefit of ex-perienced counsel. At the same time this move would assure the former Presidents a richly-deserved, if moderate, income during

WHAT ARE WE TRYING TO SELL?

MUSING on the appointingin of a new pload to a construction of the population of the population of the consent of the government that yoverns by the board to 'unify peychological var.' Columnist Dorothy Thompson questions not only the qualifications of the board members ("there is not one single nationally and internationally known and approved political analyst and writer, with long, intimate, and objective knowledge of foreign peoples" but also the basic purpose ("... Our enemies a psychological war campaign but a psychological political political

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"We hope that this board will consider with ruthless cander whether our poycholos-cal warfar is helping America, on behat, can be the consideration of the conside

She is not the only student of geopolities to question the effectiveness of our battle for the minds of people all over the world. Others have "bubbed our ability to expert democracy, as we export automobiles, or set democracy abroad as we sell soap powders at

home.

It may be that we are not quite sure what we have to "sell", or even what we have to display. For the essential ingredient of the American idea, i. e. unalienable individual rights, endowed by a superior Creator and

our economic pattern, to confuse liberty with capitalism.

What we have to sell is the most explosive, the most dynamic political idea of modern times. "Don't give us your Marshall Plan, give us Your Bill of Rights," an Expylian publisher told a group of visiting Americans recently. There, in essence, is our problem—how we are to inspire a deaire for freedom among peoples who have never known freedom, and how we are to sid them to learn the mechanics of self-government, once they are seized by the yearming for self-government. No single propagands device can work everywhere in this troubled world. Each people has its own immediate problems. And what may appeal to the French laborer may be utterly lost upon the Arab fella. The only "lime" that has potentially university of the problems of the problems. That idea cannot be sold by incokererns, nor can it be sold merely by seeking out, expossing, and exploiting the weaknesses, fallacies, and mistake of the enemy. It must be sold simply and honestly and seafdatally and seafdat

nor can it be sold merely by seeking out, exposing, and exploiting the weaknesses, fallacies, and mistake of the enemy. It must be sold simply and honestly and steadfastly, not as a weapon of psychological "warfare", but because liberty is the rightful possession of every human being on this globe.

From The Greenville (S.C.) Piedmont

SHADES OF DANTE

Down through the centuries men have rible conception of it. Instead of being hot and blazing, the client fallen angel Luckfer gives us a few hints and a fellow named Dante wrote a long poem about it which he called "The Inferno". It has been generally agreed that it is hot.

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But after nursing a sick family over the of dirty dishes and closets full of dirty weekend, we've a new and even more ter-

'Hello, Ike? I Think We're Under Attack'



By Joseph & Stewart Alsop

Democrats, Now A Minority, Begin To Act Like A Family

their crushing defeat in November.

This defeat itself accounts in part for the new atmosphere. The complex considerates, for example, and the complex considerates are supported to the control of the c

persuaded fellow Southerners with seniority to step aside on choice committee assignments, so the step aside on choice committee assignments, so the step as the s

and shakers no longer. Accuss tomed to page one in the news papers, they now find themselves are lucky.

OPPOSITION ARISING All this has tended to arouse the instinct of opposition, even among the conservative South and the state of the st

hardly a wildly hopeful choice.

In short, the revived optimism of the Democrats is rather like that of a man who has been in a terrible accident, and finds that he is still alive, and may continue to live. But it is at least already clear that the Republicans are soing to have to count

Dulles Faces Same Problems That Beset His Predecessor

By MARQUIS CHILDS

WHAT A Republican Secretary
of State is now setting out to
is exactly what a Democratic
exerctary of State would have been
metraking if the outcome of the
lection on Nov. 4 had been diferent. That is important to renember as John Foster Dulles
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Those facts, to put it another away, are the same tough facts that a Democratic President and a Democratic Secretary would have had to meet. What appears to have speech was, his statement that it is not possible for France, Britanian and Germany to move close together, than American policy must be re-examined. As we been too blunt. But nevertheless it has had of it the basic fact of much of Congressional opinion, both Republican and Democratic, and in all probability much of public opinion of the public opinion opinio

cation of the European army pact would be a tangible piece of evidence. The state of the state o

The outcome of that race is most acutely and immediately in doubt in the Middle East, which was given hasty treatment in the Dules speech. Just before he took off on his European survey tour the new Secretary was warned of the evolution to the think that the survey of the new Secretary was warned of the evolutions.

on his European survey four the new Secretary was warned of the explosive potentialities building up in Egypt. He was told that there the margin of time for establishment of control of time for establishment of control of time for establishment of the control of time for establishment of time of the control of time for establishment, and the control of time for establishment of t

British.

Either a compromise is agreed to er time runs out and the fanatic mationalitis weep into power on a wave of riot and ruin. Not far in their rear will be the Commission devourers—all ready to profit from chaos. To estimate the margia of time in weeks or months would be to be the fanatics are attracting many supporters around the focus of a "liberation party" which sa one goal — to drive the British out.

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Edible Or Inedible, Wheat Wound Up By Being Eaten

By FREDERICK C. OTHMAN

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WASHINGTON

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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

Dulles Trip May Tip World Peace Scales

Merry-Go-Round

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Title European pilgrimage of John FosIer Dulles is probably the most important made by a Secretary of State in
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Dulles' Diplomats

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three distinguished ex-diplomats to advise
on career diplomacy; cx-Ambassador Hugh
Gibson, close friend of Herbert Hoover;
Joe Grev, who made history as Ambassador to Japan, and Norman Armeur, with
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effect in Paris. However, he may be easight on the double prongs of GOP performance and GOP promises.

What the French will want to know is just exactly how much aid the United States will extend them in return for a terropean arm, They will want just know has centred and categorically, in dollars. The work of the state of the s

Balancing The Budget SECRETARY Dulles has another promise to worry about

drastically.

Truman left a loter in his budget measage. He pointed out that budget measage. He pointed out that estimated aid to Europe had been increased this year because the Republicans had cut it the year before. They cut it incidentally, despite a special plea by General Eisenhower that it not be cuit.