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REHABILITATION OR REPETITION?

THIS week the notorious "Case of the Frozen Feet" returned to the headlines. It awakened poignant memories in the newsroom...

Browsing through the News files on this case raises conflicting emotions. The numerous letters, editorials and articles show that a persistent reporter like the late W. M. Jones and dogged editors like myself can't expose and help reify a sordid system.

In one respect, a comparison with the prison system then and now is striking. By 1923 social revolution had swept away most old ideas and methods...

THE COUNCIL TOSSES A WARM SPUD

AT NO TIME prior to or during the 1947 General Assembly was the Charlotte City Council asked for its opinion about the legislation that established the Fireman's Retirement Fund that year.

Nor has the Council any control over administration of the fund. Three of the trustees are appointed by the firemen, three serve by virtue of their office (City Manager, City Treasurer, and Municipal Accountant).

A SUGGESTION FOR HOUSE INVESTIGATORS

A STATEMENT that a particular woman is a friend of an unfriendly power, according to a story published six years ago by that power's official newspaper, is hardly significant.

The original information, he said, "was furnished to me by an accurate source. Information in the files of the House Committee on Un-American Activities."

CRACKDOWN ON U. S. DRONES

THOSE whom you hear may be coming from Federal offices in Washington, where the Eisenhower Administration is cracking down already on the "two-hours-for-lunch" boys, and those who actually work five or six hours, while pretending to work eight.

tical prison camp man", Tim wrote, said a good whipping was the only practical means of discipline. The new school of thought held that "prisoners are not sent to the chains...

The changing of the whip, the "little dark houses" of solitary filth were abolished. Prisoners were treated as human beings. But were they restored?

Shropshire and Barnes, understandably, were not. Two years after the expose Shropshire, drunk and armed with beer bottle, hobbled along the streets of York looking for a fight...

No. The North Carolina prison system offers, as its main course, post-graduate instruction in crime. A first offender goes to the roads, where he works alongside hardened criminals. They are his teachers.

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SOMETIMES news is too big and too stuporous to fit a headline. Families know, for instance, when their children reach voting age, and that birthdays can be marked with special festivities. But how is one to know just when a new national Administration has reached political maturity...

Nothing could be more important. Nothing could be less understood. They could, however, be reasonably celebrated as the time when the Eisenhower Administration came of age, and the Republican Party began to rise to the challenge of its vast new responsibility.

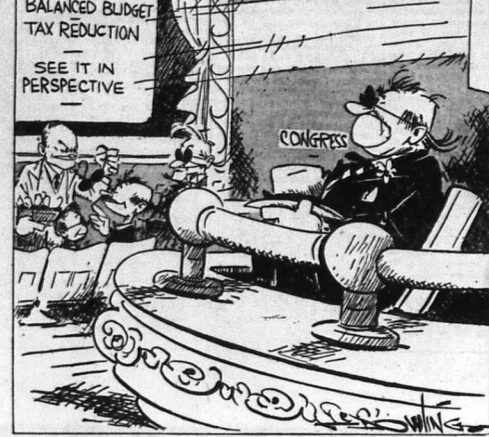
Three Unpleasant Choices

PRESIDENT Eisenhower and Budget Director Joseph Dodge instead discovered, as previously reported in this space, that they had only three choices, all unpleasant. They could balance the budget and reduce taxes, by abandoning all pretense of creative foreign policy and effective national defense...

All this is only another way of saying that the Eisenhower Administration has a choice to make. It is to do it in character. Beyond any doubt at all, the speed of the Administration's coming of age is due to the President himself.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

CONGRESSIONAL leaders who lunched with President Eisenhower the other day found him a warm-hearted host, but also an artist who swings quite a pain-brush. Political protocol was forgotten at the luncheon of soup, whitefish, parsleyed potatoes, green salad, coffee, strawberry cream and coconut cupcakes...



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By JOSEPH & STEWART ALSOP

WHEN Truman did his job not as Harry S. Truman did, by permitting policy to be readjusted by others, and then abruptly accepting or rejecting it. He is doing his job, rather, as one of the "ideal chairmen" of the board.

Some Disagreements

THERE have been disagreements, of course. Although the front of prices and wages was opposed in the Cabinet, for instance, by Secretary of Labor Martin Luther King, as well as Mutual Security Director Harold Stassen and Representative Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., who spoke in their role as experienced politicians. That time, Eisenhower sided with the Secretary of the Treasury, George Humphrey and Secretary of Defense William, the most ardent, de-controlers.

Quote, Unquote

When Private Citizen Harry S. Truman, stopping in a hotel, says that "I don't know I can say what I please if it's the first time that the last eight years in the White House I've been in America, told me a warming-up session... Nashville, Tennessee. Li-I-hy my boss. Li-I-hy whistles such dirty songs!-Greenville (Tenn.) Sun. Modesty: The feeling that others will discover how my Ayres could get up on his feet as anti-Communist campaign, but he never did learn what it was. He was head of the department in

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