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THE TEACHING PROFESSION'S COMPETITION

These are troublous times for teachers. Their classrooms are overflowing with students. Legislators throughout the country, anxious to economize, are looking skeptically at increasingly large requests for education.

ness are equipped with every known visual and auditory device for teaching, and we have to beg and plead and beseech for a lastre pound of materials for our school laboratories, we can't compete.

One can point to some school facilities that are more than adequate. Teacher salaries, when compared with those paid a few years ago, have risen considerably. But the fact remains that many of the kind of youngsters who would make good teachers and school administrators shun or leave the field.

FINAL RECURSE

DUPLIN County's Sen. Robert M. Carr is chairman of the House's Senatorial Districts Committee. That committee has several weeks held bills providing for the redistricting of House and Senate seats in line with the 1950 census.

The State Constitution unequivocally says that the Legislature must meet after each census. Despite this mandate the Assembly did not redistrict two years ago. Apparently it does not plan to redistrict this year either.

Some violations of the Constitution can be dealt with by the courts. Others are handled by the legislators, and redistricting, ironical as it may seem, is in the latter category. When legislators show a brazen lack of conscience, as ours have, by refusing to redistrict, there is one final recourse. The people can turn out the legislators responsible.

AN UNCERTAIN SOURCE OF REVENUE

THE point is often made by representatives of the Firemen's Retirement System that the actuary's report on their retirement system is too conservative, in that it does not allow for extra contributions from many games, benefits and the like. The figures of \$125,000 and \$150,000 are often tossed around to indicate the volume of this revenue since the fund was started in 1947.

The actuary's report for the year ending June 30, 1952, shows a grand total of \$492,171.26 contributed to the fund up to that date.

Of that amount, \$145,636.45 came from the City's contribution of five per cent of the fire department payroll. Another \$145,626.45 came from the matching five per cent deducted from the firemen's salaries.

From the Charlotte Firemen's Relief Fund there came \$90,565.24. This money is derived from a tax of one-half of one per cent on all fire insurance premiums written in North Carolina.

SMITH & WESSON CHAMBER MUSIC

Jackson, Miss. (AP)—The Mississippi Supreme Court today affirmed a three-year penitentiary sentence for Huddie Ledbetter who shot a man that insisted on playing the dreary strains of the "Swanee River" waltz over and over again.

ALL WE GOT TO say is in our recent jibed on the Tennessee Waltz. We warned of the danger in the repeated use of the Tennessee Waltz unless on a doctor's prescription. We have considered it imprudent that our government has spent millions perfecting a nerve gas when the Tennessee Waltz beamed at the enemy would be more demoralizing. You remember that we called attention to the fact that last year the Psychological Warfare Branch of the State Department at the Chinese and we repeat: the Communists haven't launched a major offensive since.

This man Hall who went out listening to the T. W. Waltz, three times at the man who fed the mob, he had to try them to hear what we were talking about.—Greenleaf, this spluttering a mouth, of Haddoo.

Only Taft Can Mend Rift In Ruling Party

By MARQUIS CHILDS

THE BREAK between the Republicans in the Senate and the Republican President in the White House can no longer be ignored. It cannot be glossed over by kind words in praise of Sen. Robert A. Taft, but by those who think that is the way to woo the Majority Leader of the Senate.

Temporarily, the passing of Stalin from the world scene eclipses every other event, including the controversy within the majority party here home. But, short of a fierce struggle for power in Moscow and a breakdown of the Soviet system, that eclipse will not last for long.

The break in the administration comes and it is quickly mended the damage done is not too great. But it can be mended only by positive and constructive action on the part of Senator Taft.

The harm done is of course, in the Republican insistence in the Senate in adding qualifying language to Eisenhower's "no intervention resolution" on the secret commitments. In his appearance before the House Foreign Affairs Committee, properly open to the public, Secretary of State John Foster Dulles made an eloquent case for retention of the resolution in the form in which it was submitted.

He pointed out that if it were made the subject of partisan bickering, and then passed only by a simple majority, it would be valueless as a declaration to the world of American conviction and as a statement of the resolve of America to a faith in their ultimate freedom. Rep. John V. O'Connell, of Ohio, said that the resolution, as it is, is a wonderful insurance to me and I feel that it will be a great help in bringing others to know God and His great love.

The language added to the resolution by Sen. Alexander Smith of New Jersey, on the prompting of Sen. Joseph McCarthy, is meaningless. It does not do what the Republican extremists want. By stating that Congress recognizes neither the validity nor the force of the agreement, it makes downright ridiculous the original language in the resolution, which is the basis of the trust that have done under the agreements.

The damage done may be minimized if the Senate, after all, only a propaganda weapon. But, when this has been said, it is not denied that the resolution was the first constructive move by the new administration toward new and active foreign policy. An independent foreign party in the Senate does not give the world a hopeful prospect of the future.

Another and more crucial test is still to come. Sen. Joseph McCarthy, chairman of the Senate Government Operations Committee, has now demanded of the State Department the names, files of two employes of the Voice of America.

An executive order issued by President Truman forbidding Congress access to the confidential raw files in the Executive Branch of the government still stands. The issue of the raw files is raised in acute form during the spy trial of Judith Coplan, the wife of a member of investigation was greatly exercised lest Congress get hold of files containing unvalued gossip and rumor.

Such executive orders carry over from one administration to another. President Eisenhower, many observers believe, would have to take positive action cancelling the Truman order. The State Department could comply with the McCarthy request. If such a step were taken to make a policy, the fact that the department has already yielded four times to McCarthy's demands that it stand Wisconsin could be interpreted by the public as the real master of the branch of the government that is supposed to make policy.

It is just here that Senator Taft can assert his leadership. He can set the example that is opposed to permitting Congress to dip into the confidential records of a coalition government of the world. He could make it plain that if a question of subpoenaing such records is raised, the State Department will fight the subpoena power.

Drew Pearson's Peace Precarious Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON (AP)—Drew Pearson's peace campaign has been a curious one since he was named to the post by President Eisenhower by Foreign Minister Anthony Eden that the danger of war had increased in the last 30 days.

Churchill could not have foreseen the fact that the exit of Stalin from the world scene would lead to the following alternatives:—If Russia becomes so absorbed with her own problems, if she becomes torn with civil war, or Stalin's death, the Soviet Union would settle down to peace.

'Can't Help It—It's A Reflex Action'

ADMINISTRATION FOREIGN POLICY STATEMENT



People's Platform

Letters should be brief. The writer's name and address must be given, but may be withheld from publication in the discretion of the Editors. The News reserves the right to condense.

Likes Prayer, Lenten Series

JOANNA S. C. I WOULD like to thank you for putting the "Daily I Prayer" back on the front page of your paper. Also for your series Lenten articles. They are a wonderful inspiration to me and I feel they will be a great help in bringing others to know God and His great love.

MRS. VIRGIE GARDNER

Cut State Taxes

CHARLOTTE EDITOR: THE NEWS: NOW is an excellent time for the people of North Carolina to think seriously about taxes in general and about income taxes in particular. It is my understanding that North Carolina needs relief. Instead of raising taxes as Governor Unstead suggests I call upon your Legislature to work for tax reduction. Especially it would be appropriate to lessen the burden of North Carolina income tax. I suggest that this be done via increased personal exemptions or via credit for U. S. income tax paid.

I urge other tax payers to rally to the cause.

WM. C. BURNETT

Thanks For Vet Legislation

MORRIS FIELD EDITOR: THE NEWS: THROUGH the People's Platform I would like to thank the Veterans Committee in Raleigh for what they do for the veterans. I am sure that it is a great inspiration to the fellows going to Korea and an eye, they can come back to North Carolina and get a license plate for their car for no dollar, providing of course that they are not handicapped in their driving.

And say fellows, while you are in session in Raleigh, cut your own hair, and you yourself a raise. You deserve it.

J. H. M.

Health Edition Incomplete

CHARLOTTE EDITOR: THE NEWS: I READ with interest your Health Edition, appearing in your Feb. 27 issue. It was informative and showed much careful preparation. However, it fell short, in my estimation, in that it did not do the accomplishments in only one sphere of health care. Of course, it is true that the entire field of health care is dominated by the system of healing represented by the majority group of doctors. This group, as a whole, does not recognize any methods of treatment except those accepted by its leaders. This refusal of recognition, however, does not alter the fact that there is another system, very much in the minority—which has proved its worth in actual practice by providing relief for millions, suffering from the most serious types of health care.

It has been successful in treating many victims of such dreaded diseases as polio, cerebral palsy, and muscular dystrophy. Many cases which have been labeled "hopeless" have found in it welcome relief and/or complete cure.

quest and are on the brink of revolt. Various older areas in the Soviet orbit are seething with unrest, and the Red leaders the Kremlin need scapegoats. Hence the purpose and the program. Many cases of health care is dominated by the system of healing represented by the majority group of doctors. This group, as a whole, does not recognize any methods of treatment except those accepted by its leaders. This refusal of recognition, however, does not alter the fact that there is another system, very much in the minority—which has proved its worth in actual practice by providing relief for millions, suffering from the most serious types of health care.

Malenkov's Victory May Be Tentative

By THE ALSOP

WASHINGTON ROMAN HISTORY is probably the free world's most widely read and most widely discussed history in the Kremlin. There was the time, for instance, when the Emperor Nero was driven to suicide. At the end, his coma simulated death.

Being deceived, Caligula put on the Emperor's ring and accepted congratulations from the Soviet weavers of the purple. Then the terrible old man roared himself and called out: "The Russian Empire is under the thumb of a hawk's shadow. And the trembling Caligula saved himself and won the empire by helping to strangle Nero in his bed."

For the reasons implied by this episode, most American diplomats familiar with the Soviet scene already, as soon as they heard the announcement of his illness. It is not wise to say that tyrants are dead, or even dying, until it is certain they will not live to resent any attempt to promote their abdication. But the question our diplomats found hard to answer was the question: "BIG FIGHT ON?"

As to the succession to Stalin, there are two schools of thought, deriving from two different interpretations of the Soviet government. The first and more dramatic theory emanates from the Moscow Embassy and is under the leadership tentatively accepted by former Ambassador George F. Kennan. It is based on the fact that the struggle for the succession to Stalin had already broken out, and was being fought in the Kremlin long before his weakened heart failed the Russian dictator.

In brief, those who hold this theory believe that the struggle for power was sharply divided, for a period of several years, over the crucial post-war reorganization of the Communist Party Secretariat. This body in effect controls all patronage in the Soviet Union. Stalin himself was never through the Secretariat, by placing his own men in key posts. More recently, the struggle for power has been a struggle for the right to hold the office of Stalin's firm favorite, Malenkov.

The issue before the Politburo, it is believed, was whether the long delayed post-war reorganization of the Communist Party should continue to be carried out. On this issue, it is believed, Molotov and all the other senior members of the Politburo were sharply divided. The result of the split in the Politburo, it is further asserted, the official Communist Party line will pull off from year to year, until only a few months ago.

Three things happened at the Politburo meeting which Malenkov is believed to have discovered: or rather it was Malenkov who saw and much more than the Politburo. And besides abolishing the Politburo and creating the Presidium, the Central Committee was reorganized. Secretaries were appointed. Three former Politburo members, Stalin, Malenkov and Khrushchev, plus a number of other Party officials, were drawn from the Malenkov faction.

YENYAYEV VICTORY This seeming victory for Malenkov (which incidentally headed a group of anti-American Party members) is not considered truly final, according to the theory above quoted. If this theory is correct, it may well seem to be confirming Malenkov's power, but was in fact inaugurating another war between the death bed of the Party factions. This was the pattern of the period after Lenin's death, when the Party was split into two groups to kill another until only Stalin was left.

This interpretation of course suggests a similar situation in the signal for an intensified struggle for power. But an opposite view is held by those who support the State Department's view. In this view the recent Party Congress instead marked the conclusion of the struggle for power, and the final triumph of Malenkov. Those who hold this opinion consider the new order of the Party to be a celebration of Malenkov's success. They point out that the great purges of the Party were the result of Stalin's having gained absolute power, and were Stalin's best work of victory.

War Save Dictators

IT is important to remember that in 1914 the Russian military, fearful of unrest at home, wanted war. That was why the Russian Emperor, Nicholas II, was in contact with the little gang of Serb assassins who bombed Archduke Franz Ferdinand at Sarajevo, thereby touching off World War I. That was why they waited hardly a minute before coming to Serbia's defense by declaring war against Austria-Hungary. The little group of generals around the Czar needed a war to keep their shaky empire together. That was the biggest reason inside Russia today.

"Coupled with this danger is the fact that Joe Stalin is the most powerful man in the world. It was Stalin who plotted to put himself rather than Trotsky or one of the other men in Lenin's shoes. It was Stalin who later manipulated the murder of Trotsky in Mexico. It was Stalin who carried out the purges in the first-firm Soviet orbit in Poland. Peasants are seething over crop quotas and collective farms. . . . Other areas in which this restlessness is most apparent are the Soviet satellites in Eastern Europe, the Balkans, the Middle East, and the Far East. . . .

Near War Over Japan

RUSSIAN willingness to risk war last year demonstrated over Japan last year last year. It was the Russian public realized. How serious was the situation in battle between U.S.S.R. planes over Hokkaido and the Japanese. The Japanese were actually shot. It is not in doubt that the Russian public is in a state of high tension.