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O'HERRON'S MOVE MERITS LOCAL SUPPORT

THE MEMBERS of the Mecklenburg House of Representatives are to be commended for taking their "home rule" dispute with Senator Fred McIntyre to a conference...

But when the bill reached the Senate, Senator McIntyre exempted Mecklenburg. He told his House colleagues that the officials affected didn't want the County Commissioners fixing their pay.

When the measure went back to the House for concurrence in this and other amendments, the four-Mecklenburg Representatives...

SHORT-SIGHTED POLITICAL POLICY

TWO YEARS AGO, a bill to restrict the N. C. House of Representatives and Senate in accordance with the 1850 census law...

This week two bills to restrict the House and Senate were killed in Raleigh. One of the arguments used this time was that the Constitution requires restricting to be done at the first session of the Legislature...

TV OWNERSHIP NO MARK OF DISTINCTION

UP IN ROANOKE, Va., the school board has dropped 17 children from the free-lunch plan because they came from homes with television sets in them.

In Richmond, the public welfare department considers the ownership of TV sets along with other types of property in deciding whether a family gets relief funds...

The Richmond Times-Dispatch has some sympathy for the motives of welfare and school officials, but is not sure that they are right in singling out TV sets.

A DESERVING PROJECT MAKES A BIRTHDAY

ONE OF THE satisfactions of editorial writing is the opportunity to say good things every now and then about deserving enterprises.

Today we turn our attention to Distributive Education, a rather formidable name which in plain professional jargon means job training.

Distributive Education has two broad divisions. In five high schools of the city and county, some 170 juniors and seniors go to school in the morning to learn business ethics, salesmanship, and the like...

From The Asheville Citizen

THE COFFEE BREAK

THEY bear from the tree known as Coffee and are now as suspect in Washington as a diversion bullet. No more "coffee breaks" for civilian personnel, says Secretary of the Navy Anderson.

So there you have the other side of it. And it fits in, we think, with an accepted fact about the discovery of coffee. Back in the days before the Greeks had a house to their name, a flock of Abyssinian sheep fed on coffee berries, and the shepherds noticed that the sheep were restless at night.

If federal workers are compelled to imbibe in off-hours, it follows that they will come to work as sleepless as sheep. That wouldn't do at all. Better give 'em a break.

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Big Stakes Involved

U. S. Initiative In Germany Urged

By JOSEPH & STEWART ALSOP

WASHINGTON THE next target of the Soviet peace offensive is almost certainly Germany. On this point, West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer and his advisers see eye to eye with the leading American officials.

legally obliged to withdraw all Russian troops back to the Soviet border and the Western powers would demand absolute proof that this obligation had been fulfilled.

Touchy Subject

THE panic is understandable. Even a seemingly serious offer by the Soviets to negotiate a reasonable German peace treaty comes with Western alliance into an uproar. It could bring the already faltering European army project to a dead end.

The Kremlin's Risks

PERHAPS the hardest test of all are the free all-German elections which are the West's first concrete demand. Many experienced officials believe that the Soviets will not agree to free elections.

Quote, Unquote

Snappy young salesman—I represent Mountain-Cheap Wool Company. (Would you be interested in coarse yarns? Girls (honey)—Gosh, yes. Tell me a couple—Greensville and Sun.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON DURING the current intense interest in the Russian peace offensive, Secretary of State Dulles has almost completely ignored the advice of his best Russian expert.

'High-Class' Probe

DESPITE all the pledges to cut out duplication of the Senate is carrying on two duplicate investigations of the government's overseas information program.

Kennan Gets The Deep-Freeze treatment

WASHINGTON A speech against psychological warfare, released to the press prior to a speech by Dulles for psychological warfare, became the speech had been sent to the press.

Secrets Wear Headlines

The good Lord knows New York City is a city of secrets. It is a city of secrets like sparrows in London and starlings in Rome.

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WASHINGTON AGAIN AND again this Capital Hill has been the arena of a struggle for power between the executive, legislative and judicial. A phase of this struggle is going on now and the outcome is still in doubt.

What history calls "strong" Presidents—Jackson, Lincoln, the Roosevelts—have imposed their policy on an often reluctant Congress. At other times, the lead has not come from Capitol Hill but from the President's cabinet.

In periods of national crisis, the lines of authority become dangerously blurred and the balance power undergoes a radical shift. Both Lincoln and FDR were called into action by such crises.

Ever since that challenge in 1937, with the exception of the war years, the balance of power has swung from the White House to the Capitol. Only the fact of bipartisanship in large measure has kept the leadership of the late Sen. Arthur Vandenberg of Michigan, made it possible to take essential steps in the fight against Communist aggression.

Now a group of influential Republicans in the Senate seems determined that authority shall be finally and directly concentrated in the Congress. An extraordinary suggestion was made the other day which indicates how far the trend has gone.

The Senate Appropriations Committee has proposed that the late Senator James Van Fleet as the committee's staff expert. Van Fleet, commander of the United States fleet in Korea until his retirement, on his return to Washington attacked the military policy which was being pursued by the public hearings he had made sensational charges of interference with his duties.

With the committee, he would be

There's No Place Like D.C. For Rumors, Blabbermouths

By ROBERT C. RUARK

NEW YORK CHARLEY Wilson, the defense lawyer who has been in the city for a little while, got down rather firmly on the business of blabbermouthery in the armed services.

Mr. Wilson is remembering a terse remark that former Secretary of War Henry Stimson once made before he went back to work for his country.

Actual fact of the matter is that there is very small volume in the treason and espionage businesses today, because the blabbermouths have made spy work in the United States nearly unnecessary.

Wilson, in his recent edict, has been full of knowledge of security rules and aliases, haphazard handling of delicate matters, and a general lack of interest on the part of people leaving government service.

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