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'You Wouldn't Criticize Me, Would You, Pal?'

New McCarthy Drive Appears Aimed At Intimidating Press

By MARQUIS CHILDS

WASHINGTON (AP)—A determined effort to bring down a strong indictment of one man longer dunder that Sen. Joseph McCarthy is launched on a campaign of intimidation against the press in America...



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.

Eye Bank Seeks Support

HICKORY The Eye Bank for Sight Restoration, Inc., 210 E. 64th St., N. Y. 21, N. Y., is undertaking a nationwide crusade. It is seeking public support in its drive to help many of the blind in the U. S. to see again through a surgical miracle—the "cornea grafting" operation.

Neither French Nor British Listened To Mr. Ferguson

By JOSEPH & STEWART ALSO

WASHINGTON (AP)—The French High Command in Indo-China might have a different opinion on the present trouble if they had had the advice of Mr. Ferguson. The French generalissimo, General de Lattre, had been summoned to hold military conversations with the British War Office's special representative in the Far East, the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, Mr. Duff

THE BALANCED BUDGET—AN ELUSIVE GOAL

THE EVIDENCE that the Eisenhower Administration will not be able to balance the spending budget for the year beginning July 1, 1953, even if taxes remain at their present level, continues to pile up.

The President has made a bold move to reduce appropriations next year by some \$8.5 billion. It is a different matter, however, to cut actual spending, since there is a large carryover of funds previously appropriated for the fiscal year.

Several top Administration officials have shared the President's burden of spreading the bad news. It fell to Secretary of the Treasury Humphrey, however, to apply the clincher. Testifying before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee last week, Mr. Humphrey said flatly "there is no prospect at all for anything but an increase in the national debt at the present time." And he added:

"Although I am distressed that we cannot balance the budget this year, I do not believe it should be balanced this year. The risks that would be incurred by our security would simply be too great."

Humphrey's position is a realistic one. There have been many number of self-appointed experts, some of them in the newspaper business, who have "proved" to their satisfaction that a balanced budget is possible and a big tax reduction could be achieved.

BIRDS OF A FEATHER

IF YOU START OUT from the premise that members of college athletic conferences should largely play within their league, the withdrawal of seven big schools from the big and unwieldy Southern Conference is a logical step.

Seventeen schools were represented in the conference before the split. That would be too many if all were of approximately the same size, had roughly the same interests, and produced teams of generally the same caliber.

But when the 17 numbered such athletic behemoths as Duke, UNC, Wake Forest, N. C. State, Clemson, South Carolina and Maryland, and such modest and moderate teams as those of Wake Forest, Wake, Washington, VPI, VMI, Davidson, Lee, Richmond, William & Mary, Washington, The

FOR BETTER LIVING IN MECKLENBURG

IT WASN'T so long ago that the washboard, the kerosene lamp and the ice box were standard equipment on the farm. Today's farm women have modern kitchens. They keep up with the world and the community as easily as they can in their own homes.

Much of this improvement results from the expansion of R. A. the building of better secondary roads, the long period of high farm prices. But we would like to mention today another important contributor—the home demonstration program and its agents.

THE CASE OF THE CANNED HAMBURGER

OUR NOMINATION for the man who most merits the 1953 sympathy award is Mick Fred Ansara, the president of a small packing company in San Francisco. His complaint can't comply with the Army regulations about canned hamburgers.

Any fool knows that a fellow can't even see his wife's face unless he buys frozen hamburgers. Pat them ever so uniformly, season them ever so exquisitely, fry them neither too done nor too rare, and lay them gently on a warm bun between layers of golden mustard and ketchup.

Mr. Ansara's problem is more complicated. He has more than 18 wives piled up. He has a good many thousands of dollars tied up in canned hamburgers that the Army has rejected. And being a social business man, he can't afford to lose that money.

So he told his sad story to a small business subcommittee. The Army, he said, wants him to fry his hamburgers in small, round pans and to cook them until they have shrunk 30 per cent, no more no less.

AD-X2 Vs. NBS

WASHINGTON (AP)—It has only been a short time ago that controversy over the conduct of the Justice Department and Internal Revenue Bureau resulted in scandals which shook the country. Many of the men who brought reproach upon these departments were now in the news.

A new controversy has arisen involving the National Bureau of Standards. While the Justice Department and the Internal Revenue Bureau controversies involved largely money, the NBS, among many other vital matters, is participating extensively in atomic and defense programs.

JESS M. BITCHIE, President, Plans to Retire (Battery AD-X2)

Defeated Concord Candidate's Views

CONCORD The election is over and we three Negro candidates in Concord are defeated. Though a few of our ministers of the city had urged that we should run, I hope they were defeated in the race—whom shall we blame for it?

Five or six men in the city have always confided and raised the Negroes of Concord to be deceived. Ah, they will have to consider and unite toward his own retirement until after the next year's Congressional service.

Irony is that both Lambertson and Smith have voted consistently against social benefits for others, but apparently believe in government handouts for themselves.

In addition to his \$2,160 government pension, Lambertson is drawing another government salary as a County Commissioner. He also owns a 200-acre farm in Fairview, Kansas.

Ex-Congressman Lambertson, discussed for comment, said he didn't want to discuss

Belmont Abbey Pleased

BELOMONT (AP)—I WANT to thank you very much for the excellent coverage you gave to our 75th Anniversary celebration last week. The splendid co-operation of our community leaders in every field has certainly given us great encouragement in our expansion program as a four-year, degree-granting institution.

GILBERT F. FARLEY, Director of Public Relations, Belmont Abbey College

I Drew Blanks

GASTONIA, N. C. (AP)—I wonder if any of your readers have had experience in drawing blanks? I have written an awful lot of blanks when I write to agencies like Traveler's Aid, the Red Cross, welfare department, and even the FBI. I have wanted all of them to do something for me that was slightly off the regular type of work they do, but only barely off.

OSCAR GOODWIN

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON (AP)—The records are supposed to be confidential, but a Washington Post article has parlayed a \$14 investment into a lifetime government pension of \$2,160 a year. He is William P. Lambertson, Kansas Republic politician, who served 15 years in the House.

However, he didn't contribute a cent toward his own retirement until after the left Congress. Then his Kansas colleague, Congressman Jim Smith, put Lambertson on the Federal payroll from Jan. 3 to Jan. 1, 1947—just long enough for him to pay \$14 into the retirement fund.

A small town in a place where the first gas station can be found, and where anyone who has a Marilyn Monroe calendar—Elliott (Ga.) Su.

A good salesman is one who can talk his way out of anything. He is the man who talks his customers into—Elliott (Ga.) Su.

\$14 Buys Life Pension For Ex-Congressman

The Democrats will charge that Burgess sent a check for \$14 to the U. S. Veterans Administration, Federal Housing Administration and Export-Import Bank, and that he used the money to add to the profits of his banker friends.

Burgess, on the other hand, is convinced that higher rates are for the public good. He argues that they will combat inflation and strengthen the American economy by discouraging people from plunging into debt.

Senatorial Cupid

MISCHIEVOUS Senators are kidding the Senate's "single" couple—Georgia's strait-laced widow, Dick Russell, and Maine's charming widower, Charles Smith—about a possible romance.

The kidding got its spark from a coy remark that Mrs. Smith dropped before the closed doors of the Senate Armed Services Committee. Chairman Leverett Saltonstall told a Massachusetts newspaper that he was the "distinguished former chairman" whom Mrs. Smith had married on the journey to Rangoon began to

terred a bit over the word "love," which was meant to be a little "love" for "cheer." Senatorial procedure. So the Massachusetts Yankee cleared his throat and corrected the "too" and "and" to "and."

Washington Pipeline Through an inadvertence, Congressman I. Anderson of Minnesota was confused by the name of a Congressman from Anderson of Minnesota. Both are in the same party.

Red Wing, Minn., who scolded Iowa's Congressman Russell about the "piggy bank" utilities—Mamie Eisenhower, who has her husband called "Mr. Ike" and who is a good friend of the consider plain "like" as, too undignified,