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AMONG THE ALLIES, A PROSPECT FOR PEACE

ONE OF Herblock's cartoons the other day pictured British and American legislators tossing rocks at each other across the Atlantic. Bewildered John Q, Public, trying to dodge the barrage, suggested that "Maybe wed better start with a Big 2 meel-

After the unfortunate and totally unnec-After the unfortunate and totally unnecessary Congressional upons over a rather mild and generous speech by Clement Attlee, subsequently distorted and misrepresented in headlines and in Senate speeches, if became apparent that the free nations should try to iron out their own difficulties before any serious shought was given to a Big 3 or Big 4 session including the Russian State of the State

sians.

Now comes the announcement in Washington, London and Paris that President Eisenhower, Prime Minister Churchill and the Premier of France will meet at Bermuda next month to talk over common problems. It was planned that Premier Mayer would attend, but his government fell yesterday, and it is not yet known who will succeed him.

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Thoughful persons in all the free nations will breathe a sigh of relief that caliner heads have prevailed, and that the three nations, allied in war and peace, are moving allowly and deliberately to patch up their differences. The sikes in the world crisis are too great, the cooperative objective too important for hotheads to be permitted to important for hotheads to be permitted to some of the differences may be too great to be solved at a single meeting, especially since the leaders must consider public option in their countries. For example, the recognition of Red China and its eventual

prospect for Peace

admission into the United Nations can
hardly be discussed at all so long as the
aggression in Norea and Indo-China continues.
But another pressing issue, the state of
European defenses, does lend itself to profitable discussion. There is an inclination on
both sides of the Atlantic to yield to domestic pressures and slow down the pace of
European defense work. And there is onmatter of getting Franch to ratify the comhatter of getting Franch to the state of
heads of state are able to work out reasonhable solutions of these and other big issues,
than a major conference to which Russia
would be invited might offer some hope of
accomplishment. The new unity among the
free nations, of itself, would encourace Russia to modify its plan of world conquest. For
there is every evidence that Moscow still
believes the democracies will fall out among
themselves. The coming Big 3 meeting may
dispet that stilly notion. dispel that silly notion.

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The made clear that the initiative for the Bermida conference came from the White House, although Mr. Churchill has repeatedly expressed himself in favor of high-level talks. Having taken the leadership in this enterprise. President Eisenhower will be wise to add to his retinue a few responsible Congressional leaders of both parties who will serve in an advisory capacity. Relentless attacks on the Yalta, Tehran and Potsdam conferences have surrounded personal diplomacy with an aura of suspicion. The presence of a few key Congressional leaders will help allay that suspicion, and improve the chances for public acceptance of any agreements that may be worked out.

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THE APPOINTMENT of Edward Scheidt
as Commissioner of Motor Vehicle is
schearly the master-stroke of Governor Umstead's administration so far.
The former G-man has all the qualifications anyone could desire for the important
post. He has wide experience in law enforcement work. He is an able executive. He is
one of the best diplomats North Carolina
has ever produced. He is a man of good
character and integrity, And, best of all, he
will go lint be job completely free of any
political enfangiements.
In time, this last qualification may become
the most important of all. Unfortunately, the
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Fisher to Rosser's post, it represented an-other political gesture.

The task shead for the new Commissioner, after he takes office next month, is a big one. Highway safety has come in for rough handling by the past few General Assem-blies, and the people speear to be apathetic about it. One of Scheid's most important duties will be to focus statevide attention on the pressing need for greater highway

safety, and to convince the General Assem-bly that better laws and better enforcement

bly that better laws and better encrement are needed.

Beyond that, there is a need for a complete overhauling of the motor vehicle laws. At the request of Colonel Fisher, the Institute of Government prepared a lengthy and well-documented set of recommended changes for the 1953 General Assembly, but the suggestions got lost in the legislative whether.

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The suggestion of the

Umstead merits the highest praise for luring him to the key administrative position.

HODGES' RESIGNATION A BLOW TO N. C.

IN HIS FIRST TERM as State Treasurer,
Erandon P. Hodges made quite a reputatior. He was not only an efficient head of
the state treasury, but he developed into a
highly effective and persuasive spokesman
for North Carolina in its drive for new

Well pleased with his services, the people

Well pleased with his services, the people re-elected, him in 1982 to a new four-year term. Governor Umstead was banking heavily on his help in the stepped-up drive for an even larger share of the new industry that is Beided Dixieward.

As in so many other instances since World War II. Hodges found that public service did not offer the same attraction financially that private enterprise holds out. So he has position with a Western North Carolina paster and fifther company. paper and fiber company.

paper and fiber company.

Hodges' decision to resign is understandable, but nonetheless regrettable. For North Carolina stands in need of his rather excep-

tional talents. That the state has not gotten its share of new postwar industry is not his fault. Rather it was because under the nis rault. Rather it was because under the Cherry and Scott administrations, not enough emphasis was placed on the staffing and equipping of an industrial research bureau capable of finding out new ways to use native Tar Heel materials in industry, and of selling the state and its rich resources to out-of-state industrialists. Hodges' work in this field was a sort of sideline—"beyond the_call of duty," as Governor Umstead phrased it in his statement on the retire— ment.

The Asheville man has been considered a potential candidate for governor in 1956, or for the U. S. Senate, in case Senator Clyde R. Hoey decides not to seek re-election. His retirement from public service at this time does not mean that he has removed himself from future consideration for public office.

From The Washington Post

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

S ONE FACET of its indefatigable cam-A paign against governmental censorship, the freedom of information committee of the American Society of Newspaper Editors has addressed the General Assembly of North American Solice's on reconjugate the man addressed the General Assembly of the Carolina and addressed the General Assembly of the Carolina of public meetings of its Joint Aspropriation Committee and subcommittee. For more than a quarter of a centry, until the Spring of this year, North Carolina's Assembly discussed its appropriation problems—and with salutary results—where newsmen and other could hear them and report them to the people generally. A better corrective against waste and logrolling could scarcely be devised, Just lately, however, the 1925 act was repealed and the sessions of the appropriations committees were again held behind closed doors.

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This practice is not, to be sure, unusual.
Numerous other State Legislatures, not to
speak of the Congress of the United States,
talline if with respect to some stages of their
spreporiation hearings. But it is an outmodel practice—the more so in a time when
the growing complexity of this nort of legisation makes it increasingly difficult to de-

tect and correct defects when bills are at last brought to open discussion on the floor,

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As the ASNE committee pointed out in its letter to the North Carolina General Assembly, "When a legislative body proceeds in secret, errors accumulate throughout the deliberation and may be carrierly be discovered too late for easy and quick correction." The editors added to this practical consideration the philosophical admonition of John Stuart Mill: "By the utmost possible publicity and liberty of discussion... not merely a few individuals in succession, but the whole public are made, to a certain extent, participants in the government and sharers in the instruction and mental exercise derivable from it."

Undoubtedly, there are legislative, delib-rations which must be carried on in secret the deliberations of the Atomic Energy Committee, for example. But most committee work could and should be conducted in the open. We hope that North Carolina will once more make itself a model for the rest of the country. 'Funny Weather, Isn't It?'



People's Platform

The 1875 Celebration

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CHARLOTTE Editors, Tru News;
NIRE companies taking part in the great celebration of May 20, 1875, called the Mcklenburg centennial, are stated in a local newspaper
of that date lo, have been. "The Rescue, the Hook
and Ladder; Eure companies of Raleigh; the Hook
and Ladder; O New Bern, which arrived in Charlotte at 6 o'clock on the morning of the 19th
citizens Corner Band of Raleigh, and the Citzens Band of New Bern."
"They were met at the depot by the Hornet and
Ploneer Fire Companies and the Mcklenburg
Courses of this city. Three cheers were given for
the fire departments of New Bern, Raleigh, and

the tire departments of New Derit, Andrea, Jacks, Andrea, Andrea chapter chapter ceremonies that day, and at the conclusion, of the speech-unaking, the "Mecklenburg Polka" was played by the New Bern band, this musical number having been composed by a memory of the band especially for this occasion. The celebration began with the firing of this occasion. The celebration began with the firing of the Artiller? Committee.

On Memorial Day, May 10, there were also elaborate ceremonies, and three fire companies, are listed as taking part in the parade, namely, the thornest, the Plomeer, and the Independent Blook and Ladder companies, and three Independent Blook and Ladder companies, and the Companies of the Companies

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your newspaper and sit down and read it, and
then fail to pay the delivery boy who brings it.

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our paperboy came by to collect. He seemed to be
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And how right he was, for dishonesty doesn't pay,
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MAMIE BARGER

Where Reason Is Left Free CHARLOTTE

Editors, The News:

MUST we copy Russia in order to resist her?

What I dislike most about the Russian philosophy is not that it is Communistic or socialistic but that it is authoritarian. For them truth has

been attained—it is wrong to seek further or to question.

What I have always liked most about our American philosophy is that truth is being sought—there are no barriers to investigation. Changes are possible. So we do not need to fossilize. Our worst ain would be to accept without question and to cease to change—to consider changes unpatriotic.

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I suppose there have always been those who
would limit the field of freedom of thought. Jefferson had opposition in his light for it.

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any among us who wish to dissolve this union,
or to change its republican form, let them stand
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reason is left free to combatt curred in the epinthem to the same that the safety of the same to the
about the mind that was constitutional, he
also stated his doubts as to the wisdom or desirability of such an act. He said: "The mark of a
ruly evilled man is confidence in the strength
and security derived from the inquiring mind. We
may be gradeful out be undraid of its uncertainties. Without open minds there can be no
open society, and if society be not open the spirit
of man is mutilated and becomes ensiawed."

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These two men may have expressed a philosophy uncomfortable to those who wish to establish the final form of government; but to those of us who wish freedom to seek and to change when experience proves changes needed, their courage and wisdom are inspiring.

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-DORA ELLIS.

Congressional Quotes

"The Democrats haven't all been thrown out of office, and should not be," Rep. Norris Cotton (R. H.) said in a-Ms. In the control of the cont

"Boiled down, our (interest in European affairs)
... looks very much like intermedding," Rep.
Usher L. Burdick (R. N. D.) add in a May 7 newietter." ... We did pretty well under our policy
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in trouble
... if anyone can show on the other side of the
clader a single asset to us, it would be good news
to the taxpayers and the fathers and modhers of
our sacrificed manhood."

Dan Reed & Co. Roll Along In Defiance Of White House

By MARQUIS CHILDS

Sir. Received would be considered to the consideration of the considerat

will beome a nation of taxpaying slaves."
Not only will Chairman Reed allow the excess profits tax to expire. He has the power to block a substitute substitute are regular corporation income tax rate. The latter would encounter strong opposition from the big corporations.
Whether Reed will get his way and reduce personal income taxes by \$5 billions in advance of the January I expiration date is one of the substitute of the

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for or against the Reed proposals. On abother issue before the edecommittee Administration spokesmen were containely vague. Trade Agreements. Democratic members complained to the control of the contr

other imports.

House Speaker Joseph Martin wants to be a loyal Eisenhower lieutenant. Perhaps he will find a way to bring his old friend, Dan Reed, into line. But much time has been lost and much of the President's prestige has been eroded away.

When A Man Wears 3 Stars, He Oughta' Act Like Adult

By ROBERT C. RUARK

AM NOT particularly awethe grands and play of Li. Gen.
Glenn Barcus, who has been flying Sabre-jet missions in Korea,
while telling the enemy who he
was and why he was flying. I
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NEW YORK his soldier's pay, and should be a Month of the particularly awe accepted as a counterpart to danter the grandstand play of Li. Gen. beras sometimes get a lot of peofenn Barcus, who has been five ple killed as a result of specific Sabre-jet missions in Korea, while telling the enemy who have the five previous many the process of being was and why he was frying. I specifically a specific process of being was and why he was frying. I specifically a specific process of being was and why he was frying. I specifically a specific process of being was and why he was frying. I specifically a specific process of being was a specific process.

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Los Angeles Probe Timed For Election Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

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itien is to be held, he rashes in with his government operations from michigan. The signs Republican from Michigan, who voted against every defense measure before Pearl Harbor, delivered Superior the signs of the

nice Congressional nonentity whose voting record is pretty much pedestrian except that he has lined up consistently with the real-estate lobby. Like Bowron, he is a Republican

Interesting Record

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HE also has a more interesting record than most members of the House for putting members of his family on the government pay rolling his wife. For a form of the House for continuous manners of the House for putting members of his family on the government pay rolling his produced by the Government to run his office and help his constituents during 1951-33.

A daughter, Mrs. Erna B. Anderberg, drew \$12,047 from the same fund from 1948-51.

Another daughter, Particla Willis, Tracticeved \$3,031 of the taxpayers money from 1948-51.

Finally, daughter Carol N. Brandt received \$3,031 of the taxpayers money from 1948-51.

Total take from the money alletted ber creded \$3,031 of the taxpayers money from 1948-51.

Total take from the Government by the Poulson family during this five-year period was \$37,703. Add this to Poulson's own government salvey of \$500 during that It is more than likely that Mayor Bowron, who has been running the city of Los Angeles for 14 years and has done a notable job of cleaning it up, would not be the same pay that the same pay that the same pay and the same pay that the same pay against him, the Mayor got his dander up. Into this dynamic-laden political situation between two Emphales. Hoffman, descended last week for the purpose of

stirring up tae public-housing situation in favor of his friend Norris Poulson.

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Another California Congressman Gerdon L. McChonogal of the German German

vestigation, they feet, should come after election. It his, however, the reculcions of the state of the state