

'I'll Compromise And Make The Chain A Little Longer'

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CITIZENS SET LAW ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS

A PART from the merits of the evidence in the Littlejohn hearing, Judge J. H. Rudisill's blast at the operation of slot machines and gambling devices in private clubs underscores a point we have made frequently in these columns.

Although the Moose Club was singled out in testimony Friday, many other private clubs within the city limits sanctioned the operation of slot machines over a long period of time as a means of raising club revenue. After a warning from the authorities, the clubs were put on a much more solid financial basis, and the members were no longer in the embarrassing position of condoning law violations.

WHAT HAPPENED TO SCHOOL FORMULA?

THE ACT authorizing last October's 72 million dollar school and mental institution bond issue provided that 25 million dollars of the school funds should be allocated to the counties under a special formula to be worked out by the State Board of Education.

Three months have now passed, and the Board of Education has still not produced a formula. At the time the bond issue was proposed to the General Assembly, the urgency of local school needs was emphasized. By Oct. 3, the needs were even more critical. Each passing month since then has increased the need.

INDUSTRY MOVES TO RURAL AREAS

IT WILL BE months before accurate U. S. Department of Commerce figures are available to show whether North Carolina held its own with other southern states in the competition for new industry. Even so, the year-end report of the Department of Conservation & Development shows substantial progress toward an economy that is better diversified and more widely dispersed geographically.

Most encouraging of all was the continued geographical dispersal of new industry. A new \$900,000 textile plant at Pine Hot Springs, the 30 million dollar du Pont plant at Kinston, four million dollar National Spinning Co. facility at Washington, the huge American Thread plant at Sevier, electronics factories at Sanford and W. Jefferson—these and others represented a healthy industrial development in areas that were considered too isolated for industry before steam generation of electricity and modern highway networks freed manufacturers to place their facilities almost anywhere.

BEASTS, MONSTERS, SAUCERS AND SNOWMEN

WITH that intrepid trio of News scribes, The Grady, Green and Scherer, and sundry other reporters, policemen, a posse and hundreds of curious onlookers hot after The Beast of Bladenboro, this "vampire's" days are numbered. Surely, 'ere many moonlight nights have passed, some Nimrod will place a silver bullet between The Beast's eyes, and dogs and rabbits will be safer, newsmen duly.

North Carolina has long needed not only money, but a better distribution of industry throughout the state. And when all the values are measured, this trend may prove to be more important in the long run than a few extra facilities in the already industrialized areas.

TIT FOR TAT

WHEN THE REPUBLICANS took over, they counted all the gold in Fort Knox and found it tallied out to the last ounce. Now that someone made off momentarily with new \$200 bills from the Bureau of Engraving, would it not be proper for the Democrats to ask permission to count the money in the Bureau?

There is no more touchy or politically fateful issue before this session of Congress. "If Benson and the speaker come up with a so-called flexible farm support program," the politically shrewd Humphrey has remarked flatly. "The Republicans will lose the whole Middle West in November."

THE PUNCH YOU ROLL WITH

TECHNICAL jargon never fails to fascinate us, and we are also hypnotized by an economic analyst's description of what is now going on business-wise as a "rolling readjustment."

In which slow but steady decline of business activity is expected to doubt individual attitudes toward it will depend upon who gets rolled. A doctor says that two apples a day are better than one. Maybe in this day of specialists it's necessary to keep two doctors away?—KINGSTON (TENN.) TIMES.



Rapier Better Than Bludgeon Democrats' Shrewd Strategy

By STEWART ALSOP

WASHINGTON Lyndon Johnson of Texas, astute minority leader, has been quietly circulating among his fellow Democrats a memorandum outlining his ideas on party strategy in this session of Congress. The Johnson strategy, which is widely accepted by Democrats in both houses, makes an interesting footnote to President Eisenhower's State of the Union message.

both ways on a whole series of issues, like housing, social security, tariffs, taxes and others, on which they confidently expect the Republicans to battle furiously among themselves. It has been reported that the Democrats have agreed on taking the offensive, in this case against Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, by cutting off funds for his committee or by some other tactic. No doubt, some senators would like to do so, but here again the waiting game is more likely to be played. The Democratic leaders confidently expect McCarthy's son to take off again after the Administration in general and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles in particular. As one Democratic leader remarked: "Why the hell should we take McCarthy off the administration's back?"

Most Democrats Agree

THIS wait-and-see, pick-and-choose strategy is now about as close to being official as any plan can be under the American party system. A few Democrats, to be sure, notably Sen. Estes Kefauver of Tennessee, would still prefer an immediate frontal attack. But the Johnson strategy is accepted in principle by senators ranging from Robert Humphrey of Minnesota on the left, to many conservative southerners on the right. It is also supported by Johnson's fellow-Texasian, Walter Dill Scott, Johnson's chief of staff, who is indeed in a sense co-author of the strategy. Contrary to previous report, there has been no falling out between Johnson and Rayburn, and the two are in theory, at least, working very closely together. As to how this Democratic strategy is supposed to function in practice, the farm issue provides a specific example.

Out For GOP Blood

THE fact that this Democratic strategy involves no frontal assaults should not for a moment be taken to mean that the Democrats have been converted to sweetness and light. There is, of course, much talk about "reasonable opposition"—and in some cases this talk is no doubt sincere. But the fact remains that the Democrats, smarting from the recent Dewey-Bronwell attack, their eyes fixed on 1954 and 1956, have come to Washington thirsting for Republican blood.

People's Platform

Why Won't Railroad Act? CHARLOTTE EDITOR'S NEWS: AFTER reading Mrs. Marvin Overcash's letter to A to you I am writing this one to you in the hope that something will be done about the railroad crossing at the intersection of Highway 10 and Highway 100. I am a neighbor of the mother who lost her only son at the same crossing just before Christmas. This boy was one of her two means of support, her husband not being able to work. This boy loved his life just as you and I do ours. If there had been any signal or sign there or even if there had been a flagman there and his mother would not be grieving her heart out.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON THE speaker of the House of Representatives is just off the floor of Congress when he rests up from presiding over the sometimes tumultuous 455 members of the house. But Speaker Joe Martin seldom occupies this office. Instead he has a couple of rooms behind the speaker's rostrum, looking down Pennsylvania Avenue toward the White House, for which he has to pass a difficult legislative program. There you will usually find Joe, as everyone on Capitol Hill calls him, with a big pile of papers on his desk. "The speaker apologizes for his papers," a newspaperman says, "can't never get his desk cleared up." (Most people don't know, incidentally, that the speaker is a newspaper publisher by profession and a politician by choice, being the owner of the North Antiochian, Mass. Chronicle.)

Horse Of Another Color

(From The Mattoon (Ill.) Journal-Gazette) REMEMBER the horse laughs produced by the advent of the pony tail hairdo? Well, brace yourselves men. If a certain set of Florida clothes designers has its way, the pony tail will seem as conservative as the color black does on the modern automobile. Race horses, it seems, are setting the pattern for the feminine wardrobe this year. At least, that's the theme Miami designers plan to introduce during the coming rest season this winter. Six items as horse tails hanging from their belts, jockey caps and tapered pants in the gayest of racing colors are absolute musts for the well-groomed female this winter. One designer stretched his imagination to the breaking point, she has fashioned a horse blanket to be thrown over the shoulder and strapped at the waist with a saddle cinch. This particular outfit will be made from plain cotton twill and burial.

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By CONGRESSIONAL QUARTERLY

CITIZENS for Eisenhower, created with winning some independent and Democratic votes to the Republican ticket in 1952, is organizing to give the President the boost it thinks he will need in 1955 and 1956—pro-Eisenhower Republican congressmen. National Citizens for Eisenhower Congressional Committee, an outgrowth of the Citizens for Eisenhower movement, expects to concentrate on tipping the balance in some of the districts which—on the basis of narrow margins of victory in the past—promise to be the battle-grounds for close races in the 1954 House elections. Republican nominees outside the crucial 88 districts will receive NCEC help, too, who they ask for it. But NCEC leaders say the aid they get will be proportionate to the degree of enthusiasm the candidates can generate in the local groups through which the national committee expects to work. AIMED AT INDEPENDENTS Chairman James L. Murphy, NCEC chairman, plans to maintain liaison with such arms of the GOP as the Republican National Committee and the Republican Senate and House Congressional Campaign Committees, he will begin his appeal primarily at independent Democrats, and switch-voting Republicans. NCEC, however, does not see itself as a body of rebellious "young Turks." It will enter primary fights nor support dissidents from GOP organizations. "We are not interested in fostering any schisms in the GOP organization ranks," Murphy told Congressional Quarterly. And, he said, not even a "pro-

Lay Off The High Sentiments If They Just Want More Pigs

By ROBERT C. RUARK

THE gentleman most deserving of the gratitude of his government, it would seem to me, is a Mr. Vern Snieder, whom I do not know, but who wrote a book called "The Teahouse of the August Moon," which has been contrived into a very successful play in New York. Mr. Snieder's story is a very simple one. It purports to tell of what a bewildered young Army officer did on Okinawa, to work himself loose from the difficulties he faced when a local gentleman gave him a pig as a gift. He was so disgusted with the disapproval of his commanding colonel, and the heavy obligation of the civil government set-up, plus some stern stumbling blocks by the local Ladies League for Democratic Action.

Headlines And Footnotes

NEW YORK Gov. Tom Dewey still seems to have his eyes on higher political things. He has recently been wooing the labor bosses. Dewey has reminded them that his man, Secretary of Labor Mitchell, is running the Labor Department and that Sen. Irving L. Davis, another New York Senator, is a key man on the Senate Labor Committee.