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Air Force Would Be Welcome Here

TODAY an official commission is here to take a look at a proposed site for a new Air Force Academy. The tract lies generally between the Huntersville-Davidson highway and the Catawba River.

We rather suspect that Chairman Norman Pease and the other members of the Chamber of Commerce Air Force Academy committee will give the visiting officials all the information to be had on the tract, the community, the area, the state, and the region. There is no purpose in our going over that ground again.

But if we can do so without appearing to be presumptuous, we'd like to speak a word for the community.

If, after viewing all the potential sites, the commission should settle upon

Mecklenburg County, officials and students of the new Academy may confidently expect the warmest greeting and the friendliest continued association it is in the power of any community to give.

Mecklenburg County has developed into a metropolitan area, but it has kept much of the flavor of smaller, rural counties. And nowhere in Mecklenburg is that warm, easy-going, neighborliness more pronounced than in the northern end of the county where the tentative site is situated.

In sum, the new Academy will find good neighbors on all sides, a not inconsiderable factor when added to the many other obvious reasons why the destinies of Mecklenburg and the Air Force Academy should be linked together.

Firing Of Fascists' Wants Explanation

THE Army-McCarthy hassle has crowded out of the news columns, or into the back pages, a good deal of Washington news that deserves more attention than it has received. One such piece of news was State Department Security Officer Scott McLeod's report, last week, on "security risk" dismissals by the State Department.

He said, as reported by UNITED PRESS, that dismissals included 148 persons suspected of Communist activities, and 15 "believed to be Fascists."

To our knowledge, this is the first time, during recent years, that government employes have been dismissed because they were believed to be Fascists. Certainly this action raises some questions which want full explanation.

In the first place, what are the present government standards, is a Fascist? Is he someone who adheres to the philosophy of former Fascist regimes which once threatened the U. S., like Nazi Germany? Is he an advocate of extant Fascist regimes, like Peru, Argentina and Franco's Spain? Or is he a person

with extreme right-wing views but no connection with foreign fascism?

Which is it, the "Fascists" don't warrant dismissal from government on the same grounds that Communists do, for one simple reason. There is a worldwide Communist conspiracy which threatens the nation. Communists or pro-Communists in government might further that conspiracy against the U. S. But there is no worldwide Fascist conspiracy. These "Fascists" might hold ideas unpopular with many Americans, but their presence in government would not endanger it as the presence of Communists would.

Certainly no sound conclusions can be drawn until Mr. McLeod elaborates his report. On the face of it, his statement raises the suspicion that persons with unorthodox views or merely believed to have unorthodox views are *persona non grata* to the State Department, even though they may be loyal, trustworthy and capable. If the suspicion is well-founded, this concept of suppressing the unorthodox must be questioned.

She showed herself already competent at the Washington apt test of question - rarrying, and she made it even tougher for the reporters by doing it in cow-country language: it was a little like the new boy in the class answering the other kids in pig Latin to show he knew a thing or two but wasn't going to commit himself until he found out the general attitude of the bigger kids.

One question was, did she intend to counteract the evils of the loan shark system. During recent years these cooperative savings and lending organizations have grown astronomically. During the past five years, BUSINESS WEEK reports, they have increased in number from 9,231 to 14,208, almost doubling their membership to over seven million persons, and almost tripled their assets, which now stand at nearly two billion dollars.

"Certainly employes now at the mercy of loan sharks would be well-served to form credit unions, and their employers would render a service by encouraging them to do so.

Eisenhower Reaffirms Congress' Role

PRESIDENT EISENHOWER has said time and again that he has full respect for the role of Congress in declaring war. And he has made it clear that he will not order the bases into action without such a declaration from Congress.

Against that background, the reaffirmation of his views on the subject at yesterday's press conference was hardly news. But against the background of more recent events, the President made the headlines with his statement.

Over a period of several weeks, during which Communist military forces squeezed Dien Bien Phu ever more tightly while Communist diplomats were getting ready for Geneva, a rash of statements from high U. S. officials pointed to the eventual use of U. S. forces in Indochina. Vice President Nixon's "off-the-record" answer to a hypothetical question on April 16 put it more bluntly than any other official had dared do. Mr. Nixon said that if the French pulled out of Indochina, he personally would favor the use of U. S. troops to stop the Communists. The Nixon statement, in turn, inspired a rash of statements from the Capitol, most of them viewing with alarm the idea of using U. S. troops in Indochina.

The President's remarks at his press conference yesterday were apparently calculated to quiet the apprehension of all the American people, including the members of Congress, that the nation is on the brink of another Korean War. Being reassured, members of Congress should now be very guarded in their public remarks on the Indochina situation, especially while Secretary of State Dulles is conducting his delicate negotiations in Geneva.

But there is another side to the coin. If the President's statement is useful to the American nation, it is also useful to the Communists. Both Moscow and Peking are well aware that there is little or no sentiment in Congress for a declared war in Indochina, unless it should be set off by another Pearl Harbor which would seal our differences and galvanize the nation into all-out preparation.

None the less, the President may be encouraged to move ahead their schedule for conquering Southeast Asia, while carefully skirting an incident that would bring Congress into line behind a declaration of war.

President Eisenhower's respect for the constitutional process is reassuring. But between the President and the people, as between friends, there are certain things which, being understood, can be left unsaid.

Another Way To Curb Loan Sharks

THE OTHER DAY we called attention to the evils of the loan shark system in this state. Because North Carolina has inadequate small loan laws, loan sharks collect hundreds of thousands of dollars annually, through exorbitant charges for insurance and fees, at the expense of the poor and ignorant.

The General Assembly can halt these abuses by forbidding lenders to make any charges except a fair rate of interest. But there is another way in which the market for loan sharks can be curtailed. That is through formation of credit unions among employes.

Credit unions were started originally from The Norfolk Virginia Pilot

A RABBIT STORY

A STORY going around Washington not only is evidence of the climate there but also evidence that there is nothing really new in a funny story.

As told by Rep. Omar Burleson, Democrat of Texas, in a letter to his constituents, two rabbits were running across a field as fast as they could go and one of them pulled up to a screaming stop in the manner of the animal characters in a Walt Disney film, and asked: "Why are we running so fast?"

"Haven't you heard?" his companion replied. "One of the committees is looking for a goat."

So off they ran again as fast as they could go until the first rabbit again stopped, in a cloud of dust, and said, "But we're not goats."

"Of course not," the second rabbit replied, "but can you prove it?"

The pleasure of telling the story is considerably curtailed because some literary character is apt to point out that

Gov. Knight True Specimen Of The 'California Party'

By DORIS FLEESON

WASHINGTON

I HAS LONG been charged by serious students of politics that there are three major parties in the United States: Republican, Democrat and Californians. The general failure to acknowledge this is responsible for the common complaint by Californians that people — especially in Washington — don't understand them.

That complaint has just been renewed by Gov. J. Goodwin Knight, a registered Republican and the titular leader of the California Democratic Governor Knight is in town to pick up, if possible, his state's share of tideland royalties—\$2 million dollars — and participate incidentally in a drought conference. (Please don't think for a minute that California has a drought but it was deemed polite to accept the President's invitation.)

Mr. Knight indicated the governorship when Earl Warren was appointed Chief Justice of the United States. The Knight claim to titular leader of the Democrats rests on the fact that he won both a Democrat, Pat Brown, was swept in as attorney general.

Gov. Knight appears confident that he can win even in the primary over the Democratic nominee, Richard Graves, a former Warren associate. A major reason cited is his endorsement by the American Federation of Labor. Labor's reason, publicly stated, Knight got them the votes to pass a bill raising unemployment compensation from \$25 to \$30 and he has promised to veto any anti-labor legislation such as a right-to-work bill during the next four years.

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Obviously, The Senate's New Lady Wasn't Born Yesterday

By ERIC SEVAREID
CBS News Analyst

WASHINGTON

IT'S NOT very often when we get a new senator in mid-term around here, and it always causes a certain stir, not only inside the club, but among those who chronicle the doings of the members. It's like a new boy joining the class in mid-semester, or a new girl showing up, a little defensive, at the sorority house, or a new fellow moving to town. So there was a fair amount of neck-racing and first impression exchanging when the new lady senator from Nebraska was sworn in, the attractive Mrs. E. Bowring on Tuesday.

She's a grandmother and runs a cattle ranch that consumes a considerable proportion of Nebraska's wheat. This gives her a name in the Senate now and there twice as much opportunity for the male senators to demonstrate their gallantry. Some senatorial gallantry is a little on the heavy-handed side, sometimes it gets a little obscure. This time it was obscure.

NO 'IMPLICATION' she came down the aisle to take with her two women by Nebraska's Sen. Butler, and Vice President Nixon remarked, "She's a grandmother and runs a cattle ranch that consumes a considerable proportion of Nebraska's wheat. This gives her a name in the Senate now and there twice as much opportunity for the male senators to demonstrate their gallantry. Some senatorial gallantry is a little on the heavy-handed side, sometimes it gets a little obscure. This time it was obscure."

How does she stand on foreign affairs? Reply: "May I tighten my cinch before I tell you my views? Well, the reporters were perfectly willing if she wanted to expose herself a minute and tighten her cinch, but she didn't seem to mean that. She seemed to mean that she wanted to try her ideas a bit before speaking out. Thinking back to my own western days, I just assumed myself she meant she wanted to be sure the saddle was secure before she rides off in all directions."

IRE MAY KNOW Question: How does she stand on the farm price support program? Answer: "I'm still not sure you came in with your spurs on." This completely baffled us to do but wait for a translation at the President's next news conference—he keeps up on wild west dialogue and after that anyone else around here.

Question: How would she describe her political position? Answer: "I am a forward looking Republican, but," she quickly added, "we must also remember to look back."

Obviously, this is a lady who wasn't born yesterday, can put the water cooler in her hand, the wheel, and put both ears to the ground without burying her head in the sand.

But I still worried about her last phrase. I'm a little weak on westerns, but I know my Bible pretty well, and I don't remember the new senator that around here ladies who look back are apt to turn into a pillar of society.

People's Platform

Letter 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.

Ft. Bragg Wives

Critical Of Housing

Payetteville

WE ARE writing you in regard to the housing problem existing on Fort Bragg. We are all sergeants' wives living in the Futaw Apartments on Bragg

Most of us have been paid to speak to the Post-Billing Officer. His only comment is, "I get my orders from the high office." To which answer one was asked if the people of the Commander Section would move into such housing. To this our Billing Officer answered in this manner: "I have lived in that type housing." Could be, but has he had his husbands living in such trash?

Some people don't mind living in those places. That's fine. Maybe they were raised in that manner of living. But we feel those barracks should be condemned. They are not fit for human habitation. We've seen barns for animals in much better condition!

We ask you to help us. Maybe if this terrible situation gets a little publicity something can be done. The Air Force has checked these housing areas and they have condemned them. We are also writing our senators and representatives. Please withhold our names so that our husbands won't be privates tomorrow.

—CONCERNED WIVES

The Women Should Have Equal Rights

Charlotte

MORE than ever it has become necessary for our citizens to take an active part in the function of our government. To make it possible for us to do this, we must have equal rights for women. We are also writing our senators and representatives. Please withhold our names so that our husbands won't be privates tomorrow.

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laws in several states. The right of disposal of property is limited in a number of states, and likewise rights and obligations for jury duty are curtailed to a varying degree.

It is hopeless to expect correction of all these non-uniform limitations by state-wide political movements.

An opportunity to lift all those provisions for unequal rights for women which exist in the passage of H.R. 74 introduced by Congressman St. George in the House of Representatives.

All other proposals introduced leave the legal rights of women in a variable and confused condition.

—MRS. JEANNE CRAWFORD

Crittenton Home

Voices Appreciation

Charlotte

PLEASE accept our thanks for your splendid help and cooperation in the local observance of Florence Crittenton Day, April 19. Your aid in the interpretation of that program which for 50 years has served this region by giving Christian aid to the young men and women is deeply appreciated by the entire staff of the Home as well as the members of the board.

—MRS. CHARLES CONNELLY
Public Relations Chairman

McCarthy Opponents' Mentality Described

Monroe

ONE of the most salutary by-products of the McCarthy-Stevens hearings now in progress is the revelation of the type of mentality that opposes the senator. Much of the opposition comes from sincere people who have been deluded by the perversion of truth, perpetrated by those to whom the dissemination of news has sympathy and understanding.

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Everybody comes and tells you about his operation. Naturally your temperature is higher after they have left. Those four hours a day should be eliminated.

Perhaps my view point is warped, as I have experienced so much illness and my temperature was a great deal higher after such visits.

Why don't you campaign against it? I'd love to help you! Visitors are so "well-meaning" but there is a problem involved. One would never be hospitalized if he were not ill and in need of medical care and especially QUIET!

The parking lot at a local hospital, which I was recently a patient reminded me of a football game between Duke & Carolina.

—CHARLOTTE PATIENT



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Milk Back To Cows

Secretary of Agriculture Benson is working on a new program whereby American farmers may soon be eating the same milk they gave to the cows.

In an effort to unload some of the 589 million pounds of dried milk now stored in government warehouses, Secretary Benson has decided to sell a portion of it to processors of animal products. The price set by the Agriculture Department is a mere three and one-half to four cents a pound—only a fraction of what the milk cost the taxpayers. However, this cut-rate sale of dried milk should act as a stimulant to the feed industry and will probably lower the farmers' feed bills a bit.

Actually, the dried milk unloading scheme another way to "solve" the agricultural surplus problem without resorting to the Brannan Plan. Under the Brannan Plan, the Secretary would let the taxpayers out get the benefit of lower milk prices resulting from the surplus. But under this latest maneuver it's the cows, poultry, pigs and other human beings, that will consume the dried milk.

Agricultural economists also expect the new program to be a financial boost for the nation's feed manufacturers. They will be able to add cheap milk to their feed in place of other, more expensive proteins.

Note—The two men who operate the nation's price-support program have been very close to the feed business. Top man is James A. McConnell, administrator of the Commodity Stabilization Service, former executive vice-president of the Orange-Navy League Federation Exchange of Hance, N. Y., one of the world's largest makers and distributors of livestock feed. McConnell's deputy is Walter C. Berger, who was president of the American Feed Manufacturers Association.

Washington Pipeline
American diplomats at Geneva have secretly sounded out the Chinese Communists about settling the Indochina war and stopping all aid to the Vietnam guerrillas. In return for peace, U. S. diplomats propose giving Red China a warm-water port at Hsiphong on the Tonkin Gulf. This would give Red China a vital trade outlet and would mean the partition of Indochina. However, the Red guerrilla leader, Ho Chi Minh, is said to be dead set against compromise, wants to capture Hanoi where his rebellion began in 1946.