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No. 1 On Every Legislator's Checklist

JUST when Charlotte thought it had found an answer to the Supreme Court's pesky right-to-tobacco ruling, the attorney general's office promptly doused it with ice water.

Interpreted a statute that is as plain as it can be about the right to arrest without a warrant.

For exasperated Charlotte law enforcement officers, the prospect of a legal loophole melted in thin air.

This puts the city face to face with an unsealable legal barrier for the present.

Goat Drivers Have Their Rights, But ...

GOAT DRIVERS have their rights. So do muleskickers, bullwhackers, horsemen, pedestrians, motorists and other persons who use the public roads.

Itines unmolessted, snarling traffic as he goes. Cops and lawyers searched vehicle and nuisance statutes, but found none that could be removed from the highway.

Take A Page From Communists' Book

THE British Labor delegation visiting Russia and China has by now seen quite a bit of what the Communists want to see.

expedition. It is not Americans' business. But the trip does point up a neglected aspect of U. S. foreign policy.

Sharp Words For Tough Hides

INSURANCE men and safety experts always enjoy driving their sharp phrase deep into the tough hide of the careless and reckless driver.

possibilities. Take "automobilly," for instance, or even "automobobly."

BASEBALL, ALL SLICKED UP

SOMETIMES we wake up in the middle of the night with the alarming thought that baseball is not what it used to be.

principle that "the customer is always right." Maybe it works fine in department stores, but if it is adopted 100 per cent by the baseball impresarios, they will be laying up trouble for themselves.

And now comes the news that Eddie Stewart has been fired as manager of the Colorado Springs Sox because he gave a few words in kind to some fans who had been "riding" him day in and day out.

We never got the idea that baseball was to be packaged and merchandized and that managers were to wear white carnations like floor-walkers. But that may be because we are withering hold-overs from those ancient baseball-in-the-afternoon days.

Oh—I Thought It Was One Of Our New Jets'



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.

'Queen Should Hide Her Face In Shame'

Charlotte, N.C.

CONGRATULATIONS on your editorial, "The King Can Do No Wrong," and the one below it on your city council in Monday.

I remember the nice words you had on the Drew Pearson episode with your Police Dept. And the City Council appointed a committee, headed by Dr. R. S. Snyder to make a "report" on what Charlotte needed to "wash its dirty face."

When a wonderful "sky pilot" like my dad adopted Dr. Snyder, has to be insulted by your sky row big shots, beg food for his family in his every day, can't pay his bills because the "Queen City" forgot to make an appropriation for him for six months for "free," plus spending all his saved up retirement money on his wife's "The Bomb" when she should hide her face in shame.

U. S. Cannot Allow Have Its Own Way

Pittsboro, N.C.

WE ARE now most likely confronted with one of the most dangerous issues of our time, if not of all time—that of war over Formosa that may lead to the use of the A and H bombs and the annihilation of a large segment of the human race.

The American people do not control their destiny in matters of war and its nature. The American people did not authorize the use of the A-bomb upon the Japanese and I doubt if they ever approved of its use, though it may have saved some American lives. But we as citizens can let our representatives in Congress, the White House and the State Department know how we feel about the matter of war over Formosa, an island on the other side of the globe. After war is on there is nothing we can do other than support our government to the bitter end.

Mutual determination to live with the ideologies we do not like is like the issue of alternative to mutual destruction in this A and H-bomb age. Munich and appeasement are terms of an age now gone.

—JOHN W. HESTER

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

SOMETIMES stenographers rather than statesmen pick the people who run our government.

Only a few inside the White House know it, but an efficient but lowly secretary was responsible for the appointment of Brig. Gen. Herbert Vogel to the vitally important job of boss of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

What happened was that Eisenhower had dropped TVA Administrator Gordon Clapp when his term expired, and was looking for a new man. For a time he considered Bob Neyland, athletic coach at Tennessee University, but it brought too much criticism from the already critical TVA bosses.

Israel May Suffer From The Suez Deal

Rock Hill, S. C.

THE BRITISH evacuation of the Suez Canal will leave Egypt in control of the vitally strategic and most important military base in the world.

As to our interest in Formosa, I can't see it as warranting our going to war to protect it. In fact, we have nothing of a material nature that warrants warring about it. Our prestige is involved and maybe our pledge to Chiang Kai-shek and his supporters that we will protect them. However, I am frank to say that our face or prestige has suffered so much already in Asia that it would not mean any national disaster to have it hammered a little more. Furthermore, we would not have even the token aid from the U. N., for Russia would not be seen "taking a walk," but would be on hand to exercise its veto.

As for the problem of Palestine, that is a problem that can be solved only by force. That force will not be achieved until the Arab nations are freed. The Egyptian Army is unable to fight as long as the British Army separates it from its bases.

Israel today is a new democratic state able to absorb and give the remnants of the horror of Nazi Europe and the hope of the Jews in Arab lands, only because a Christian America thought it necessary and right that the Jews should be able to return to Zion. The American administration can show the Arab nations that the only hope of the improvement of their diseased and impoverished peasantry is in a sincere effort to work for peace in that important area.

Continued threats against Israel by Salah Salem, Egypt's minister of national guidance, make it necessary for our government to point out that the Middle East must remain an area of peace and stability. As Salem said on the eve of the Anglo-Egyptian Suez agreement: "As for the problem of Palestine, that is a problem that can be solved only by force. That force will not be achieved until the Arab nations are freed. The Egyptian Army is unable to fight as long as the British Army separates it from its bases."

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Oil Industry Alarmed About Wave Of Liberal Victories

Washington

WIDELY WORRY of liberals in both parties may be mitigated this fall, if the oil industry as a whole can manage it, there will be less "oil money" in the campaign and what there is will be more widely distributed.

Republican sources are authority for the statement that the oil industry has taken fright from the increasing tide of liberal victories, especially in the South. These sources say that oil men were already uneasily conscious during the public election of the political contributions and activities of the Texas oil millionaires, many of them special friends of Sen. McCarty.

Recent primary returns have convinced them that the Texans are making the worst mistake of all. They are picking losers. And the voters probably have it within their power to shut off the campaign funds poured on so liberally on the effort to elect a reactionary Congress.

For the oil wealth being siphoned into politics—much of it from Texas—is made possible by the fact that the oil men are apparently like and trust most certainly will support any moves they make to curb it. The Texas oil men also have identified oil with McCarty to a degree that bothers the more sedate members of the industry. The Senator from Wisconsin is described in the click rooms as a free rider with promises to get oil money for those who will not support him.

When liberals talk of the problem of oil money in their campaigns, even the most responsible among them usually insist that wonderful witnesses Texas H. L. Hunt of Falls Church and his \$168,000 a day allowance for his family, or ex-treasurer H. R. Cullen, Clint Murchison and others would make at a public hearing. And late re-former President Truman tried in vain to cut it.

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Theft Of Anti-Red Thunder Has GOP Leaders Furious

By JOSEPH & STEWART ALSOP

WASHINGTON. THE WHITE HOUSE, the Republican congressional leaders and, above all, the professional subversive-hunters, are mad as wet cats about the bill to outlaw the Communist Party, and who can blame them?

This theft of anti-Communist thunder was the most cleverly conceived, ruthlessly executed and politically adroit of all the sudden Democratic raids that have been a feature of this session of Congress. If only for this reason, its full story deserves to be told.

The opening scene occurred on the Senate floor on Wednesday of last week. Before the Senate was the Butler bill strengthening the existing law against Communist-dominated labor unions. The Republicans were making it very clear that they regarded the Butler bill and Attorney General Herbert Brownell's other anti-subversive measures as more important than the Communist Party bill.

SENATE DECISION. When Robert Humphrey is up for re-election, and he does not relish the cry of "twenty years of treason" as he subsequently relished, he suddenly decided he would "give the back-row Red-hunters on the other side some real legislation to chew on."

All were agreeable, and so Humphrey took the scheme to the Senate Minority Leader Lyndon Johnson. Johnson was delighted, but so was a member of the conference with Sen. Price Daniel, in order to bring the conservative Democrats into the picture. Daniel joined the raiding party, and by evening all was prepared except the amendments themselves.

The next morning was spent by Humphrey in recruiting other senators. In the end, he had 21 senators representing both the right and left wing extremes of the Senate democracy, when he rose to announce an air of happy coincidence to call up his amendment. Until

that moment, the Republican leadership had no notion of what was afoot.

"I am tired of having people play the Communist issue," said Sen. Humphrey, putting the matter in a nutshell. "I want to come to grips with the Communist issue. I want senators to stand up and to answer whether they are for the Communist Party or against it."

There was no politically honorable answer to that. Sen. Welker grumbled very loudly. Sen. Jenner grumbled very loudly. Sen. Humphrey amiably hinted that Welker and Jenner must be "set on Communist." As had been arranged, Sen. Daniel proposed modifications and clarifications of the Humphrey amendment.

SEN COOPER CHANGED A CLAUSE to guard free speech. And after that the Senate voted unanimously for the amendment and the bill.

RAID RENEWED. This was, of course, a great deal more than the administration wanted. Under White House pressure, the House softened the bill, merely depriving the Communists of the privileges of a political party. Then on Tuesday, in the Senate, Humphrey renewed his raid, asking that the Senate insist on its own original language.

This time, the vote was close, for a majority leader, William Knowland mustered all the faithful on his side. But Knowland was deserted by Sen. William Langer, by Sen. Margaret Chase Smith, the original proposer of outlawry for Communists, and most significantly, by Sen. Thomas H. Kuchel of California, who is a member of the White House.

On the Democratic side, Lyndon Johnson swifly juggled cards to nullify the effect of a couple of Democratic defections. Humphrey won again, by 11 to 39. So the Senate story ended.

Meanwhile Lyndon Johnson had hurried to the House side. There he got House Democratic Leader Rayburn and Rep. Dies to ask a late hour in the evening to ask Senate permission to have "several amendments" printed for later consideration.

The best comment on this method of legislating was made by the response of the Senate Democratic leader, Walter George. "They brought in a political bill," said George, "so we just put a little more politics into it."

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