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## Governor's Committee Faces Big Job

A NEW ACT in the drama begins. Gov. Umstead has named his special advisory committee to study problems rising out of the U. S. Supreme Court decision banning public school segregation. The weeks and months ahead pose immense problems. The state is on the threshold of an era marked "critical" on the calendar of southern progress. It will be a period of thoughtful study, of wary reappraisals of public policy, of momentous decisions. An important role in plotting the course North Carolina will follow throught troubled times has been assigned the 19 citizens Mr. Umstead has selected.

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The time is short. Unfortunately the governor delayed the appointments much longer than he should have. While North Carolina twiddled its thumbs, other southern states were swinging into action. Throughout Dixie, special commissions have been gathering data, evaluating conditions, drafting recommendations. Now, two and one-half months after the historic Supreme Court ruling, North Carolina is just getting started on a job it should just be completing.

But now that a committee has been named it appears, on first examination, to be a good one.

We had urged that the group be biracial, that it have representation from every geographical area in the state and that it be composed of laymen as well as professional educators. The group Mr. Umstead selected meets these specifications.

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However, two matters rate special consideration:

1—We had hoped that among the professional educators there would be a number of classroom teachers. These people, working at public education's grass roots level, would be in a position to contribute ideas and information that top-level administrators might miss.

2—The committee is heavily loaded in favor of the east. Admittedly, this is where the bulk of North Carolina's Negro population lives. But racial problems can be severe and tensions high even in areas where Negroes are relatively few in number. Certainly more than two westerners should have been included.

But among the governor's choices are many distinguished Tar Heels—men and women known for their clear vision and common sense. This can be said for both white and Negro members. There are a few unfamiliar names too but we are sure the governor exercised the same care and wisdom in selecting these individuals as he did in naming to the committee people of the callber of Gordon Gray, Dr. F. D. Bluford, Fred B. Helms, Dr. Clarence Poe, Holt McPherson and others.

Mr. Umstead must still spell out in detail just what ne expects of the committee. Something more than a bundle of cold statistics will be required if the group is to be really useful to the governor. These citizens must evaluate the perils and pitfalls, the possible clashes of wills and wits, the mood of the people, the Everest-like challenges.

It will be no simple task. The road ahead is piled high with difficulty. Nineteen Tar Heels must try to show how North Carolina can rise with the occasion.

#### It Won't Be Long

IN CHARLOTTE, a shopper walked right through a plate glass window. In Nebraska, 16 candidates vied for a two-month term in the Senate, although the winner won't be sworn in because the term expires before the next session

begins.

In Washington, a senator suggested the employment of a condenser to "condense the condensation" of the Army-McCarthy

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In Battle Creek, Michigan, the battle between a preacher and nudists goes on. In Italy, legislators have been debating a proposal to penalize men for infidelity—and many women are writing letters to editors protesting the suggested change. In the newsroom the poetic weather reporter is outdoing himself. Sample: "Fish are griping and the cotton is dry ... So hush little baby, it'll be cool bye and bye."

And in Ivory Towers, editorial writers turn out stuff like this.

Oh, well, the dog days will soon be over.

# Another Investigation Gets Under Way

CENATE party leaders and Vice President No. 19 party leaders and Vice President Nikon yesterday chose an able group of senators to investigate Sen. Joe McCarthy's conduct and consider proposals that he be censured. None of the committee, to our knowledge, is given to precipitous action. Three of the six, including North Carolina's Sen. Ervin, have judicial backgrounds. None have been directly involved in the McCarthy fight, thus they may be able to study the matter with objectivity. Despite the caliber of the committee, however, we don't expect it to accomplish much.

Its investigation will run simultaneously with the election campaign. Senators will be senators, faithful to their political party, despite judicial backgrounds and judicious temperaments, during this campaign in which McCarthy and McCarthyism is bound to be an issue. McCarthy will continue to. be McCarthy, weaving, dodging, smearing, raising side issues.

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In the end a mass of conflicting data and opinion will be compiled, condensed and finally, in all likelihood, pigeonholed.

We aren't being cynical. The record of we aren't being cynical. Ine record of campaign politics and previous investiga-tions of McCarthy, and the fact that the administration and a majority of the Senators indulge McCarthy, against whom action should have been taken at this session, require this conclusion

# Getting Crowded

JOE PALOOKA'S pals. Humphrey
Jennyworth and Jerry Leemy, are
falling off of 28,250-foot Mt. Godwin
Austen, otherwise known as K2. The
two Russians they were following are
hanging precariously from a ledge just
below them. An Italian expedition sends
word that it has reached the summit.
Meanwhile the intrepid New Zealander.
Sir Edmund Hillary, says he plans to
climb Mt. Everest again, from the Tibetan side, if the Chinese Communists will
let him.

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Think we'll take our alpenstock and stalk off to a nice quiet mountain in the Smokies.

## Watch Prices Up—Tobacco Exports Down

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#### From The Asheville Citizen

#### LADIES' DAY

Talter van Wagoner Tufty, who looks and sounds like a high society columnist, tells President Eisenhower he's having too many stag dinners and ought to invite in the giris. "Some mighty important women are making no secret that they, too, would like to dine and really talk with Mr. Eisenhower." says Miz Tufty.

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That would be a doe dinner, we guess, and it's appealing Esther van Wagoner Tufty has a guest list, naturally. It runs from Clare Boothe Luce (administration) to Babe Zaharias (golfer). If the last item has been called to Ike's attention we imagine that he has aiready rung for the cook. The Babe can break 80 right along, can't she' Anyway, she had a 72-hole score of 291 at Peabody, and that is what this administration needs.

We'd hope, however, that the ladies would have a more successful time with Mr. Elsenhower than a luncheon covey once had with Mr. Coolide. "Mr. President." said one of the sweet things, "another woman bet me \$50 1 couldn't get you to say as many as four words with me."

"You," responded Silent Cal, "have lost."

It seems that many Hollywood divorces are caused by the fact that some people have a very low standard of living.—KINGSPORT (TENN.) TIMES.

Clare Booth Luce, U. S. ambassador to Italy, told President Eisenhower she is "optimistic" about Trieste—only the Reds were rioting.—MEMPHIS PRESS-SCIMITAR.

An Era Of Change

# Writing An Epitaph For Dixie

FROM THE ARKANSAS GAZETTE

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# A Bedroom H-Bomb Alarm Is Definitely Not For Baby

By ROBERT C. RUARK

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### Congressional Quiz

Called A 'Disgrace'

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