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Sectionalism: North Carolina's Tragedy

WHY did North Carolina's 1955 General Assembly fail to live up to its promise? The answer is as old as Davy Crockett...

But sectionalism was not stamped out. Many a vote on a vital issue has been divided along a fall line which separates the Piedmont from the coastal plain...

The University of North Carolina's Collier Commission... The political questions of North Carolina have always been questions of east and west...

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The problem has deep roots in the state's history. The early leadership of North Carolina naturally came from the coastal counties... The Piedmont and the mountains by 1760...

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The east, for one reason or another, returns legislators to Raleigh with far greater consistency than the west. Therefore, easterners are able to use their additional seniority to win a large share of the important committee posts...

By 1830, says historian Hugh T. Lefter, more than half the state's population lived west of Raleigh. Despite this western expansion, most of the governors, councilors of state, judges and legislators came from the east...

Eastern power is evident not only on paper but in the rough-and-ready fighting of state politics as well. The 1955 tobacco tax fight was an example of the east's invincibility...

The demand for such a convention almost sparked a revolution in North Carolina. Finally, the legislature gave in. A convention was held in Raleigh in 1835. Provisions were adopted by popular vote...

Particularly able and far-sighted western legislators in North Carolina might have been able to draft sensible solutions for most of the big issues faced in 1955. But the east acted as if any concession to western leadership were an act of political weakness...

The Future Grows Out Of The Past

Your silent tents of green We deck with rampant flowers: Yours hold the suffering beads; The memory shall be ours.

ECHOING out of the past, the words of Longfellow may remind many of a time when Memorial Day was regarded as a Yankee device to honor soldiers who died fighting the Confederacy...

Whether he fell at Gettysburg or on Heartbreak Ridge. In the years that have followed the war between the North and the South, the fires of hatred have flickered and died...

That was long ago—when bitterness still festered in the hearts of Americans above and below the Mason-Dixon line. Today in North Carolina, Memorial Day should be a day to honor soldiers who have fallen in all wars...

Yet influences are at work today that would stir new rivalries, new resentments. Fierce economic competition between the North and the South and the Supreme Court decision on segregation in the public schools are the kindling for new fires of enmity.

Soft Shoe Routine In Belgrade

THE way the Russian overlords are romancing Tito, we won't be surprised if Molotov shows up at the Big Four conference with a violin in one hand and a bouquet in the other...

won't tell any more. But lives one like Bulgarians, a true Casanova, can tell some whoppers, as he is doing now. A Winston-Salem woman was riding in a taxi in New York City when the driver slowed up a little to miss a pedestrian...

Why the contrast? Quite simple. As in all broken romances that are made up, somebody was telling tales. In this case, it was Beria. The Russian secret police boss who sent millions to slavery or death, before his government finally decided he was an "enemy of the people" and likewise dispatched him. It was Beria who had been telling tales about Tito. Since dead men don't tell tales, Beria

debating a provision that highlighted the basic cleavage in the Democratic Party. All morning, 77-year-old Sen. George of Georgia had been presiding over the Senate. Usually he presides for a few minutes, then retires. But this morning, an opponent of the fair-labor clause, he stayed in the chair. There might be some close rulings to decide. Finally highlighting the cleavage in the Democratic Party, Sen. Lyndon Johnson of Texas, leader of the party friendly to labor, allotted time to his opponents of the fair labor clause. Sen. Knowland of California, the Republican leader, allotted time to his opponents of fair labor. Yet the Democratic Party has called itself the champion of the workingman. Significantly also, the Senators re-



1954. The Employer and Trade Unions. "He's figured out how to make some easy money... he's going to have the aspirin concession at the Big Four Conference..."

The Dogmas Are Stale Atlee's Party At Dead End?

By MARQUIS CHILDS. The future of the Labor party written earlier this year the Labor correspondent of the Manchester Guardian, Mark Arnold-Foster, raised the question of whether the party would survive the century. The party, he wrote, need not change its principals but it will surely have to alter its approach to the electorate.

"It will have to abandon the notion that it represents a class, it will have to forget the theory that the rich are still rich enough to be soaked effectively and to the last degree by everyone else and it will have to realize that a party that represents the underdog and no one else can no longer hope for a majority. There are not enough underdogs."

Satellite Launching Plans Being Studied In Pentagon

By STEWART ALSP. WASHINGTON. WITH A determined but not very expensive effort, it should be possible to launch an artificial satellite into space about this time next year. This, at least, is the contention of leading technicians in the missile field, who have submitted to the Pentagon plans for launching a man-made satellite in about 12 months or months of circling the globe, and when it reaches the denser atmosphere close to earth, it will disintegrate.

Drew Pearson's Southerners Block Fair Labor Cause

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People's Platform

Orthopedic Class Saluted By Parents. The News: Charlotte. THE orthopedic class at Marie T. G. Davis School has been a pleasure for our son as well as enabling him to continue his education which he otherwise would not have been able to do because of his handicap—being a polio victim. We are expressing our appreciation to Mr. H. Jay Hickey, supervisor of special education, for being so helpful and inspiring to him.

With the help and guidance of the principal, supervisor and teacher, John has learned to type, conduct a radio school program over the intercommunication system and has improved his speech considerably through constant use of a sound scriber. His experience gained through class field trips have been invaluable. Thank you, Mr. Hickey, and other workers who are making it possible for our son as well as other physically handicapped children to obtain their much needed education.

—MR. & MRS. ROBERT MONTGOMERY. Court Ruling Reflected 'Sociological Fancy' Charlotte. Editors, The News: In questions of power, let no more be said of confidence in the individual but let us be misled by the chains of the Constitution.—Thomas Jefferson.

I see your lengthy editorial of May 17 captioned, "Segregation Decision: One Year Later," was another shot at an appeal for about 80 million southern Americans to knuckle to the dictate of the Supreme Court. How can you write of "democratic procedure and traditions," as adhered to by the Southern people, when the essence of your editorial strikes at vital ones and condones the action of a branch of government which has done the same thing to you principals but hold the idea that millions should bow to the sociological whim and fancy of nine men and, in so doing, do you call this despotism "democratic"? Is the attempted destruction of the segregated public school system in the South compatible with "tradition" and power granted by that document itself? If response to these queries is yes, then the untenable and miserable conception of fundamental republican principles upon which the American nation was spawned and nurtured.

Let's talk sense. The Supreme Court, in decreeing segregation in the schools unconstitutional, has adjudicated badly. Not because I as an individual think so, but because the majority of the people are not so. (Old looking word—"majority"—never see or hear it nearly so much these days, it seems, as its opposite in our country. The people are regarded as sovereign or supreme. Manifestly, this means that the majority of the people are supreme in dictating by which all are to live. The court has no right in any sense of the word to usurp the will of the people and the clear intent of the Constitution with respect to the education of the people.)

Indeed, the court attempted to assume tremendous legislative power in handing down the integration decree. Anyone with average intelligence, a fair knowledge of our Constitution and who knows that the court reversed a decision of prior courts, a decision which stood honored for many years—a decision based properly on psychiatry, and one to which the majority acquiesced. Reversal of the effect thereof cannot be. As the Bard of Stratford might put it—"many an ill deed done in the world will creep into the state..."

You appear to have boundless faith in the temperance of the court's forthcoming "demands" with regard to desegregation. Cling to it if you believe it worthwhile. I believe that a mixture of a sort of negative apathy and well organized defiance (in an increasing number of quarters) best describes the way most of us presently feel about any such "demands." Apathy will convert to defiance when the court's insidious "squeeze-play" really begins to

Publicity Helped Youth Observance Charlotte. Editors, The News: IN BEHALF of the Charlotte Association of Churches, the sponsor of "Youth Appreciation Day" in Charlotte and Mecklenburg County, and most especially of the youth of our community and our state, I wish to express to you our most sincere appreciation for the wonderful publicity and support that you have given to "Youth Appreciation Day" May 22, 1955.

This day, however, our youth could not have been a significant day without your assistance. —MRS. CAROL SMOLINSKY, Chairman, Youth Appreciation Day

Bar Auxiliary Off With Success Charlotte. Editors, The News: THIS IS to express to you the sense of appreciation we all feel for your generosity with publicity for the Women's Auxiliary to the Mecklenburg Bar Association.

We feel that you have contributed to the success of this initial year, and we are grateful. —MRS. NELL B. GAILING

Bill Knowland, the GOP leader, got the biggest kick out of the vote. He was a big grin as Democrats Mecklenburg County and he got it out with Democrats Holland and Florida and Byrd of Virginia.

Remarks by McNamara afterwards: "The victories won by Neuberger in Oregon and by me in Michigan gave the Democrats control of the Senate." We are not in positions of power other Democratic Senators who will spend their last strength fighting those same principles. Note—The Bacon-Davis Act provision for prevailing wage scales now applies to airfield construction. The airfield construction when built with the aid of federal funds.