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The Man In The Barrel Pays & Pays

The inspiring thing about U.S. business is that it marches triumphantly, banners waving, out of every dark pit of economic despair. Invariably, it is the poor old consumer who just lies there, quivering slightly, unable to save himself.

Take for instance the uproar over a new \$1 minimum wage. In some industries, a good many salty tears were shed over the possible effect of an upward adjustment. Now, it appears everything is going to be all right.

Just as most of us suspected all along, prices will simply be raised and the increase in labor costs will be passed right along to (you guessed it) "the man in the barrel."

But look what sometimes happens: The National Association of Hosiery Manufacturers announced flatly in a press release July 22 that "the new minimum wage law will increase the cost of infants' and children's socks by at least five cents a pair."

Of course, labor cost estimates quoted do not take into account possible increases in the costs of materials also affected by new minimums. Nevertheless, the wide gap between 1 1/2 cents a pair and 5 cents a pair provides a rather startling illustration of just what is in store for the hapless consumer.

As usual, it's the consumer who pays—and pays and pays. The 1950 census of population and housing revealed that of our total white population, 85.7 per cent was born in the state. 3.8 per cent was born out of the state but in the United States; and only 0.5 per cent were of foreign birth.

Whatever they are called, they in fact permit co-ops an unfair advantage in the hard-headed business of buying and selling on the open market. There's no question that large businesses—by using the co-op label—are escaping the corporate income tax paid by competing enterprises.

It seems only proper that co-ops should be taxed on the corporate level, before they are distributed to patrons. This would at least give everyone a fair break at the starting gate. The simple justice of tax equity requires such procedure.

Do Unto Others
BACK IN THE U.S. for a brief visit, Britain's Manhattan reporter Sir Jacob Epstein was visibly ruffled about "immoral" acts of his statutory group, Social Consciousness, at the Philadelphia Art Museum.

Not With A Bang But A Whimper
THERE IS an ancient Egyptian cat god—dressed named Pasht—who—according to legend—sees all, knows all and observes human affairs with the somewhat malicious humor common to felines.

Why worry because you're getting older? When you stop getting older, you're dead.—CHATTANOOGA NEWS-FREE PRESS.

Population Headache: Out They Go As Up We Grow

By S. H. HOBBS JR.

White inhabitants were not native born. Historically, North Carolina has been an exporter of population to other states. The 1890 census showed that there were 272,606 native free inhabitants of other states who were born in North Carolina.

IN 1950, when the first census of population was taken in 1790 has the population of North Carolina was 393,751. Only Pennsylvania and Virginia had more inhabitants. By 1950 North Carolina ranked 10th in population size among the existing states.

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NEW DATA
In 1940 the census gathered migration data on people who were living in a different place from the one in which they lived in 1935. By this method, it was found that there were 120,331 people living in other states who had been living in North Carolina in 1935, and 105,191 persons living in North Carolina in 1940 who had been living in other states.

DEFINITION
The 1950 census definition of urban differed from the definition used in censuses prior to 1950. The urban population comprised all persons living in (a) places of 2,500 inhabitants or more incorporated as boroughs, towns and villages; (b) the densely settled urban fringe, including both incorporated and unincorporated areas, around cities of 50,000 or more; and (c) unincorporated places of 2,500 inhabitants or more outside any urban fringe.

POPULATION TRENDS
The trends in the urban and rural population can be examined only on the basis of the old definition. On this basis the urban population rose from 188,790 in 1890 to 1,238,193 in 1950. The highest rate of growth in the 50-year period occurred in the decade 1900-1910, when the increase was at the rate of 70.3 per cent.

Global View
The English, though capable of producing accomplished liars, forsake the truth with a bad conscience. In the courts, the lack of conviction; they have a dangerous but characteristic weakness for retaining, as a sort of talisman, a certain amount of truth in a fabric of falsehood.

Incriminating Fact
The first incriminating fact is the note Talbott included in his letter to Mulligan, dated May 14, 1953, it reads: "Dear Harold: I just came across a memorandum in my file to the effect that about six or seven months ago you introduced me to a Mr. Paul Mulligan. I said that I thought I could be of some assistance to Mr. Mulligan, and you told me that he would get in touch with me by telephone. I have heard nothing even since under oath, 'I don't know what he has.' The true facts, however, make this statement look like a lie."

Tar Heel Air Line
Davidson operates what is known as Estate Management Corp., an investment counseling service. He also runs Resort Airlines of Delaware, which in turn owns 80 per cent of Resort Airlines of North Carolina. This airline has always specialized in "package touring" or charter flights to and from vacation areas.

More Contracts
On top of this, on Jan. 1, 1955, Resort obtained a so-called "logair" contract from the Air Force to carry the jet engines between Air Force installations. While putting across the C54 deal, Davidson called Talbott on the phone and later sent an assistant, Robert C. Perry, over to Talbott's office. Talbott personally escorted Perry around the office, introducing him to associates, and making generous hints that Perry was a "very good friend" and "we" should take care of any problems he may have.

Planes To A Friend
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Who Is Davidson?
Now let's see who is Clinton Davidson. It turns out that he is close to an old "friend" of mine whom I respect. The Truman Administration—Maj. Gen. Harry Vaughan.

And having reported in great detail on the unusual activities of Gen. Vaughan, it's only fair to examine closely the activities of Mr. Davidson in connection with the secretary of the Air Force.



TAR HEELS LIKE THEIR STATE But Many Seek Their Fortunes Elsewhere

'You Sure That Cloud Will Hold Both Of Us?'



Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

Ike Wanted To Fire Talbott Last Week
WASHINGTON
President Eisenhower was planning to fire Harold Talbott as secretary of the Air Force at his press conference last Wednesday when Talbott called on him at 7:30 a.m. and put up such an argument that Ike finally agreed to delay action until he had scrutinized the record further.

Important Letter
One letter, already made public but not the story behind it, was written by Talbott on Air Force stationery May 20, 1953, to his partner, Paul Mulligan. The letter reads: "Dear Paul: I haven't forgotten the fact that you might drop him a note asking him at some convenient time, when he is in New York, to drop by and see you in our offices. This you explain to him in detail the line of work that you are doing that he might really be of assistance to you. Sincerely, H. J. Davidson."

Cross-Examination
In reference to Clinton Davidson led to a brief cross-examination at the July 21 Senate hearing, as follows: Talbott: That man is in the investment counseling work of some kind, and I don't know...

The Fabric Of Falsehood

From THE SPECTATOR
London
THE Russians are the most unpredictable of liars, because it is often impossible to trace any connection at all between what they are intended to conceal. With the Chinese you at least know such a connection exists, however tortuous and obstruse it may be.

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