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A Chilly Reminder Of Lurking Violence

THE lives of 40 citizens and the reputation of this city were saved this week by some form of chance.

Perhaps it was a puff of wind or a drop of moisture that snutfed the burning fuse of a bomb set at the site of a religious meeting. Whatever it was is unimportant except as an object of great thankfulness. But the motivations of those who set the bomb, also presently unknown, are supremely important to everybody in the community. What and who are safe when a house of worship and those in it are not safe?

The incident is an icy reminder of the presence in this community, as in all others, of a tribe of mental pygmies—all of whom are equipped with highly compustible fuses. What brings them out of their own private jumgles on blind missions of destruction are words of hate and envy.

religious implications.

They are wise to do so. For all its peacefulness, Charlotte cannot assume that it is an island fortified against the passions that have exploded so hurtfully in other southern cities.

It cannot reply on chance to thwart crackpots.

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The incident obviously riled Police
Chief Littlejohn and elicited from him
some tough talk. We trust his investigation and the attitude of a jury, if one
should get the case, will be equally
tough.

Acts of this sort are intolerable in a
civilized community.

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They threaten everybody

How To Waste A Million Dollars

THE banking world's rock-ribbed con-servatism lost some of its luster this week when Jesse Helms unveiled his scheme for Dixte to squander a million dollars on a "truth" campaign in the

scheme for Dixie to squander a minion dollars on a "truth" campaign in the northern press.

Mr. Helims is executive director of the North Carolina Bankers Association.

If there was ever one thing we thought we could count on it was the notion that banking was the most prudent of all mystiques. But here is its Tar Heel spokesman seriously proposing some kind of million-dollar Voice of Dixie program to pierce the Yankee Cutratin. What next a proper that the propaganda leaf. The South Propaganda leaf was the propaganda leaf there is a million dollars lying around looose below the Mason-Dixon line it could be put to slightly better use as an investment in the economic development of the South That's where the money is needed—not in the North If the South thinks it is misunderstood now just let it start buying space in Yankee newspapers to "explain" its racial views.

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views.

If the North is being unfair to the South in sizing up the racial situation down here it is certainly nothing new. The South is big enough and secure enough in its convictions to take all of the criticism that is dished out. We are not so tender-cared and timorous that we can be browbeaten by a few harsh words in the Yankee press. Nor should we be driven into a desperate defensiveness.

ness.
The harshest criticism of Dixie has always come from southerners themselves. It has been good for us. We have thrived on it.
In fact, before the gentleman from the bankers association goes any further with his scheme, he might consider the words of Gov. Luther Hodges, in an address in Mobile, Ala. this week. Said the governor:

criticism. We have had to! For one thing, the South, as a region, has often been subjected to thoughtless and inaccurate criticism. Perhaps this is only a natural, but still unfortunate, aftermath of the tragic War Between the States. For many long years it was not a question of development of the region; it was a problem of survival. We were never permitted to forget or overlook our faults and imperfections. We had little chance to be comblacent. Perhaps, as a result, the South today is more realistic in self examination and more brutally frank in self-appraisal than almost any other section of our great nation.

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self-appraisal than almost any other section of our great nation.

"We know that we are not perfect and we know that we can improve. As an indivisible part of these United States, we shall continue to make our earnest and sincere contributions to the welfare of our beloved nation."

If the South adopts Mr. Hodges' commendable attitude it will need no million-dollar "truth" drive in the northern press. His is the only way truth can achieve victories which are perdurable.

The Pundit

A WELL-KNOWN radio commentator who has been puzzled by little in this wide-wide world is running very short of sponsors.

He lays his loss of 125 sponsors to "pressure groups and subversive elements"—the same factors to which he has attributed over the years most of the varied illis of the nation.

He's probably right about his own problem. When it comes to radio, the American public is one big pressure group. If it doesn't listen to a pundit, it can be as subversive to his job as all get-out.

Hodges' Future: A Fissionable Question

ONE of the year's chewiest morsels of political meat was handed to news-men in Mobile, Ala., this week by Gov. Luther Hodges.

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But the governor's admission that there is a movement to place him on the Democrats' 1960 national ticket didn't clarify the speculation over his political future one with. It curdled it into even murkier depths. As to who is in this movement and his attitude toward it, the governor was silent.

These two questions are of the fissionable type. They split apart into countless others, such as these: Is Sen. Kennedy

seeking a southern alliance through Hodges? What would Sen Johnson reportedly planning his own alliance with Kennedy, think about this? If Hodges has national ambitions, who will run against Sen. Kerr Scott for the Senate. For that matter, will Scott run again?

From The Wall Street Journal

MORE SMOKE THAN FIRE

THE New York State Health Department, we see by the papers, is considering a campaign aimed at cigaret smoking. The announced objective is to reduce lung cancer.

Two associates of the state Commussioner of Health presented a paper before the American Public Health Association's annual meeting in Cleveland and they suggested that the political campaign against cigaret smoking be financed by a tax on cigarets.

Dr. Morton Levin New York's Assistant Commissioner of Health, thinks that everybody ought to know about the dangers of smoking, and that if everyone now smoking just quit there would be a lung cancer death rate reduction of 45 percent nationwide.

Well, we don't know whether smoking of contributes to lung cancer or only a professor of plarmacology from the Medical College of Virginia and the research director for the American Tobacco Company of smoking habits and health of some [1100] workers in the nine plants of the tobacco company led them to the conclusion that it is 'evident that cigaret smoking parts is not necessarily or invariably associated with a higher risk of lung cancer..." or heart disease or shorteed life.

The American Cancer Society's director

People's Rousing Laugh Destroyed Burning Baptist Issue

'Whew! At First I Thought It Was Sent Up By

One Of The Other Services'

- PHILIP MAHONE GRIFFITH

Editors, The News:

In THE midst of the tumolity and shouting about deseggregating the public schools, teachers and educators must keep their educational perspective. Our responsibility and obligation are to the children entrusted to our care, the children entrusted to our care, and educators must keep their educational perspective. Our responsibility and obligation are to the children entrusted to our care, the children entrusted to the children arather, that dedicated interest in the physical, psychological, and intellectual strowth of all children, irrespective of race, color, or creed, it is our task, therefore, to work for a kind of school and commannity entrument that will enable such growth to take place.

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The Life Of A Tea-Taster Is Loaded With Hot Java

By ROBERT C. RUARK

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some strawherres advertising in mic.

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well!"

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kept dreaming I had tea leaves
as big as banana leaves stuck in
my teeth all night. You don't suppose that cad. Carruthers-Lipton,
is underwriting another revolution,
do you?"

comes to you those days in glorious technicolor in some of the
better magazines.

The copy says, in part: "He can
tell you the daily temperature in
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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

PERSONALITY CONFLICT

Satellite Lag Began Back In '40s

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Behind closed doors, for example, an experienced House Military Appropriations subcommittee headed by Rep. George H. Mahlon of Texas Behind Carlos and Carlos Mahlon of Section 1988 and 198

Personality Conflict

THE SENATE Preparedness
Subcommittee hearings on
the missile situation start next
Monday, and one of the first questions its members will be called
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Moscow's Tip-Off

New Call For Oppenheimer?

BY DORIS FLEESON

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Since the Russian military study carefully every published document from the
Pentagon, there's some reason to believe Moscow may have got its sputnik
it is a fact that Russia began its satelBut while the Russians were going
ahead, likable Louey Johnson, who succoeded Forrestal a few months later,
lopped the satellite program off. Like
the present Elsenhower administration

Bomb Trigger

The Eisenhower administration had positive proof that Russia had surpassed us in developing a trigger mechanism for the H-Bomb. It had ample evidence that Russia had eaught up with us in A-bomb and H-bomb design. It was definitely known that Russia; in only a few short years, had caught up with us in design of jet planes and outstripped us in production.