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A Lonely Apprehension In The South

IN THE South it always happens this way at this time. A special kind of lonely apprehension settles upon the land. It is neither winter's nor spring's, but something compounded from an incongruous clash between the two in the middle of February. A poet couldn't define it, but anybody can see and feel it. For symbols, set a yellow bush under a cold rain, or the tip of a too precocious tulip in frosted clay. Water an ancient cactus in frost-kissed jonquil along chilly streets. See a housewife stooping solicitously to flower beds where hundreds of bulbs have exposed defenseless green to the omnipotent enemy of winter's remaining wrath. She ponders nature's wanted logic that lets fragrant things depend for life on the gross vagaries of the seasons, and she is fretted by the thought that she could better order things. She cannot follow the example of a New Yorker who buried in ice cubes a tulip that poked its head into dangerous weather. The South wants spring to come in full command. Not a bloom should be sacrificed to unfair winters with winter. Transformation should be swift and sud-

The Pen As An Instrument Of History

AFTER a peek at photographic coverage being given the President's sojourn in Thomasville, Ga., a visitor from another planet might suppose that history was being made with shotgun and putter. These implements have been much in evidence. But they have not challenged the mettle of Dwight D. Eisenhower half as much as haunting questions about the direction of U. S. foreign policy in a year of upheaval and crisis. As a matter of fact the pen became the chief instrument of history this week in Thomasville. The President made it so when he initiated his approval on plans for personal contact in this month and next with Prime Minister Macmillan of Great Britain and Premier Mollet of France. The historical significance of these meetings cannot be over-estimated. It is just regrettable that they could not have been scheduled for an earlier date. Time is of the essence in a number of critical situations that long ago got out of hand. They are out of hand because of the sudden splintering of the Atlantic Alliance. The damage has never been completely repaired. It will not be completely re-

Remembering Lincoln: Any Day Will Do

OURS for a reason not among the tributes paid to Mr. Lincoln on the 146th anniversary of his birthday this week. His birthday belongs to contemporary politicians. They have made it theirs with thousands of ill-conceived and insensitive speeches dedicated to milking the martyred president's memory for the nourishment of their own stature. This in itself is a tribute of sorts, of course, and the purpose could be excused if a little of Lincoln's wit or simplicity graced the execution. But amid all the stale oratory loosed at money-raising remembrance days, many a noble utterance is to be found. Republican orators lurch about in their own semantic jungles, defining such indefinables as "real Republicanism, modern Republicanism, Eisenhower Republicanism," and, in Rep. Richard M. Simpson's words, "the Republicanism of Lincoln and Taft." What Taft is to Lincoln or Lincoln is to Taft is quite beyond us and Mr. Simpson, too. Lincoln left no political blueprints by which present-day political carpenters can be judged, or work compared. He left fragments of greatness floating in

NEVER MIND THE BATTERIES

AMONG the contributions to the good life which American ingenuity promises for 1957 is the electric wrist watch. This timepiece, the press release tells us, is powered by a battery the size of a cuff button, guaranteed to last at least a year. The watch can be had for \$69.50; the replacement battery for \$1.75. Look, Ma, no mainspring! It's a good trick, all right, but we're just old-fashioned enough to think that a fellow who is too lazy to wind a wrist watch doesn't deserve one. We're much more impressed with the genius which recently gave us (it just showed up at our house recently, anyway) the jumbo toothpaste cap. Now there's a real aid to modern living. This cap is as big around as a quarter and about half an inch thick; it affords something for a man to get his wet, clumsy fingers on, even if he's not seeing too well in the early morning hours. And if you do fumble it, the thing can't hide in the bathroom corner or dive gleefully down the drain like those sneaky little caps are so wont to do. Can't imagine

Nasser Uses Bluff And Bluster As His Trump Cards

By MARQUIS CHILDS

IN THE tense Middle Eastern poker game, President Gamal Abdel Nasser of Egypt continues to sit tight with a hand that may not be the winning one but is good enough to run a bluff on the West, and particularly on the United States. Nasser's army was routed by the Israelis in the attack of last October, and most of the arms furnished by Soviet Russia were lost. The Egyptian economy is severely pinched.

Yet in the preliminary negotiations on the use of the Suez Canal when it is reopened, Nasser is reported to have come up with a proposition giving Egypt such a large degree of control over traffic and tolls that it could not possibly be considered. This means that nothing has been accomplished, although the canal will be cleared for at least partial traffic within a matter of weeks. The refusal of Israel to withdraw from the Gaza Strip and the Gulf of Aqaba without what the Israelis consider adequate guarantees from the United Nations enables Nasser to make a slow



PLAYER & KIBITZER The Stakes Are High

What can we do, American officials ask, to make him behave differently?

All aid of any sort, direct or indirect, has been cut off and the United States continues to refuse

to unfreeze Egyptian balances in this country and frozen when the canal was nationalized. After all, Americans responsible for policy point out, the Egyptian economy is a primitive economy and can therefore withstand a long siege. Nasser asked the United States for wheat and his request was turned down. Subsequently Soviet Russia supplied the wheat and additional economic help may be coming by way of Moscow, but it is small in quantity.

WATER SECRET

The extent of the arms shipments that continue to go to Egypt from the Communist bloc is not known. Ships have been unloaded recently with great secrecy. On petroleum products, where the pinch is severe, since kerosene is the common fuel in Egypt, the Soviets are believed to have responded to Egyptian pleas in a limited way.

Some oil is being supplied by Cal-Tex, an American company, at the request of King Saud of Saudi Arabia, who is presumably paying the bill. For several years Saudi has sent sizable sums of money to President Eisenhower. Saudi's dollars have helped to finance the pilots and counterpilots dividing the Arab world.

GRAVE JEOPARDY

The firm belief of American policy-makers is that Saud, in his new manifestation as friend of America, will exert a tempering influence on Nasser. He will tell Nasser, if this assumption is correct, that President Eisenhower is a good friend of the Arabs who can be trusted. The King will also say that Nasser must be reasonable or he will risk another blowup and the danger of a Communist takeover in Egypt. It was impressive when King during his stay in Washington that if Egypt were to come under complete Communist domination, the whole Middle East would be in grave jeopardy.

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.

Grow Citrus Trees

In The Living Room McBee, S. C. Editors, The News: YOU or anyone else can grow citrus trees right in your own living room! If I can do it, so can you. I'm growing so many trees in my back yard and my living room that my wife complains that if I could possibly grow trees in my ears I'd do that! I don't recommend that you grow trees up your ears; that's not pleasant or practical. Here's how I've started growing citrus trees in my own home. Every tree I make a regular trip to purchase my weekly groceries. I look over carefully the citrus fruits; oranges, lemons, limes and grapefruit. I pick out one of the best fruits in the field. I love citrus and so does the rest of my family. We've been eating quite a bit of citrus lately. Maybe that accounts for our unusually good health and lack of the usual winter colds. We eat only the citrus fruits we care to eat in a day. The seed is saved and placed in an old mason jar filled with water. The seed is kept in water for approximately one week; the water is changed daily. The drain and the seed is de-pulpified; i.e., the white pulp is removed from each seed. After the pulp is removed, the seed is placed in a mason jar filled with water and a dash of water-soluble fertilizer. The seed stays in this solution for approximately two weeks. The fertilizer is then saved and the seeds are placed in a pot filled with plain sand, about one-half inch of soil. The fertilizer left from the solution is sprinkled over the seed. That's all there is to it, except that a constant temperature must be kept in the living room about 65-70 degrees. Those of you who have a thermostat won't find it hard to maintain that degree of temperature. Sprinkle the seed occasionally when the need arises. Give the tiny seedlings some additional water-soluble fertilizer when you think they need an additional booster shot. You don't have to live in California or Florida to grow citrus and your trees can be purchased

I'm Fine. Of Course, Every Once In A While I Go Like This—



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An Issue In The Bag

Knowland's Off And Running

By DORIS FLEESON

WASHINGTON REPUBLICAN Senate leader William F. Knowland has gone on to a major address on the subject of the United States and the United Nations. It is, in part, technical. But it takes a long hard look at a basket in which this country currently is putting most of its foreign-policy eggs. The administration can be expected to ask: What is your alternative? Democrats are getting ready to argue that the principal fault lies with the President and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles for following and not leading the U.N. The experts will also do their own dissection of Sen. Knowland's arguments, timing and motives. But the immediate reaction among the politicians here is that the senator has found an issue. The Senate has already made clear its unhappiness and frustrations over the recent course of American foreign policy as pursued through the U.N. It sees Russia getting off scot free while such United States allies as Britain and France and its creation, Israel, are buffeted about. Whatever the reasons and explanations, an emotional resentment remains and is finding expression.

HARD FACTS

It may be that, for fear of nuclear war, the country is not ready for Sen. Knowland's hard facts or perhaps is still absorbed in its own prosperity. The President still has on deposit large amounts of the country's confidence.

But events are moving these days with amazing speed. It has taken the Senate only a few days to insure that there will be no U. S. elections against Israel while Russia, India and Hungary go free. And each day sees the President's Middle East resolution under powerful attack. Sen. Knowland's great debate is well under way.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

HANDSOME, hard-working Henry Cabot Lodge, U. S. ambassador to the U. N., does not want to be a groundhog, not even an honorary one. He made this quite clear the other day to the Slumbering Groundhog Lodge of Quarryville, Pa. Every year the Groundhog Lodge of Quarryville goes through a ritual to ascertain when the real groundhog thinks about the prospects of a mild and cold winter, an early or late spring. Quite a few distinguished citizens have participated in this groundhog shadow ceremony and become Honorary Groundhogs, including Harry S. Truman, and Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson.

DOUBLE STANDARD

The California senator condemned last week a "double standard" of international morality by which U.N. sanctions would be applied against Israel for aggression in Egypt but not against Russia for aggression in Hungary. He evoked immediate response.

U.N. Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold now says such sanctions against Israel would be unrealistic. The 98 sensitive politicians who comprise the United States Senate are acknowledging that Knowland expressed the

GOP'S KNOWLAND In the Senate, Nodding Heads

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Lodge Won't Be Honorary Groundhog

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Do Your Best

"There's only one thing wrong with the present," said the Democratic leadership, "broke in Senate GOP leader Bill Knowland of California, amid laughs. 'Well, work it out the best way you can,' he concluded the discussion.

KING SAID A Tempering Influence?

If nothing else impressed the King during his stay — and he said publicly several contradictory things about his reaction to the Eisenhower Middle East policy — this warning of the Communist danger is said to have struck home.

FERIE POSTURE

Having been saved by the intervention of the United Nations, France with the threats of the Soviet Union against Britain and coupled at the time of the attack on Egypt, Nasser today behaves like a conqueror. In effect, he has dictated the terms of complete withdrawal by the Israelis from the remaining territory they hold in the Gaza Strip and the Gulf of Aqaba.

Standing athwart the strip of geography that links East and West, Nasser exerts a divisive force even greater than he did when he nationalized the canal.

Junior League Follies A Financial Success

Charlotte Editors, The News: ON behalf of the Junior League of Charlotte I should like to thank your newspaper for its wonderful support of our "Follies." Your enthusiasm and that of many other loyal friends in the community made it possible for us to make "Angels' Revue" a great financial success. It was thrilling to put on a show in our lovely auditorium, especially with the feeling we had of enthusiasm in our community.

It would be impossible to thank everyone who helped us. It was indeed a pleasure to work with Mr. Paul Buck, manager of our auditorium, and to get the wonderful cooperation of our union stage hands. We felt that they and the others who helped us were just as determined as we to put on a good show. We hope that you, too, who helped us share our feeling of pride in the contribution we were able to make to the Reading Center and the Girl Scout Camp as a result of "Angels' Revue."

MRS. JOHN TILLET JR. Chairman Junior League "Follies"