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Take The Clanks Out Of The Gears

IN AN ERA of reform in North Carolina, the clogs to legislative leadership... When asked if he planned to trim the number of committees in the House of Representatives, Speaker Kemp Doughton frankly admitted that he didn't "have the courage."

But 48 committees, with overlapping areas of interest and inadequate assistance from experts, make the House an unwieldy legislative body. For instance, the subject of education is dealt with haphazardly in a half dozen different committees.

Luther H. Hodges dared to tinker with tradition when, as lieutenant governor in 1953, he trimmed the Senate's committees from 36 to 28. The House hobbled along that session and the next with its usual 47 (including joint committees).

As it is, the House must handle current problems with all the deftness of a bulldozer. At best, it lunges at a few of the principal issues and tosses the others aside. There is too little unity of thought or attention. This dilutes the authority and effectiveness of the whole body.

This year the House has not 47 but 48 committees. Instead of streamlining its operation, the body has added a gear.

Obviously, the clanks must be taken out of the gears if the General Assembly is ever to be the deliberative body it should be. The committee system is the place to start the streamlining.

Queens' Influence Is Good And Great

THE fourth of Queens College's centennial convocations tomorrow will explore the relationship between the college and the community.

the real secret of her contribution. As her traditions and teachings are instilled within students, new and permanent beginnings are made in each of them toward a richer community life.

Some preliminary exploration of the same subject has yielded poor results for us. The result was merely a list of rather obvious areas of community life in which Queens has made great contributions to Charlotte—art, music, religion, morality, general education, economics and others. But to get at the substance of the contribution is something else again. Only by some impossible mathematical method of dividing the human experience of all those who have been influenced by Queens could a quotable quotient of that influence be reached.

Thus even the boundaries of Queens' community are difficult to define. Certainly Charlotte is only part of that community. But being the closest part it should be particularly appreciative of the college's presence.

Perhaps the impossibility of extracting Queens' influence, once exerted, is

The history of Queens is woven into Charlotte's past and her renewed aspirations into Charlotte's future.

Brotherhood Week: Don't Let It End

IT IS SAID that the forces of organized bigotry are being routed. It is said that observations such as Brotherhood Week, sponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews, are promoting better human relations everywhere. It is said that men's minds are being cleansed of hate.

That is absolutely necessary." Poles used to call the Ukrainians "reptiles" to express their contempt for people they considered wily, revengeful and treacherous. At the same time, Germans called their neighbors to the east "Polish cattle." The Poles retaliated with "Prussian swine."

Yet everywhere we look we seem to see the destructive manifestations of discord, suspicion and bitterness which prejudice breeds.

Before the Communist coup, a Chinese scholar is supposed to have referred to Americans as "the best of the foreign devils." Now, the Chinese are presumably taught to think of Americans as "the worst of the foreign devils."

What are the facts? What is the true picture? The fact is that brotherhood does exist amid the clash and clutter of contemporary pressures. It exists despite the headlines shriek and the picture tubes reveal.

Dr. Allport tells of a dignitary of the Catholic Church who was riding along a lonesome road on the outskirts of Boston. Several small Negro boys trudging along, the dignitary told his chauffeur to stop and give the youth a lift. Seated together in the back of the limousine, the cleric, to make conversation, asked the boys, "Can you make a difference?"

The headlines and the picture tubes are not lying. It is just that they draw heavily from the negative aspects of modern living. Confide in the news, the peaceful, peaceful, positive virtues lie undiscovered, or at least buried with the obituaries on Page 12-B.

"No, sir, it's bad enough being colored without being one of those things." Prejudice exists everywhere. No corner of the world is completely free from some kind of group scorn.

Still, civilized man has laid the groundwork for the uglier headlines by some notable failures. In the field of science, he is a superman. In the field of human relations, he sometimes behaves like a cave man. When he does go native he makes Page One.

That is why Americans need the reminders that Brotherhood Week provides. That is why all forces in the field of inter-cultural relations must do their part to promote brotherhood, not one week a year, but every day of every week of every year.

Americans have no corner on prejudice. The world is full of assorted hates. Dr. Gordon Allport has cataloged many of them for Harvard University's Department of Psychology. He notes, for instance, that in South Africa the English are against the Afrikaner, both are against the Jews, and there are opposites to the Indians, while all four conspire against the native blacks.

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In Hungary, there was once a saying that went like this: "An anti-Semite is a person who hates the Jews more

From The Washington Post & Times Herald

A BUM FOR THE BUMS

THE Brooklyn Dodgers have engaged the great circus clown, Emmett Kelly, to amuse the customers at Ebbe's Field with his celebrated pantomimes. Perhaps one of the most famous of the employment of Mr. Kelly by the Dodger management is to get the minds of their patrons away from the distressing possibility that the now fading galaxy of straight performers who have brought so many pennants to that sporty park may not be able to fetch another this year. A second motive may be the hope of enabling the customers to forget that the Brooklyn club is no longer—and indeed has not been for many a season—made up of those amiable eccentrics who in Uncle Wilbert Robinson's day were at once the darlings and the despair of the borough populace.

apply the derivative name Trolley Dodgers to the Brooklyn players—is only a nostalgic memory. There is no doubt that the very efficient and temporary Dodger circus has caused a certain cooling of the popular ardor for them. Thus the acquisition of Mr. Kelly may be an effort to substitute a symbol for a vanished reality. The pantomime character with which Mr. Kelly delighted his circus audiences all over this country and abroad for 30 years and more is cut precisely to the ideal image of a Brooklyn Dodger carried in the heart of every well-dressed, ambitious, thrifty, hard-working, dependable citizen of the borough. The image is of a hungry, ragged, fettle, dirty and infinitely endearing tramp.

It seems to have been then that the Brooklynites got into the habit of referring—in accents sometimes of tender pride, sometimes of utter exasperation—to their unpredictable heroes as "dem Bums." But this is a term hardly appropriate to those alert, expert and altogether serious young men who have constituted the Brooklyn teams of more recent history. The era of the "Brooklyn Bums"—like that of the once ubiquitous trolley cars which caused the smug sub-way and elevated-riding Manhattanites to

Like all great clowns, from Grimaldo on, Mr. Kelly has known that only a thin line separates the truly comic and the pitiful, and that the trust heater is always very close to tears. Mr. Kelly as a bum is the essence of everything melancholy, futile and wistful. He is, in fact, something more than the symbol of the ideal Brooklyn Dodger; he is the symbol of our whole absurd, lugubrious, ludicrous yet somehow lovable human species. For at bottom, and in the sight of Heaven, we're not all Daffiness Boys?

'Oh, It's Very Pretty, Sire—But Those Foundations—?'



What Is It?

'Modern Republicanism'

By STEWART ALSOP

WASHINGTON Little noted but important speech... "We say the federal government would fail to serve the people's interest if it stood idly by, indifferent to broad deficiencies in health, education, or economic security. We believe the federal government... can and should act in these fields for the benefit of all the people."

like Benson and Folsom, are deeply conservative in their outlook. "Modern Republicanism" is thus, if you will, a version of the New Deal and Fair Deal, but administered by conservatives—and that is a very big difference indeed.

Four years ago, when the Eisenhower administration took office with a domestic program which differed little in respect from the program of the late Sen. Taft, such a flat, unequivocal acceptance of the basic thesis of the welfare state would have been considered a major heresy.

There is another difference. Although the dollar costs of non-defense spending have risen sharply, such spending as a proportion of the total national income is sharply down. In this sense, "modern Republicanism" is also cheaper than the New Deal and Fair Deal.

LEFTHANDS WERE PICKERS

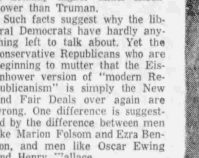
One would have expected a thunderbolt to strike a Republican Cabinet officer who boasted, as Folsom did in the same speech, "the level of federal activities in the welfare fields is higher than ever before."

MORE BUREAUCRATS

Four years ago, the Eisenhower administration line was the budget could and could be held to \$50 billion. Instead, federal spending in the non-defense field increased \$7 billion in the first four Eisenhower budgets.



EZRA TAFT BENSON Signs Of Acceptance



HENRY WALLACE Hoots Of Derision

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

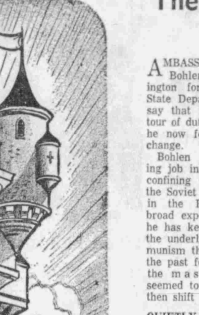
WASHINGTON SECRETARY of Defense Wilson, who accused the National Guard of draft dodging, might well have remembered the old adage: "He who lives in glass houses should not throw stones." One of his sons, Edward E. Wilson, has just refused to answer direct questions about his own wartime record.

War Record Of Wilson's Son Checked

them is up to you. Did you get a draft card? "Why don't you talk to my former neighbors around Almont?" Wilson replied. "They'll give you the facts."

Bohlen Is Anxious To Flee The Prison That Is Russia

By MARQUIS CHILDS



CHARLES E. BOHLEN Usefulness Ended?

AMBASSADOR Charles E. Bohlen, returning to Washington after consultations with the State Department, is expected to say that having overstayed his tour of duty in Moscow by a year he now feels it is time for a change.

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After the summit conference and the sweetness and light generated in fine-sounding statements by all concerned, Bohlen remained quietly skeptical. In the tradition of the career ambassador, however, he was careful to say nothing in public.

Again during the Big Four foreign ministers conference at Geneva in November of 1955 he tried to caution those talking glibly about the transformation of the atmosphere of the cultural and intellectual exchanges then under discussion.

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It was at Geneva that Bohlen met the Secretary of State John Foster Dulles his belief that a fourth year in the Moscow post would put a period to the usefulness of any ambassador. After that the nature of the prison that Russia is, with its drabness, its grayness, the atmosphere of fear and fear, tends to warp his judgment.

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Bohlen was named ambassador four years ago and continued only after a savage attack by Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wis.) and other McCarthyist ringleaders.

REPLACEMENT It has long been contemplated that Bohlen would be replaced by a no other able career diplomat, Llewellyn E. Thompson Jr., now ambassador to Austria.

BLIGHTING EFFECT

The blighting effect of McCarthyism on the foreign service has, in the view of experienced observers, been more than borne out. At the height of the attack when McCarthy agents were roaming Europe harassing embassies and information offices with wild charges, the atmosphere of our retired diplomats, all with distinguished reputations and beyond reproach, uttered a solemn warning: "This would mean a lowered morale with the premium on cautious mediocrity."

IS LUCK THE ANSWER?

That situation is, of course, the neglect of Congress to get together with the failure of the administration to press the point—its refusal to appropriate adequate allowances for the top ambassadorial posts. This means that they go to the bidder who gives the most to the party in power, and the recent report of the Senate Elections Committee showed how high some of these bids were.

ADDED BURDEN

An additional burden is now being put on the career foreign service. Senior officers have been named to virtually all of the assistant secretariats, and when the State Department was reorganized it was contemplated that the secretary of state in defining America's course.

Make Home's Motto Have Real Meaning

Charlotte Editors, The News: "God's homes have a motto, 'Make Home's Motto Have Real Meaning.' But how many homes feel the real presence of Christ in the home without Christ is unhappy."

Two Jobs?

"I have to ask these questions, and you can suit yourself about answering them," Anderson repeated. He then asked once again: "Was it a fact that you were a farmer in World War II?"

Story Confirmed

Later the Defense Department spokesman called back to suggest that we contact Selective Service.

'It Is Not So'

"I have no way to answer it except to say it is not so; it is quite ridiculous," Mr. Wilson insisted.

Reluctant To Answer

Edward Wilson finally came on the telephone in Birmingham, Mich., and immediately protested against taking a call from a newspaperman. He said he had taken the call by mistake.

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Anderson asked a second time. "Don't crowd me now," young Wilson warned. "Would you answer these questions if they were put to you by a newspaper?" Anderson replied that he certainly would. "I'm sorry to have to ask them," he explained, "but if I were you I would answer them."

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Following this, an official query was placed with the Defense Department as follows: "Since Secretary of Defense Wilson has called Selective Service a draft-dodging agency, we want to know whether Edward E. Wilson was deferred as a farmer during World War II, and how not to be a farmer after the war. Is he now an auto dealer?" Defense Department spokesman said that Secretary Wilson was out of the city and that they couldn't get the information.