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UNC: A Partnership of Ideas & Values

The state, said Edmund Burke, "is a partnership not only between those who are living, but between those who are living, those who are dead, and those who are to be born."
A great university is fundamentally the same. It is a partnership of ideas and values held together by a succession of sensitive educational leaders.

ators with broad academic backgrounds and much classroom experience. Mr. Aycock, bearer of a name that is synonymous with public education in North Carolina, has served as acting dean of School of Law. He has served as an aide of Dr. Frank Porter Graham in 1951 when the former University president was a United Nations mediator in the dispute between India and Pakistan.

Release Brakes On Tar Heel Progress

THERE was not a whisper about the need for minimum wage legislation in Gov. Luther Hodges' 1955 State of the State message. But less than 24 hours later, North Carolina's chief executive told a capital news conference that he would support a state minimum wage bill "something along the line" of the ill-fated 55-cent proposal offered in 1953.

ussions," the governor said. He indicated that an administration-sponsored minimum wage bill would be introduced later in the session.
A minimum, however attractive, is politically unrealistic. A 75-cent minimum is a more practical target and one the General Assembly should select in 1957.

Assembly Must Obey The Constitution

I GET the idea from the papers," said Sen. Spencer Bell, "that this bill for reapportionment already is almost dead."
Until Bell and other Mecklenburgers spoke up for reapportionment this week, that has been the only idea seasoned reporters could reasonably entertain. Repeal thumpings of the old chestnut had failed to produce even the feeblest note of hope.

There is only one issue involved in reapportionment questions. THE RALEIGH NEWS & OBSERVER states it succinctly: "The real issue is whether the Constitution shall be obeyed. That issue can be answered in only one way—by obedience."
There is no likelihood whatsoever that the growing urban areas will ever have sufficient power in the Assembly to dictate state policy. Reapportionment on the basis of the 1950 census would make only the slightest changes in the complexion of the Assembly. And a new reapportionment plan—proposed by the Commission on Legislative Representation would guarantee rural areas a continuing preponderance of Assembly control.

From The Richmond News Leader

CAT MENTALITY

BETWEEN dog fanciers, there has long been controversy. Which of the two animals, the dispute goes, is the smarter? Or, as some would have it, which of the two is the less stupid?
A friend of ours, possessed of both dog and cat, reports that she thinks she has come up with the answer. The cat is four years old, and has always had a reputation for being a fairly smart cat, as cats go. Our friend says, however, that cats don't go far enough, in the brains league.

something was different about the tip of its tail. Only when the cat began cleaning itself did it discover that the hair on the tail had an unpleasant, singed taste. Since then, the cat has been going about with its tail dragging, while the family dog has been wearing a smug, arrogant expression on its face.
An expert says the younger generation will never pass the bar to check their spelling because they don't know how to spell the word they wish to look for.—SPARTA (Ga.) ISHMAELITE.
FATHER—"There's plenty of time for Bessie to think of getting married. Let her wait 'til the right man comes along."
MOTHER—"I don't know why she should wait that long. I didn't when I was her age."—LAMAR (Mo.), DEMOCRAT.
You are not old to stop as somebody has to tell you to stop giggling.—ELLAVILLE (Ga.) SUN.
News dispatch says, "France has a crooner like Elvis Presley." Let us hope not.—GASTONIA GAZETTE.

People's Platform Should Schoolteachers Take 'Drastic Action'?

Editors, The News: Evergreen
An editorial which appeared in your newspaper on Feb. 23, in which you stated that taken by a group of Charlotte teachers with reference to a proposed walkout, you stated we would only harm our standing as a profession by such action and that we should not antagonize the members of the General Assembly. You implied that a walkout would not be ethical.

Have you stopped to consider just how ethical it would be to stand aside and do nothing while our whole public school program for the future is at stake? If the salary schedule is not made more attractive to the persons who might teach, rest assured that the ones who suffer will be the children. If we can not attract enough good teachers, education will lag and the state will suffer in the end. To make the General Assembly aware of the consequences, it is sometimes necessary to take drastic measures. To be sure, many of its members favor our program, but many do not. How are we to make our case by sitting quietly and taking whatever they decide is best? Is it ethical for us to remain unemotional at the expense of our children? Sometimes the ethical thing to do is the thing that we most abhor. This country grew and prospered on just such actions.

We fully understand the action of that small percentage of Charlotte teachers who chose to speak for the entire profession. They are in a much better position financially than most of us. They receive a rather large supplement and are thus able to attract enough teachers to their system. But what of the countless thousands of average teachers who do not get the supplement and those who would enter the profession if salaries were better?

In antagonizing the General Assembly, is it not possible that the teachers have been continuously antagonized by the Assembly in having ignored the teaching profession's plight for so long, is it not possible that they have been the cause for teachers even considering a walkout in order to get fair treatment? —AUDREY BENSON

Israel's Cause Merits Support Of The West

Editors, The News: Charlotte
THE success or failure of the United Nations in the Middle East depends largely on the role played by the United States which, practically speaking, means how President Eisenhower uses the minute opportunities now presented to exercise his powers of leadership.
The critical events of the last



Legislature Has Ignored Teachers' Plight Too Long

—From North Carolina Education

few months have clearly demonstrated that a threat to the security and existence of the State of Israel can produce repercussions throughout the world. And with the Soviet Union seeking by every means to exploit the Middle East situation to its own ends, it has become clear that the West must seize the initiative for peaceful settlement if another and greater conflict is to be avoided.

This was certainly one of the reasons why the attention of the entire country was focused so intently on the President's address to the nation on Feb. 20. It is difficult to determine the reaction of the entire population to the President's address, although many expressed shock, surprise and disappointment.

Jewish people have held firmly to their faith in their future as well as to their faith in the conscience of humanity and the victory of justice and peace.

In this faith they have not been disappointed, although more than once they have had to face severe trials. When, in the United Nations Assembly in 1947, the nations of the world supported the revival of the Jewish state, they were the mouthpiece of the conscience of humanity.

Israel's faith in the ideals of the United Nations was not shaken when it was invaded on the very day of its establishment by five Arab countries, including four members of the United Nations (Egypt, Iraq, Lebanon and Syria). Neither the General Assembly nor the Security Council lifted a finger to come to Israel's assistance nor even to rebuke the aggressors.

During the eight years that have passed armistice agreements were signed between Israel and Egypt, Lebanon, Jordan and Syria (Saudi Arabia and Iraq also shared in the invasions and were defeated but refused to sign armistice agreements) yet Israel has suffered disappointments in the international sphere.

All the Arab countries, under the leadership of Egypt, organized an economic boycott against Israel as well as against international companies in various countries engaged in commerce with her.

In violation of the Constantinople Convention and international law, Egypt imposed a blockade on Israel in the Suez Canal and later in the Straits of Tiran as well. Egypt defied the Security Council and the blockade of Israel's ships continued. None of the authoritative bodies of the United Nations took any steps to oblige Egypt to comply with international law and Security Council decisions.

When the Arab countries saw that they were free to do whatever they wished, they initiated acts of armed hostilities by sending bands of saboteurs into Israeli territory. The United Nations was powerless to intervene. But let Israel in desperation send troops into the Sinai Peninsula and they are sure to be condemned.

This brand of justice is nothing but a caricature. Such an interpretation of principles amounts to rewarding any nation which is audacious enough to accomplish the most reprehensible act but which very cleverly stops short, not of violence, but of open war.

Time and again Israel has asked the United Nations to guarantee her that these threats to her security should not be repeated. Israel's stand in the matters of Gaza and the Gulf of Aqaba is dictated by her conscience and by her right to existence.

Isn't it conceivable that any government that will count the implications and complex problems confronting the State of Israel will give support to this stand? —MICHELE GOLDMAN

They Also Belittled Jesus Of Nazareth

Editors, The News: Charlotte
SOME of your readers have taken unwarranted snapshots at our revered Dr. Herbert Spangh for his article on the crown of thorns — reportedly placed on the head of Jesus of Nazareth at the time of His crucifixion.

I take no issue to prove or disprove this version of detail to the "hanging" of the promulgator of this Christian religion, nor do I think the incidentals of this errant act of the slightest importance.

However, I would reckon that my church's pastor, Dr. Spangh, has a greater reserve of knowledge and wisdom than the amalgamation of those who would criticize him.

But, of course, there were those who attempted to belittle Him who laid down one of the patterns which helps to make our present day civilization tolerable. —GRAHAM C. REICH

A Man Named John Was 'Eye Witness'

Editors, The News: McColi, S. C.
I ANSWER to a letter which appeared in People's Platform a few days ago questioning whether I really was one of the master of thorns or not. I wish to say that I believe that He did. I base my belief on the account of a man named John.

I agree with the writer that the Roman courts were models of formal dignity. But like all conquerors the Romans had two sets of laws — one for themselves and another for their subjected people. The Romans were the master race and their subjected people were as dirt under their feet.

The writer says that Pilate would have been angered by such a man. Maybe, but, from what little we can learn about him, I am inclined to believe that this "Roman" would be pretty nasty himself when he took the notion.

So what reason have we to doubt that this brutal colonial over-lord would object to the torture of members of a subjected nation when they were charged with rebellion? —TOMMY McNEIL

Crown Of Thorns: Fact, Not Fiction

Editors, The News: Charlotte
I AM writing in regard to a letter in the Feb. 23 People's Platform which said the crown of thorns was woven from fiction.

May I remind the writer that not one but three of the four gospels record that Jesus was crowned with a thorny diadem?

She also states that a number of supposedly modern commentators variously brand the crown of thorns as either false, incredible or unbelievable and that is exactly what it is to the modern mind. What she is obviously doing is denying the scriptures.

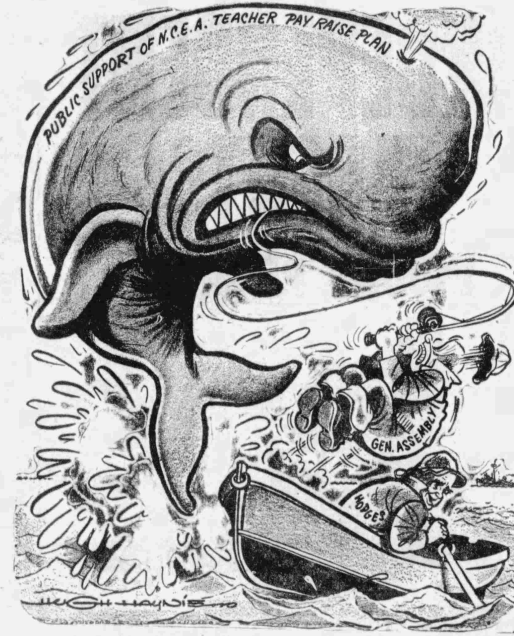
She says that the Roman courts were very careful in keeping with the dignity and the letter of the law.

In her opinion, would it be any worse to crown Jesus with a crown of thorns than to slap him and spit in his face? She says that such mockery was contrary to both Jewish and Roman law and that Pilate would never have permitted it.

May I remind her that she is speaking of the man who freed a thief and murderer and allowed, by his own testimony, the crucifixion and murder of a holy and just man?

May I remind her that all scripture was given by the inspiration of God? —MRS. CARL D. GODFREY JR.

'How're You Coming With That Red Herring, Boy?'



Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

Israel Faced Same Threat As Korea

ON Sept. 16 last year while visiting the Near East, this writer made the following prediction: "An isolated war will break out, with the participation of England and France, but it will not develop into world war." This prediction required no great reading of the crystal ball. It was easy to see what was coming. US diplomats could see it just as well as a newspaperman.

Russian Arms Reason they could see it lies at the root of the present trouble between Egypt and Israel, namely almost half a billion dollars' worth of Russian arms stored away as a virtual Russian base in Egypt just across the Israeli border. The situation was almost the same as that between North Korea and South Korea in 1950. War had to come in Korea. War also had to come between Egypt and Israel—unless the United States or the United Nations had stepped in first. The cause of both was indirect Communist aggression.

Sanctimonious U. S. But since Israel took the first step and cleaned up what would otherwise have been a long war, the United States now finds itself in the position of being sanctimonious about halting Israel before the bar of the United

cleaned up in four days; the Korean war dragged on for two years. A final difference might have been that a long drawn-out war in the Near East would have dragged the United States in. The present proposed Eisenhower Doctrine is aimed at helping nations threatened with Russian aggression, and the Russian arms stored in Egypt were indirect Russian aggression.

Notes—It is only 30 minutes by jet fighter from Egypt to Tel Aviv, chief city of Israel. It could have been bombed to bits by Russia's vast fleet of new MIG sent to Egypt, before the handful of Israeli fighters could have got off the runways.

Washington Pipeline Ambassador Charles Bohlen has returned to Washington after four years of brilliant reporting on Soviet Russia, and has asked to be reassigned to another post. Secretary Dulles, who has never like Bohlen, offered him a minor post in Latin America. Being an expert on Slavic languages with no knowledge of Spanish, Bohlen will probably resign.