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Noisy Coliseum Is No Place For Soft Music

Charlotte
Editors, The News:
BLIND Powell tried his darndest to "Make Mine Music" at the Coliseum Tuesday night, but the odds were too great.



"They're tossing him out... He coughed during the drum solo..."

in North Carolina. So let's have some personal freedom one time.
If this so rushed inspection idea has reached the point of such urgency, let the auto operator say who will say the car is okay. We all know that there is some big gun in behind this dangerous operation. Just say, here is my inspection card for so and so for year so and so.

Whisky Destroys So Many Homes
Charlotte
Editors, The News:
I WAS reading an article in The News about liquor prices rising. I don't think that there is anything on earth that is destroying more homes than whisky.

Hodges Could Have Stopped Pay Raise
Pittsboro
THE scene in Raleigh is without a precedent—a billion dollar budget, a two-day inauguration, featuring political pomp and military power and a spirit of free-wheeling in the use of the people's money.

Auto Inspection Idea Was 'Just A Farce'
Charlotte
Editors, The News:
THERE seems to be a awful lot of noise about this auto inspection we had on some years ago. And what was it? Just a farce I am of the opinion that another one would be of the same color and would not be a clear one. So far as the inspecting is concerned that would be okay.

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Say — This May Go Even Deeper Than We Thought'
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I WOULD like to express my appreciation of Edwin Bergamini and his fine articles of musical interest that appear in your paper. His reviews are always so informative and fair.

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THE teachers were foolish to get cold feet at the last minute and call off their strike. It is the only way they are going to show the legislature that they are in real need. They ought to walk out if they don't get their pay raise.

Horizons Unlimited
Life On Other Planets?
REMEMBERING the high probability of millions of planets with suitable chemistry and dimensions, we are ready for the question: On some of these planets, is there life?
Or is that biochemical operation strictly limited to our planet, No. 3 in the family of a run of the mill star, in the outer part of a galaxy that contains a hundred thousand million other stars, and this galaxy but one of millions already in the records?
Is life thus restricted? Of course not.

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Labor's House Must Be Kept Tidy

A SKELETON that has been clanking in an organized labor's closet for years is finally getting a clinical examination in Washington.

It is already apparent that senators are in for some sordid sights. Findings so far are distinctly unpretty. Additional evidence of racketeering and corruption is said to be on the way.

On the basis of one congressional peep show it would be unfair to suggest that trade unionism's whole house is haunted. But the current probe indicates how scrupulous the labor movement must be in its housekeeping if it is to retain the enthusiastic public support it has enjoyed in the past.

Never has U. S. labor been so strong in membership, power and funds, yet seldom has it been in a more precarious position. The battles for recognition have been won in the field and in the courts. The judiciary has replaced the ancient doctrine of laissez faire of which business and management were the beneficiaries with one equally challenging to public authority of which organized labor and its leadership are the beneficiaries. But there is mounting evidence of public disenchantment.

Congress, Unfortunately, Has The Colic

SPRING hasn't a chance in Washington. In deference to a massive cold wave of congressional griping, the capitol, robins are being re-routed and crocuses are staying underground.

The Weather Bureau reportedly has forecast a long winter, lasting possibly into August.

Consider the wrinkled scowl on the ordinarily amiable features of Aiken of Vermont. He's very much put out because the President nominated a Democrat as ambassador to Germany. Oddly enough, the senator made no such fuss when these other Democrats received appointments from a Republican president.

Walter George as ambassador to NATO, Congressman Richards as special ambassador to the Middle East, Gordon Gray as defense mobilization director, and the Supreme Court, Ellsworth Bunker as ambassador to India.

Nor is it remembered that the senator fretted much when the Democrats were in power. Messrs. Eisenhower and Dulles, important overseas jobs. Under President Truman there also was a Republican secretary of defense, ambassador to the U. N. and a couple of Republican foreign aid administrators.

Notwithstanding all this, the senator from the Maple Sugar State seems to have a clear case of bipartisanship colic.

South Carolina's Sen. Johnston seems to be suffering from the far sicker but more virulent malady of partisanship colic. "Our foreign policy under the President and Secretary Dulles," he grumbles, "is bankrupt in its principles and purposes." Administration of foreign policy admittedly leaves much to be desired, but the "principles and purposes" largely are hand-me-downs from Democratic administrations more to Sen. Johnston's liking.

Let's Keep Sylvan Dreams Uncluttered

CITY Council contained itself rather admirably on learning that in the City Tree Commission it has created an idle dreamer.

The commission, after all, had no business before it and Council had none to put before it. Why shouldn't the commission engage its energies in dreaming big dreams for the future? A city really needs a good group devoted to pure research on the shape of things to come.

Take the commission's idea of a large boulevard connecting the city with the North 29 bypass. Along this grand artery would grow specimens of every tree in North Carolina. It would be something to see. It might even be a road one wouldn't mind walking along.

with big labor in general and big labor leaders in particular. If rank and file members value their unions they will see that their officials wield their new power wisely in accordance with the workers' classic goals—social recognition and democratic self-determination.

A great deal of the responsibility for keeping labor's house in order rests with the AFL-CIO's national leadership. But its powers are limited after contamination has already set in. It can withdraw an undesirable union's charter but this does not necessarily dissolve the union. For instance, the Longshoremen's Association was expelled four years ago and is still functioning. There have also been instances of smaller, Red-dominated unions flourishing, to the enormous embarrassment of the AFL-CIO, after they have been booted out and denounced.

Therefore, the public has a responsibility to help keep unions honest, too, through the normal policing powers of its governmental agencies.

If the current hearings are conducted with wisdom, forbearance and restraint, they can contribute something valuable—for the common good of both the public and organized labor.

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The reviewer credits author Richard Wright with writing that Spain is a "pagan" land, an uncivilized land ("Africa... has a chance of becoming civilized before Spain"), and a land whose earmarks are the "prevalence of sin, sex, ignorance and poverty."

Another view of contemporary Spain is contained in The News of Nov. 6 in the column by Robert C. Ruark concerning the world-wide teenage problem.

From Palamos, Spain, columnist Ruark writes that "terra-tion of neighborhoods by young thugs seems universal with the possible exception of Spain, where juvenile misconduct is almost unheard of. The good department of the young Spaniard poses another question: Why in a country once wracked by civil war, which makes heroes of bullfighters, which was home-ruled until recently, which still has much poverty in certain areas is honesty, decency and politeness at a higher level than any country I know?"

In noting these two views of Spain, the natural question arises: Whose view is correct?

Is it author Wright's? That Spain is an uncivilized land of sin and sex?

Or is it columnist Ruark's? That Spain is a land of honesty, decency and politeness?

Where is the truth? — PETER J. KING

Optimism
ON a warm afternoon this week five boys walked to a bridge on Soneca Pl. and tossed fishing lines into that notorious tributary variously known as Little Hope and Big Stinky Creek.

Some optimists are incurable, as the man said.

What Congress needs is more of Rep. Abernethy's humor or a good spring tonic—minus the sulphur, of course.

While we're dreaming, let's keep the forest uncluttered.

Beatrice Cobb In The Morganton News-Herald
TAR HEEL, TARHEEL OR WHAT?

IT looks as if there's no chance of early agreement or settlement of the question about how to write the nickname for North Carolinians—"Tar Heel, Tarheel, Tar-heel, or Tar-heel." Which is correct? Every time I have occasion to write the word, or words, "I always hesitate about it, asking myself: "Is it one or two words or hyphenated, and are both words capitalized, or perhaps only the "T"?"

The questioning on these points was recently revived when the North Carolina Department of Conservation issued a new descriptive booklet and gave it the title, "North Carolina, The Tar Heel State." Then, on the inside was quoted the generally accepted story, attributed to General Robert E. Lee: "God bless the Tar heel boys." It could be argued, of course, that any word in the title, even "The" would have been capitalized, and that "h" in "heel" in the text was not necessarily a discrepancy.

The quotation from General Lee is the most popular version of the origin of the nickname. However, Drs. Lefler and Newsome, whose rather recently published history of North Carolina is highly prized, have recorded that the name goes back to the early production of tar in Eastern Carolina.

But, as mentioned above, the spelling of the term is still the big question which remains unsettled. Researchers have found that it's "Tar-heel" in Lefler and Newsome's history; Tar-heel in Creech's text; Tar-heel in Newsome's North Carolina Guide index (although Tar Heel in the text); and, that North Carolina newspapers in general seem to have settled on "Tarheel."

So, take your choice. There's good authority to back up whatever way you choose to write it.

A smart doctor is one who can tell what's wrong with you even if you don't drink or smoke or have any teeth.—GREENVILLE (S.C.) FLEDMONT.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON
FRED Alger, Ike's ambassador to Belgium, is sure as a bull ever being relieved of his job. A staunch Republican who contributed \$1,500 to Ike's last campaign, the ambassador didn't expect to be shelved.

Alger is especially sore because he is being relieved right in the middle of the big Belgian fair. He had worked hard to organize American exhibits to the fair.

Licked By 'Soapy'
Ambassador Alger once ran for governor of Michigan against "Soapy" Williams, but like all other Republicans who tackled "Soapy," he got licked. In matrimony he was more successful. He won the delightful Suzanne Dewey, daughter of ex-Congressman Charles Dewey of Chicago. She was a great asset to the U. S. in Brussels.

Blood In His Eye
Alger is now going back to his home in Detroit with blood in his eye. He blames his forced resignation on Postmaster General Summerfield, a power

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Competitors of WHPA subsequently protested an award, leading to oral arguments before the full commission on Dec. 3, 1956.

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