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Public Has A Duty To Be Concerned

The parents of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County were deeply distressed by the Flat Rock School fire. In the aftermath of tragedy, public anxiety about the safety of school buildings is and around the Queen City is fully justified and in order.
The citizens of a community share with school officials the responsibility to determine whether reasonable standards of safety are established and maintained.

The school officials of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County do not take their responsibilities lightly. If anything, they usually go beyond the call of duty. But schools depend upon the public not only for material support but for a genuine sense of direction as well. In the long run, if no strong public will is made manifest the schools are likely to falter.
This rather sturdy principle is applicable not only to matters concerning the safety of pupils, but educational problems in general.

Portrait Of The Racist As A Young Man

John Kasper was a young man,
A young man we've known
Tell and twenty-six he grew
In this "homeland of the free"
My father's name is Truelove,
My mother's name was Agee,
No one Supreme Court Justice
Gonna make my laws for me
John Kasper was a young man,
A young man we've known
When he went to fight the battle
Of Clinton, Tennessee

by the Florida committee was earlier reported in a COMMENTARY article by James Rorty. He had more to say about the bookshop. It issued a list of books recommended for reading which included numerous anti-Semitic volumes and Hitler's MEIN KAMPF. Kasper also published works of Pound, one being THE UNWOMERING PYROT AND THE GREAT DIKES OF COVINGTON.

A Florida legislative committee has now looked into the authenticity of Kasper himself. Admittedly a veteran anti-Semite, Kasper turns out to be a Jew-hater, completely indeed to the field of white supremacy. In fact, this self-proclaimed leader of southern whites against the "Supreme Court swine" and other "outsiders" was associated with a Negro woman in operation of a Greenwich Village bookstore which was used as a meeting place for the two races. He attended mixed parties and danced with young Negro women. Meanwhile, he worshipped his fallen idol, fascist poet Ezra Pound.

During the bookshop days, Rorty reports, Kasper told a Negro artist: "If I were a strong Negro, I would lead a march on Washington, if I were a Negro, I would march in front of the United Nations building until somebody noticed me. If I were you, I'd take one of my paintings and hang it in the Museum of Modern Art. All they could do would be to jail and fine you. And think of the publicity you'd get." At this time, Rorty reports, Kasper also was urging Negro friends to join the NAACP.

Death Comes To An Unmarked Hero

CHARLES A. Lindbergh lifted THE SPIRIT OF ST. LOUIS off the Roosevelt Field runway in a miraculous take-off.
He was headed for Paris and an excited reporter wrote, "into the brilliant light of history and to unimagined fame."
The reporter was watching the wrong man. His prophesy was more nearly true for another flier who stood on the runway that had been lengthened for his own use, and strained for Lindbergh to get into the air. The other flier was Richard Evelyn Byrd.

bergh ventured away from aviation into political preachments, the "brilliant light of history" sputtered considerably. Large segments of the public came to distrust him.
Adm. Byrd was scarred only by arctic ice. His name was steadily synonymous with high adventure and sterling courage. From his first conquest of the North Pole by air in 1926 until 1956 when he made his last trip to the South Pole. He is credited with charting some two million square miles of the earth's surface previously unseen by man, and seen by few since.

DOGS VS. CATS

THE pitiful plight of the suburbanite dog was recently chronicled on this page. As viewed by the LOUISVILLE COURIER-JOURNAL, the world of the suburban dog is one of spots, collars, license tags and leashes. Rover of the subdivision has no place to dig, no place to run, and is even insulated from chasing cats.
And sadder of all his last effort at self-expression — a juicy bite into the ankles of the postman — is being denied. Scientists have perfected dog tranquilizers to cool his ardor for this sport.
In an even more dreadful state is Rover's city cousin, says Dr. William G. Glenney, president of the American Veterinary Radiology Society, who has revealed the extent of the ravages of urban life. Like their masters big city dogs are developing ulcers.

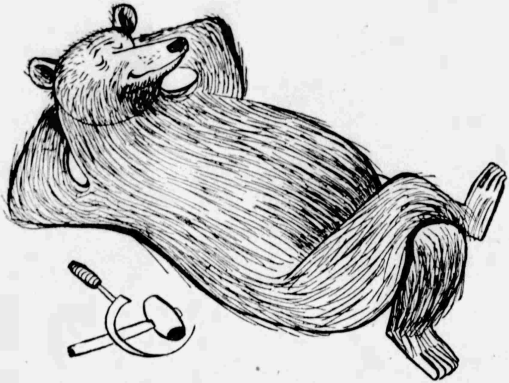
But in all the experiences of the American Veterinary Radiology Society there is no record of cat ulcers. Cats, according to Dr. Glenney's diagnosis, are immune to ulcers. The pushing and straining to prove themselves that undo man and his best friend don't bother cats.
Cats, says Dr. Glenney, have the answer to modern living that has eluded dogs and humans. They know how to relax. "Cats don't hurt themselves out over matters that don't matter in the final analysis anyway."
As we get Dr. Glenney's meaning, we are all going to the dogs, except for the cats.
Big-hearted Charlie says he remembers when the height of juvenile delinquency was smoking corkish behind the barn — LEXINGTON LEADER.
The question is how to apply the brakes on inflation without causing our economy to skid. — GREENSBORO DAILY NEWS.
A mistake at the steering wheel has changed many a man from a driver into a statistic. — GREENSBORO (Ga.) HERALD-JOURNAL.

Only Bold, Realistic Leadership Can Save The West

By JOSEPH ALSOP

THE final impression left by a long sojourn in the Soviet Union can be rather shortly summed up. The two sides in the great struggle that divides the world are now engaged in a peculiar sort of race. It is a life and death race but neither side fully understands its nature.
To describe it briefly and even brutally this is a race between the weakness of the West on the one hand and the evolution of the Soviet Union on the other hand. The creatures in the race are considerably more odd in their nature than the hare and the tortoise. And just to make this race even stranger still, each side is hatching the other's annual to win.

and will continue to grow, although perhaps at a reduced rate.
All the same it is also true that the evolution of Soviet society offers the West quite genuine grounds for long-range hope. This is because of the curious interaction of the major Soviet success and a serious Soviet failure.
MORAL LAWS INTACT
The Soviet failure, which has only been really proven in the last year, is the failure to produce the famous "new Soviet man" so long envisaged by the Kremlin's masters. The moral laws have not been repealed in the Soviet Union, even although they were temporarily suspended by sheer terror. Men and women have not lost their desire to be free, their wish to live their own lives or their hankering to exercise their own individual judgments. People still want to be people, instead of a higher form of ant.



The Russian Bear Will Not Roll Over And Play Dead

People's Platform

In truth it is positively frightening to hear from Washington that the professor's claptrap has been taken seriously and is regarded as a great cause for optimism in the President's inner circle. Nothing on earth could be more dangerous for the West than to underestimate Soviet military might and industrial strength. Everything I saw convinced me that Soviet military-industrial power is still growing.

Are Teachers' Salaries Really Out Of Line?

So there follows the kind of comparison, fair comparisons, in take home pay for the amount of time on the job, etc.
If these people are really underpaid (and general public opinion is that they are) it seems that it is up to everybody to come to their aid and see that this thing is corrected. But if it turns out that, for what they are doing, they are being

paid accordingly—and on a par with other occupations, we should know that, too.
Some of those who are contemplating quitting their jobs and seeking other employment may not have investigated as far as they might. They may find that they are not as bad off as they first realize. And those who are seeking to "go North" to teach, because of higher pay scales, may find that the cost of living is probably higher, also, so it may even pay.

'Good Work—By The Way, Did You Find Anyone On The Roof Garden?'



It is high time the Chamber of Commerce, the local newspapers, and the citizens of Charlotte speak up in favor of this program. Do not let this motion die from lack of support.
—DAVID M. ALEXANDER

Don't Let Annexation Die For Lack Of Aid
Charlotte
Editors, The News:
I have presented, endorsed, and proposed a plan of extension of the Charlotte city limits to our local representatives in the state legislature.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON
THE Joint Chiefs of Staff were quietly called to the White House last week and notified that their next chairman would be Gen. Nathan Twining, now the Air Force chief.
Inside fact is that Twining had recommended his deputy, Gen. Thomas White, for the chairmanship, but the President persuaded Twining to take a simek rather than retire. White probably will replace Twining as Air Force chief of staff.

Twining Picked To Head Joint Chiefs

blantly it was the Air Force's turn to take the chairmanship. Radford, he said, should step down.
Headlines And Footnotes
Franklin D. Roosevelt Jr. has made a bid to get back into politics. He approached Tammany Hall Boss Carmine De Sapio, who was aloof...
Radford Blackballed
Originally, Secretary of Defense Wilson wanted to reappoint Adm. Arthur Radford, present chairman, to a third term, but trusty Congressman Carl Vinson of Georgia, chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, threatened to block Radford. Vinson told Wilson

Art And Communism
Rep. Herbert Scudder (R-Calif.) showed concern the other day about a proposal of two Democratic congressmen to have the Atomic Energy Act approved all designs for federal buildings.
Scudder was worried about "communist" murals, and though reassured by Rep. Henry Reuss (D-Wis.), he was still skeptical.
Washington Pipeline
Sen. McCarley of Wisconsin wasn't the only lawmaker who failed to attend the White House reception for Congress. McCarthy wasn't invited. But Roy Row (D-Minn.) who did receive an invitation declined in favor of a conservation meeting.