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People's Platform Wake Up, Charlotte! Winston-Salem's Gaining

Charlotte worked against seemingly impossible odds... People's Platform... Winston-Salem's gaining... Wake up, Charlotte!

They know the value of a representative cultural atmosphere for business firms locating here...

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Wake up, Charlotteans, before Winston-Salem becomes the cultural capital of the Carolinas...

An Army Officer Isn't Always A Gentleman Asheville

Editor, The News: I am anxious concerning the social proprieties, has apparently just issued an order to American officers to cease coming with German working girls...

The Bawdy House Madam Had Washington On Its Ear

By FREDERICK C. OTHMAN

Editors' Note: Mr. Othman is pin-heading for Robert C. Ruark, who is ill.

WASHINGTON WE MIGHT as well be frank about Mrs. Far Thompson, as would the senators, and call her a bawdy house madam of Seattle and Tacoma, Wash.

Her appearance in the Senate caucus room, where the madam are delving into evidence indicating that certain high moguls of the Teamsters' Union are vice-mongers on the side, was historic.

For one thing, no madam ever before had sworn to tell the senators the truth. Far another, madams these days in America are relics of another age.

RAFFISH TOUCHES The peculiar thing was that she looked at first glance like anybody's eminence in a respectable and successful life.

FLOODLIGHT SPARKLES Closer inspection revealed a long scar on her left cheek, carefully covered with makeup.

SOFT VOICE She told the senators how she'd been advised by a Spokane gambler to call on a Portland, Ore., gambler with the idea of establishing a chain of houses in his home town.

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Drag Racing: No Subject For Pleading

Motor Vehicles Commissioner Ed Scheidt wasted no time with fancy semantics. People who prearrange auto races on public highways, he said, "are criminals and should be treated as such."

It was, in a way, shocking language. The public is used to the gentler, coter phrases of the slogan-maker—such as "motocraz" a marriage of motor and maniac.

It is also used to the exhortations of police chiefs, governors and presidents, and all the other fine and futile language of publicity wars against traffic killings.

A House Roads Committee, however, paid attention to Mr. Scheidt.

Congress Should Approve The Error

The Senate was sadly in need of some good advice. It had wrestled for weeks with its own soul and with Mr. Dulles' vagueness. Still it had no decision on Mr. Eisenhower's Middle East Doctrine.

Massachusetts' Sen. Kennedy has supplied the best advice and the best definition the Senate is likely to get. The doctrine, he said, was "an unnecessary error" supported only by "urgent pleas for speed and unanimity, exaggerated justifications and evasive testimony without any demonstration of critical need."

In short, the program should be passed for no other reason than that. Once requested, it raised the question of whether the U. S. is determined to resist communism in the Middle East.

It Was Too Bad About Uncle Sangfroid

The current Senate bell-ringing of Oregon pinball interests really gives us a double-bumper, free-game shot of nostalgia.

It's been years since we thought of Uncle Sangfroid, the fanciest closest held his skeleton for many years. But what with West Coast people singing so loudly we believe it is high time the saga of Uncle Sang was unveiled.

Before television had caged Americans and cigarettes were two packs for a quarter, we had Uncle Sangfroid with us. He wasn't like Uncle Boger (our drinkin' uncle). We just thought of Uncle Sang as a mellow, harmless nut.

Uncle used to entertain us two or three times a week. He was always chinking his watch across the room "to see time fly." He was sure-fire entertainment.

One day though, something happened. He'd been down to the corner drug-

Winter's Ashes Quicken Spring's Fires

This was the time for dividing the ashes and going for mud.

The woman of the house that perched on a red clay bank told the boys. She had been told by the appearance of things outside the house. There were birds walking and scratching on the warming floor of the hardwood grove that came up to the yard.

This was the time. The woman divided the ashes between two pairs set on the uneven hearth before the smoke-smudged fireplace. Some were to be saved and leached for lye soap, some to be sprinkled around the lilac bushes to help fatten the buds appearing along the tips of bare branches.

scarcely want to make the faintest kind of start at presiding over it. But to us who love doors of all sorts—magic doors, forbidden doors, doors of opportunity and to the future—the door of air will be a new treasure.

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Why does your dog keep turning "round in circles"? He's a watch dog—and he's turning himself up.—MERRIS PRESS-SCRIPSTAR

You Got Elected, Didn't You?



Khrushchev The Man Portrait Of A Bold Gambler

By JOSEPH ALSOP

PARIS AN attempt to analyze the character of a single individual may seem an odd first installment of an attempt to sum up seven experience-packed weeks in a country of more than 200 million people.

ZEST AND GUSTO He is, first of all, possessed of an incomparable energy, an astonishing zest and gusto. When he and Bulgakov returned from their grueling trip to India, the exhausted Bulgakov had to take to his bed for a few days.

Under Soviet practice, this makes the new program a Khrushchev program. The right comparison is the only slightly less staggering new lands program, with its total investment of more than \$3 billion and its human movement of about 800,000 farm workers, which is also a Khrushchev program.

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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON SEN. McClellan's Investigating Committee is doing an important job of exposing tamers racketeering, some of it, incidentally, reported by this column beginning April 30, 1956. However, the senators aren't giving the full story on the Portland, Ore., underworld.

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Big Jim is also bent on retaliation against the elements that knocked him out of the pinball machine racket, namely the teamsters. They deserve retaliation. But one untold sidelight is that Big Jim and his friend Stanley Earl

would not be averse to using the McClellan hearings as a publicity megaphone to help take control of the city of Portland.

Reformer' Earl, now a city councilman, is assuming the role of a reformer. Truth is, the city councilman began his career as a member in one of the Elkins' brotherhood after-hours joints, once jailed for strong-arm tactics in union activities, Oct. 8, 1952, in Spokane; and wrote a strong letter trying to get a pardon for Big Jim Elkins after Elkins was thrown into an Arizona jail for assault with intent to kill.

The Senate Committee treated Elkins gently, making only hurried reference to his sordid background. The fact is that he has a three-page record for every-

thing from attempted murder to drug smuggling. His first rap was for stealing a car back in 1920. Later he branched out into burglary and drug smuggling. Federal agents picked him up in 1932 for attempting to smuggle heroin into the country. After his prison term, he was surprised by police in the act of burglarizing a warehouse in Gila County, Ariz. Elkins and his accomplice shot and killed a man in her grammar school. They way out of the police trap were captured two hours later. Elkins got a 20-30-year term for assault with intent to kill, was paroled, but promptly was tossed back in the clink for getting mixed up with a gang of warehouse thieves. The next year, he was released into the custody of his brother, Fred, on the pledge he would keep out of Arizona.

Big Jim went to Oregon, where he was arrested for armed robbery involving the removal of slot machines. This ended in a gun fight with the intended victim, Elkins was wounded in the shoulder. At the trial, the witnesses against him failed to show up. One was quoted in the newspapers as saying, "I was run out of Portland at the point of a gun."

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