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North Carolina: One State, One Destiny

IN a state sodden with quaint old maxims of political orthodoxy it is particularly refreshing to observe the party chilefains scrapping midlely among tempelves over whose turn it is to have a governor—the east's or the west's.

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Stubborn, pugnacious sectionalism has placed a thoroughly undesirable limitation on the quest for leadership in North Carolina in the past. By rotating the governorship between the east and the west some particularly deserving political stalwarts have simply been shuffled out of an opportunity to serve. As a matter of historical fact, many a crucial vote in the past has been divided along a fall line which separates the Piedmont from the Coastal Piain—a diagonal line running northeastward from Anson County to Northampton.

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The reasons for sectionalism are rooted in the state's dim beginnings as a royal colony, Naturally, the coastal country was the site of the first settlements, Soon, however, pioneers pushed into the upper Cape Fear Valley, settled in the Piedmont and finally, by 1769, reached the mountains. But power remained in the hands of the planters and big landlords of the east.

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When 1830 roiled around it was estimated that half the state's population was west of Raleigh. Yet most of the state's governors continued to come from the politically powerful east. Whenever a new county was created in the west a new one had to be formed in the east as well. In this way, the east retained its power.

It was not until 1835 and later that governmental reforms liberalizing voting requirements and reapportioning legisla-tive representation presented the west an opportunity to increase its voice in

state affairs.

But sectional animosities were not stamped out. The rotation system in the selection of governors emerged in 1901 as a kind of truce arrangement. Yet the east continued to dominate the General Assembly—and still does to some extent. Some of the state's most important votes —the calling of a secession convention in 1881, disfranchisement of the Negro

in 1900, prohibition in 1908—have revealed noticeable variations and shadings of opinion between the east and the west

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Whatever the valid reasons for eastwest splits in the past, few exist today, It is silliness itself to continue to give serious thought to a rule which has simply outlived its userfulness.

The east-west rotation in choosing a governor got off schedule in the Kerr Scott and William B. Umstead elections. It was the east's turn in 1948 when Scott from Alamance County in the central Piedmont defeated the east's Charlie Johnson.

The RALEIGH NEWS & OBSERVER Ventured bravely into the intricacies of the problem:

If you count Alamance in the west, then the east lost a turn with the election of Scott. And if Alamance is east, it was the west which lost a round when Umstead, four years later, was elected from Durham—certainly east of Alamance.

After The Big Boom, Pandemonium

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If A hydrogen bomb were dropped in
It he neighborhood of Charlotte it is
altogether possible that parts of two
states and a dozen counties would be
more or less desperately involved.

Since civil defense is the primary
responsibility of state and local governments the result would undoubtedly be
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As long ago as March, 1956, then Federal Civil Defense Administrator Val
Peterson attempted to alert the nation
to just such a problem. "We have the
situation created that transcends the
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minds back in 1950" and Mr. Peterson.
"I might illustrate it this way. If you
drop one thermonuclear weapon... on
metropolitan Philadelphia, you involve
parts of three states... 11 counties...
and 39 cities of over 10,000 population."

Mr. Peterson strongly recommended
that the FCDA administrator "get some
command control and direction over
state and city defense organizations"
through the power to withhold federal
funds from them. "At the present time,"
he said, "I lead an 'army' to which I
can give no commands of any kind."

Soviet missile development has given
Peterson words a new urgency. To leave
civil defense in the hands of states and
municipalities—many with totally inadequate facilities and leadership—would
be the height of absurdity. A bill now
pending before the Senate Armed Ser-

vices Committee would remedy the situation somewhat. In a nutshell, it would:

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2—Authorize the federal government to purchase and maintain radiation detection devices for use by the state and local civil defense agencies.

3—Authorize the federal government to pay up to half the administrative and personnel expenses of local civil defense agencies.

4—Authorize the federal government to pay up to half the expenses of students from states and cities attending the FCDA School.

5—Establish criteria for state and local civil defense plans and authorize the FCDA School.

FCDA administrator to cut off financial assistance to states that do not comply with those standards.

There is a strong argument in favor of making civil defense a full-fledged arm of the Defense Department with armed forces are matinarge—just as the start of the state of the state of the state of the state of the better the best of the state of the state of the state of the best of the state of the state

From The Chicago Tribune

DINGLE'S JINGLES

DINGLE Foot. Labor party candidate, election at I sparite memory by election at I sparite memory by election at I sparite. Suffolk, after a contest in poetry at 10 pueces with his Conservative opponent, John Cobbold, the local brewer. Mr. Cobbold, not being too well versed, Lord Halisham, the Conservative party leader, served as his stand-in, opening hostilities with a stanza from a music hall song.

Hallsham said that Foot's switch from ne Liberal party to Labor represented desertion of old comrades, and quoted:

In a cottage in the country Live her people crushed with

shame; Drink the champagne that she sends But they never speak her name.

Replying to this gibe, Mr. Foot re-called Lord Hailsham's political trick of ringing bells at party meetings to wake up the Conservatives, then quoted Lewis Carrell.

This was charming no do but they shortly found in That the captain they wusted so well

Had only one notion for crossing the ocean And that was to tingle his bell.

Unfortunately, Hallsham and his un-poetic brewer did not think to come back with a reference to Edward Lear's "At Dingle Bank," where a choleric head-master, though he rewarded his boys with heaps of buttered toast when they learned their lessons well, also showed another face:

another face:

But he grew rabid-wroth, he did,

If they meglected books,

And dragged them to adjacent cliffs

With beastly buttonhooks,

And there was fewtons give he threw

Them down into the occan blue.

But Mr Dingle Foot was permitted the
last verse, and he rhymed himself into

Parliament by some 7,000 votes. It seems

a rather more humane procedure, at
that, than ours, where we are compelled
to listen to nonsense unrhymed.

Is this sudden recognition of the value scientists a belated tribute by the fat-ads to the eggheads since we're in jam?—Greensboro Dally News.

'-But, Of Course, Some Things Never Change'



The First Fright

Letter From A Traveler

DEAR STEW: You want me to trying to sum ip my impressions after twelve endlessly itinerant months as a foreign correspondent.

in Hong Kong, straining my ear against a ruined radio that was barely whispering the news of Pearl Harbor, while the Japanese bombs thimped fown on the blacked one of the blacked one of the blacked one as I am now.

Of course I do not mean that I get not feel even it affects the next man. I nean rather that I did not feel even a lingering doubt about the future of our country. I may be a support of the suppo

BRAVE OLD MAN

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Maybe I have been making the
mistake of Ed Gingles, the superbly brave old man who was
our leader in the prison camp
where the Japs put me for awhile
after Pearl Harbor. In his years
as a U.S. Navy, petty officer, Ed
had imbided the firm conviction
that no one on earth could beat
the U.S. Navy. The British Navy
force, but that ended Ed's list
of serious flighting forces in the
world. Hence Ed flatly refuse to
believe the Japanese news of our
reverses in those first terrible

true.

Maybe, in other words, I should have begun to feel doubts about our future long before this. But you and I have always assumed that if the American people just understood the problems controlling them, they would manage to solve those problems

COMPLEX DANGER



SAD RESPONSE

People's Platform

The Way To Build Brighter Tomorrows

Editors, The News:
THE YEAR 1957 has run its
course. Whatever the failures, gain or loss, it is now behind us. But we must be conjurant
of the fact that our tomorrow can
be made brighter by recognizing
the failures and gain of the past.

Through experience, hardship, joy and sorrow of each day, we absorb the material from which

Year.

Into each and every life there comes a shining star, a sputhik, a hope for a brighter tomorrow, it is when the individual sees the shining star, attains the reach of the sputhik, let's the scope of his come a reality, that

VICE PRESIDENT Richard M. Nixon is enjoying in Ploria one of the rare vacations that has permitted himself in a career of intensive and uncessing drive. WASHINGTON was very young and very ambiuse and 1 am sorry. The Brittish editor was deeply impersion of the new Nixon. The vice president was quoted into drive.

one of the rare vacations toan the has permitted himself in a career of intensive and uncease. When he comes back about the time Congress returns, he will have recharged the reservoir of energy which has helped to push muy part and onward in his meteoric career. The end of the him to be the congress of the congress was a great acceleration in that career.

Many powerful Republicans, conspicuously in the publishing field, were more or less frash in expressing the congressing the congression of the congre

NEW CURRENCY
Nevertheless, the Nixon face
and the Nixon record were given
new and glowing currency. He
was portrayed as the grave and
capable, yet youthful and appealing, regent as well as the
pealing. regent as well as the
House.
While 1895 looks like a chancy
year, one thing is certain—the
Nixon drive will continue. The
President's health permitting, the
yet greater and the will yet
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will round of the NATO capitlas,
stain and Africa, he will, by adding Europe to his string, further
stablish the identity of the responsible statesman as against
the old mage of the tough, fightling politician.

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Among the hundreds of persons with whom he talked during the past year was one of London's and the person of the p COMPLEX DANGER

When Allen Dulles was at last permitted to make an honest presentation of our real power-position to the loss of the power position to the loss of the power position to the loss of the power position was, "When are they question was, "When are they question was, "When are they quiest on think there is much danger of our being directly hit by the Soviets have acquired. We still have enough power to hit back, to mike this particular and extense kind of danger quite remote and unreal.

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Errors In Era Of Hysteria? By MARQUIS CHILDS

Does The New Nixon Regret



MRS. RICHARD NIXON Europe Is Calling

the other day in an extreme right wing magazine as saying that he opposed the move to reinstate the security clearance of J. Robert Oppenheimer, the distinguished physicist who organized the Los Alamos Laboratory and contrib-uted as much as any single indi-vidual to the development vidual to the development of the contribution of the contribution of the bomb.

NO COMMENT

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The Atomic Energy Commission, on a split vote, found Oppenheimer to be a security risk after an extraordinary heart ghas stripped bare his whole life. Recently many noted scientification of the commission of the comm

OLD AND NEW

aw question that was in his mind.

"I wanted to ask" said at the editor. 'how anyone who has spoken with your sense of responsibility and your awareness can have done what you did bellen Gahagan Douglas in your senatorial campaign in 1920.

FRANK CONFESSION

According to one of those present, Nixon, with a troubled and discomitted look on this factorised, and it is a superior of the control of

Scarcity Of Candor

Hagerty's Half-Truth

By WALTER LIPPMANN

The week-end, Mr. Hagerty, an adult on instruction from the President, came forward the country is new in danger. Those rumors arose from which is supposed to be said in the highly publicized but scene Gaither report. They have found a wide anderece because it is not in the futter to continue that strength. The greece Gaither report calls for an increase in deet in the futter of the continue that strength. The greece tend is continue that strength. The greece that is continued that strength. The greece tend is the state of the Union.

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whele Western alliance.
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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round The Mystery Of 'Mistaken Martinis'

WASHINGTON
NOT everything that happened at the
NATO conference save the light of
day. It was published, for instance, that
Eisenhower had canceled a state dinner
with Spaak of Belgium just 40 minutes
ahead of time.
What actually happened was that
the NATO seasion had begun to run long
that day and Eisenhower, well in advance
of the dinner, told Jim Haperty: "Look,
I'm not going to be able to make that
dinner."

jacket and dined with some old buddies in Paris, not with the heads of states.

Fictitious Martini

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