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### ABC Rules Must Be Simple As A-B-C

THE press is being accused of spreading confusion about ABC regulations and their effect on the practices of various local clubs.

We plead guilty to spreading confusion, but not to creating it. We're getting it straight from the official source. But certainly it's a pity that there is confusion about what is legal and what is illegal in the sale and consumption of intoxicating beverages. It ought to be cleared up, and in terms simple enough for the understanding of all citizens—not just for the officials of various clubs.

There are reports that local club representatives have scheduled an "off the record" meeting with ABC field supervisors in order to find definitive answers for such questions as these: Are club locker systems, by which intoxicants are stored for members and dispensed to them in the clubs, illegal?

Is the consumption of beer and liquor on the same premises illegal?

If the reports are true, club representatives cannot be faulted for arranging the meeting. These are pertinent questions and the clubs need pertinent answers from an official source. But they need them no less, we think, than club members or citizens not members of clubs.

If state ABC officials have clarified their views to the extent that they can counsel club officials they ought to be ready to make public the same counsel under the guidance of all beyond guidance, this would provide citizens with a standard by which they could judge the impartiality of enforcement procedures. The privileges and the prohibitions of ABC regulations, in short, ought to be common knowledge. An understanding of them ought to be made as simple as A-B-C.

### Higher Learning: Fair Game For Debate

THERE is nothing sinful nor sinister about the spreading controversy in higher education in North Carolina.

Yet one might be led to believe, by assorted gasps and sputters in high places, that the relationship of the University of North Carolina to the State Board of Higher Education is a subject of some peculiar sanctity which must not be explored critically.

There is even a feeling in certain sections of the press that the value of the State Board of Higher Education must not be questioned by the great unwashed because it is so clearly a Good Thing.

In theory, the State Board of Higher Education is indeed a Good Thing. But even Good Things must prove themselves. This particular Good Thing has so far proved nothing more satisfying than the ease with which laudable motives can be thoroughly misunderstood. If the current controversy results in a clarification of the role of the University within the larger framework of state-supported higher education in North Carolina then something exceedingly valuable will have been accomplished.

The powers and responsibilities of the State Board of Higher Education have never been precisely defined. There are too many loose ends, too many uncertainties, too many dark areas of doubt and suspicion. It is small wonder that some University trustees are confused. Considering the red tape and bureaucracy involved in the settlement routine University matters, and the disengaging of lines of authority required, a measure of resentment on the part of trustees like W. C. Harris Jr. of Wake is wholly understandable.

This bureaucracy in the University system is one of the factors inhibiting the power and influence of the University in an era when that power and influence is again needed in the South.

Let the controversy continue. Let truth and falsehood grapple. Let Good Things be put to the test of practicality. Let the course of state-supported higher education in North Carolina be charted with a bit more candor and clarity by the Hodges administration. And for goodness sake let the air be cleared of a lot of plain paper about the sanctity of certain subjects of popular concern.

### The President, Pouts & Personalities

DWIGHT Eisenhower's perpetual pout at his predecessor became something of an administration hallmark this week when the President refused to appear on the same program with Mr. Truman.

The program, incidentally, was designed as an exhibition of bipartisan support for the mutual security program. It was dreamed up by the administration, despairing of its ability to push the program to approval without a hand from opposition leaders. Mr. Truman and Adlai Stevenson appeared, stoutly defended the administration program and urged the Democratic-controlled Congress to approve it. But with something smacking of royal disdain, the President insisted on making his speech after Mr. Truman had departed the premises.

The trouble with Mr. Truman one supposes is that he is a politician. But admittedly, frankly and proudly, the President's taste in acquaintances and companions does not permit him much truck with political types. The White

House guest list indicates a higher preference for industrial tycoons.

But if Mr. Truman bears the burden of being a politician, the President, and sometimes the nation, bears the burden of his not being a politician. There clearly are traits in each man that could benefit the other.

Certainly there is no danger that the President would be contaminated by shaking Harry Truman's hand or sharing a platform with him. Herbert Hoover and Harry Truman are much further apart politically than Truman and Eisenhower. Yet the two former presidents freely accord to each other the respect and honors due former presidents. As President, Mr. Truman made a point of rendering Mr. Hoover the due respect that had been denied him in the aftermath of the depression.

President Eisenhower has won much admiration for a reputed refusal to deal in personalities.

But does he really refuse to deal in personalities?

## Radio Free Europe Battles Soviet Tyranny With Truth

A CHARLOTTE NEWS EDITORIAL REPORT

It is one of the enduring disappointments of Radio Free Europe that Romanian Communists never followed up their nomination of RFE as the "world champion in meanness and lies."

A citation to this effect would have been taken as a treasure by the RFE staff which for the last eight years has beamed facts and truth over the Iron Curtain and by the American citizens who have provided the funds to continue RFE broadcasts to the captive people of Poland, Czechoslovakia, Rumania, Hungary and Bulgaria. It is an unfortunate time to examine RFE's effectiveness.

#### TOKEN OF FEAR

One telling token of Communist fear of RFE is the Soviet expenditure of an estimated \$10 million annually in an effort to counteract its broadcasts. The frenzied denunciations of RFE in Communist-controlled publications and broadcasts in the satellites. These averaged 250 a month during 1957. Still another is the testimony of refugees who have slipped through the Iron Curtain to find freedom in the West. They constantly refer to RFE as "our station."

An industrial worker from Budapest said: "The Communists were always very much bothered by your broadcasts. They themselves would listen to your broadcasts, and they try to refute what you said."

Another worker from Budapest, recalling the early days of the Hungarian uprising, said: "RFE called on the farmers to bring food to the revolutionaries in the towns. Immediately after the broadcast, a veritable flood of foodstuffs began arriving in Budapest."

There is fresher testimony from Charlotte. Richard A. Bigger, president of the Rudfick Corp. who inspected the RFE operations last October. Mr. Bigger, who also is vice chairman and treasurer of the North Carolina Crusade for Freedom, returned from his trip "with the firm conviction that the Russian hold on nations behind the Iron Curtain has been weakened because we have been able to give the citizens of these nations truthful information which Communist censorship and propaganda denies them."

#### SECRETS OF LOYALTY

"From what I have learned from refugees," said Mr. Bigger, "an end to RFE broadcasts would be considered a victory for Russian propaganda and the people would feel that we had abandoned them and the fight against communism."

"Having seen RFE in operation and heard firsthand about conditions behind the Iron Curtain and the attitudes of those persons under Communist domination, I believe RFE's success and the loyalty of its listeners can be attributed to two major factors. First, the majority of the people in Russian-held countries are resisting communism in every way they know and depend on RFE for the truthful information they must have to resist wisely. Secondly, RFE gives them, besides news, programs featuring national music and arts, religious and educational programs which, because these compete with communism



Soviet Russia's Iron Curtain Encloses A Vast Area Of The Globe

in the eyes of the Russians, are prohibited on local radio stations."

Precisely what is this organization to whose support North Carolina firms and citizens are being asked to contribute \$25,000? It is an idea in action against tyranny and in defense of individual freedom.

#### TRUTH TO THE RESCUE

It is an idea Edmund Burke was talking about in 1775, in connection with the struggle for freedom in the American colonies. "The use of force alone is but temporary. It may subdue for a moment, but it does not remove the necessity of subduing again and a nation is not governed, which is perpetually to be conquered."

Gen. Lucius Clay, who beat

the Berlin blockade by flying supplies over it, updated that idea. He proposed sending truth over the Iron Curtain, so that captive East Europeans would continue to have the will to resist the ultimate subjugation by the Soviet—which is subjugation of the mind.

RFE has become the world's most powerful broadcasting station. It has 20 transmitters, six of which are located in Portugal in order to thwart Communist jamming efforts. It broadcasts 8,000 hours a week in Czech, Slovak, Polish, Hungarian, Rumanian, Bulgarian and Rutherfordian. Its program content varies, including personal messages from Iron Curtain escapees to relatives and friends, as well as news, music, sports, arts, religion and education. Only in its narrowest sense can

Radio Free Europe be considered a propaganda effort—although effective Western propaganda is not a commodity to be sneered at. In the truest sense, Radio Free Europe is a voice reflecting the fullness and flavor of life in the free world.

#### UNITY AGAINST TYRANNY

It is a voice against which tyrants have no defense, and one of the voices which eventually will topple the Iron Curtain and Communist tyranny.

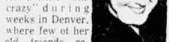
The great miracle of RFE is not the number of broadcasts or the size of its transmitter, but the unting of people of many languages and backgrounds in the common understanding that freedom must be won for all mankind, or no man can be secure.

## The Nation's No. 1 Golf Widow Has A 'Whim Of Iron'

BY DORIS FLEESON

WASHINGTON

Apparently the Georgia club and her really began to pall last week and she decided it was her turn to have the kind of vacation that all women dream of. Furthermore, she declined to take the bus while her husband floated home in luxury, and she wanted her sister and a friend with her.



MAMIE

Politically speaking, her timing of course is terrible. The recession is now admitted and five million unemployed might understandably feel intolerant of women's foibles. Furthermore, in case

her best friends have forgotten to tell them, the Eisenhowers are coming under pointed attack from previously friendly sources and it would be wise for them to keep their heads down as much as possible.

It should be remembered, however, that peacetime of praise have for years been lavished upon Mrs. Eisenhower for being and doing just what she is and does now. Few women—or men—can keep a strong hold on reality when so pampered. The mildest suggestion that the wife of the President could be helpful, if she would, in such fields as health, education or the special interests of women and children was treated as heresy of a peculiarly unfortunate kind.

Nor has Mrs. Eisenhower been well served in the present furor by White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty, who is apparently losing all his sense of direction as a result of the administration increases in weight and significance. Perhaps he is, for many politicians have been before him, a victim of his press notices, which were too good to be true.

Hagerty's job, so cushy when the President and Mrs. Eisenhower could do no wrong, is enormously difficult now. It is virtually the only source of news about the President, who has spoken to the press for himself only twice since Oct. 30 last.

The frustrations of the reporters are aggravated when they are coupled up with Hagerty for an end, never seeing the President and unable to take any soundings of their own on the situation.

light touch and was clearly susceptible to the "as one married man to another" approach. Instead, Hagerty lost his temper and harshly lectured the reporters on their job. He also conveyed the unfortunate impression that he regarded the Mrs. Eisenhower as a presidential toad to a presidential perquisite with a serious purpose.

It might be a good idea instead of reading his press notices, he read more about some of his very able predecessors who had similar problems.

#### MICHELSON'S RETORT

There was that occasion when an exasperated traditionalist among the press remonstrated with the late Charles Michelson, the famous Hoover-Roosevelt era publicist for Democrats, about Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt's travels. "You have got to tell the President that he must lay down the law to Mrs. Roosevelt," said the reporter.

Michelson finally turned his hooded eyes on the complainant. "Bill," he said, "what was the last time you laid down the law to your wife?"

#### WHIM OF IRON

Mrs. Eisenhower's whim of iron regarding an Elizabeth Arden vacation in Arizona required the

ple. Why does he ride the southern gentle's back?

Has he lost his longer arm? Is he able to kid his longer arm?"

#### After The Holocaust, A Candle Was Lit

Charlotte

Editors, The News

AS THE unfading English clergyman and martyr, Hugh Latimer, was being burned at the stake, he turned to the fellow beside him who was also roasting and said stoutly: "Be a good and obedient Master Ridley; play the man! We shall this day light such a candle by God's grace, in England, as I trust shall never be put out."

And so it seems, Mr. Editor, that you in an editorial of Feb. 19 and News staff writer Julian Scher on Feb. 20 in a Latimer candle which just might consume the entire nation in short order. The candle is one Harry Golden, editor of something called "Canine Israelite," a saint chowchowistic man, indeed.

Harry Golden is obviously proud of his Jewish lineage and the distinctive character of his people. Yet the same Harry Golden is an intense integrationist and obviously thinks it "nobler" for southern gentile whites and Negroes to integrate than it is for Jews to integrate. He thinks if they have racial pride and the desire to preserve it, Harry, it's an honest and intelligent man. Know his level and heart that no people in history have been more ardent believers in the broad principle of segregation than the Jewish people.

One thing has surprised me, however, in connection with the "Golden Holocaust." Neither you, Scher, Harry, nor anybody else have this far charged that it was either the Ku Klux Klan, Meeklenburg Patriots, Un-American Activities Committee, or Sen. Eastland who put the torch to the Israeli establishment. Oh well, maybe the charge will appear in tomorrow's paper. After all, Harry even though he still lives has been practically canonized now by you and Scher, and there simply is no a scapegoat when all fortune befalls so nobly a Jewish liberal as Saint Harry. I none can imagine. Know his level and heart that no people in history have been more ardent believers in the broad principle of segregation than the Jewish people.

J. R. CHERRY JR.



From The St. Petersburg Times

### RATHER HAVE A CAR OR A BATH?

IT is refreshing, in this period of worry about Sputniks and foreign aid and such to find that some are keeping their heads. At a recent three-day gathering of the Women's Housing Congress in Washington, 100 housewives from nearly every state rated a second bathroom "the most important home improvement"—even over a second car.

The Plumbing Fixture Manufacturers Association, one of the sponsors of the congress, said the housewife's motivation was the search for bathroom privacy to lessen family tension and frustrations. This is certainly a slap in the face for the Russians, who are still struggling to get the average man set up with his first car and first bathroom.

In all justice, we feel that the congress (women's, not politicians') is on the right track. Even though the plumbing fixture boys are not exactly disinterested parties. Consider: You can do without a car, but can you do without a bath? There are all sorts of substitutes for a car. Buses, taxis, even walking—the last resort.

BUT—DO WITHOUT a bath? Never! This nation has made the bathroom into a shrine over the past few decades. We have had cleanliness decrees issued for years by the soap industry and the bathtub trust, aided by the deodorant interests. In fact, being nice to be near has become more important than just being nice.

True, you can sleep in your car on a

patented bed. You can even shave there. You can visit drive-in movies, banks and eateries. But you cannot, you definitely cannot take a bath in your car. The Women's Housing Congress is absolutely right. Another bathroom all around, if you please, and damn the Sputniks!

The honeymoon is over when she tells him not to read while she is talking to him.—GREENSBORO (G.A.) HERALD-JOURNAL

Half the world may not know how the other half lives, but it certainly has the suspicions.—JACKSON (MISS.) STATE TIMES

With the Army and the Navy still scrapping over Uncle Sam's missiles program, maybe it should be turned over to the Marines.—GREENSBORO DAILY NEWS

We have noticed that more football games are being played are lost by trying to prove a 7-point advantage than are ever won.—DALLAS MORNING NEWS

Nikita Khrushchev is reported to be suffering from a feeling of job insecurity. We'd like to be able to reassure him but our heart isn't in it.—ORLANDO (FLA.) SENTINEL

If Rip Van Winkle took his long sleep today, he wouldn't call his sleep today. They'd say he had a virus.—LEXINGTON LEADER

### Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON

EX-PRESIDENT Truman, in his old home week with friends in Washington, told about his protocol problems when he dedicated his library in Missouri. "I had the ex-President of the United States, Mr. Hoover as my guest," he explained. "I also had the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the majority leader of the Senate, the minority leader of the House."

#### What Precedence?

"And I didn't know what precedence to give them or how to handle them. So I wrote Mr. Helm and asked what I should do."

secretary and arbiter of the White House during the Truman administration.

What do you suppose she wrote back to me?" continued Mr. Truman. "She said, 'You never paid any attention to protocol while you were President, why should you worry about it now?'"

#### Deliberate Crack

Harry Truman speeded up his recent Washington speech so much to get with in the allotted TV time that most people didn't notice an indirect but deliberate crack he took at Sen. Lyndon Johnson and speaker Sam Rayburn, boycott of the Democratic Advisory Committee. Truman went out of his way to quote from the committee's policies which Johnson

and Rayburn have refused to participate in.

Net impression you got from the big Democratic shield was that Adlai Stevenson is still head and shoulders above the other candidates, but he can never be elected for one very simple reason: Old-line Democratic leaders won't get out and work for him.

#### Trumanisms

Here are some of the Trumanisms that sent Democrats almost rolling in the aisles. "This administration is acting like an overbearing banker with a class." "What are the unemployed betting on? More important than what they betting with? ... They cut out

the stream pollution program. Let 'em drink dirty water, they said. The Republicans buy bottled water anyway."

"This administration had a lot of trouble getting the satellite off the ground. It had no trouble about the cost of putting it into outer space."

"The press keeps accusing me. I know I'm in the wrong pen."

#### Washington Pipeline

The Teamsters Union won't have to worry now about letting Dave Beck live in his new Seattle home which he once paid for the union for \$100,000 but wants to continue occupying. Beck will now live in the "big house" as the guest of Washington state.

### Truman Stymied By Protocol Problems