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Charlotte Must Treat The Whole Wound

PRESENTATION of Charlotte's "workable program" for urban renewal to the U. S. Housing and Home Finance Agency represents significant progress in a humanitarian crusade.

The speed and efficiency with which municipal officials assembled the necessary data and documents reflect credit upon Mayor James S. Smith's administration.

The greater test of good faith will come later, however, when the city stakes out the specific slum area to be redeveloped.

Charlotte has before it a vast opportunity. The blighted area is large. It lies close to the heart of the city where it can pump its poison into the very veins of commerce. The spreading deterioration creates economic and social chaos.

If the city timely selects only a block or two for action it will accomplish next to nothing. Urban blight is a kind of cancer. The whole condition must be treated for effective results.

This will require large plans and great courage. In short, it will require thinking that is as great as the problem itself.

The rewards will be worth the effort — in both monetary and human values.

A slum is nothing but subsidized misery, a social liability breeding crime and disease and unhappiness. To the city it is also a financial liability since it consumes large volumes of municipal services and returns little revenue to the city treasury.

In January 1957 the staff of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission summarized the challenge and the op-

portunity of urban renewal.

"The typical slum is located close to the heart of the city between the downtown area and substantial residential neighborhoods beyond. In a rapidly growing community, this is exactly the area where community growth brings new opportunities and problems to the city. The growing community requires new space for retail business expansion at its center. New wholesaling and distribution firms would have here the advantage of a location central to the metropolitan area they serve. New business services and offices related to the growing downtown center would find advantage in these inner locations. The ever increasing numbers of single people who come to the city to work in the stores and offices might find this area a convenient place to live, close to work, restaurants, theaters, shopping and all the other downtown services, provided modern housing in well-planned neighborhoods is available. These are some of the possibilities for the rebirth of these worn out inner areas — new housing, new stores, new offices or new factories to improve living conditions, to create new employment opportunities, to bring new investments into old areas, to add new values to the tax base of the community."

Urban renewal can help Charlotte realize the full promise of these possibilities if we tackle the whole problem with courage and determination and positive action. No Utopian dream is involved. Realistic can be realistic, and tools fortunately are at hand.

Only if Charlotte remains content to fog along without aggressive action will delay take its toll.

Mr. Truman's Hoarding 'Hell' For One Terrific Blast



MESSRS. TRUMAN AND HODGES
One To Talk And One To Listen

By MARQUIS CHILDS

WASHINGTON
IN THEIR current mood of cautious optimism, the Democrats are planning a big national rally for former President Harry S. Truman through which they hope to enrich their long-depleted treasury by at least \$100,000.

The former President is said to be preparing already for the ceremony that he will deliver at the dinner here in the capital in his honor on the night of Washington's birthday. He told a close friend recently that he was not making any political speeches in the meantime, since he wanted to save up everything for the big night. One of the national news programs already has volunteered free time for the Truman speech.

As the popularity of the Eisenhower administration has dropped, the tendency has been to turn out more new houses, upward the reputation of the former President. His warm admirers who remained loyal to him through the days when the Korean war, mink coats and food freezers figured large in the headlines believe he is well on the way to being rehabilitated in public opinion.

CHIEF REASON

That is the chief reason for the dinner in Mr. Truman's honor. If another reason were necessary, there is the fact that Missouri was the only state outside of the Deep South that ended up in the Democratic column in 1956. This was a reflection of the nat-

record making for the reelection of Sen. Thomas C. Hennrich, Gov. James T. Blair of Missouri will introduce Mr. Truman at the dinner.

Mr. Truman's secretary of state, Dean Acheson, was under an attack as virulent as that directed at the former President. Acheson is now also moving back into the news, and his views as chairman of the committee on foreign policy of the Eisenhower administration are being given prominence while his book, "Power and Diplomacy," has been widely discussed.

Some critics have accused Acheson of being as rigid in his approach to foreign policy as his predecessor, John Foster Dulles. In his recent public statement, Acheson agreed with the Dulles view that a summit meeting with the Russians would be futile or worse. At the same time he put the blame for America's present position partly on the Eisenhower administration and partly on the Soviets.

Acheson at about the same time attacked his former associate in the State Department, George F. Kennan, for suggesting in his lectures in London that withdrawal of foreign troops from a zone in Central Europe might be a step toward disarmament and the ending of world tensions. The Acheson attack, calling Kennan "Messianic" and "uninformed," discredited many of the former secretary's admirers who felt it was needlessly intemperate.

To those who look at these mat-

ters in a less partisan spirit, the question is whether, with the re-saciation of Mr. Truman and Acheson, it may not seem that what the Democrats are proposing is to restore the past. And they question whether a prescription that may have properly fitted the past—such as Acheson's initiation of the containment policy—will suffice in the infinitely more complicated and dangerous present. In short, they are asking where are the new ideas and the new and younger leaders to chart a new course in the nuclear-missile age.

It is one of life's ironies that Dulles, as his close associates have let it be known, has written

a letter to Acheson expressing his pleasure for Acheson's views on a summit meeting and the danger of a neutralist Germany. This is an interesting aspect of bipartisanship and, in view of the fierce Republican hostility toward Acheson less than six years ago, it is comparable to the mathematical feat of squaring a circle or bringing together two parallel lines.

NEW FACTS

At the big gala on Feb. 22 the Democrats will certainly not lack for faces eagerly advertised as new. The ratio of presidential candidates among the expected 3,500 diners paying \$100 a plate at

the Sheraton-Park Hotel may not be as high as half and half, but it will be high.

A number of Democratic governors have accepted—Robert R. Meyer of New Jersey, G. Mennen Williams of Michigan, Averell Harriman of New York, Herschel C. Loveless of Iowa. Only one southern governor, Luther H. Hodges of North Carolina, has accepted so far. But despite Little Rock and the civil rights fight last year, the Democrats in this year of confidence profess to be far less concerned over the North-South split. They are running against an administration in a jam, and for the time being that is enough.

'Yes, It's Our Fine, Unselfish Contribution To The National G-O-Political Year'



Let's Be Sick

A 'Good-For-Nothing' Pill

By ROBERT C. RUARK

Palamos, Spain
I JUST took a couple of pills—one to calm me down and one to unclench me against the day I need something else in capsule form which will perform neither cleverly. I think I will eventually revert to sulphur and molasses.

Believe it or not, Macy's has a new pill which, the large advertisement says, is "good for nothing except laughs." So now we get a funny pill. The "get-well" pills bear a slacker which says: "Relief from curious murses, noisy M.D.'s, and unlimited regulations."

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A stunning blow in any education bill is always the question of segregation. His bill is framed by Hill, an Alabamian, that the issue is avoided and he has the promise of modern curriculum that they will not inject in. The President has also taken the attitude that segregation should be separated from education legislation.

GRITS AND GRAVY
It is possible that grits and gravy helped the oldsters to a lengthy end, or that black-eye peas sustained a vitamin unknown to modern chemists. But Grandma's boy is tottering down life's twine highway and barely making a wide-brimmed hat on a snow window full of liquid vitamins, solid vitamins, intra-muscular vitamins, plus all the shots from penicillin to paracetamol for the frontal lobe lobes. This doesn't count the va-

lutions on the aspirin theme, or the lotions for luncheon.

It used to be you just got up and shaved and took off for the day. Now you need a catch-up pill to hold the daily accumulation of easy aids to hypochondria. The mere chore of getting dressed has increased to a point where you need a catch-up pill to hold the daily accumulation of easy aids to hypochondria. The mere chore of getting dressed has increased to a point where you need a catch-up pill to hold the daily accumulation of easy aids to hypochondria.

The other day I got fed a Mickey Finn in Paris, which is in France, I think. Now I am going to admit that I earned this one. It was not attributable to a bad heart or a mother complex. I took a swing at a guy who knew the bartender. But how many people will admit that you earned a Mickey for being out of line?

A guy will sit down to a dozen claims, interspersed by six Martinis. Knock out a boring, waxy dinner with beer, regard and a quickie. And then, with a wad of cash and a lemon meringue pie, top it off with a brandy and two hours later he has the bellyache.

SICK UNTO DEATH

He does not blame this belly-ache on the fact that he made a stupid pig of himself. He has, in his own brain, a gentle idea that he overdid it in compensating for the fact that his sister is a frustrated artist, or his boss hates him. Every time he burps he takes a pill against frustrated sisters and inimical bosses.

I am sick unto death of insomnia which need a quart of pills to unclench the mattress something less than a pillow. They forget they had four cups of coffee after the cheese and biscuits, and that garlic consumed in quantity is apt to outrange the digestive process. Turn, turn, turn and take a pill. And blame it on the tempo of the times.

I often wonder what hypertension is all about. You wear a size 16 shirt when you used to wear a 15 in the Army. Does this have to be gaiter, or an admission that you're getting older and fatter? Have a pill, friend.

I know one young lady who just gained seven pounds in a week, and she claims anxiety on the grounds that she uses saccharine in her coffee when she is wallowing in an apple strudel. Take a pill, I'll counteract the butter you smeared on the tilla piece of bread.

I wouldn't go so far as to say that the modern member of the Frustrated Fifties likes to be sick. But I sometimes think he likes to think he's sick. It'll give him a chance to take another pill against unending sickness brought on by a Welsh rabbit at 2 p.m.

And as for the drinks — I met only one recently whom I admired. Somebody asked him if he was always in a "Whiskey" mood. He said, "I like it."

Cultural Exchange: Subtle Significance

IN the global gloom there is at least one promising sparkle. That is the limited cultural exchange recently agreed between the United States and Soviet Russia.

Such an exchange is thoroughly desirable — but for reasons which are somewhat subtle. It is not that anyone is likely to be converted to a political ideology by music, drama, painting or the dance. U.S. audiences who listened with awe a few years ago to the Soviet Union's Emil Gilels, pianist, and David Oistrakh, violinist, were not converted to Bolshevism any more than Moscow audiences who later cheered America's Poncy Ann Bess went out and registered Republican. But both Russians and Americans came away from their theaters and concert halls refreshed with the idea that, although government can distort social and cultural values, people are

very much alike everywhere.

A well-rounded program of cultural exchange will demonstrate to Russians that Americans are not really the cultural barbarians Red propagandists accuse them of being. Americans will see that Russian artists, if not their statements, are indeed capable of some of the nobler expressions of man's essential goodness.

What will be provided will be a common ground for mutual appreciation of values which transcend mere political considerations. Only good can come out of such an exchange. For the better men know each other in a broad cultural way the better the chances are for understanding in other fields.

Cultural diplomacy has been an art the United States has neglected too long. We have much to learn about its importance and its power.

School Aid Blues

Ike's Bid Tripled

By DORIS FLEESON

WASHINGTON
WITHIN a few hours after his introduction, 26 of his colleagues had joined Sen. Lister Hill in sponsoring his comprehensive education bill.

Hill wants to spend three billion dollars in six years for education at all levels and teaching facilities. The Eisenhower administration has proposed to spend one billion dollars in four years to improve teaching and help science students.

Hill goes well prepared into the battle for his ideas to meet the needs of the country. He is chairman of the Senate Labor and Education Committee and accepted leader of the Democratic majority on this issue.

GOP HELP

Two Republicans have signed up to help. William Langer of North Dakota and Sen. Irving M. Ives of New York. Ives is second-ranking Republican of the Hill committee.



SEN. IRVING IVES
Help For A Democrat

committee and, if re-elected next fall, will become its first vice president with the retirement of Sen. H. Alexander Smith of New Jersey.

The Ives support also gives Hill an apparent majority on his committee. Of its six Democrats, five have signed as sponsors. A Democratic vacancy caused by the recent death of Sen. Matthew M. Neely of West Virginia is due to be filled by Sen. Ralph Yarborough of Texas who has already got his name in the legislation. With Ives the bill would have

seven senior member-sponsors in the 13-man committee.

The outlook for an education bill in the House has been clouded by the openly expressed pessimism of Speaker Sam Rayburn and Republican leader Joseph W. Martin Jr. Rep. Carl Elliott of Alabama, fifth-ranking Democrat on House Education and Labor, is its sponsor.

The Department of Health, Education and Welfare is also singing the blues. It seems to believe that the competition in ideas and amounts dooms any bill, that the hope is for the rival schools of thought to arrive at a modest compromise.

A legislator of long experience, Hill disagrees. He points out that the big stumbling block in this point is not money but the sincere belief on the part of many that federal help means federal control. He feels that members of Congress who do not want to lose their jobs should oppose a small bill as quickly as they would a large one.

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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON
PUBLIC pressure on the Moulder Committee has been so heavy that the FCC seemed to be in a position to investigate in the first place but ducked last week.

Present secret strategy is to make Chairman John D. Dierckx of the Federal Communications Commission the club of the other fingering and influence play down by the FCC and other independent agencies.

Faithful Friends

The man who tried to steer the committee away from any thorough probe in the first place, but who has now come around to a brief probe is Congressman Owen Harris of Arkansas, faithful friend of the big utilities, the gas companies, of Pan American Air-

FCC Probe Will Be A Whitewash Job

ways, and who received a nice 25-per cent block of stock in station KRBB-TV in El Dorado, Ark., for only \$3,000 when it was worth three times that amount.

The fact that he accepted this at a time when he was in a position to use his influence with the FCC to secure increased power for his station puts him in the same position as some of the FCC's friends. Fired for conflicts of interest. This may be why Harris, one year late, has announced he will stay the stock.

Natural Gas Deal

Though Congressman Morgan Moulder of Missouri is chairman of the investigating subcommittee, Harris, as chairman of the full committee, has constantly been hounded, overruled, and ridden herd on Moulder. He has shown such brazen determination to usurp Moulder's functions that it's the talk of Capitol Hill.

Harris has jealously retained for himself the power to issue subpoenas; even appropriates for himself the right to act as committee spokesman.

The Spokesman

Last week at the highly secret closed-door session, Rep. John Bennett of Michigan, Republican, proposed that Harris act as spokesman for the committee. It was voted down.

Despite this, Harris held a press conference, acted as spokesman anyway. Mr. Harris' "spokesman" activities have convinced Capitol Hill observers that reports of a natural gas deal are true. The deal, which has been whispered around Capitol corridors for some time, is that the Republicans will switch enough northern votes to Harris to pass his natural gas bill, while Harris will not investigate some of the highly embarrass-

ing White House wire-pulling inside the independent agencies.

Sam And Glamor

Seventy-six-year-old bachelor Sam Rayburn is due to receive one of the most glamorous movie actresses in Hollywood, the U. S. today, and if he gets his courage up, an present her with a zaval movie from an elm tree which grew in front of the Capitol at the time of George Washington.

The lady is Gina Lollobrigida, who is opening her new picture, "Beautiful but Dangerous," in Washington this week. Mr. Sam, who has had a lot of experience with glamor in his many years of holding the reins over surely glamorous ladies like the Queen of Romania, the Queen Mother of England, and the blonde queen of Texas, Jayne Mansfield—even though she was born in Pennsylvania.

A Church Is A Church Is A Church

THERE need be any blazes in local architectural circles about the few harsh words Philadelphia's Dr. Alton E. Lowe had to say here about "functional" designs in church architecture. Functionalism is just a fad, frowned the Methodist leader.

That's what they said about early Gothic during the middle ages.

As a matter of fact, early church architecture that is accepted today for its "symbolic" beauty was more functional than many imagine.

Here's what A. Hamilton Thompson, former president of Britain's Royal Archaeological Institute and author of "The Cathedral Churches of England," has written on the subject.

DEUS EX MACHINA?

"It is often stated that the church architecture of the middle ages was dictated by an elaborate scheme of religious symbolism. While symbolical ideas entered into the adoption of certain types of plan, as in the transference of the mausoleum plan to the baptistry, experience shows that the lay masons who usually carried out the work of building were guided by practical considerations, structural and ritual, whose free and natural expression would have been fettered by adherence to artificial rules of symbolism."

Free and natural expression continues to produce beauty in church design without robbing the structure of its essential purpose—which is the greatest symbol of all.

Forth like Adam and Eve, that the world is saved.

Machines will doubtless be able to produce themselves mechanically some day. They will doubtless excel man in the performance of intellectual tasks as they have outstripped him in the performance of physical tasks. But the whirring and clicking of their mechanical bowels, will they ever know love, hate, guilt, pride, honesty or generosity? There, scientists, is the question that mankind, at once anxious and confident, puts to you. Can you be such a thing as a mechanical God?

It would be nice if the government could operate without taxes and at the same time give us all the services we expect. When the white man discovered America the Indians were running in no debt, no debts, women doing all the work. And we thought we could improve on a system like that!—LEXINGTON LEADER.

A friend of ours who is building a new house almost reveals his age and the dark secret of his country upbringing when he first saw the plans the other day. "Where," he demanded, "is the front porch?" His wife hummed him up before anybody noticed. —DALLAS MORNING NEWS.

A Texas floza is one who owns his own dog —CHATTANOOGA NEWS-FREE PRESS.

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