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Open The Hothouse Doors, Please

WHAT is wrong with the Democratic
Party in Mecklenburg County?
The patients ills are too numerous
and too complex to be accommodated on
a single prescription blank. But surely
its most exasperating weakness is a selfimposed impotence.
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Active participation in party affairs is discouraged rather than invited. Those outside certain inner circles are often regarded as plain interlopers when they wenture into family quarrels with either an idea or a cause.

Particularly unfortunate are the dreary efforts of party chieflains who seem hell-bent on settling up a private preserve of Democratic politics in which early thothouse flowers may be cultivated. The most recent example is Country Democratic Chairman W. M. Nicholson's dieumication of "outside interference" in party husiness Specifically he is upset about political activity in behalf of "a special cause or a special candidate" in the various precincts.

If should not be hercessary to point can to Mr. Nicholson that active enhaphment interes in passes and candidates in what politics a large when the compensator system is healthlied when this kind of political activity is abundantly present.

In the fine rapture of long-denied success the Navy is touting its Vanguard missile for the job of getting to the moon. If it can go that course, particularly if it can go soon, then, we say, anchors aweigh!

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But to have earned an enduring place in U.S. military and political history, the Vanguard need not have gone anywhere, not even up to the point where it discharged its tiny satellite into orbit this week. No future accomplishment can have greater value to the nation than the pathetic failure of its first attempt to launch a satellite last December. The missile flamed, fell over and delivered its beeping satellite into the indignity of the dust. Had the whole thing been staged, it could not have cut quite so cleanly and deeply through the official pay the administration was putting out at the time, nor through public reluctance to believe the nation had been outdistanced in certain vital fields. As a symbol, the earth-bound Vanguard offered a somnolent nation several other pertinent lessons. Chief among them was that "crash" programs, the usual U.S. answer to a deficiency whose peril has become too pointed to ignore, are no substitute for steady, through and consistent planning to meet expected needs.

Vanguard I: From Dust To Destiny

No party was ever able to avoid factionalism, and it is a very good thing. The high-sounding phrases of a party platform have always concelled a multi-utile of varying interests and ideas, and that is good, too. Our system is built upon the idea that the issues raised are susceptible to illumination by debate and that the illumination is worthwhile for all concerned.

The curious thing is that some of the very people who uphold the common man's rightness of political instinct would deny him the use of it in any significant political activity.

When Mr. Nicholson complains of "interference" what he really seems to mean is interference with the activities of the private club he heads—namely, the Democratic Party of Mecklenburg County. Actualty, a little enlightened interference might do it a world of good.

County. Actually, a little enlightened "interference" might do it a world of good.

That the Democratic Party in Meck-lenburg is something of a private club for, more properly, a loose confederation of several private clubs is the greatest tragedy of all. In this respect, it has much in common with the Republican Party in some sections of the South.

The time has come when it ought to invite the great unwashed back to the council tables where they can scrap boudly and publicly over ideas, issues and personalities and return to the party some of the vigor and vitality of yore. "Interference" ought to be encouraged rather than condemned. It is at least a sign of life.

AT HOME

America's 'Great Recession' As Seen From Two Shores

America's Great Reces

By Doris Fleeson

DETROIT Mich.

THE conomic news in this key industrial state is getting worse faster.

The State Employment Secutification and the state of the st

PALAMOS, Spain
HAVE been rattling around over

AND ABROAD

Summer or winter, it makes no difference any more, the Cadil-lacs and Chevvies, the Buicks and the Studebakers, the Fords and Chryslers jockey for position be-tween the Volkswagens and Mer-cedes, the MGs and Austins, the Lancies and Fiats.

Lancies and Flats.
France has been conquered by
the English, finally. I was on the
Cote of Azur the other day and
I swear I never heard a word
of French. The Americans have
conquered Italy, Spain, and England, the French compete with
the Swiss for Spain, and the Spain-

the angels.

The tourist business has near always been an accurate indito how the people are doing final cially at home, because if yain't got more than the bas necessities in your own heart chances are you can't scrape a lot of scratch for living it in Paris, Miami or Hawana.

EVERYBODY'S SPOILED

By MARQUIS CHILDS WASHINGTON In the watches of the night, as he has several times admit and the several times admit and traction of their time and attention to the several times admit and the several times admit and the several times and traction of their time and attention to the several times and traction of their time and attention to the several times and traction of their time and attention to the several times and traction of their time and attention to the several times and traction of their time and attention to the several times and traction of their time and attention to the several times and traction of their time and attention to the several times and traction of their time and attention to the several times and traction of their time and attention to the several times and traction of their time and attention to the several times and traction of their time and attention to the several times and traction of their time and attention to the several times and traction of their time and attention to the several times and traction of their time and attention to the several times and traction of their time and attention to the several times and traction of their time and attention to the several times and traction of their time and attention to the several times are the several times and the several times and traction of their time and attention to the several times and traction of their times are all able men with him in preserving and the several times are all able men with him in preserving and the several times are all able and now and the several times are all Exonerated Eggheads Can Feed New Ideas To Dulles

The Vanguard simply refused to crash up into the heavens in order to satisfy a popular outery for action. An infinitely complex instrument, it performed only after it had exacted of its makers every last bit of care, patience, testing and correction that it required. Similarly the schools will refuse to produce immediately the bumper harvest of bright mathematicians and scientists the nation needs to assure parity with or leadership over the Soviet in space exploration. The toll of time and concerted the state of the st

and inspection of arms limitation agreements here on the earth. In short, it is full of ideas, and whether they are valid or merely gimmicks is, in the present context, unimportant. This is a propaganda war to gain the where, and the United States has been steadily losing ground in that war.

As Dulles returns from Manian and the meeting of the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization, he will confront in a manian and the meeting of the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization, he will confront in a most office one some solemn headshaking. As he said recently, the United States has a far better case but it does a much poorer job of presenting it. That this should be so in a nation so highly articulate on every subject is one of titles larger ironles.

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Shortly before he went away
Dulles named James J. Wadsworth to be disarmament negotator. It would be incorrect to
say that Wadsworth, who has
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Linted Nations, has been put in
Harold Stassen's place. That
place has been thoroughly downfarred to Stassen, described at
the Gridron Club dinner as the
first victim of Dulles' massive
that the control of the control
security Council. Wadsworth
will be carrying out the orders
of the secretary of state.

At the time of the Wadsworth
appointment Dulles also named
four advisers on disarmament,
chairman of the Chase Manhattan Bank in New York and'forner
er director of America's zone
of occupation in Germany, Robert
Lovett, also a New York banker
and former secretary of defense,
fen Alfred N. Gruenther, Presi-

UNTAPPED RESERVOIR

At Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the University of Chicago, Stanford and other centers of learning are knowledgeable specialists who do have ideas. They can be found, too, in organizations such as the Foreign Policy Association and the Council on World Affairs.

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Criticism

WB CAN therefore ask about any writing which is offered to us as literary criticism, is it aimed toward understanding and enjoyment? If it is not, it may still be a legitimate and useful activity: but it is to be judged as a contribution to psychology, or sociology, o

Please, Lady, Let's Change The Game

BY dint oculinuing and unmerciful trespass on the consciousness of Americans, a woman named Marie McDonald seems to be seeking an imperishable place in the frenzied '50s.

An alleged actress, Miss McDonald, known familiarly in the trade as 'The Body', 's forever alleging that she was kidnaped 14 months ago and thereby teasing the public to wonder who did it. Dutiful to a fault, Los Angeles police have managed to overcome their boredom and to put her several guesses to the test of whatever evidence they could unearth. They keep digging, in other words, without finding anything. But every time they turn to other matters and try happily to forget the whole thing, Miss McDonald calls a press con-

ference and waltzes back into the headlines.

As you know, as you must know, she
first accused her husband of plotting her
kidnaping and later confessing it to
her. But the lie detector couldn't catch
her husband fibbing in his denial, and
Miss McDonald coyly declined to take a
lie dector test herself. Yesterday she
"tearfully denied" that hubby had anything at all to do with it, leaving investigators right back where they started.

Well. a guessing game that never ends
is a wearisome thing, and we're real
weary. At this point it would be much
more fun to guess who pushed Miss Mc
Donald into a sea of anonymity—if this
could be brought about.

THE UNCONCENTRATED SUBSCRIBER

A LEADING agricultural magazine, the Faran Journat, is having some difficulty reducing its circulation. Among its 35,50,000 subscribers are 300,000 it has cause to suspect are not genuinely agricultural. Determined to deliver to its advertisers "more of the prime farm market most effectively and most economically" it intends from now on to screen new subscribers carefully and make sure they have specific farming interests.

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We have a notion the trouble does not
stop here. There may well be, to be sure,
an extraordinarily large number of people who like to get somewhat close to
the land but never gef any closer than
reading about it, mooning over soil tests.
Secretary Berson and deep plowing the
way others moon over the revival of
pootry in the legitimate theater, yet
never compose a foot of verse. There
are doubtless subscribers to BETTER
HOMES AND GARDENS Who COULD'T Taise
a beansprout on a windowall, subscribers to POPULAR MECHANICS who are not
bonn fide mechanics or, what is perhaps
even worse, who are scarcely popular.

The day may be coming when we will

have to prove our practice of urban ling, and maybe an ability to swap a bomot with the board of editors, before we can hope to have an application for a subscription approved by the NE YORKER. But we doubt it. In all this en Yourker. But we doubt it. In all this emphasis on concentrated market we shall hope a little room will be left somewhere for those who are dreamers, not doers. All of us like to dream at times of being farmers, sophisticates, popular mechanics, or practitioners of still other pursuits that offer surcease from the too-familiar round. It is a sea-change that for most of us will never be made, but we hope that those who so wish may always be able to arrange to brood about it for 12 monthly issues, and welcome

In view of some of the pessimistic economic prophecies going around, per haps colleges and universities will drop from their commencement programs this year the "Recessional."—New ORLEANS

Northern girl: "Men are all alike."
Southern Girl: "Men are all Ah like,
too."—LEXINGTON LEADER.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round Powerful Texans Agree On Tax Truce

Old Neighbors
Rayburn and Anderson are both from
Texas. Sam is from Bonham, while Anesting things had happened.

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So when Vice President Nixon began publicly urging a tax cut, and flouse Democrats began whittling their pencils to write a bill beating the Republicans to a tax cut, Secretary Anderson phoned his Texas friend, the Speaker. And they both agreed on a tax truce. Neither would try to stampede the Congress or the country into a tax cut.

Backstage Maneuvers

WASHINGTON Anderson, also a Republicrat, into the fast action to cut taxes and adopt other fast action to cut taxes and adopt other forms of job relief.

Anderson, ande an unusual private statement about the vice president of the United States the other day in a talk with Speaker Sam Rayburn, in brief Nixon.

Quiet Understanding
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Delicate Situation

Buying Strike