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Welcome To The Wilderness, Governor

THE governor's press conference, which has a longer run in Raleigh than ASPI's IJSSR had on Broadway, is going on the road and some capital newsmen are plainly miffed.

After learning that the attraction was moving to Charlotte July 24 for a one-day stand, the Raleigh Times grumbled: "With modern communications being what they are, it would seem to be a fairly safe assumption that the holding of such a conference in Raleigh, as is customary, would result in rapid and wide dissemination of the news to all concerned."

Well, with communications being what they are in Charlotte, it would seem to be a fairly safe assumption that we'll get the news out somehow—even if we have to resort to carrier pigeons, Indian runners and the pony express.

Actually the westward surge of civilization may engulf Mecklenburg any day now. The last elephant was trapped hereabouts in 1955. A stage coach leaves almost every week for the outside world. Voodoo is practiced only in certain low political circles. And those Lumbee, who haven't been out of the warpath since Calhoun's Little Big Horn.

Surely, with the help of native guides, Raleigh's press corps can find us. We can almost guarantee that visiting newsmen will not be menaced by headhunters, scalped or devoured by cannibals. They might consider replacing their typewriters with tom-toms, however, if they want to make the early editions. Shootin' iron? Optional.

As for the governor, we'll send him back to the effete East safe and sound. Honest Injun.

What Happened To 'Libertarianism'?

DOWN in Georgia the fine old AUGUSTA CHRONICLE is still battling "liberalism's" ragged legions with all the vim and vigor of a Wild Bill Buckley. It even has an antidote to the stuff called "libertarianism" and wants Americans "to form libertarian clubs all over the country to combat the damage being done today by the so-called liberals."

What is "libertarianism?" The "libertarian" idea is that government should protect all persons equally against outside and internal aggression but would otherwise leave people alone to work out their own problems and aspirations. Having done that by exercises of their own free will, they must be prepared to reap the consequences of their good or bad, and not expect the government to reimburse them for their folly if things do not turn out as expected.

Well, sir, you haven't heard a better expression of rugged individualism since McKinley's day.

But if survival of the fittest is to be the rule and everybody is supposed to fend for himself, with the weaker members of society dying off, why should the "libertarians" band together in clubs?

But that's life, we guess. Before the movement has even gotten off the ground it has fallen victim to collectivism.

Clubs indeed! The 600 years the number of human beings on this planet has increased from only one square meter for each to live on, says the U. N.'s study on THE FUTURE GROWTH OF WORLD POPULATION. "The one square meter would include Arctic wastes, deserts and mountain tops. It goes without saying that this can never take place, something will happen to prevent it."

How many guesses do we get?

Well, of course, nearly everybody will agree with nearly everything Mr. Brower said. That is, laundry men will agree with what was said about waiters, carpenters, executives, teachers and students. But nobody—except Mr. Cyril Northcote Parkinson—can explain why everybody but yours truly is goldbricking.

He holds in his best-selling PARKINSON'S LAW that it is impossible to do work because it expands in direct proportion to the number of people trying to finish it. During a period when the British Royal Navy decreased its commissioned ships by 67 per cent and its men by about 50 per cent, it increased its Admiralty officials by 78 per cent. Parkinson declares that in any public administrative department not actually at war "the staff increases annually at the rate of 5.75 per cent—regardless of output. Mr. Parkinson asked the other day "what is implied when the staff of an office decreases?" He asked: "Do you know of any such instance?" There was no answer.

Obviously, then, with work expanding with each additional hand put to it, this is bound to be the "age of half-done jobs" that Mr. Brower bemoans.

Just while we were dutifully reading Mr. Brower's lament, as a matter of fact, quite a little bit of work expanded on our desk.

You'll pardon us, won't you?

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mit meeting finally persuaded the masters of the Kremlin that Stalin's rule was out-of-date.

In the same fashion, the two months-long display of American feebleness in Lebanon was the direct prelude to the bloody coup in Iraq. You can trace this kind of contributing cause of the Middle Eastern catastrophe from the beginning to the grim end of the story. But these were only contributing causes, as Dean Acheson's famous proclamation of our lack of interest in Korea was at best a contributing cause of Stalin's Korean decision.

LEAD LOST Without the Truman-Louis Johnson disarmament, the Korean aggression would never have happened, no matter what Acheson said or did not say. And no matter what nonsense was talked at Geneva, or what weakness was displayed at Lebanon, the Middle Eastern catastrophe would never have happened if we had not also led the American military lead in these last self-indulgent years.

The lead was narrowing fast when President Eisenhower took office. He inherited a mass of ugly documents, in which the Truman administration belatedly recognized the progress of Soviet weaponry and proposed a greater American defense effort to maintain our lead. Instead, the Eisenhower administration shortly decided on a reduced defense effort. Hence the Eden-Eisenhower protestations at Geneva sounded definitely convincing to the Soviet auditors.

CLIMATIC STAB Since then, Soviet power has grown continuously, and Western power has continuously failed to keep pace with this growth. For Khrushchev, as for Stalin before him, the decisive factor in every calculation is his estimate of the existing balance of military power.

There is no other way, unless we want the stab of the dagger to be followed, in a little while, by a stab for the heart itself.

'We're Gonna Flush Out The Criminals'

RIGHTS OF INDIVIDUALS

Tar Heels Cherish Liberty, Not Equality

Editors, The News: I AMN'T so, as you and Jonathan Daniels could find in a News editorial of July 1, that Tar Heels' secret weapon is that it's peopled largely by "equalitarian individuals."

The average North Carolinian is a libertarian individualist. As declared and preached by the eagle-headed zealots of today, equalitarianism is the sure road to the regimented, collectivized state in which there can be no genuine individualism, for the simple reason that there would be too little liberty to give it meaningful, healthy life.

I'm a Tar Heel born and bred: an even an alumnus of that "Equalitarian Liberal Fighting School" at Chapel Hill. Yet, I do not feel what you seem to think most North Carolinians feel: "an almost mystical devotion to the 'University.'" If an honest poet were taken, it would probably read that more North Carolinians are ashamed of the University than proud of it.

Now if that observation be treason, then let me be led to the firing squad for I, stubborn Neanderthal being that I am, cannot retract it. All I ask is that the "liberal Tar Heel liberal of them all" (Dr. Frank Graham) lead me gently by the hand to the point of my demise—which I

hope will be against the north wall of Battle Dormitory—so when I fall I'll be in the direction of the beautiful, celestial Morehead Planetarium.

As I said, Mr. Editor—I'm a Tar Heel born and bred—but I submit that it is liberty—not equality—which most Tar Heels and Americans hold most dear. And don't you and Jonathan Daniels' ever forget it either!

—J. R. CHERRY JR.

Why Should Shoes Hurt Female Feet?

Editors, The News: RECENTLY a beauty in a contest was snatched sitting at rest with shoes off—of course, after the contest was over. Evidently her feet were hurting. But why should shoes hurt? The idea that beauty must conform to fashion, no matter how injurious!

What with perfumes, paints, dyes, stimulants, poisons, rouges, where will natural beauty be found? Women! Get busy! Demand manufacture of shoes that are not outlandish, and don't hurt! Give natural beauty a chance. The whole world rejoices in and bows down before that!

—SNEED OGBURN

Jonas Never Takes A 'Positive Stand'

Editors, The News: I SHOULD like to attempt to answer the letter of Jerry K. Green concerning Charles Raper Jonas and the state of the country.

The Congress presently in session may certainly be controlled by the Democrats; however, it has taken longer than two years for the present recession, the high cost of living, high unemployment, and the loss of jobs to the young men from like to knowland to Hallock down to the R. Jonas—all part of the "present administration" referred to by Mr. Green, which dates back six years! Any positive program to best ourselves in these economic disasters affects so many Americans. "Wait and see," indeed!

As for Mr. Green's statement that Jonas is a proven leader. To my best knowledge, Jonas has never, in his rather pathetic attempt to be all things to all people and political parties, made a positive statement or taken a positive approach to any major issue confronting the people today.

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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

THE ODDS ARE AGAINST A GLOBAL WAR

WASHINGTON IT'S always risky to predict what Russia will do, but here is my own best conclusion as to whether the Kremlin will engage in open hostilities in defense of the Near East.

I. The Russian goal following the landing of American troops in Lebanon and the launching of French and British troops at Suez. At that time the Russians even threatened rocket attacks on London and Paris. They literally screamed vituperation. The noises from the Kremlin today areal anywhere near so violent.

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Note—Global war for us would be damaging and disastrous. But global war for Russia right now would be equally disastrous. The Russians have lines of communication inside Russia are not as good as ours inside the U. S.; second, because American long-range bombers are still our best shield against Russian attack. They can still make mincemeat of Russian cities.

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He wanted that Jordan, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, and even Turkey might fall to Nasser and the Russians within six months unless the United States and England acted.

Macmillan agreed with Eisenhower's analysis. He agreed despite the fact that in a trans-Atlantic conversation with another British Prime Minister, almost two years ago, Eisenhower had talked like a drill sergeant, dressing

down a buck private in demanding that Anthony Eden take British troops out of Suez. The danger at that time was just the same.

Forgetting the past, however, Macmillan agreed to consult with his Cabinet and phone Eisenhower later. He called back shortly before noon, Washington time, to say that Britain would support the United States all the way even if the decision was unpopular at home. It was then agreed, by telephone, that Britain and the United States would provide reinforcements. American troops would land in Lebanon, while British troops moved from Iraq to Jordan, later to Iraq if developed that the British had not completely smashed the pro-West government of King Faisal.

The Eisenhower-Macmillan agreement was kept completely secret except for the British Cabinet and the Joint Chiefs of Staff in Washington. The 22 congressional leaders were later called in for advice, but the decision was already made.