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## Luther The Lionhearted & The Dragon

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A RAB kingdoms may tumble, the westcara Alliance may crumble, the may
miss a putt, but Luther Hartwell Hodges
goes on forever.
Confidence? The governor's made of
it. Derring-60? He invented the stuff.
Here he is, an out-bound chief executive, six months away from his last General Assembly, and he is threatening to
introduce "probably the most ambitious
program" of his administration.
Small wonder that they call him "Luther the Lionhearted."
In normal times, a governor's last legislature is a kind of glorified nap-time.
In one sense, his excellency is already
a political lame duck and Assemblymen
like for him to keep it in mind. The
climate is seldom favorable for what the
old pols enjoy disparaging as "new nonsense."
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But Mr. Hodges has already served
notice that he intends to buck the trend
and plump energetically for "a very
heavy program—one which will challenge the legislators."

Fair enough. But now that he has rattied his saber the electorate will expect
him to slay the dragon. The dragon is
legislative apathy.

There is a sight of legislation that
needs to be enacted and it will require
all of the craft and cunning the governor has at his command to accomplish
the miracle. Actually, the challenge facing
Mr. Hodges equals or possibly even
exceeds the challenge facing individual
legislators.

The governor has already mentioned
taxes. "You might as well get ready,"
said he. "You are going to have some
new taxes." Perhaps so. But this may
be the smallest measure of his program's
boldness.

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The question of constitutional revision will loom larger and cast a longer shadow. North Carolina's 1888 Constitution is a horse-and-longy instrument, unsuited for the needs of modern state government. It ought to be redesigned and certain preliminary steps ought to be taken in the 1999 General Assembly, By next February, a state constitutional commission will have had ample time to study the problem and make its report.



Gov. Hodges

Legislative reapportionment will also hang heavy on the governor's conscience. He has spoken bravely of it in the past but some of his personal solutions (the suggestion that each county be limited to one senator, for instance) have been less than adequate. The ideal of fair representation must be achieved and achieved without any more deliberate dawdling on the part of political bunco artists.

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There is the little matter of a state minimum wage law, too. This is an economic and moral necessity in North Carolina. A 55-cent minimum, backed by Gov. Umstead, was passed by the Senate in 1953 but died in a House committee. A similar bill met a similar fate in 1955, despite Gov. Hodges' support. A 75-cent minimum passed the Senate in 1957 but the House again did the honors. It is a sorry record and one that must be set right in 1959.

And this is only the beginning. There is more to do than there is space to list. The lines of authority in statesupported higher education must be untangled. The legislature ought to scrap its need-less secrecy rules. The state needs a mechanical inspection program for motor vehicles, a withholding system for state income tax, better treatment facilities for the mentally ill. improvements in public education and so many other things that will test the mettle of a progressive governor.

Mount your charger, Sir Luther. The dragon went that-a-way.

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ample time to study the pronem and make its report.

Court reform, which will necessarily be a part of any constitutional revision, will require special attention and special courage. The size and shape of this particular challenge to the governor's leadership is already apparent. The details will come later—when Mccklenburg Sen. J. Spencer Bell's study committee completes its vast and historic survey.

# Time Is Running Out For U.S. To Discover A Policy

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There are obstacles in the way of even such as small and modest step toward ending the continuing retireat of the West before a property of the way of the wa

THE ALTERNATIVE
Willingness to neutralize one
Middle East country suggests
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not enough for the Middle East,
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position with a government that
came to power by destroying
those who had first aligned the
country with the Westerninspired pact.

But the most serious obstacle

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As seen from this continent where a working relationship importance, the way out lies in a frank declaration by the United States of the neutralization of Lebanon. This small nation, divided between Christians and divided between Christians and trading interests would then become the Switzerland of the Middle East.

### POWERFUL EFFECT

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This is a small step and a modest one. But it could serve to assure not only the Area bates but uncommitted nations everywhere that the United States is not seeking to force any power, however large or small, to be aligned on one side or the other. A declaration in favor of the neutralization of leabourn would have a powerful leabourn would have a powerful effect of the other countries. When the proposal of the United Nations, paving of the United Nations, paving the way for approval of a U.N. force to take over from the Marines.

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cupation, with the frictions it would engender and the hostile propagands inevitably flowing out of that occupation, and Gen. Kassem could be expected to swing over to Nasser. In the first steps toward neutralization the French might be of help. While the men around Gen. de Gaulis were not all of the same opinion, decided against participating in any intervention in Lebanon. They could, therefore, perform a useful role as mediator.

## 'The Natives Are Looking Kind Of Attractive'



## A Choice Of Obscurities

# Adams Is Ready To Resign



By DORIS FLEESON

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The Pentagon is not permitting press conference either. It is been pressed to the permitting press conference either. It is been permitted by the permitted of the point of the Joint Staff and nothing said there can be attributed to anybody. Some ôd-fast-ioned reporters hoycott this type of information though if there is enformation, though if there is it is in the purely military reality. What is new is that United States moves, so weighted with heavy political consequences, foreign and domestic, are still being treated as purely a military ing treated as purely a military in the present of the p The decision that Adams must go if there is a decision rather of the property Quote, Unquote

More petty stuff, you may say, and so it is in a way, but it is the sort of petty stuff that counts in campaigns. And here, of course, is the second reason why the Adams departure has become almost unavoidable, SETBACK EXPECTED

No practical Republican leader supposes that Iraq or anything else will make the Democrats forget about Adams, especilly if Adams is still in the
White House. Every practical
the wind of setback that will
this year, (Some are predicting
the kind of setback that will
leave the President about as impotent as James Buchanan in his
last four White House months.)
If there is a setback, and Adams
has not departed, Adams will be
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and sundry.

Adams' prospective departure.

For one thing, the case was really remarkably badly handleds. The property of t

The Post Office Gets A Move On

The Post Office Ge
Without moving a brick, much less
erecting a new building, the local Post Office apparently has made
great improvements in mall service.
This news makes a nice sound in the
void that followed announcement in
Washington some weeks ago that Charlotte needed a new Post Office building
—and the hint that we'd get it if the
Postmaster General won an increase in
postage rates. The need for a new building surprised a vertiable army of Charlotteans who had managed to get in and
out of the structure without being hit
by falling timber or loose masonry. But
this same army would have agreed on
the need for faster service.

A Move On

Acting Postmaster Ed Thomas says
delivery time for first class mail from
Charlotte to Atlanta and New York has
been reduced by a full day. Similarly
incoming mail is getting faster delivery
in Charlotte. The speed-up results from
changes in transportation and in sorting
procedures. Other improvements have
been made and the Post Office has invited complaints about service as a step
toward schlering and maintaining a
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the price of stamps is about to go up,

## Here's How The 'Economizers' Operate

ally obsers in the Officer States and abroad.

Isn't it wonderful how Congress is such a gallant champion of economy when somebody else's ease is at stake but somehow neglects to pinch pennies on its own comfort. We have in mind, specifically, the \$1.250,000 project for construction of two new underground railways between the Senate side of the Capitol and the two Senate Office Buildings.

WITH flags flying and righteous wrath in full bloom, the House Appropriations Committee whittled more than half a billion dollars off Defense Department construction requests last week. It was a remarkable display of stern concern about "luxuries" at military bases in the United States and abroad.

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Oh, yes One other thing. The New
Your Times reports that the \$1,250,000
price tag does not include the cost of
four new cars that will be specially built
to senatorial specifications.

ADAMS HAS A CALLER

Asked by a friend about his mission, he replied he was just back from Europe and was making a report. Pressed to tell to whom he was respecting, he was wilked obsequences being done wilked obsequences being done wilded the staff work being done wild he staff work being done wild marked down by the regulates as proof that Sterman Adams was receiving, not a fift, The State Department was frank. It had nothing at all to offer. Nohody has held a press conference or even a briefing there since the Marines took off for the Middle East.

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### Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round Khrushchev Warned Against U.S. Trip Drew Pearson's

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From The Manchester Guardian

### POT00000000S

HAVE often marveled (writes a correspondent) at the ingenuity of people whose business it is to name race horses. The other day, however, while searching for information, I was looking through an index in the late Joseph Osborne's fifth edition of the Horse-Berger ERS HANDBOOK, and was startled to come across the name of a stallion bearing the name Potocococos. At first I thought that this might be a compositor's pun on the word potatoes, but soon discovered that elsewhere throughout the book the name was printed Potõos, and that was presumably how this famous horse,

which Osborne describes as the best race-horse ever to run up to his time, went through life. (In fact the horse got this name because he had once travelled in a van labelled Pot8os.)

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Potlos was born in 1773, the son of
Belipse and Sportsmistress (a name one
does not expect to see in the eighteenth
century) and won thirty-live races out
of forty-six before retiring to stud at
Eaton Hall in 1784. There, in Cheshire,
he sired no fewer than 165 subsequent
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witners—and wearmable 185 subsequent winners—and presumably 165 fantastic names—before dying at Hare Park, near Newmarket, at the respectable age of 27 in November, 1800.