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### 'Old Mecklenburg' Has Its Problems

A CHILD born in Memorial Hospital today could come home from college in 1980 to work and live in a metropolis of a half million souls.

So say city planners who, in an effort to visualize the city that is building here, have had a lengthy session with charts, graphs and trends. This is an arresting picture, even if one's imagination can capture only part of it. The young grad might flutter home from Chapel Hill in a helicopter, considering the fact that his elders even now are about to fire a rocket at the moon. Or perhaps he never left home for college, but attended a four-year institution in Mecklenburg, and knows Chapel Hill from the village determined to be called quaint.

But human beings are more predictable than events. It is certain that in this Mecklenburg of 1980 that will be citizens moved occasionally by nostalgia for old Mecklenburg, circa 1958, "when we had ourselves a nice, restful and relaxed little town." This will be said with great conviction, and perhaps with comparative truth.

But in fact there is nothing at all restful or relaxed about the civic pulse in this summer of 1958. Even as the planners were forecasting the huge growth by 1980, the city was changing its shape and thrusting new problems into the civic consciousness. In a king-sized stack of projects, studies and plans facing various civic and governmental bodies the force of growth can be felt plainly. So can an opportunity to shape, control and direct that growth so that the city that emerges finally here will bear the cleanly marks of vision.

Consider the questions and the imperatives that have piled up in this "relaxed" summer of 1958:

Shall we build a system of community colleges?

Shall we consolidate city and county school systems?

Shall we consolidate city and county police departments?

Shall we consolidate city and county recorders' courts?

Shall we push a slum clearance program, and erection of new government buildings?

Shall we provide for a system of belt roads around the city?

Shall we consolidate city and county tax departments?

In addition to the questions, there are some admitted imperatives: City facilities must be extended to the perimeter as soon as possible. Recreational facilities must be expanded. We must continue building schools and maintaining other facilities at a level consistent with population gains.

The building of Charlotte 1980 for the officials and citizens concerned with it—and in one respect or another all are concerned—is not quite the placid task that later will be presumed. The community has no time for trifling questions and issues and there are none such in the list enumerated. Each of them has a bearing on the quality of our government and community life today and will have a bearing on the city tomorrow. And each of them requires painstaking study and work if they are to be answered correctly and wisely.

It is not, we think, that Charlotte has an abnormal number of problems to consider, as the length of their listing might suggest. The length results from a tendency of this community to recognize its problems and, in most cases, to come to grips with them.

And if this tendency leaves the community brow furrowed with thought in the restful and relaxed summer of 1958, so much the better for the social and economic health of the Charlotte of today and Charlotte 1980.

### Why Not A Medical School Next?

CHARLOTTEANS are nearly as hard as Texans when it comes to putting "our town" on the back. Nothing pleases the man on the street more than obvious evidence that the outside world is looking at the Queen City with an interested eye.

There was something infinitely pleasing in an architectural magazine in Rome printing the picture of our Coliseum, just as it was slightly agonizing to hear a pretty young thing from hereabouts claim Possum Walk as home on nationwide television.

Just so with Charlotte's growing medical reputation. Tell the folks that the city is becoming a medical center and have to act like one, and they go out and vote \$4 million in bonds for a bigger and better hospital. No matter that it made excellent sense from a medical viewpoint, civic pride helped carry the day.

Now the big Hartford Foundation has come along with \$160,000 for heart research work at Charlotte Memorial Hospital. What with the orlon arctic and the seemingly miraculous heart-lung machine for intricate heart operations, we've known all along that big things

were happening in Charlotte's heart research program.

United Appeal folks are particularly happy about the whole thing. After putting more than \$20,000 in the research program, directly and indirectly, in the last few years, they feel a glowing pride that the work has merited such a big grant from a national outfit.

There is some indication, too, that this is only a beginning. Marshall Pickens, bossman of the huge Duke Endowment, speaks softly, but when he does, people listen with an attentive ear.

Talking about the possibility of a comprehensive health survey now being considered by the Social Planning Council, Mr. Pickens casually mentioned the nationwide need for more medical schools.

Federal government planners are talking about building 15 or 20 new medical schools and, after all, why not Charlotte?

Why not? It's a good question, one we'd like to hear more about. Things like medical schools don't just fall out of the sky. They come about only through years of planning and hoping and doing.

The hoping and the doing are already under way. It's time for positive planning to begin.

### It's Best Not To Get Carried Away

IN translating laudable objectives into worthwhile legislation, state righters often get carried away by their own enthusiasm.

This certainly was the case in a bill passed by the House which would permit states to legislate in areas where the courts have ruled that Congress has pre-empted the field. The Eisenhower administration has wisely raised serious questions about the generalities of the measure and its rather incredible retroactive features.

This is obviously another slap at the Supreme Court. Several recent decisions—particularly in the field of individual rights—have not set well among the bill's sponsors. One of them is the 1956 decision in the Nelson case, in which the court struck down a Pennsylvania sedition statute on grounds that Congress had implied its intention to preempt the section field by passing the Smith Act in 1940.

As needed by the House the states' rights bill would go far beyond the Nelson case and untangle a large body of existing law in many areas. The bill's effect on interstate commerce, immigration and naturalization, agriculture and labor relations alone would throw federal-state relationships into terrific confusion. Its retroactive feature would only compound the confusion.

The kindest thing that can be said for the legislation is that it is poorly drawn. The Senate ought to put it out of its misery.

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## Phony Half-Measures Can't Cure The Near East's Rot

By JOSEPH ALSOP

WASHINGTON

IN ITS incoercible way, the administration has been trying to tell the country that everything will now turn out for the best in the Middle East. Meanwhile the administration is really sweating with fear that everything will shortly turn out for the worse. The signs of more trouble ahead may be itemized as follows:

ITEM: Apparently at the faughly request of Gamal Abdel Nasser, King Saud of Saudi Arabia and his brother-Prime Minister, Crown Prince Faisal, have just received the chief of staff of the Egyptian Army, Gen. Hakim Amer, at the royal summer palace in the hills, at Taif.

TAUGHT RED-HANDED

It is known that the main subject of discussion was the return of an Egyptian military mission to Saudi Arabia, for the ostensible purpose of training the Saudi army. The former mission was ejected from Saudi Arabia after the Egyptian military attaché was caught, red-handed, organizing terrorist groups for the overthrow of King Saud's government. It is further known that Gen. Hakim Amer paid hardly more than a courtesy call on the King. Almost all his time was spent with the Crown Prince, who has been real ruler of Saudi Arabia ever since the king's virtual abdication was forced by Nasser's customary propaganda-and-conspiracy pressures.

It seems highly likely, therefore, that the Egyptian military mission will soon return the Saudi army. In this event, Saudi Arabia's days of comparative independence are almost certainly numbered, and the transformation of the Saudi realm into another Nasser province must eventually be expected. This reading of the Saudi signs is made more likely by the further fact that King Saud's most anti-Western foreign affairs adviser, Sheikh Yusuf Yassin, is on his way to Cairo.

PERIL IN THE SUDAN

ITEM: Egypt's vulnerable neighbors to the south and west, the Sudan and Libya, have been threatened to abandon his little country. The Jordanians will rule out any peaceful settlement between France, Tunisia, Morocco and the Moslem population of Algeria. The American Strategic Air Command's most important single overseas base, Wiesbaden Field, will also be left to Nasser. The Jordanians will, of course, hang over the Libyan base in Saudi Arabia, which is not used by Nasser but is invaluable for our long air transport plan.

KING URGED TO QUIT

ITEM: The position in Jordan is so critical that it may perhaps be resolved, even even in a surrender, before these words are printed. Not so very long ago, President Eisenhower was declaring that the "security of Jordan" was essential to the United States. Now the British and American governments are anxiously talking about the need for King Hussein to abandon his little country, which has naked courage saved from Nasser and the local Communists only 15 months ago.

The idea is for King Hussein to announce that he is leaving the country presumably in the same aircraft with the British paratroopers who are there now, so that his people can hold a "free election." The Jordanians will be ironically offered the chance to invite their king back if they choose. So the surrender of Jordan will be gratefully accepted if this scheme is adopted.



Gamal Abdel Nasser: Three Views Of A Man On The Make

The reasons for discussing this extraordinary scheme are highly practical. All Jordan's borders are now closed, and there is no access to the country except through the mud-hut port of Aqaba and by American transport aircraft over-flying Israel. The overflights of Israel are the only real means of supplying the 2,000 Israeli paratroopers sent to guard Hussein against the conspiracy. After receiving a grossly threatened Soviet note, the Israelis recently withdrew permission for the overflights. In answer to strong U. S. protests, they have now allowed the overflights to continue, but "only for a few days."

Hence the Jordanian position is literally untenable for the long run, unless measures are taken to break the military blockade of Jordan that has been imposed by Egypt's Syrian province, the new Iraqi government and Saudi Arabia. A partial withdrawal of the desperate need to provide a kind of cover for the British troops in Jordan.

In short, the rot in the Middle East is spreading more rapidly than ever. This was of course certain to happen when the British and American governments took the only the clumsiest half-measures to stop the rot that began in Baghdad.

And after a few generations make us amphibious anyhow?

Our City Council should consider this seriously. New territory could be claimed and flags of durable plastics of course planted in the name of King James I (son of Charlotte), and if they divvied enough the sun would never shine on our suburbs.

Undersea life and industry should offer many advantages. Domesticated sea creatures would be available for beasts of burden, and properly trained electric fish might provide sufficient power for modern appliances. Seaweed would provide the green vegetable so essential to our health and oyster ranches supply sufficient food. We should have no problems of flooding roofs in our Coliseum, or flooding our housing developments. The temperature would be similar in all seasons, a perpetual bomb shelter, and the danger of tornadoes and windstorms naturally excluded if we could keep the mollusks from infiltrating the deep. Bad checks would soon disintegrate in the corrosive chemicals and leave no trace of human frailties.

—A. C. BUCKLE

Laziness At Root Of Of United Giving

Editors, The News: Charlotte

ONCE again UCS time is advancing upon us. The misguided public will again let this be rammed down their throats. I have talked with many and usually the answer is, "I'd rather give to one agency."

This is pure laziness. I want what I give to go to the charity or agency that I think will do some good. I don't support many agencies right here on earth that would be quickly unreported by the United Appeal. The UA seems to take on any agency that will support membership in the UA, even if it is unreported by the public and possibly some with Communist affiliations.

Why don't they take on the CIO, NAACP and Communist Party so that they will really have a well rounded group.

—WALTER P. ANDREWS

Underneath The Sea A 'Golden Opportunity'

Editors, The News: Charlotte

THEY're hysterical race to overtake the Russians en route to the moon, haven't our scientists overlooked a golden opportunity right here on earth that would not be a generation ahead of the Reds?

With three-fourths of the earth's surface covered by sea water, should we not presume that an equal proportion of its potential wealth and opportunities is similarly submerged?

As we spend fortunes to penetrate the mysteries of the Blue Beyond, our undersea research is limited principally to peacocking and marine-reining. Why not establish vast undersea industries, farms and cities? With modern surgical capable of converting a seamount into a strenuous island, it is not a simple operation to graft the gills of a catfish or crocodile onto man's ears to enable him to breathe here? Would environment not reverse the theory of evolution?

—PETER TWINKLE

What Does It Mean? Here's A Check List

Editors, The News: Salisbury

WHAT DOES it mean to be a "real Christian"? (1) A real Christian is considerate of all with whom he comes in contact. (2) The real Christian wears a heavenly smile, to show others that he has God's sunshine within himself. (3) The real Christian does not condemn people who are different from what he is because he knows that he has faults, too. (4) The real Christian is kind to all people and shows them that life is beautiful. (5) Real Christians never use loaded words that would hurt the feelings of others. (6) Real Christians are constantly doing things to make the world better and the lot of men more bearable.

I am sure that your readers will have at least four ways that they will want to suggest themselves.

—JAMES W. JEWELL

The Book Yields A Verse To Remember

Editors, The News: Hamlet

QUO Well, Status, today being Sunday, what verse in the Book do you think it would be wise for every man and woman to read today and always remember.

Status: A good question, Quo. As it happens, in looking through my index I ran across this verse from Exodus — Chapter 9, Verse 12. "And in every deed for that cause I raised thee up, for to show to thee My power, and that My name may be declared throughout all the Earth."

—PETER TWINKLE

## People's Platform Blythe's The Man To Write History Of County

Charlotte

Editors, The News: Charlotte

AS ONE of the founders of the Mecklenburg Historical Association, please permit me to express my opinion that the association has nothing to do with Mr. Blythe's proposed history of the county.

It is not of our sphere and jurisdiction. It is strictly a business proposition and I also wish to object strenuously to the idea of calling in a professor from some upstate or out-state college to do the work.

There is no one in the United States as well fitted for the job of author as LeGette Blythe. I urgently urge Mr. Blythe to give the job to Mr. Blythe just as soon as enough money can be obtained to start paying him at least \$300 per month. For having co-authored the Lives and Times of the 27 Signers of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence of May 20, 1776.

At least such a work means at least three years of research and writing and supervision of the format, carry-over pages and 1-991 different little jobs.

And he has published several books and knows the work to be executed, and the history of the county. He does not need the help of the association which, however, would be necessary if a college professor were called in to write the book.

Charlotte and Mecklenburg would make a great mistake if they do not immediately go along with Mr. Blythe and LeGette Blythe.

—VICTOR C. KING

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From The Beaumont (Texas) Enterprise

### HORSES AND HATS

IF you are the proud owner of a horse, and use it for any business purpose such as building good will, then you should take notice of a recent Internal Revenue Service ruling. A businessman who owned a horse — a fine saddle specimen, we understand — and shared his riding pleasure with his customers, deducted \$500 as a business loss when the favorite was laid low.

He told the tax agency that while he was riding one day, his hat fell off and the horse ate most of it. The horse died soon afterwards. A veterinarian said that, too, the hat had killed the horse. The businessman's \$500 item was thrown out. All the same, Internal Revenue ruled that had eating the hat killed the horse while presumably it was being employed to build customer good will, the owner might have had a chance to collect.

Now, what we see it, the horse is just as dead, regardless of the cause. If the animal died from flu — and not

from eating the hat—then why couldn't he be deducted as a business loss? Anyway you look at it the horse is resting in his grave or in some glass put. The government seems to enjoy leading the taxpayer to believe he is about to gain a deduction and then snatching it away just before he can celebrate putting one over on the tax experts. This sure does tend to destroy morale. Our days.

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

WASHINGTON

WHILE John Foster Dulles was in Rio de Janeiro and unable to reach his chief on what to say at a press conference, President Eisenhower revealed his own real idea for peace in the Near East. Indirectly he also revealed what only a few have known, that there has been a basic split between him and John Foster Dulles regarding the Near East.

Area Of Disagreement

But John Foster Dulles has disagreed. He has believed that the first thing to be done at the special U. N. Assembly meeting is to castigate Russia for murder, assassination, and civil war. He has wanted to go back for years to paint the record of intrigue of Soviet Russia.

Eisenhower thinks this, while true, is a waste of time and won't get the world any nearer to peace. Prime Minister Macmillan sides with Eisenhower. So does Premier Fanfani of Italy whose

old irrigation projects which once helped support the Near East as the cradle of civilization.

country first officially proposed that Marshall Plan funds be diverted to Near East reconstruction. So Eisenhower's more constructive program will now prevail—even though hitherto he has almost always bowed to his persuasive secretary of state.

Rolling Down To Rio

Secretary of State Dulles is a great traveler. But even he does not get out of London for a Baghdad Pact meeting, one week and then suddenly he is for Brazil, far removed from the Near East, the next week—especially at a time when vital negotiations were under way with the Kremlin regarding a summit

### Ike Clashes With Dulles On Near East

conference and the Near East. Inside fact, however, is that Dulles was virtually ordered to go to Brazil by no less than Eisenhower himself.

The Barn Was Burning

The suddenly woke up to the realization that the barn was burning in nearby Latin America, while we were trying to put out brush fires in the distant Near East. What was the cause of the fire? It was reported in this column previously reported in this column on July 24 and officially reported in the Washington Post on July 25.

Eisenhower, by Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge from the U. N. at about the same time—namely that our Latin American friends were deserting us.

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