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—A PHOTO EDITORIAL—

### The Arguments For Urban Renewal



### While They Wait

HERE is a glimpse of the face of Charlotte's slums, caught in the lens of News photographer Charlie Kelly.

The face will get dirtier, the insides more dilapidated because Congress failed to provide new urban renewal funds before it adjourned.

For Charlotte particularly, Congress' failure to approve the funds is a cause for gloom. Almost certain are months of delay in the key planning phase of the city's program. Until the plans are made and approved, an actual start on clearance cannot even be contemplated. And this is Charlotte's second try at demolishing its chief incubator of crime and disease.

Everything about the slums—the crowdedness, the squalor, the human blight—will be magnified by the delay. Growing right along with these conditions will be the cost of removing them. But so will the greater cost of not removing them. This if there is cause for gloom, there can be no room for defeatism.

In the delay, Charlotte must find new determination to do the job.

"Congress will be back in business in January.

The slums will still be here.

### People's Platform

Charlotte  
Editors: The News  
AFTER reading the recent letter to the editor submitted by Mr. Mercer J. Blankenship, I thought that it might be interesting to go to my American history books and look up a few facts. It is really surprising how much I had either never known or had forgotten. I expect that also goes for most of us, including Mr. Blankenship.

I came across the following quote from Thomas Jefferson which he wrote in 1788: "If I could not go to heaven but with a party, I would not go there at all." I also found that at the time of the American Revolution there were Whigs who were opposed by the Tories and that the Whigs later split into Federalists and Anti-Federalists. Later the Federalists were opposed by the Republican Party of Jefferson. Later the party of Jefferson became the champion of a strong national government.

I was reminded that the party of Jefferson introduced and passed the first American protective tariff bill. (By the way, Mr. Calhoun of S. C. introduced this bill.) Also this same party of Jefferson chartered the second Bank of the United States. Both of these were heavily denounced by Mr. Blankenship as being Republican Party things. They were, but it was the Republican Party of Jefferson.

The Republican Party of Jefferson was the only party in the country from 1816 to 1824. In 1824, the Jeffersonians split into two camps, the Democratic Republicans and the National Republicans. The similarity of the names proved too confusing so they soon became Democrats and Whigs.

It was really an eye opener to find that prior to 1900, North Carolina had been a two-party state. In fact, it started back in 1788 when the Anti-Federalists in North Carolina succeeded in blocking the ratification of the federal constitution. However, the Federalists gained power in 1789 and North Carolina joined the Union. The first two senators were Federalists. Two of the first four governors of North Carolina were Federalists and when Jefferson first ran for President in 1800 the North Carolina vote was split. After the death of the Federalist Party and the split-up of the Jeffersonian party, there was a split of loyalties of the people of the state of North Carolina. The Democrats were mainly the big planters, while the Whigs were mainly the merchants and small farmers. The Whig party carried North Carolina in 1840, 1844 and 1848, and even in 1860 had a Whig majority in the state legislature. Gov. Zeb Vance, in his early political life, was a Whig and a bitter opponent of the Democrats. However, when the Whig party died, he with many other Whigs, joined the Democrats. Others of the Whigs joined the newly formed Republican Party. Ever since, North Carolina has maintained about a 2 to 1 ratio of Democrats to Republicans.

This new Republican Party was organized in 1854 by a group of Whigs, Free Soilers, and Democrats, and because they believed in freedom for all men, took the name of the old Jefferson party—Republican. One of the resolutions of this new party adopted was that in view of the necessity of battling for the first principles of republican government and against the schemes of an aristocracy, the most revolting and oppressive with which the earth was ever cursed or man debased, we will cooperate and be known as 'Republicans' until the contest be terminated.

It seems to me that it is time that we take a good look at our political parties of today and judge them for what they are rather than what they may have been some time in the past. This goes for both the Republicans and the Democrats. You, as an editor, have a responsibility to let the truth be known and I am confident the people will make the right choices if they

UNUSUAL candidates who have their mark on the entire United States and the world line up for the U. S. Senate from New York this week. Such an array of candidates from one state is remarkable. Here is the roll call:

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Great Warrior

James A. Fahey did more than any other man except FDR himself to elect Roosevelt in 1932. Then in 1940 he broke with FDR and has been on the outs

## Tarheelia Hasn't Always Been A One-Party State

Charlotte  
Can have the truth about issues and the Democrats look out for the working man. Let's take a look at their record, right here in North Carolina where they have full control of the legislature as well as the governorship.

What a display of back-passing was recently given by Gov. Hodges and his Highway Commission in the Beechwood Acres flooding problem.

The P & N Railway was there long before the homes in Beechwood were built. If the P & N caused the flooding then the people who built the houses are at fault for building them in the middle of a lake.

Truth is the Highway Commission got in drinking the 29-Bypass water into Beechwood and they are looking for a scapegoat. I personally hope the P & N takes their hide.

The governor expresses concern and mutters promises of immediate aid and his self-appointed Highway Commission fiddles while Beechwood drowns. Lip service does nothing to alleviate the problem.

This is a typical example of lack of concern for the citizens of our state by a political party that has led at the public trough in North Carolina for 75 years.

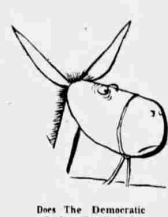
—CHARLES EUREY

### It's A Pity To Waste All That Knowledge

Charlotte  
Editors: The News  
WHY doesn't J. R. Cherry Jr. publish and edit his own newspaper? He and his pontificating have been boring for a long time now. I'm certain his employer would be happy to help him finance a newspaper business. Better still, let either or both of them offer as candidates for public office. It's a pity to waste such vast knowledge of government on mere partisan politics.

—WILLIAM FUNDREBURKE

### 'You Should Have Done Better Than That'



### The Workers Suffer With Democratic Rule

Lincolnton  
Editors: The News  
WE hear so much bull about how the Democrats look out for the working man. Let's take a look at their record, right here in North Carolina where they have full control of the legislature as well as the governorship.

Here's how they look out for us working people. Seven times they have refused to pass a minimum wage-hour law. Out of 1,100,000 non-agriculture workers in North Carolina 500,000 are covered by the federal wage-hour law. Remember this, all you store clerks, restaurant workers, hotel clerks, service workers, laundry and dry cleaning workers, etc.

Refused to reform the North Carolina constitution which dates back to 1868 and is as useless as a Democratic platform the day after election.

Refused to scrap its secrecy laws which permits them to operate without public scrutiny.

Refused to pass auto mechanical inspection law although they made liability insurance compulsory.

Done nothing to upgrade teacher pay and improve our public education system. Three several hundred thousand signatures in the wastebasket and refused to call a liquor referendum. (Remember the hotel and the liquor.) Do you need any

more? Here it is. Provides too little, too late for facilities for our mentally ill and mentally retarded citizens.

Right now there are hundreds of people who need to be admitted to these institutions for care and treatment, but no room is available. How soon will we see the people of North Carolina forget the mentally retarded child right here in our state, who was kept in a cage at home because no room was available in a North Carolina institution for him. What a shame.

Legislative reapportionment? The constitution provides for it but what a constitution to that crowd of politicians. They ignore it. Done nothing to increase the prosperity of our people. North Carolina ranks 47th in average factory earnings. How far down the ladder can you get?

Dear voters: This is only a sample of the run-around we've been getting from the Demos in Raleigh. David Clark, the Democratic candidate for Congress, was a member of this do-nothing legislative body.

HAROLD SAIN

### Famed Chief Justice Was Not A Lawyer

Hickory  
Editors: The News  
SOME weeks ago I sent you a letter headed: "How the Supreme Court Got Into American Jurisprudence." The basic facts cited in that letter were lifted from Encyclopedia Britannica, Volume 14, 14th edition, page 968.

Most lawyers in discussing constitutional questions start right off quoting John Marshall. If there are such lawyers still living, now is the time to come to the aid of John Marshall, for even a "shyster" lawyer. For the shyster lawyer of today is much better qualified to practice law than John Marshall ever had time to practice that great profession. If the record shows anything, it shows that John Marshall never attended a law

school a day in his life, nor had legal preceptors.

The last paragraph of page 968 contains the following: "At the time of Marshall's appointment he was generally considered that the Supreme Court was the one department of the new government which had failed in its purpose. John Jay, the first chief justice, who had resigned in 1795, had just declined a reappointment to the chief justice on the ground that he left the bench perfectly convinced that the court would never acquire proper weight and dignity if its organization being fatally defective."

Most people seem to think that because Thomas Jefferson wrote the Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation, practically all of the Constitution and Amendments (Bill of Rights), he also formulated the Supreme Court, which is a most serious mistake.

Thomas Jefferson was most emphatic and adamant against the adoption of the Supreme Court. When the government was finally put into operating condition, the Supreme Court divided the founding fathers into two parties. But before that Jefferson and his associates were known as Democratic Republicans, and by the time the Continental Army was mustered out, the Tories who fought the patriots at first (such as those who fought at Ramseur Mills at Lincolnton and Kings Mountain) and the Federalist Party, and during the Washington administrations and John Adams' the Federalists were in the majority, and adopted the Supreme Court.

John Marshall outlived Thomas Jefferson and none of the early Democratic-Republican presidents appointed Supreme Court members.

But Marshall let loose blasts at the Supreme Court during his long and eventful life, such as "useless and expensive war on our body politic" and "ten days before he died (July 4, 1835) he said the 'Supreme Court will lose its liberty, unless we keep alert'."

Insofar as the name Republican is Latin and Democrat is Greek, it adds up to the same thing. I move that the Democrats go back to Thomas Jefferson and recover their full winning "cognomen," Democratic-Republican Party. As long as the Democrats used their full cognomen which was Jeffersonian, there was practically no opposition.

—DR. K. A. PRICE

### 'One Fighting Woman' And Dogs Need Help

Martinsville, Ind.  
Editors: The News  
THE SITUATION is a recipe for homeless dogs, with a wife of one fighting woman will be glad and grateful for any help from those who love dogs. We need food of any sort and old towels, blankets or pieces. We can use condensed or powdered milk, dried fruit or legumes, cod liver oil, vitamins, wheat germ, surgical powder, olive oil.

Got many more requests to know how we have helped us, and in this newspaper for its part.

—LOUISE WOOD  
The Sanctuaries  
Route 2, Box 54  
Martinsville, Ind.

### Good Vs. Evil

A WRETCHED, pitiable creature is man with his craving for positive solutions. For centuries men have been struggling and laboring to put the good on one side, the evil on the other. Centuries will pass, and no matter how much the unprejudiced mind may strive the scales will refuse to tip the beam, and there will always be equal quantities of the good and the evil on each scale. If only man would learn in forth judgments, and not in dualities, in evil and in arbitrary thoughts! If only he would learn that every thing is both a he and a she! From "Fables of Tales of Courage and Conflict," edited by Charles Seider.

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

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## New Yorkers Study Unusual Candidates

with the Roosevelt family ever since Gen. Jim is a great old warrior, but because of the feud with the Roosevelts and the Liberal Party, will not get the Democratic senatorial nod.

Amazing Feat

Thomas Finletter, former secretary of the Air Force, is the man who built the atomic bomb on which Eisenhower relies today for retaliation against Russia. A Democrat, Finletter worked in the State Department during the war, alongside another State Department official, Adlai Stevenson as secretary of the Air Force, he pioneered the far-flung air bases in Greenland, Morocco, Libya, Turkey, and Ireland. The construction of Thule, a city of aluminum houses 700 miles from the North Pole is one of the most amazing feats achieved by man.

No politician, Finletter has not played along with Democratic leaders, even opposed Averell Harriman for president in 1956 in favor of his old friend Stevenson. He would be a credit to any Senate.

Vast Experience

Thomas E. Murray, Democrat, former member of the Atomic Energy Commission, also is a man of vast experience, also would be a credit to any Senate. Son of a wealthy public utility father who was head of consolidated Edison, Murray has been a crusader for the Ten

nessee Valley Authority and helped expose the Dixie-Yates big utility deal when he was a member of the AEC. He was chiefly responsible for the fact that the Atomic States has at least one peacetime atomic reactor operating at Shippingport, Pa.

Murray And Rickover

In early 1953, Commissioner Murray noted that Admiral Hyman Rickover had been turned down on his plan for a 60,000 kilowatt reactor for an atom-powered airplane carrier. So he went to the admiral and proposed that an industrial reactor be built by Westinghouse through government subsidy. The immediate problem was the tight Eisenhower budget. So Murray went to the chief Eisenhower economist, Secretary of the Treasury George Humphrey.

"How much will it cost per kilowatt hour?" Humphrey asked.

"I don't know and you can't afford to know," Murray replied. "As a steel man, you know that when you build a new Bessemer process you don't know what the going rate is. This is a new pioneering process and we can't figure out the exact cost. But at least give me a chance to present my case before the National Security Council."

Secretary Humphrey arranged for that presentation Murray stated his case.

"How much will it cost per kilowatt hour?" Secretary of Defense Wilson spoke up from the other end of the table.

"I don't know and you can't afford to know," Murray replied. He expected a prolonged debate. But Secretary Humphrey interrupted.

"What are we waiting for?" he asked. That settled it. Eisenhower invariably bowed Humphrey's advice, and thus the one of the great peacetime atomic reactor was OK'd. At Murray left the room, he heard Charles Wilson growl: "Money down the drain."

### H-Test Ban

Believe me, many of the issues on which Murray fought are not getting public recognition. He was the first to warn of the danger of Stromberg 90, which finally was officially recognized last week by Eisenhower's suspension of atomic tests.

Murray had a hard time winning that recognition. When he urged the danger of Stromberg 90 inside the AEC, he was bitterly opposed. And when he went to New York in a cool, to make a public case, Admiral Strauss had Commissioner Willard Libby issue a statement even before Murray's speech relating him on the danger of Stromberg 90. Murray, out Libby and Strauss, has now been proved right.