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Boyd Was Wise To Take A Leave

JUDGE BASIL BOYD received good advice from the mayor and a majority of Council, and he was wise to take it. It would have been highly improper for the judge to continue to try cases while he himself is charged with a misdemeanor. His own and the best interests of Recorder's Court are served by his taking a leave of absence until final disposition of the charges against him is made by grand jury and/or court action.

We thought Judge Boyd should have resigned when the serious nature of irregularities in his court first became apparent. This would have been a major step in restoring the court's prestige, and could have been taken without prejudice to the judge. But in the present circumstances it would be unfair and prejudicial to the judge for us or the Council to urge resignation upon him.

A completely fair and unprejudiced consideration of the charges against Judge Boyd and the others against whom bills of indictment have been

drawn, has now become the paramount consideration.

The very nature of investigations and public reporting of them tend to cast blanket suspicions on the principal figures involved. This is unavoidable. But indictments require evidence, and convictions require proofs. As of now, there are no indictments.

There are charges against Judge Boyd, former court clerk Allen M. White and three bondsmen. The charges, serious enough in themselves, should not be magnified by official actions or public statements which would tend to balloon the charges or to pass judgment on them.

Judgment as to wrongdoing is a matter for judges and juries. And when wrongdoing is charged, judgments on performance or qualifications of accused persons should wait.

But the propriety of an accused person judging other accused persons is obvious and it is important Judge Boyd acted properly in stepping aside until the charges against him are resolved.

Why Take Intellectuals So Seriously?

MUSING with reporters in Florence, Italy, the other day Adlai Stevenson came up with a slogan for 60: "Intellectuals of the world, unite!" Frankly we liked the more humorous 1952 version: "Egghads unite; you have nothing to lose but your yolks."

The new coinage is a bit deadpan for Adlai but clearly symptomatic. Has anyone ever wondered just why everyone takes intellectuals so seriously in this country? We mean so seriously, of course, as to think they have a vital function in our society. Perish the idea. But so seriously as to isolate them, as always to be blaming labels on them.

Just ponder the variety of monickers we have evolved for our intellectuals: "egghead," "double-dome," "high-brow," "mastermind," "bookworm," "walking encyclopedia" etc. Has any one group ever endured such a range of labels—and sneers?

Why is it? In England—we have it on the authority of D. W. Brogan, super Cambridge egghead—"we don't take our eggheads so seriously." In France the intellectual is admired and in some ways made the symbol of national ideals, but he is neither fawned after nor imaged as a rare bird.

Could it be the high priests of American intellectuality who inspire their own clan feelings? Partly, perhaps. We have often doubted that the sharp distinction drawn in theory between intellectuals and non-intellectuals, eggheads and low-brows, double-domes and philistines—often in each case by the former—pans out in practice.

For Charlotte, Champs And Chivalry

WHEN you're tardy in offering compliments for outstanding achievements, you're apt to have to stand in line.

That's how it is with us and the Babe Ruth World Champions of Charlotte.

They've been off to Canada and captured a championship, returned and captured a city while we've been bemused by matters which might be more important, but certainly are less heartening than the exploits of these local lads.

So we've been standing in line—behind 1,500 folks who met the champs at the station, hands that played for them, and trophies and speeches presented to honor them—but standing with the considerable remainder of Charlotteans who

haven't had an opportunity to make their manners yet.

The Babe Ruthers brought Charlotte a pennant from abroad and although this is the marketplace of the Carolinas, we have of late experienced a notable shortage in the baseball pennant department. The pennant is important. It impresses us. But perhaps of more importance is the fine impression the Charlotte Babe Ruthers must have made on the other boys from other places they played against.

"Explain to us an idle, and the teams were all so friendly. I didn't think it would be like that at all," said Jerry Mave.

But it was, and that makes for nice memories which all Charlotte can share.

Erkine Caldwell In The Atlantic Monthly

'OBNOXIOUS AND HARDHEADED'

I THINK one of my greatest troubles is not being able to help people. People are always wanting to know how to write and I don't know what to tell them. People say, "Here is a story I wrote, all you have to do is read it and tell me what's wrong so I can fix it up."

Well, I don't know what's wrong with it. And I don't think a writer can rely on somebody else to help him on any extent.

When you're starting—in college, for example—you can get direction to ward how to do it yourself. But a writer can't really help someone who comes along with a story and says, "Please help me."

I think you must remember that basis. He's not a great mind, he's not a great thinker, he's not a great philosopher, he's a story teller. I mean, that's the field I belong in; there are, of course, writers who have great minds, but I don't pretend to. I can't take the responsibility of saying that I know anything that anybody else doesn't know, because I don't.

I have my own way of writing, which I don't recommend to other people. I do it my own way. I don't like other people to tell me to do it their way. I'm just completely obnoxious and hard-headed. And I can't help it. That's why I can't tell anybody how to write. I

don't know how to do it. It was just a combination of trial and error and revision that finally came out as it did. It's not an exact science, as you know; you can't pin it down.

All I can say is I like plenty of yellow second sheets—and typewriter ribbons and plenty of typewriters, too. I wear them out one or two every year. I dislike ones that break down, and I dislike ribbons that get dim, and I dislike white paper. So see you I have my prejudices.

We're strongly opposed to socialized medicine, with the exception that we believe the government ought to supply aspirin free to taxpayers. — JACKSON (MISS.) STATE TIMES.

Brigitte Bardot, a columnist tells us, turns thumbs down on 110 promiscuous week. Which makes her to matrimony what the Soviet delegates is to the U.N. — NEW ORLEANS STATES.

Don't laugh — 25 years from now, some silver-haired couple will be requesting PEOPLE PEOPLE EATEN for their anniversary waltz. — ASHEVILLE CITIZEN.

Police can't understand why a Midwest lawkeeper a skeleton on the living room sofa. They insist it makes a nice conversation piece. — BUTLER (GA.) HERALD.

People's Platform

Don't Depend On Washington To Clear Slums

case. Now mind you, I don't know these guys myself, and they must have made an unconstitutional decision back in '54, at least lots of folks think so. Well, maybe they did.

If your boy and mine was on that Supreme Court, we'd feel pretty darn bad if everybody was cursing them and nobody helping them, wouldn't we? What I can't understand is this: Why don't somebody that knows all about the Constitution — and God knows it looks like most every body but them and me do know — just go up there to Washington and call on them fellows. When the little girl at the desk in the outside office says: "Whom do you wish to see?" just say "Earl." And when she tells him that over that talking desk, she'll say "Mr. Warren will see you, he's at the trunk desk." Then just walk in and say "Earl, let's get a cup of coffee, I want to tell you something important."

And when you get him out alone just come right to the point and tell him that you don't want to hurt his feelings or make him feel bad, but that him and them other judges was dead wrong. Tell him just how the southern people feel about it, and tell him for goodness sake to get down fellows straightened out on the right road or there might be trouble. Just explain the Constitution to him.

Them boys were new on the job back in '54 and lacked experience, probably nervous as cats on, when they made that bad decision. And that Constitution is really a complicated piece of literature. Did you ever try to read it? Man it's a lotta some of the dumbest words you ever saw. And another thing, the lawyers that appeal cases to the Supreme Court can be mighty confusing too. One of them will argue one thing, and another argue right up and dispute it and argue something different. It makes it hard to decide who is right sometimes.

I feel bad though when folks see a bunch of young fellows just getting started on a new job. Now if folks cussed an experienced man like Judge Boyd that way, I bet you he'd send them to the roads for contempt before the reporter wrote down the cuss words in shorthand.

Maybe it's just because I'm tender-hearted, but I just hate to see folks kick and abuse a man who's been down, or nine of them in this

Property Owners Should Solve Slum Problem

Charlotte

Editors, The News:

I AM a very busy man. I am very busy running my business.

However, I feel it is my duty as an American citizen to take time to write you this letter.

But I am writing you this because of my socialist editorial in the Charlotte News of Tuesday, August 26, which was entitled "A Photo Editorial: The Arguments For Urban Renewal."

Now, Mr. Editor, you either believe in capitalism or you believe in socialism or communism or some other kind of ism. Frankly, the more I read your paper, the more I am convinced that you have got a lot of socialism in your system.

You want to tax the people of Shelbyville, Wisconsin, Odesa, Texas, Cheyenne, Wyoming, Hartford, Connecticut and all of the other towns, villages and cities and ship this money to Washington, D. C. Up there in Washington, D. C., the bureaucrats will put the money up in very fancy packages and put a label on it entitled "FEDERAL AID." Then they will ship this money back to different sections of the United States.

In the process of shipping it to and from Washington there is a loss of approximately 31 per cent because you do not hire bureaucrats for nothing. When you depend on the states to build houses, that is outright socialism.

Last summer it was my privilege to be in Vienna, Austria, while I was touring Europe. In Vienna I saw the Karl Marx Apartments of which there were 2,600 units. If you signed certain papers and gave up certain freedoms, you could live in the Karl Marx Apartments for approximately \$3.00 per month, and you, Mr. Editor, want the same kind of hog-wash here in Charlotte.

Note of us want slums, but I think that you are going about slum clearance in the wrong way. Why don't you print the names of the owners of the slums of the four pictures shown in your editorial? Yes, it is up to the owners of this property to clean up this mess.

I dare say most of these owners collect rent that shows an income of between 20 to 30 per cent on their investments. Why don't you start a campaign to have the city condemn these horrible places?

Keep on fighting the slums, Mr. Editor, but for goodness sake don't depend on Washington, D. C., to clean up these slums. Write an editorial telling these people that in Charlotte that they have a very proud heritage — that they are descendants from people who signed the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence. Write another editorial and say we want to get rid of the bureaucrats. Socialists and communists that reside in Washington, D. C. There are times when I hate and despise the editorial policy of The Charlotte News.

— CHAS. B. DOUGLAS

Editors, The News: We are happy to have Mr. Douglas' opinion on the slum problem and its solution. On the matter of fact involved in federal "aid" in the form of grant funds, this conclusion of the House Inter-governmental Relations Subcommittee headed by Mr. Ford, Rep. J. H. Fountain may be of interest: "The suggestion has been made

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'A Hint Of Autumn In The Air—Gently Falling Rain—Falling Leaves—Falling—'



Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

THE Supreme Court, in dissenting in an emergency session, probably doesn't know that it was the threat of a filibuster which saved the nine justices from being rebuffed by Congress. The public also does not know how filibusters are born.

When Sen. Wayne Morse of Oregon appeared on the Senate floor on Saturday night just before adjournment, he was a red rose. His colleagues knew that this was the last time he was ready to talk various bills to death.

Noting the rose, Ianly Lindon Johnson of Texas, the Democratic leader, leaned over and asked Morse what was up.

"My dear," warned the Oregon liberal who has one of the longest talkathon records in history, "you're not going to get out of here until Wednesday. I have no intention of letting this Congress adjourn with its last act, an expression of lack of confidence in the Supreme Court."

Morse was referring to the Mallory

Bill aimed at overruling a Court of Appeals decision affirming the Supreme Court—requiring police to arraign prisoners without delay. Morse also referred to a passport bill urged by John Foster Dulles, restoring State Department power, previously removed by the courts, to ban passports to any American.

Backstage Items

Earlier in the day two backstage incidents had occurred which didn't leak out to the public. William B. Macomber, assistant to Dulles, had called on Morse and asked him to remove his earlier objection to the passport bill.

"You've got a lot of guts," replied the fiery Oregonian. "Go back to Secretary Dulles and tell him that Wayne Morse will be talking against that bill until Wednesday. I feel awfully good. I've been out on the farm and I'm in good shape. I'm a little hoarse, but I'll be able to talk until Wednesday."

Morse was not kidding. He had spent part of the week putting his Red Devon cattle and prize roosters in the Gaithersburg Fair, where he won top hon-

ors. Macomber took one look at Morse's physical condition and reported that the passport bill was as good as dead.

Carroll's Irish

About the same time, Sen. John Carroll of Colorado conferred with Morse. He and his fellow Democrat, Joe O'Mahoney of Wyoming, had gone into conference with the House of Representatives to iron out differences regarding the Mallory Bill. O'Mahoney held the proxies of Illinois' Dirksen and Mississippi's Eastland in his pocket. Result: The House wrote new wording into the bill hamstringing the Supreme Court's curbing power. Carroll's Irish was disappointed. He came to Morse and they agreed to filibuster.

Later Carroll came back to Morse, reported that the "softcore" Senate liberals urged him not to fight.

Brute Force

"I happen to have been here 14 years," chided