



THOMAS L. ROBINSON, President and Publisher
BRODIE S. GRIFFITH, General Manager
ROBERT H. LAMPER, Advertising Director
Cecil Prince, Editor
PERRY MORGAN (on leave), Associate Editor
R. L. Young, Jr., Managing Editor
JAMES McDOWELL, Circulation Manager

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1959

Cold War Thaw Produces Flood Of Planning For Berlin

By DORIS FLEESON

WASHINGTON (AP)—There has been only a little thaw in the cold war... It produces a marked contrast with periods only a short time ago

in which all sides seemed heretofore capable of producing any hopeful change in the cold war... It produces a marked contrast with periods only a short time ago

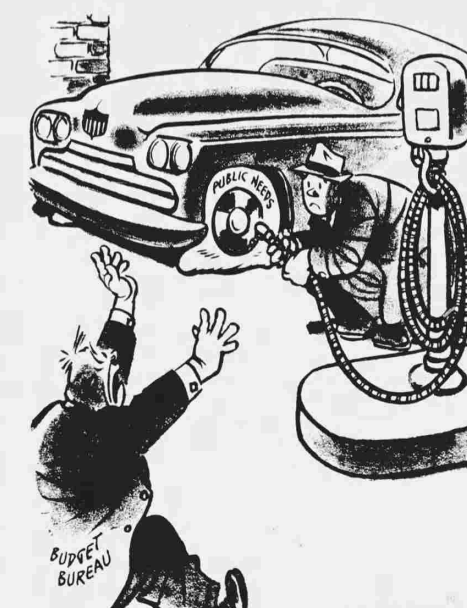
with without also dealing with the whole question of a united Germany, this appears to be accepted by the United States and its allies as well as the Soviet Union.

It is also true that the question of a united Germany, under whatever conditions, could hardly be dealt with without bringing up the whole European position, which it would deeply affect. We are certain to be hearing about some daring proposals in this direction.



SEN. MIKE MANSFIELD
Only One Question Remains

Great Scott, Man--That's Inflationary!



Can A Point Of No Return Be Fixed?

THE persistent pressure for an habitual criminal law in North Carolina has produced much heat but little light.

The law enforcement officials' fondness for quick and easy solutions to the problem of chronic offenders is understandable. Tar heel legislators, on the other hand, have a larger interest and a somewhat broader responsibility.

State and local police officials, however, would have us believe that the point can be fixed at the fourth felony conviction. After that, life imprisonment is a medical vogue and one that is at war with the more enlightened correctional theories of modern penology.

We have come a long way in penology during the past several hundred years. Only a few hundred years ago death was the penalty for speaking against the Articles of the Christian Faith, for three failures to attend Sunday services, for robbing a store, for killing any domestic fowl without the consent of the governor general and many other acts that seem minor today.

These unfortunate people down the wrong path and in helping all who can be helped to find and fill their proper place in a society that is too civilized to seek revenge.

A few other states have enacted "three-time-lower" laws. But, in so doing, they have merely thrown up their hands and yielded to desperation and defeat.

It is not the quick and easy way to solve the problem of chronic offenders but it is the right way.

State Prison Director William F. Bailey, a wise and humane man, expressed a thoroughly civilized view of the proposals the other day. "I would never like to see the human race reach the point where it loses complete hope," he said.

Labor Reform: Put First Things First

THE rhubarb that killed the Kennedy lives labor reform bill in 1958 will be re-revisited this year.

1—Correct the kind of extortion, bribe-taking and union strong-arm methods revealed in McClellan Rackets Committee hearings on the Teamsters.

2—Amend the Taft-Hartley Act which contains the ground rules for collective bargaining.

management "middlemen" require honest trusteeship arrangements between international unions and locals and require unions and management to file detailed annual reports outlining union financial and trusteeship procedures and other practices bearing on the activities prohibited by the bills.

It is too much to expect in one fell swoop. Most senators and representatives agree on the need for anti-corruption legislation.

Mysterious Lights
Just Trains, Cars

Editors, The News: REFERRING to the article on "The Mysterious Lights on Brown Mountain" in your edition of Feb. 5, 1959, I would like to add a few notes, especially since my name was called into the controversy.

Several years later, after 1930, I believe the government sent other geologists to re-report on the lights which increased in frequency, and to the railroad lights were added bright headlights used on automobiles such as were not in use before 1915.

Questions should be asked the latter, such as did they spend one or more nights on Brown Mountain and if so whether they could and did look across the Piedmont to the southwest and see any lights there, or did they actually see lights around them or in their neighborhoods?

People's Platform

First Step To Win Not With Russians

It is good to be so inclined as to think we are all Christians and can conquer all. If we will look around us we will see reasons for being afraid of the space situation.

In reality, maybe Russia's success to think we are all Christians and can conquer all. If we will look around us we will see reasons for being afraid of the space situation.

Let's take a good look at ourselves. — BETTY H. POOLE

A Smoking Pine Knot Needn't Blaze

THIS is a newspaper legend from a Spanish-American War days. It tells of a reporter who couldn't find any fighting and duly reported such to his stateside superiors.

On a smaller scale, just that might well be the case in Fairfield County. S. C., where school consolidation moves have brought a journalistic cry of "secession," a strong word even in a South Carolinian's vocabulary.

picture evolves and all votes are cast. This case appears to be a smoldering pine knot with some elements of the press pumping maddy at the bellows.

The next evening the writer tramped up the Brown Mountain Ridge from the south to this location and remained there all night. Observations were made until 2 a.m. when the watch was dropped for the balance of the night.

Cultural Note

THE current issue of Chapel Hill's CAROLINA QUARTERLY contains a short story entitled "A Walk On the Stepped-On Side With The Man With Golden Hair Growing Out of a Golden Toe."

TOUCHINESS IN DIALECTS

A MAN described as a "southern Will Rogers" should be well received in just about all circles.

Such is the reputation of the North Carolina humorist Ed Harding.

His talent for telling dialect stories is consistent with the Rogers characterization and is in the tradition of the South.

From The Florida Times-Union

PASTURES is an adaptation of Bradford's story, "Oh Man Adam an His Chillun," was shown before a national audience.

So much of our sensitiveness is a joke and may be laughed at. The more we laugh at ourselves and our foibles the better off we are.

Out of the mouths of babes come words that mother and dad should never have spoken in the first place.—BARTOW COUNTY (GA.) HERALD.

'Something Bewitching'

Cleopatra's Magic Charm

HER actual beauty it is said, was not in itself so remarkable that none could be compared with her, or that no one could see her without being struck by her presence.

THE full story of John Foster Dulles' meeting of NATO European statesmen who sat opposite him had an idea they were talking to a sick but courageous man.

Quote, Unquote

"As civilization advances poetry almost necessarily declines." —Thomas Macaulay.

Herter Ailing

Shortly before he went to Europe this last time, Dulles' pains started coming back. He refused to be hospitalized in London.

Wife Agreed

President Eisenhower argued with him, threatened to order him out of the State Department. Finally he decided Dulles would never be happy if he were not at work.

Task Too Big?

The practical difficulty of this is that if too great a task is set for the upcoming meeting of foreign ministers, this meeting would less likely bring the sort of agreement which would settle the immediate problem before us, which is the future of Berlin.

Planning an agenda which is big enough to encompass the possibilities and at the same time limited enough to fall within the practicalities will be one of the great tasks to be accomplished before there is any meeting at all.

AS ATTACHES

The direction of State Department thinking is demonstrated by the offer to have representatives of both the West and East German governments participate in the conference as attaches of official delegations.

But this was followed with the same suggestion that if the same might be done for representatives of Poland and Czechoslovakia. This was a bland way to pull the tail of the Russian bear.

LIKE PLANNING

There could be nothing more desirable to the governments of Poland and Czechoslovakia than to be at the conference. They are as concerned as France over what is going to happen to Germany.

They are nearer to Germany

Lioness Never Arrived, But They Left Anyway

By ROBERT C. RUARK

MOROTO, Uganda. I WAS up to real constructive business in the Kenya desert, a place called Kinnia in the northern frontier, the other day, and a man came into camp with a note from the game warden.

"Elsa, my tame lioness, has recently been released on the river at Dunger Knie Rock, about a mile and a half below the crossing of the Kinnia Tharake tract."

LONG GONE

We decided we would all keep large pieces of meat handy, because Elsa did show up, and would certainly not shoot any potential big game, and when a lioness stuck her nose out of a bush the other day a friend of mine said, "My, what a large by-ones!"

As far as I know, Elsa still roams freely, and may even now be knitting things for twins, because there was a big male and four young sort of sailor types in the area.

Friend Or Foe?

He himself went to the hospital and continued to direct major State Department policy from his bed.

His doctors told him that the odds were very much against his returning to any day's direction of the State Department.

But the dogged and dedicated Secretary Dulles was determined to settle the Berlin crisis. Fate intervened. On Saturday it was announced that Mr. Dulles had cancer and would be forced to continue his life of absence while undergoing radiation therapy.

Part of the trouble is that there are too many pressure groups, too many are quick to take offense at a portrayal. The revival of PORGY and BESS based on Haywards' book, has brought out that Negroes have been offended by the way members of their race are depicted in it.

Some people are like a steamboat. They foot the loudest when in a fog.—ELBERTON (GA.) STAR.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

THE full story of John Foster Dulles' meeting of NATO European statesmen who sat opposite him had an idea they were talking to a sick but courageous man.

Despite Pain, Dulles Stuck To Job

President Eisenhower argued with him, threatened to order him out of the State Department. Finally he decided Dulles would never be happy if he were not at work.

Odds Against It

He himself went to the hospital and continued to direct major State Department policy from his bed.

But the dogged and dedicated Secretary Dulles was determined to settle the Berlin crisis. Fate intervened. On Saturday it was announced that Mr. Dulles had cancer and would be forced to continue his life of absence while undergoing radiation therapy.