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### Henderson's Strikers Were Betrayed

The central tragedy of the Henderson strike was the betrayal of the union's rank and file by its leadership.

The conviction yesterday of eight TWU men charged with plotting to dynamite key installations of the struck mill demonstrated vividly the nature of this betrayal. When the leaders of any cause violate the rules of civilized conduct and resort to law criminality in the name of that cause they defeat whatever high purposes their followers may have. Principles become soiled and the cause itself tends to be discredited in the eyes of honest folk.

The chilling fact is that Henderson's strikers have been cruelly victimized by men who have been trusted and found lacking in the essential qualifications of responsible leadership. By their rash and unreasoning acts, they have made suspect the issues and principles upon which the

strikers have gambled their jobs and futures.

Men and women who are no doubt completely innocent of any wrongdoing are suffering today, and will continue to suffer, because they trusted too much the wisdom of unwise men.

Such abominations distort trade unionism's moral image and defeat its goals.

Strikes are never very pleasant. But they can be conducted without hoodlumism. Henderson's dynamic conspiracy, together with the many acts of violence committed during the long and bitter dispute, produced a black chapter in the history of labor-management relations in North Carolina. Hoodlumism was the rule rather than the exception. Those responsible for it have served their cause and their community poorly indeed. They deserve little mercy.

### Let Charlotte Set Example For Others

The book is not closed on Charlotte's July 9 chemical explosion. Nor should it be.

Fire Chief Donald Charles reacted yesterday to criticism of his flimsy report on the blast with promises of more study, more data and, possibly, more recommendations.

The chief's decision is gratifying. A lesser man might have filed and forgotten the whole matter.

But until the unfortunate chain of events leading to the explosion is fully understood, and until adequate safeguards against similar misadventures are prescribed, the community cannot rest easy.

Charlotte has a great deal of fine, up-to-date equipment for use in emergencies. But, too often there are large gaps in the city's facilities for preventing emergencies.

Its a familiar condition. According to some recent statistics, the average

American city has fewer policemen than the average European city of the same size. But the average U. S. city has twice as many firemen as its European counterpart and pays three times as much for firefighting equipment. Yet our per capita fire losses are higher than those of any European country. Why? Because most European countries put somewhat greater stress upon preventing the occurrence of fires.

Ordinances alone are not the total answer. Equal to the rules themselves is their enforcement. Charlotte's record of enforcement has lately been imperfect.

Chief Charles' assurance that the policies of other cities in dealing with dangerous chemicals will be surveyed is welcome. We can certainly use help and advice in this field. But Charlotte need not be satisfied with standards of prevention practiced elsewhere if they are somewhat less than perfect. It may well be that Charlotte will have to set the example for other communities to follow.

### Eisenhower Takes A Forthright Stand

One of the few advantages of the 22nd amendment to the Constitution is that occasionally it enables a lame duck to say unpopular things. What Ike said at his weekly press conference is that it is silly to talk about tax cuts until something is paid off on the national debt.

As an approach to economic realities, in a time when the President has dogmatically assailed "spending," and when the Democratic majority is trying to pull real gold rabbits out of purely imaginary hats, this will do very well. Logically, the President, who has enlisted every bit of his energy recently in a fight against inflation, had no choice but to mix the idea of tax cuts. The budgetary troubles of 1959 must be traced, in part, to the discriminatory tax cuts of 1954. They have proved to be short-sighted, as the public demand for adequate defense expenditures and minimal pub-

lic services require revenues which simply aren't in the Treasury.

But if he has spoken forthrightly on the subject of tax cuts, President Eisenhower has given the wrong reason. It is certainly necessary to begin to pay off the public debt, if possible. Interest charges alone take an astounding \$8 billion-plus chunk out of the budget. The blunt truth facing the federal government now, however, is that revenues are not big enough to do the kind of job the United States is trying to do, either abroad or at home, either in the field of defense or in such crying domestic tasks as education and urban renewal.

As the national income rises, it will be necessary to look for new sources of revenue. Tax cuts for the purpose of political hoodling and vote-seeking are anything but the way to find them.

### Be Proud If You Paid A Nickel-Plus

Charlotteans who paid Exchange Club members fancy prices for copies of today's News bought a great deal more than a newspaper. They also purchased a share in one of the community's finest and most useful organizations — the Charlotte Life Saving and First Aid Crew.

All profits from street sales by the club's "newsboys" will go into the volunteer rescue squad's badly depleted equipment fund. The whole project is a heartwarming exercise in human mercy and we are particularly proud to be involved. The Exchange Club has earned

the community's special salute for its continuing interest in the rescue squad's problems and for its vigorous efforts to raise the funds necessary for essential equipment.

The rescue squad is doing an essential job and doing it well. Over the years it has compiled an outstanding record of service in emergencies of every description — often involving fortitude and dedication beyond the call of duty. Every penny raised today can be put to good use. If you contributed, you can be more than a little proud, too.

From The New York Herald Tribune

### SOUTHERN POSSUMS, STAY HOME!

Although a southern animal by tradition of song and story, the possum population continues to increase in the North. It is instanced in recent summers by many baby possums seen crushed on upstate highways, where their casualties compete with those of infant rabbits and poppy woodchucks. A possum, big or little, is particularly vulnerable on the road. He is a slow-moving creature given to evening strolls and moonlight meditation. Trees in Virginia woodlands are not thrived with the thunderous activity of northern automobiles. A possum didn't know what he was in for when he set his pointed nose toward the Pole Star and planned to live where there were cooler nights and fewer hound dogs.

A possum is no beauty in form or profile, but he has one distinction. He is North America's only marsupial. An Australian kangaroo can carry around a single peekaboo offspring. But a possum can have in a maternal pocket as many as a score of infants, each beginning life no bigger than a honey bee and struggling in a survival of the fittest, for what are but thirteen nursing bottles for twenty tiny mouths. At four weeks old a possum baby sticks out its head from the parental pouch. At eight weeks old it is ready to shift for itself. But it is still too much the toddler to be good at dodging cars.

A possum's ability to "play dead" is proverbial. But this clever avoidance of fate doesn't save a possum from death on a northern highway and it has never sufficed to keep a possum from occupying a southern platter, surrounded by yams and considerable gravy. A New York State countryman remembers eating possum that had been found hanging by its tail in an apple tree suspiciously near a farm chicken house. A possum can live to be eight years old. This particular possum must have attained maturity and his tableted tecture was tougher than that of a senior Leghorn rooster. Perhaps it takes a diet of persimmons to make a possum good eating. Persimmon trees are scarce on northern farms, as are possums are likely to discover, if they and their children survive motor hazards.

Science seems to have a hard time deciding whether or not a baseball really curves. The trouble is that it's not the kind of problem you can solve with mice. —Kansas City Star.

Draft of a thank-you note from a 6-year-old girl. "Thank you grandmother for the lovely pin cushion you sent for my birthday. It is something I have never wanted." —Tallahassee Democrat.

# Dick Nixon's Luncheon Is The Biggest Show On Earth

By DORIS FLEESON

WASHINGTON  
Vice President Richard Nixon's mission to Moscow may not prove to be the best show on earth, but it is the biggest of its kind. A harried State Department official, still coping with added staffers at the last minute, said his list showed 52 in Nixon's official party and 40 in the press corps.

Whether this can be translated into a serious exercise in statecraft is an open question. Its size would be a problem even in channels worn smooth by practice. It enters a police state where practically every individual is an unknown quantity, including, for the vast majority, the language.

HE COULDN'T SAY NO

What has happened is that the vice president apparently found it impossible to say no to anyone whose presence or potential support might prove helpful to him in his race for the presidency. The result was to stretch the rules normally governing such expedients so that the party is decidedly a mixed bag.

The press group included writers who have spoken in a forthright manner for years. Two Nixon biographers are aboard. Attract

in that of nearly all the visible candidates to succeed the passing generation of men who directed World War II and its cold war aftermath. But are, in fact, painfully few experts on Russia, which is, of course, the subject of the summit. Heretofore, to bring Charles E. Bohlen back to policy-making here.

IT'S A GAMBLE

The big gamble of Nixon's trip is the simple fact that the real newsmaker today is Khrushchev, and to call him unpredictable is an understatement. The vice president has said that he realizes this is not but believes that the worst he could get out of the situation would be a sympathy vote at home should Khrushchev behave badly toward him.

The political winds blew coolly from the White House and the Kremlin on the Nixon take-off. President Eisenhower himself proved to be the "audience active source" who blanketed the Nixon story on the front pages and air waves with strong statements of the Eisenhower views on matters foreign and domestic.

Soon afterward the President took the occasion of his press conference to remind the public that the vice president could not be a negotiator in Moscow but was repaying the ceremonial visit here of Soviet Deputy Premier Frol Kozlov. The President was polite about Nixon's importance, but he carefully outlined the Nixon "constitutional position" under which the vice president has no executive power.

NIKHITA'S PUZZLED

In Moscow, Premier Nikita Khrushchev told Western reporters he was puzzled by Nixon's aims in going to Moscow. The Communist Party newspaper also complained that the United States was launching a provocative new anti-Soviet campaign, a move hardly adding to the warmth of Nixon's reception.

To achieve the picture of a strong and decisive President very much at the helm of the ship of state, Eisenhower opened up in an unprecedented manner at the is reporters regularly assigned to the White House. The impression left by their stories was that the chief executive and commander-in-chief — Eisenhower, that is — is boss and wants everybody to know it.

TANGLED THREADS

The Moscow change of mood is as clearly manifest. Genial Khrushchev is now snarling in the manner outlined in the earlier warnings of Averell Harriman.

Such tangled threads are not quickly or easily unraveled. The curious combination of both the vice president and Khrushchev gave somewhat too much evidence of being eager to talk about substantive matters to suit either the White House or the Western foreign ministers now meeting in Geneva.

A LITTLE SUMMIT?

Exactly what Nixon said in his pre-departure briefings is difficult to check, for the briefings were informal and confined to his touring party. But stories emanating from them showed him highly self-confident and talking freely about preparations going far beyond the demands of ceremony. One headline suggested the Nixon-Khrushchev talks would be a "little summit meeting."

This could not possibly pass muster with the State Department, the night before had authorized stories from his dinner table

people happy who are poor and needy.

All that we have belongs, not to us, but to God — and no one can fool God.

We all ought to think now about what kind of a life we want to lead and what, hereafter, we will be like. It's up to us.

—MRS. MAYME BARGER

### Those With Money Ignore The Needy

Charlotte

Editor, The News:  
I look around me and see people piling up millions of dollars. Some day they will die, leaving it all behind.

Yet they could use their money making thousands of

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"Noveshrink Or Bust!"

that he had all but written off a summit meeting. The President said then he did not think

Khrushchev really wanted the summit except on his own terms but was only trying to split the Western allies.

That the Western foreign ministers should react sharply and suspiciously to any slightest hint from Washington that they might be undercut is only natural. It is being recalled that while John Foster Dulles was alive, the vice president was not allowed to offer beyond the Iron Curtain. No one here believes the Nixon party would

have assumed its present proportions were Dulles still at State.

Again the trouble is that Nixon is involved with his reputation for ruthlessness and risk-taking where his own fortunes are at stake. Perhaps Secretary Christian Herter is less affected by it than most, but Europe is familiar with it, and it must be remembered that France's de Gaulle and West Germany's Adenauer do not want a summit meeting, big or little.

### 'It Seems To Be Kind Of A Favorite Theme'



### The Wolves Are Howling

## Paul Butler May Be Fired

By MARQUIS CHILDS

WASHINGTON  
In a concerted effort to remove Paul Butler as chairman of the Democratic National Committee, national committee and state chairmen in virtually every state are being approached by adherents of Senate majority leader Lyndon Johnson and Speaker Sam Rayburn.

The national committee meets in mid-September, and Butler could be turned out by a majority vote. While the storm Butler stirred up with his scathing criticism of the Democratic leadership in Congress may have subsided by that time, the indignation over his tactics continues to spread.

NEW POWERS SPEAK

One of the rapidly rising new powers in the party, Gov. Edmund G. (Pat) Brown of California, has privately expressed the view that Butler has outlived his usefulness as chairman. Brown, who has written with the Democratic leadership, in the aftermath of his landslide victory last November, Brown's word carries increasing weight. He is coming to Washington shortly to discuss the national picture.

As chairman of the foreign policy group on the Democratic National Council, Dean Acheson, former secretary of state, is known to feel strongly that Butler has helped to divide rather than unify the party.

The advisory council was Butler's idea to help define the party's objectives and convictions. Butler, fully aware of the drive against him, is confident it will not succeed.



CHAIRMAN BUTLER Outlived His Usefulness?

Against this background, the national chairman's broad hint on television that the Congress had better get going and write a liberal record, in accord with the mandate of the 1958 victory, opened old wounds. The resentment on Capitol Hill is by no means confined to southern Democrats and conservatives.

Westerners, including newcomers such as Sen. Gale McGee of Wyoming and Clair Elgin of California along with veterans like Warren Magnuson of Washington, believe that recent tactics have helped only the Republicans.

It would take 55 out of the 108 votes to be cast at the next committee meeting to fire Butler. Fully aware of the drive against him, he is confident it will not succeed.

But there is a more hard-boiled reason why the odds are against Butler being replaced. It is simply that what with party candidates and the rivalry over candidates, a national committee would be hard put to find a majority for another chairman. He would have to be so neutral as to be scarcely visible to the naked eye.

Several suggestions are being made. Former President Harry S. Truman, long a critic of Butler, is said to have his own choice. But each man proposed has some tie with a presidential or vice presidential ambition or is identified with past feuds.

### An Eye For Publicity

Instead, Swing called Eastland's committee and reported Llanza's arrival to its counsel, Julian Sourwine. Recognizing the headline value of such a prize witness, Sourwine arranged with Swing for Llanza to be turned over to the committee. Next day Frank Schroeder, a committee investigator, showed up in Cuba City with a subpoena. The ex-Cuban Air Force chief, of course, was eager to cooperate with American authorities and had no idea the committee simply wanted to exploit him for headlines.

Now, sick of all the fanfare, Llanza has fled again—to seek a quiet life in Texas.

## Headline-Hunting Damages Diplomacy

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

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So when Maj. Llanza testified under Eastland's auspices, it played right into Castro's hands.

Maj. Llanza happens to be against all dictators, whether it is Castro, under whom he once fought, or Trujillo, whose kind he fought against. But being innocent of American politics, Llanza was easily hoodwinked by Eastland's tactics. Resentful of the Latin America that Eastland had praised Dictator Trujillo lavishly in a speech to the Dominican legislature, Llanza was able to discount the sincere young major's testimony.

How They Escaped

Here is how he was maneuvered away from the State Department into Eastland's clutches.

Before he fled from Cuba, Llanza used Associated Press correspondents Harold Smith and John Edgar Hoover to inform the American Embassy of his plans to defect. His half brother, Sergio Diaz Brull, sailed into Havana harbor in a

salibot to pick him up.

The brothers landed a small arsenal of weapons aboard the boat before casting off. They were accompanied by Llanza's 19-year-old wife, Tania, and a friend, Carlos Echeverry. They had one anxious moment at the docks when a Cuban patrol helicopter hovered overhead, then settled down about 20 yards away. But the helicopter crew apparently was interested in something else.

Everybody's In The Act

Upon their arrival at a Miami dock, Brull promptly called the customs office, which notified immigration authorities. When they discovered the Cuban webcams included Castro's former Air Force head, District Immigration Director Edward Ahrens in Miami sent word to Commissioner Swing in Washington.

Army Intelligence officers, who had been tipped off by the military attaché in Havana, also showed up. But upon

orders from Gen. Swing, a West Point classmate of Eisenhower's, the immigration authorities whisked Llanza away from Army Intelligence and held him incommunicado on a yacht. The State Department, which is supposed to handle international matters, was kept in the dark.