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REVISION OF THE SENATE RULES

FULBUSTERS in the United States Senter of the Senter of American sequently American as hamburgers and hotdog—but they haven't beginned to be severed the second of the Senter of American society.

As some observers recently noted, "It's hard to end the abuse without infringing on the essential right." The Senter's reliable Elder Statesman, Arthur Vandenberg, (after careful consideration and twenty years' experience) now proposes a partial solution—and it has merit.

The Senator from Michigan would make it almost impossible for one or two Sensitors to hog-tie the most distinguished deliberative body in, the world. Under present Senate rules they can do just that. Insated of allowing this travesty on freedom of speech, Senator Vandenberg would make it possible for 50 or 50 per ent of the Sense and the senate rules they can do just that. Insated of allowing this travesty on freedom effects, senate rules they can do just that. Insated of allowing this travesty on freedom effects, senate rules they can do just that. Insated of allowing this travesty on freedom effects, senate rules they can do just that. Insated of allowing this travesty on freedom effects, senate rules they can do just that. Insated of allowing this travesty on freedom effects, senate rules they can do just that. Insated of allowing this travesty in freedom effects, senate rules they can do just that. Insated of allowing this travesty in freedom effects, senate rules they can do just that the senate reason that the total Senate."

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in its deliberations.

At the earliest convenience of the 81st
Congress the Vandenberg idea should receive wide support on a bi-parti-an basis.

THE TREATMENT OF ALCOHOLISM

ELSEWHERE on today's editorial page
there is a searching letter from a
thoughtful minister who poses two tough
questions about alcoholism: (1) if alcoholism is a disease, what causes it? and (2)
if we know the cause, what remedy is
there, not for the disease, but for the
cause?

It may well be that those two questions can never be completely answered. The cause of alcoholism seems to be largely a cause of alcoholism seems to be largely a matter of susceptibility. The letter fraws an analogy between alcoholism and pollo. Accepting the analogy for the moment, then, some children are susceptible to pollo, some are not. No medical authority has yet been able to say beyond all doubt just why this is true. To stop pollo, one of two things can be done; (1) completely eradicate the germ or virus, or (2) immunits all persons against it by vaccination or other means.

It the case of alcoholism, however, a good deal more is known. The best medical and deal more is known. The best medical and psychiatric opinion today is in agreement as to why one person may become an al-coholic while others do not. Susceptibility, to alcoholism, they say, is a state of the mind and emotions, a weakness of person-ality, a lack of confidence, a deficiency in will power, an unwillingness to face un-pleasant facts or events. It is a vague, hard-to-define mental and emotional con-hard-to-define mental and emotional con-tainty of the control of the con-tainty of the control of the con-tainty of the con

fects.

Certainly, the alcohol is not, per se, the cause. It is merely the means or instrument through which the budding alcoholic finds his "escape", and it is unfair to carry the polio analogy further and infer that the legal sale of whisky is like selling polio errors across the counter. We shad alcoholism during Prohibition.

If we would get at the cause, then, it

would seem necessary to eliminate the rea-sons for such mental and emotional malad-justments in members of society. This would obviously be a tremendously difficult if not impossible, job, although the timely applied to of psychiety in a good many if not impossible, job, although the timely application of psychiatry, in a good many cases, might do the trick. In other cases, the disturbances may be so deep seated that apthing could correct them and make of the person a normal, contented, produc-tive member of society.

tive member of society.

Untill we find a way to remove the cause, it would appear desirable to work out the best way to treat those aircady afflicted. An alcoholic lant cured by a jail sentence. He lant cured by nagging. He lant cured by reprimands. He lant cured by taking away his bottle of whisky. If he can't find another bottle, he will resort to some other touture the contraction of th

mixed with a soft drink.

At first he is a psychiatric problem, but after many successive 'benders' his body is ravaged so baddy that he becomes a medical problem. It is necessary to nurse him back to good physical health before his mind and emotions can be attacked. That's why the special clinics for algobiolitis are proving so helpful although they are not, of course, always successful.

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If it were possible to have absolute, complete Prohibition, every thinking person would heartily approve. But the effectiveness of any law depends on its acceptance and support by society. As long as society does not frown on drinking as it does on "dooping" or adultery or murder. no Prohibition law can work. There will still be moonshiners and bootlegers, and the evil, sprawling nether world of crime and disorder which they inevitably spawn. That's why Prohibition did not and would not stop slocholism.

THE RUHR AND WORLD PEACE

FEW, with the facts of history in mind, will fail to understand and, perhaps, sympathize with the vigorous reaction of the French Government to British-American proposals for return of the Ruhr to contro

German control.

France knows from blitter experience in three disastrous conflicts the war-making potential of the Ruhr. And she knows full well the German will to develop and to use this potential to the fullest in sweeping westward across the Rhine to lay waste and conquer France of the Ruhr and humilistantic shock of Since the blitter and humilistantic shock of Since the Ruhr and the Ruhr and the Prussians in 1870. France has Rept a nervous watch on activities in the great industrial area of the Ruhr.

And there are thousands of Frenchmen And there are thousands of Frenchmen now living who bear stars inflicted by Ruhr-made shells in the First World War. Hun-dreds of thousands of Frenchmen were blasted to bits by Ruhr munitions in that war, while much of the country was batwar, while much of the country was bat-tered into ruins.

Return of the Ruhr to German control saw history quickly repeat. In less than a decade after Hitler's Nazis took the Ruhr

by force France's army had been routed in the Second World War, the country over-run and subjected to Nazi domination for four bitter years.

The people of France remember the day that Hiller's forces marched into the Ruhr. They know that their army could have thrown him out. They remember that their leaders counseled with London, waited for assurances of British co-operation and support. The assurances of British co-operation and support. The assurances was not forthcoming. Hiller stayed in the Ruhr. In a matter of weeks the great factories were producing ammunition and other materiel of war that was so soon to bring untold suffering and stupendous cost in lives and property to most of the world.

French Ambassador Bonnet characterizes. The people of France remember the day

French Ambassador Bonnet characterizes the British-American view that a rebirth of German militarism can be prevented by merely controlling distribution of products manufactured in the Ruhr as "pure window dressing."

History bears him out and emphasizes the importance to world peace of prevent-ing the conversion of the resources of the fabulously rich Ruhr into war material.

From The Greensboro Daily News

CHOO-CHOO ON TIME

A LL hail to All-American Charlle "Choo-Choo" Justize. a combination of the runningest, passingest, puntingest football player it has been our pleasure to see in "the swift completion of his appointed rounds"

rounds."
A clean athlete, a fine sportsman, a "team player." a drawing card for Carolina as Babe Ruth was for the Yankes, and last but not least a native Tar Heel, he richly earned the All-American berth which, as his home town paper, the Asheville Citi-sen, has figured out, can come to only elewen players out of some 1,000 in sea-

When he entered the University at Chapel Hill Coach Snavely expressed the hope that Mr. Justice would "come out for football" Fortunately for his team and for the sport in general, he did, and this enabled Mr. Snavely on not a few important occasions to "git that the fustest with the Justice."

Nobody must have told the State agricultural extension division editors that there's a school lunch program. In their weekly farm news release for this week was one going into considerable detail to advise mothers how to pack a good school lunch of sandwiches. — Opelouses (La.) World.

Pin-Point 'Bombing'



People's Platform

Alcoholism, Its Causes And Cure

CLOVER. S. C.

IN The News of Nov. 23 Mr. Fesperman had a twocolumn article on "Atolholics." in which he gave a
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Anniversary Greetings

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CHARLOTTE

Thanks From The Jaycees CHARLOTTE

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Wilsh to express my sincerest appreciation and thanks to you and your staff for the excellent concertainn you gave us in publiciting the production of the "Glass Menageric" Wilshout your assistence it would have been impossible to brint, the oldy here.

Charlotte Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The Poll Tax

Drew Pearson's

Merry-Go-Round

CHARLOTTE

CLOVER. S. C. 1948 list \$2.00 for poll tax. My City of Charlotte tax receipt for 1947 lists \$1 for poll tax.

If the state has abolished poll tax what are these curvey and city taxes for? Would you please explain this to me.

MRS TEDDY JOB

(NOTE-Referring to the poll tax the editoria and "Some Southern States (North Carolina included have airrady dispensed with this creaky prequisite for volting". The News advocated outright abblitton of the poll tax in an editorial, "Another Nutsance Tax" on Nov 24—Editors, The News. Tribute To Mrs. McKee

Editors. The News.

I WRITE to thank you for your tribute to Mrs. E. L.

McKee "A State Leader" Your tribute was richly deserved, and her friends deeply appreciate it.

MRS. A. C. AVERY SR.

The People's Platform is available to any reader who cares to mount it. Communications should be less than 300 words, typewortien if possible, and on only one side of the paper. Libel and obsceritly will be deleted-otherwise anuthing pocs. Each letter must be signed. — Editors, The News.

Quote, Unquote

Love is blind. High school girls dressed in blue denim pants with their shirt tails out, are loved as much as the dainty ones used to be.—Rocky Mount (N. C.) Telegram.

Retail Food Index Drops—Leadline. We can hardly wait for food prices to pay some attention to their index and follow its example. — Memphis (Tenn.) Commercial-Appeal.

Editors. The News:

The your editorial, "Civil Rights. A Time For Compromise," you state that the poll tax has been aboilished in North Carolina.

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Marquis Childs

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Letter appeared on the identification of the responsed on the identification of the Republican of the Republican of the Republican of the identification of the Republican of the identification of the identifi It may be argued that this is the only kind of statement that could be made in view of what happened. This is a painful inter-regnum. Scott can at best walk an uneasy path until the party resolves its own internal differences.

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NEW START

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Chairman Scott seems to have re-covered his alpoimb. To the 22000

Republican party leaders through-ical triangle of the control of the con-letter that bristles with talk about "the infiationary spendthrift pro-gram of the New Deal" and the "allen philosophy" of the Demo-crata. ibertalism as the season of the constitutional in the latest of probably a majority of sense regularization and the view of probably a majority of sense Republicans. Many of then grumbled privately throughout the campaign but felt helpies to do the constant of the constitution of the desire to start afresh. crata.

Altogether it is a remarkable political document. The careful reader comes away with a strong suspicion that many eager — and perhaps conflicting — minds phrased this clarion call.

"It should be obvious to all of us

Joseph And Stewart Alsop

A Straw To Grasp

which they agreed at Poteisam, and supported to the support of the

Arms No Good Unless Army Will Fight

I.E. Note—Drew Fearnen's column loday takes the form of a letter to Secretary of State Marshall-1 WASHINGTON, D. C. DEC. 5, 1948

MY DEAR GENERAL MARSHALL: State of the with your shortly after you became Secretary of State in which you shortly after you became Secretary of State in which you taked show the fact that a solder, in order to fight well must have the will to fight. Wespons alone, you said, don't make a good soldier.

I remember the will be fight. Wespons alone, you share you called with such great sloquence and feeling and described various cases during the war when well-trained, well-armed troops did not you that heart into battle because they did not you that heart into battle because they did not you have the proposed as you have proposed a policy of arming these war-weary people as a bulwar of Australian defense. In the propose that the proposed as policy of arming these war-weary people as the proposed as policy of arming these war-weary people as the proposed as policy of arming these war-weary people as the proposed as policy of arming these war-weary people as the proposed as policy of arming these war-weary people as the proposed of the proposed as the propose

Europe Wouldn't Fight

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HOWEVER, as you yourself so eloquently lindscated, gun's
lots are no good unless out have men to fire them. And
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They would not flight because they are tired of war,
because they do not want to see their farms and factories
become another battleground, and timbs of Russia and of the
United States to get in the middle of another great contingration.
They like the United States. They trust us more than

they do Russia. They want to be friendly, and they are reasonably grateful for the Marshall Plan. But their friendship does not so the extent of fighting.

On the other hand, there is a great opportunity in the greens want in two loud troops into habit. They will but not doubt the common folks of Western Europe, who make up the backbone of any army, just aren't going to follow the pearshall. They will fade every just as fast as the Belgian, they will fade every just as fast as the Belgian, they will fade every just as fast as the Belgian, and the green every consumer to Europe has a third that the intelligence reports of the U. S. Army agree with this.

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THEREFORE it seems to me that our problem of defense
I in Western Europe boils down to the question of inspiring
the same will to defend themselves that you and others inWhich means that this is a battle of ideas and ideas
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