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BLUEPRINT FOR EDUCATION

Many thousands of Americans who have been alarmed over recent trends to academic freedom but who have been unable to figure out for themselves where such freedom begins and where it stops will find one very good answer to their perplexity in the report of twenty leading educators on the subject.

The twenty—including Harvard President James B. Conant and Columbia President Dennis P. Eisenhour—reached agreement on two very essential points: 1. Communists should not be permitted to teach in our educational institutions; 2. Communism and all other foreign forms of government should be taught, but not advocated, in our schools.

There is a vast difference between a teaching Communist and teaching Communism.

Members of the Communist Party should be disqualified as teachers, the educators said, because they "are required to subscribe to the Party for themselves, as a consequence of becoming part of a movement characterized by conspiracy and

calculated deceit." They might have added, "a movement characterized by the stern denial of political, academic, scientific, artistic, or cultural freedom.

But we should not lose our dislike of Communism lead us to hysteria and create the kind of public attitude which would ban the teaching of Communism and destroy any books which explain ideas that don't conform to its political pretensions. On this point the educators were quite firm:

"Young citizens should have an opportunity to learn about the principles and practices of totalitarianism as represented by the Soviet Union and by the Communist Party in the United States. The study should be accurate and objective, and should make use of basic official documents.

"Teaching about Communism or any other form of government does not mean advocacy of these doctrines. Such advocacy should not be permitted in American schools.

The report of the educationists appears to be an eminently sensible approach to the problem which has been bothering sincere Americans for many years. If we follow its guiding principles, we won't go astray.

PRIMARY ROAD BOOST

A GOOD many people who voted against the \$200 million bond issue for secondary roads did so because they feared that so much emphasis on rural roads might result in neglect of the all-important primary road system which, along with city streets, produces the major portion of highway revenue.

Governor Scott assured the people that passage of the bond issue would mean more, not less, money for the primary system. The action of the Highway Commission this week was one more encouraging indication that the Governor is a man of his word—in any case, he had any reason to believe so.

The last General Assembly, in setting the Highway Fund budget, made provision for the transfer of up to 15 per cent of its funds from one budget to another. The Assembly has budgeted \$10 million and \$16 million for secondary road betterment and maintenance. Fifteen per cent of this \$26 million is \$3.9 million. The Assembly

also set up \$1.5 million in the general betterment fund for State or county roads.

The new Highway Commission recommended this week that the \$3.9 million be transferred to the primary system, and that the entire \$1.5 million from the general betterment fund be spent on the primary roads. This amounts to a total of \$5.4 million more for primary roads this year than would have been available otherwise.

The Commission apparently agrees with Governor Scott that the remaining \$8.3 per cent of secondary road funds, plus such part of the \$200 million bond issue as might be issued in the near future, will be applied to the primary system. In closing highways through cities, must not suffer from the emphasis on the rural system.

It was a sensible decision, and the people of the state will approve it.

POINT TO REMEMBER

THERE is one point each Charlotte voter should keep in mind Saturday when he gets ready to mark his ballot for or against the issuing of \$500,000 in bonds for off-street parking facilities—i.e., it's a far cheaper way to speed up traffic flow than widening highway arteries.

We have had advanced many proposals for widening certain streets in and near the main business district in order to speed the freer flow of motor vehicles.

Street widening is an expensive proposition, especially in built-up areas where it is necessary to cut off the fronts of buildings in the important job of traffic. It is inconvenient, and costly, for the city and the property owners, and is generally used only as a last resort.

What does it accomplish? It merely provides a little more room for traffic.

There is an easier way. An extra lane of traffic on some of our more narrow streets, and two extra lanes on others can be provided simply by eliminating curb parking. But if you can build up-ramp streets, you must have some place to put the cars.

That's where the off-street facilities come in. If they are carefully planned where they are needed most, and provided in ample quantity, we could cheaply and easily solve the problem of our congested streets without disturbing curbs, sidewalks, and buildings.

Viewed from any angle, the \$500,000 bond issue—admittedly a beginning toward a long range answer—looks good, and "I wish News hopes that the voters will give it a try.

SECRETARY GORDON RAY

ALL North Carolina will acclaim this appointment," said Senator Clyde R. Hoey when notified that President Truman has named Gordon Gray Secretary of the Army. With that prediction, we concur.

It is just recognition for the proven ability and devoted public service of this modest, unassuming man from Winston-Salem who has been appointed Assistant Secretary of the Army.

The affairs of the Army will be in good hands. Actually, Mr. Gray has been doing the work of the Army Secretary since the resignation of another North Carolinian, Kenneth Royall, on April 27. The speed with which he was confirmed when he was appointed Undersecretary indicates that the Senate is fully satisfied with the caliber of his work and that confirmation for the higher post will be a routine matter.

CARRIER SALESMAN

THERE came to our desk the other day a plaintive letter from the mother of two newspaper carrier boys, giving what is more or less of a common problem our little merchants have to face—the non-paying subscriber.

Lots of people apparently believe that when they fail to pay the newsboy on his regular collection day the publishing company is the one that has to wait for his money. Such is not the case, the customer is taking cruel advantage of the boy and ought to be ashamed of it.

Let the mother of two newspaper boys and I know what a discouraging thing it is for the boys to face snow, rain and any kind of weather in getting volunteers to their customers on their list. And when they pay their money around and they try to collect their money, some will say: "I'll pay next week." If you work all week, you want your money when they pay, come or you would not work at that job.

"Please wake up to the fact that these boys have not made one penny until they have paid for all those papers they have collected for me," she said. "I don't collect over their job if theirs. And believe you me, it is a job of mine to keep them carrying their papers when they can't collect the money as they should. I write letters to accuse some people to their paper boy."

These are our friends. Put yourself in the boy's place. What would you say if your boss or your company told you to come back next week and maybe you'd be paid then? After working faithfully all week, you'd resent it. Furthermore, you'd do something about it.

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THE TAIT-HARTLEY Act has received almost any political support that it has but the American Federation of Labor in its political campaign for 1949 means to stay right in the thick of the political fight.

The union, which was meant to take the laws out of politicians' hands, should have the support of the state, hitherto non-political AP of L is one of the best of the best. But there is an and Senators now debating the future of Tait-Hartley are very much in the hands of William Green's political operators.

Labor's League For Political Education was created by the AP of L to get around the T-H problem against union spending their own funds for political activity. In 1946, the League was organized by copying into a few months ago by the AP of L. The League is a fairly bursting out with political activity.

The League's director is Joseph Keen, long on leave of absence as president of the American Federation of Labor. On Keenan's staff are a group of bright young men and women, many of whom have a paper, film and every other resource to put over the AP of L point of view.

But this is merely the surface. The real concentration of the League is in almost every Congressional district in the nation, happening in the form of a League of Women Voters. It is required as near 100 per cent as possible.

Representatives of the League from every state have been called to Washington for a meeting on June 18 and 20. At that time the ground-work will be laid for the 1950 campaign. The League is expected to play a far more important part in next year's election than it did this year when it was a new organization.

But looking back at the '48 campaign, we believe that the League still inclined to think that it was a good job. Of the 175 members of Congress who voted for the Tait-Hartley act, only two have "gone bad." The rest of the League on the Wood bill, which was a part of the Tait-Hartley act.

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