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SOLICITATION COMMISSION

THE proponents and opponents of a public solicitation control commission had their day in court at yesterday's City Council meeting.

It is the hope of the news men, and we believe, of the people of Charlotte, that a decision not be delayed any longer than that period.

The proponents set forth the very good reasons in favor of the ordinance which would create a public solicitation commission.

It is entirely possible, of course, that the broad powers granted by the ordinance could be abused by a solicitation commission.

THE ILLINOIS LESSON

THE report of the American Society of Newspaper Editors board of directors expressed quite well the "lesson" of the Illinois story.

The ASNE board properly commended the two newspapers for their initiative and criticized the "lesson" of the Illinois story.

Whenever a newspaper, or any of its employees, so compromises itself that it is unable or unwilling to report on public affairs in the way which best protects the interest of the people...

Pointing out that there are many legitimate opportunities for newspapermen to render public service, openly and without any subterfuge, the board laid down this general principle.

BYRD'S INFLUENCE AT STAKE

WHAT'S up in the Old Dominion these days? Politics, largely. More politics than Virginia has troubled with in two or three decades.

It seems that for the first time in many years the "Byrd Machine" is up against a challenger who packs a lot of weight.

Miller is an energetic former legislator, writer and right hand man to Eisenhower in the war. He is, in the Southern sense, a liberal.

Edwards is mayor of Richmond and a number of observers think that the close race between Byrd and Miller may give the gubernatorial post to Edwards.

Arnold is a farmer and a manufacturer. He has been described as even more machine-minded than the machine. He might want to run for the Senate next year.

It may be that on next Tuesday (election day) the same sort of anti-machine fever that stirred New Jersey to oust the machine will ruffle the tradition-loving Cavaliers into action against one of their most solid traditions—the Byrd machine.

But — perhaps not; it will take a deal of undoing to undo Byrd.

The fact remains, however, that the Byrd machine has been challenged — strongly. And, for the first time in many years, Virginia will have a choice when it goes to the polls.

SURPRISE ENDINGS

WE were enchanted last February by the story of the Idaho gentleman legislator who proposed to, and was accepted by, the Idaho lady legislator on the floor of the House in formal session.

And now they have gone and spoiled it by the Holywood end. It turns out that by a lady didn't marry her enterprising colleague, after all. Frost-bitten and withered in the idea of the perfect union: two minds with an original thought of public acceptability; two hearts that beat as one to the meter of parliamentary procedure.

not support any unjust restrictions against the fund-raising activities of legitimate, meritorious organizations.

The fund-raising organizations should see in this ordinance more than an effort to restrict their activities. They should see protection for themselves against a great and growing public resentment at being badgered constantly from all sides through out the year, a resentment which will eventually express itself in an angry determination to say "No" to all of them, good or bad.

The ordinance should be adopted, as written, or with such minor changes as the Council may deem are needed, so long as the Council's materially weaken the authority of the commission.

Our newspapers must be the auditors of government. Anything that compromises their independence, their freedom to evaluate and to criticize, their reputation for complete integrity and fairness, threatens not only the welfare of our society but the very existence of our country.

That cannot be emphasized too strongly. Freedom of the press is more than a license to publish a newspaper. The mere granting of such freedom by constitutional provision is not enough.

Whenever a newspaper, or any of its employees, so compromises itself that it is unable or unwilling to report on public affairs in the way which best protects the interest of the people...

That is the lesson of the Illinois scandal. It is one which the profession, and our people everywhere, should not forget.



Letter To Cardinal Spellman

Mrs. Roosevelt's Reply

(On Saturday, The News printed in this space the full text of a letter from Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, to Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, criticizing her position on the Federal aid to education issue.

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I have never advocated the Barden bill nor any other specific bill on education before the Congress. I have stated in my column some broad principles which I consider important and I regretted your attack on the Barden bill because you aligned yourself with those who, from my point of view, advocated an unwise attitude which may lead to difficulties in this country.

I believe that there should be freedom for every child to be educated in his own religion. In public schools it is the right of every child to have the life of his own religion. I would be happy if some agreement could be reached on passages from the Bible and some prayers that could be given real religious teaching of any child must be done by his own church at his own home.

It is fallacious, I think, to say that because children going to public schools are granted free textbooks, free transportation, free lunch, that these same things must be given to children going to private schools.

At present there are physical examinations of children in the schools. It is not to the parents, but there is nothing to prevent the parents from making arrangements for similar examinations for their children.

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This Catholic opposition to Lehman, coupled with the strong Jewish support, is why Democratic leaders are so worried over continuation of the Jewish-Catholic political alliance in the Eastern States.

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Marquis Childs Shape Of Things

WASHINGTON While the National Security Council rarely makes the headlines, it is becoming more and more important to an ever-increasing degree.

Moreover, a little aid will not go for nothing. It will be used in the sands of corruption and graft. But a little aid will open the door to more and more aid.

Whether this delirium of still more aid will actually strengthen Iran is doubtful. A co-ordinated, large-scale approach on both the economic and the military fronts is called for.

These and other weaknesses in the arms program are sufficiently glaring. They will be picked over in great detail when the proposal is debated in the Senate.

But gliding as the weaknesses are, they are not so easily overlooked. They are being pointed in the North Atlantic Pact. That is what makes the proposal to limit the whole program to \$100 million, perhaps \$200,000,000 really is evasive.

Even at this late date in this unshapely arms program, it is not clear that Congress it should pass, come up with a revised program, concentration on Western Europe, with continuation in limited form of the program in the Middle East to Greece and Turkey, might be a better answer.

The Republicans believe the Administration has been too generous and blunders. They think that they never come up with a good constructive proposal as an alternative.

The double talk during the debate on the pact could be considered the obligation in that solemn atmosphere of the Senate. It is a record of the future in signing up.

That is a harsh bit of truth which has been repeated as the double talk record is played over again.

Yearly Occurrence

WASHINGTON LIKE the birds in the Spring, the anti-poll tax bill comes back every year.

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