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TWO WARNINGS ARE ENOUGH

FOR THE SECOND TIME in two years, outside experts have warned the City Council that the Charlotte Firemen's Retirement.

Fund is not set up on a sound basis.

The first warning came from the Institute Government as a part of its consolidation udy reports. Donald Hayman of the Institute wrote that the fund was not actuarially sound, and that it faced a big deficit by 1963

This week, the audit report contained the same warning. The fund will eventually face bankruptcy if the present schedule of contributions and benefits is maintained, said the

Two warnings should be enough for any-one. The trustees of the fund, uncertain over their legal responsibilities, have decided to sak the City Attorney for a ruling. They want to know if they have the authority to examine the soundness of the system, and if and the money for an actuarial study

If the law is so written that the trustees' lands are tied, it should be amended at the text General Assembly. The trustees represent both the firemen and the public, and tie essential for the best interests of both

that the fund be put on a solid financial

foundation.

The firemen's stake is the surety of their future participation. This is especially important to the younger members of the department, who will not receive the fair re-

ium it the fund is depleted at some future date.

The public's stake is equally important. If the fund benefits are too liberal, it will eventually require either a reduction of benefits or an increase in contributions. And any increase in contributions, And any increase in contributions, if the matching basis is preserved, means an extra demand on the taxpayers.

Further, it is not fair to expect the people to support retirement systems for public employees more lavish than those generally provided in private employment. A key part of the study of the Firmens Fund should be a critical examination of benefits. Halfpay, figured on a man's earnings in the last three years of his employment. A payers to be overly generous after just 25 years of productive work. Such a scale for all public employees—city, coundy, state, and federal-would break the backs of the American taxpayers.

A PRACTICAL TRUCK ROUTE PLAN

THERE were encouraging indications at Wednesday's Council session that majority opinion is swinging in behind a workable, if not perfect, solution of the truck route

if not perfect, solution of the truck route problem. The compromise was suggested some weeks ago in these columns. It is simply to put into effect Traffic Engineer Herman Hoose's plan, with one exception: parking on Grham St. would not be prohibited entirely. Graham St. would, of course de trucking course. That would represent no change. Without being officially designated as a truck route, Grham is already carrying 44 per cent of the heavy trucks in Charlotte Mr. Hoose estimates that the official designation will increase Grahm's total traffic volume by less than 3 per cent—an imperceptible amount.

In one sense, it is regrettable that the des-

ignation of Graham as a truck route and the suggested ban on parking were included in the same report. Some members of the Coun-cil, and some of the residents of Graham, now tie the two together in their thinking, in a sort of cause-and-effect relationship:

On the contrary, traffic congestion on Gra On the contrary, traffic congestion on Gra-ham is already a pressing problem, and has been for years. The congestion will grow worse as the weeks and months go by, whether the truck route proposal is adopted or not. Graham is congested for the very sim-ple reason that there is no satisfactory alter-nate route serving the busy areas along and at either extreme of the street.

The Graham parking problem will have to be tackled sooner or later. But it can very well be later if, by delaying it, the more im-portant phases of the truck control program may be put into effect.

,"I don't picture the problem specifically as how much and what kind of sovereignty we are going to give up'. It is not so much what we are giving up. Each nation must look at it to see how much more is gained by collective action ... We need to 'pool'——the political, economic and military powers—of the several nations."

This thing called "national sovereignty"

This thing called "national sovereignty" is a ticklish issue Fourth of July speakers and political candidates in this country—and their counterparts overease—have given it a stature which is intimical to the principles of "collective security" and "Atlantic unity".

We believe it is time for our future relations with Europe to be fully discussed in common the country of the principles of

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swiftly the activities of this trans-Atlantic alliance? Are the American people prepared to "pool", as General Bradley put it. some political and economic, as well as military sovereignty with Europe?

The answers to these questions, we believe, can best be determined by a full, frank discussion of the subject by our foreign policy chieftains, Congress and the American public. It is time to shift the public spotlight away from the past to this important problem of the not-so-distant future.

THIS THING CALLED SOVEREIGNTY which works on the principle of unanimity—would throw a monkey wrench in the whole Atlantic defense picture. However, a united Europe can be expected to make its weight felt. Then, unless some machinery is devised by which American-European differences can be resolved, an impasse may well develop which would deal a sentence of the control of the con

A MOST IMPORTANT, yet seldom discussed on swell realized adjunct to the trend of international affairs during the past few years, is the fact that national sovereignty is rapidly becoming a thing of the past. As Anno O'Hare McCormich observed in the New York Times after witnessing the Ottawa conference. Sovereignty is gradually becoming an oratorical term."

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National sovereignty is disappearing in Europe more rapidly than in this country. "The
Eisenhower plan," writes a prominent French
journalist, Jean-Jacques Servan-Schreiber, in
the Reporter, "calls for the breaking down of
European, national sovereignities, at least in
the domain of military defense."

European Intional speciagnica, test in Europe, carries the joint further, to the inevitable conclusion that military unification means political and economic unification, "An end to national armies means an end to national foreign policies," he writes, "since military strength is the essential instrument of national sorreign policies," he writes, "since military strength is the essential instrument of national sovereignty, Moreover, the creation of a European army would mean that a third or more of the national budgets of each nation would be contributed to an army controlled by no nation. Thus a European foreign milisity and a European finance milistry are. . . the logical next step." Jean Monnet, France's economic architect, believes this "United States of Europe" will be a fact that the states of Europe" will be a fact. this "United States of Europe" will be a fac

This radical change now taking place in urope, overthrowing centuries-old tradithis radical change now taking place in rope, overthrowing centuries-old tradi-nal concepts, presents a problem which is considerable concern to the defense of the tional concepts, presents a process of the U.S. Europe is our primary bastion: we have invested billions of defense dollars in it. So far trans-Atlantic policy has been, to a large degree. American policy. Atlaugh each member of the Atlantic Council has the veto power, none has exercised it. None was alrong enough to enforce its views, most of the countries are dependent on the U.S. and to veto a plan of the Atlantic Council—

TAFT AND MCCARTHY

EVER since the Maryland Senatorial elecavoided taking a firm stand for or against McCarthyism. He has dodged this way and that, never publicly approving of McCarthy's tactics yet never disassociating himself from

sem.

Recently, at a meeting of Republican ongressmen, Taft is reported to have said at no one should make charges he cannot rove behind the clock of Congressional imunity, but "At the same time, Senator Mearthy has done some good in alerting the suntry to the subversive influences in government.

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Whether McCarthy has done some good or
is a most question, and we don't propose
deabte it today. But there is no disputing
fact that McCarthy has done a great deal
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ny leyal Americans, he has assailed soine
this free institutions that Americans have
g charished, and he has done grievous
zery te the American state or mind which
did to be calm and collected in this great

emergency instead of frenzied with doubt,

Senator Taft is a man of honor and integrity. He is also the top candidate for the GOP Presidential nomination. Hence, it seems to us, it is doubly important that he express with his customary forthrightness his real views about McCarthy the man and McCarth the Republican. Senator Taft does not have to curry the favor of McCarthy to win the nomination. Nor does the Grand Old Party need the help of McCarthy to win the elec-tion.

Taft's failure to take a firm stand on this burning issue will be disappointing to mil-lions of his admirers.

A kid is always crazy to go where older people congregate. And when you let him go, all he does is get himself sticky and measy all over, fall down and hurt himself three or four times and then go to sleep.—Lamor (No.) Democret.

'Anybody Care About Influence On Me?'



People's Platform

Letters should be brief, written on one side of the paper. The writer's name must be signed, but may be withheld from publication in the discretion of the Editor. The News reserves the right to condense.

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Edit wrote in the Oct. 10 issue of The Charlotte

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too.

As for the marijuans, that is an entirely different thing than smoking in the schools. But
the next thing you will probably be hearing that
we are all smoking marijuans.

—KATHRYN PALAVID.

A Far-Fetched Fuss

CHARLOTTE

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Editors, The News:
I'm one of those dead-end kids who attends Myers
Park High School, and I, and a lot of other members of the student body and faculty, resent the
sam hair, charging the students with being future
forty addicts, juvenile delinquents, and accomplices
in making the younger students delinquents.
Don't you think your accusations are a little
far-detched' Aren't you making a fuss over nothing.
Wr. Fesperman, and Mrs. Hair.
Forty and the students with being future
to the United States, commit this horrible crimesmoking. If the school board laid down the law,
there would be many complications. At Central,
smoking in the locker rooms was one of the major
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smoking in the locker rooms was one of the major
accuses of expelling students, because when smoking
if they can get away with it.
Mrs. Hair, you don't realize—that teen-agers
have minds of their own. We are not three-year-old
ables who must be told exactly what to do't
we need a chance for our minds to develop, and we
must give the school of the scho

the paper. The writer's name must be signed, but may be filler. The News reserves the right to condense, stead of a prison with a strict whiplike disciplines in offers the fudent a chance to speak. The school makes us feel that high walls are not built around the strict whiplike disciplines are not built around the strict whiplike disciplines are not built around the strict whiplines are not built around the strict whiplines are not built around the strict whiplines are respect to the strict whiplines. All the students love and respect Dr. French, because he places a trust in us that an adult rarely places in a teen-ager. He knows us better than Mr. He was the strict of the strict whiplines are the strict whiplines are not strictly and the strictly are strictly as the strictly around the strictly are strictly as the strictly around th

-MARCIA STANLÉY.

Parents Should Decide

Editors, The News:

RE a letter by Mrs. Sam Hair in regard to school children smoking en campus so to speak, I would like to ask Mrs. Hair one question. Does she not think that the matter of whether or not the school children about the control of the chool of the c

Quote, Unquote

The politicians are rewriting the definition of the word coalition to mean roping the other fellow in to help with your driv work.—GREENVILLE (S.C. PIEDMONT.

Fifteen marriages and two weddings have been recorded so far this year in Lumpkin County. The difference between a marriage and a wedding is at least \$1,000.—DAHLONEGA (Ga.) NUGGET.

We never see a city ordnance that we do not think of the one the town of Gettysburg passed against the use of firearms just before the battle. —ELIZABETH (Ey.) NEWS.

individually with Taft. Somehow, a waitress also wan-dered into the line and had her picture taken with the Senator.

Call For German Rearmament Now Hinders Our Negotiators

By STEWART ALSOP

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This is tough talk, but particularly in this country, tough talk sometimes clear the air. Ye that also be a carrot, and a large one. Because the risks of rearming Germany are so frightening, there has been a great tendency in all three Allied capitals to try to keep cased the following the rearmament period. This just will not work. A nation simply cannot be rearmed and kept in leading strings at one on the same time.

The best men here are become ing increasing increasing the same time, in the case of the risks of offering the West Germans the only carrot which will really tempt them—genuine complete intensal sovereignty, within a Western European framework. And carrot and the sitch is made very clear, there cannot be much doubt in the end about how the Germans will choose.

What TV Needs Is Skelton, More Taste And Less Berle

NEW YORK extracted humor from a pilling today — much overdue, such as about fifteen years—to a Mr. Red Skelton, lietly of the TV lishing an old dashinoed chamber received, and for lone Mr. Skelton, tair, you are not as funny as a much as a duodenal ulcer, as once I claimed. With video to work with, you are water years funny man.

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Drew Pearson's Taft Hits Gabrielson, Ducks McCarthyism Merry-Go-Round

SENATOR TAFT let his hair down the other evening at a most of the record dinner for Republican newcomers to Congress. Under a barrage of questions, he talked like a Presidential candidate but couldn't be coaxed into admitting he was one.

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"Senator," blurted Illinois' Congressman Tim Sheehan,
"when we go to a football game on Saturday afternoon
and we see the players running up and down the sidelines, we assume they are about ready to get in the game.

You have been promise a candidate?" all over the country.

"Not at the moment," grinned Taft.

"Would you be interested in a Taft-MacActher Ticket!"

"Not at the moment," graned Taft, "Would you be interested in a Taft-MacAsthur 'lcket'" fired Congressman Albert Morrano o' Comiettur, and the state of the MacArthur-Taft ticket," shot back Mr. Republican. Another question was brought up by California's Congressman Pat Hillings, who asked: "in view of the present investigation of the national chairmen of both political parties, do you think Guy Gabrielson (the GOP chairman) and the state of the case. Perhaps it will be proved that be didn't do anything illegal," Taft began cautiously, then added bluntly: "But, nevertheless, he will eventually have to go."

Republicans Can't Loaf

Senator.

The Congressmen then devoured \$340 worth of fruit cup, roast beef, baked potato, string beans and strawberry sundae before Taft was called upon. He spoke for twenty minutes from notes on the back of an envelope, reviewing his Ohio election and comparing its issues with the 1802

He stressed he serve to the White House and Congress new publicans are going to win the White House and Congress new The reason I got as many votes as I did in Ohio." Tat declared, waving the envelope in his hand, "was because I asked so many people to vote for me." He warned that it would be a mistake for cruption. The warned that it would be a mistake for cruption. Though he favored continuing these exposures, be urged steady GOP hammering at other issues, such as Communists in government, the trend toward socialism and too much government pendiguaries, Congressman Ayres put Tafs on the firing line and opened the eff-the-record meeting to questions. He offered io screen the questions, however, by having them addressed to him first.

Meader Orates
"THATS all right, Bill." Taft inferrupted. "Til answer
any questions they ask."
The first to jump up was Michigan's Congressman
George Meader, former are Sensite investigator, whose
can accompany to the control of the

serving the country to the subversive influences in gover-For an hour. Taft swing at these questions, chiefly on campaign issues, how to win votes and the need for party organization.

For example, Congressman Charles Brownson of In-diana vanted to know whether the Taft-Hartle jaw "will be an issue in next year's campaign and do you think the law needs some amendments?" I have the company of the the law needs some amendments? "I will be an included that if it becomes an issue, it "will be the company of the company of the company of the company to the company of the company of the company of the company was the issue, he remined, bother has fight for reelection in Ohio.

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"The smear campaign put on against me by the (CIO) political action committee only made votes for me," he de

Talt added that he favored amending the Talt-Harrier law, including a provision to end the union-shop-election procedure.

All 19. M. Ayres cut off the questions and showed the decreed meeting. The rental time had excepted on the decreed flowing the rental time had departed, looking less tired than been he had graved.