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HEARSAY EVIDENCE SHOULD BE ELIMINATED

IN VIEW of the exemplary procedures for lowed by the King subcommittee in its income term and a subcommittee in its income term and investigation, it is difficult to the subcommittee to testify about an alleged clique of high government officials without surface proof. It is entirely credible that gambler Frank Nathan told Testielbaum that his whakedown offer had the backing of the Government officials. Nathan is a fast-back guy who wouldn't hesitate to use blackmail if it would help him swing a big deal. But it is hardly possible that the story he told Testielbaum could be true.

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Up to that point, the King subcommittee had carefully avoided accepting hearsay evidence. Counsel Adrian DeWind and his several associates had gone to great lengths to examine witnesses prior to their public appearance, and to cull the gossip from their

es. onetheless. Teitelbaum's fascinating yarn was spread upon the record, and it was em-blazoned in black headlines across the nation. Chairman Cecil King quickly realized the error and, in a special statement, said:

"This committee has received no testi-mony that these government officials in fact participated in any way in the attempt-ed 'shakedown' to which Mr. Teitelbaum alleged he was subjected. Lacking such tes-timony, we assume they did not and, in fact, all the persons named are reported to have flatly denied any involvement in the matter.

Two of the officials named by Teitelba General Services Administrator Jess Lar and Charles Oliphant, chief counsel of au of Internal Re unfairness of the committee's action.

"The newspapers today carry headlines linking my name with that of other present and former Federal officials in an alleged plot to extort fantastic sums through charges of tax irregularities. . Without inquiry of me, without a shred of credence to link my name to the alleged plot, the forum of a responsible Congressional common of the common of a responsible of my uniting the sensational exhibition of the common of the country."

The King subcommittee has produced ex-cellent results by sticking to the rules of the game. It is unnecessary, we believe, for it to violate those rules in the future in order to trap the officials who have sold the Ameri-can people short.

SENATOR KEFAUVER'S 'OPPORTUNITY'

SEVERAL GOP Presidential aspirants have already declared their candidacy or showed signs of availability. All Democrati, save one, are awaiting a sign from President Truman, who almost gleefully keeps' his 1952 plans to himself. But Senator Kefauver, the Tennessee crime-buster, has his hat in hand, if not in the ring. He has given "permission" for his name to be entered in the California primary, explaining that "while I am not a candidate and am not running for any office except the United States Senate in 1952, I am not excluding the opportunity of running for President".

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Such a position permits him to retire gracefully, if he chooses, should Mr. Truman announce his candidacy for re-election. Kefauver's boldness may be deemed party disloyalty in the Truman dictionary—the Senator has recently been talked up as Attorney General, and the President may not want such a brash upstart in his Cabinet.

The Senator has probably analyzed his

own position and logically decided he is a potent Presidential possibility. A Southernag, he opposes FEPC, and could expect the sup-port of many anti-Truman Southern Dem-ocrats. His voting record is satisfactory to most labor men; he is an outspoken inter-

most labor men, he is an outspoken internationalist.

But, probably most important, Senator Kefauver is safely on record as being against sin and corruption, as a result of his overthrow of the Crump machine in Tennessee and his chairmanship of the Senate Crime Investigating committee. He has seen his TV costar, Rudolph Halley, parlay his role as chief counsel of the Committee into chairmanship of the New York City Council. Kefauver won the plaudits of Republicans and Democrats alike for his conduct of the investigation, and incidentally incurred the wrath of some Democrats with underworld alliances whose emnity implife he a political asset in the year 1952.

All in all, crime might pay, handsomely, for Senator Kefauver.

GEN. MANNING CLEARS THE AIR

IT IS CLEAR from General John Hall Manning's statement that local officials erred badly when they failed to invite representatives of the National Guard to attend one of the public hearings on the runway extension at the local airport.

The State Adjutant General's statement was a brief one, but it said a lot:

 "It is considered essential in the plan for national security that we have a strong Air National Guard..." 2. "In the development of a strong Air

National Guard, it is necessary that the run-way at Morris Field be extended."

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General Manning and other officials of the National Guard will be present on Dec. 16 when the Mecklenburg County Commissioners reconsider their action of Monday, when they opposed the relocation of a section of Dirick Read, a prerequisite to extending the North-South runway.

We are quite confident that the Commissioners will heed the pleas of these officials hazard with lanning the security of the

charged with planning the security of the region and the nation. Any other action would be unthinkable.

ARTS COUNCIL?

THE conductor of the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra, James Christian Pfoll, proposes formation of a Charlotte Arts conciliates the Symphony of the Charlotte Arts conciliates a believe, warrants serious consideration by Charlotteans interested in good music, drams and art.

Our city truly offers a variety of high quality cultural activity. At present each organization conducts its own fund-raising program Many patrons of one of the arts are equally interested in others, and requests for financial support often come in quick

succession. As we see it, these drives could be co-ordinated by an Arts Council into one time-saving major effort, similar to the Community Chest. Those persons who wish to support only one or part of the organizations could estmark their funds, or contribute

ordinate program.

lapping.

The idea sounds good, and we hope representatives of the various organizations will

From The Louisville Courier-Journal

WHAT IS SECRET OF CAUDLE'S SUCCESS?

THERON LAMAR CAUDLE is a familiar round and sonorous speech. His native county lies on the fringe of North Carolina's Black Bek. His lush, slurred accents as transmitted by radio breathe of the hustings set in rural courthouse squares. He has gone far with his endowments of speech and impressive

facede.

It begins to appear that Mr. Caudle has gone too far, in light of other endowments; let's say, an ease of scruples, a blunted sense of responsibility, a savor of power beyond his measure. Such things are not the qualifications of an Assistant Altorney General of the United States in charge of pursuing and prosecuting tax frauds. This is what he was until his recent belated firing.

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The more Mr. Caudic talks, protests and
perspires before a committee of Congress,
the worse his story gets. For four days running he has gone through an agony of enforced confession to profiting one way or
another by assorted bounties and favors. The
evil note is that the gratuities came from
men under cloud of tax irregularities, or
their agents.

lingering debts, gay vacation trips for which men facing prosecution picked up the tab, bargain fur coats for the Caudle family and friends, a \$5,000 commission on a deal under the desk, the sale of a plane to a tax inves-tigator which he wangled for New York busi-nessmen under prosecution for frauds.

Here was a man in the hierarchy of the Department of Justice. The average citizen must wonder about the standards of selection for fat and important political jobs in the Federal Government. Well-enough known are enormous labors to which F.B.I and loyally agents go in searching into the education, the moral learnings, the utterances and even the subconscious of workers tapped for the State Department. What about the "patronage" departments of our Government, where not even the personal records and traits of appointees seem to be anybody's concern, only a fidelity of party performance? How did Mr. Caudie get where he was and what is the climate of an executive, department (denominated Justice) which permits him to remain so long with a record of behavior in the remain so long with a record of behavior did interrigible looseness new revealed as so glating? alty agents go in searching into the educati

West Must **Buy Time** In Mid-East

By STEWART ALSOP

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Sixty-five million dollars, for example, is currently assigned to the tiny state of Israel, and precisely the same sum to the whole vast Arab world, which has the oil, the immense majority of the population, and the vital strategic area. This is worse than useless, merely confirming the Arab. This is worse than useless, merely confirming the Arabs in their bit-ter suspicion that the United States will sooner or later abandon the whole Middle East in favor of

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'Is There An X-Ray Specialist In The House?'



HERBLOCK.

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.

Time For An Arts Council CHARLOTTE

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"Foseking of music, the town is going overboard. There was the Charlotte Symphony — two
full houses — and then the Opera Association —
two more big houses — and then the Della ChiesaThibault business, a full house, and now this: Friday night, the Budapest Stiring Quartet at Questa
And on Sunday the local string ensemble at the
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The foregoing quotation is from Tom Fesperman's column in The Charlotte News.

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In addition to the above, we have a newly-formed Oratorio Society, tine Aritist Series at Winthrop College, Davidson College, and Johnson C. Smith University, the Charlotte Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, and similar groups, and the music clubs are active the string of the American Guild of Organists, and similar groups, and the music clubs are active the string of the American Guild of Organists, and Similar groups, and the music clubs are active with the string of the s

— JAMES CHRISTIAN PFOHL.

(Note: An editorial on this subject appeelsewhere on this page. Editors, The News).

What's A Contract Worth?

EDITORS, THE NEWS:

"BEATTIE Feathers Gets Fired As State's Head Football Coach' says the headline of the sport page of my daily paper.

Assuming that Feathers is the same man he was last year in all respects except that he did not make as good a record as coach, I ask "What in the heck does a coaching contract amount to mayway." It must be more than a mere scrap of paper or there would be no formalities connected with its execution. Are we adopting the methods of

the Reds or Russians? We say their commitments are honored in their breach rather than in their ful-fillment. So are coaching contracts at the higher educational institutional levels.

sument. So are coaching contracts at the higher educational institutional levels.

Frankly, I am of the candid opinion that we had better discrift all inter-collegates athletics. Such activities have long been distorted out of all sensible perspective. What can be expected of the products of our colleges and universities if they do not respect their own commitments? Feathers did not enter into a contract to put out a winning team. He contracted to do his best in developing the manner of the contract of the contract of the contract. Anyway, is there to be no respect paid to a contract? Is there so thing in the way of sacredness in a contract? When I came along as a young man it was considered the height of honor and commendation to have it said of one that his wird was his bond. Today even a bond, contract; does not bind, evening the head institutions of the state, educational institutions at that.

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I guess Snavely's head will soon be placed on
a platter, like that of John The Baptist, and taken
to a drunken and debauched monarch-frentied alumin and a thoughtless public.

No, this sort of fanaticism must come to an
end. I take my hat off to such institutions as
Chicago University and Johns Hopkins University.

They realize that the present-day system of inches,
but supplanting, all carnest educational activities;
so they went out of the blg-time business. It the
institutional heads have not the moral stamina to
control the system, it is time the taxpayers should
take the situation in hand by cutting off all appropriations to such institutions.

—JOHN W. HESTER.

Quote, Unquote

Canadian scholar believes the Romans and the Greeks touched Ireland some centuries before the Vikings. Since then many nations have touched the United States.—Little Rock Arkansas Gazette.

HIRED MAN—Boss, my wife told me to ask you for a raise. BOSS—Okay, I'll ask my wife if I can give it to you.—Greenville (Tenn.) Sun.

Prime Minister Churchill is to visit President iman early in January—before the Santa Claus son is too far gone.—Fort Myers (Fla.) News-

There is nothing crooked about the prices we have to pay nowadays. They are absolutely on the up and up.—Kingsport (Tenn.) Times.

Doing business without advertising is like winking at a girl in the dark. You know what you're doing, but no one else does.—The Adel (Ga.) News.

Investment In Turkey Paying Off By MARQUIS CHILDS

THE VALUE obtained on the re-turn for dollars spent for mil-ltary security may well be greater here in Turkey than day place in the world, not excluding the United States. This is not because the Turks are mercenagies, host cause they States. This is not because the Turks are mercenaries, but because the have such A fough-minded devotion to national independence that they have stood up repeatedly against the Bussian threat — even when standing alone.

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this effort.

DRAIN ON TAXPAYER

That is the big catch in the present military assistance program.

It is of questionable value to build up a jet air force in a primitive country if maintaining that force

ber of years.

That is why a valiant effort is being made by the Economic Coperation Administration to step up the level of the Turkish economy, particularly in agriculture, and the step of the Turkish economy, particularly in agricultural production in Sarms. Some results already are evident. Agricultural production has gone up 30 per cent since 1847 and the value per cent since 1847 and the value Saper cent aince before World War II.

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mination a great deal could still be redeemed by seeking to build from this strongpoint. That seems vital to this observer if the errors of the immediate past are to be 17-ce of the immediate and the state of the immediate and immediate past are due to the immediate past are the 18-ce of the immediate past are the 18-ce of the immediate past are the 18-ce of the immediate past and the immediate past are the 18-ce of the 18

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

Baynton Says Wife's Mink Coat Borrowed

WASHINGTON A NOTHER mink coat has been dancing around the Justice Department—or, rather, the ghost of a innik coat. It's one of these willie-'the-wisp, now-you-see-it-now-you-on-to-e-the-grammats that was seen on the wife of a Justice Department official about a year ago, but which is seen no more.

no more. The husband of the lady, Harold Baynton, the Alien Property Custodian, I had never met before. He seemed like a nice gay and willing to open up every detail his life, so I read willing to open up to every detail to the life, so I read to the lady to

Pay To Old Roommate

THE mink coat, I had heard, was given to Mrs. Baynton by
Harold Horowit. who draws \$27,600 as president of
E. Leits Co. the former German firm which makes Leica
cameras. Since this alien company is now operated by the
Allien Property Custodian, Horowitz keeps his job partly
at the pleasure of Mr. Baynton.

at the piessure of Mr. Saymon.

Originally Broowliz got his job through Herbert Bergson, a former assistant attorney general, who turned out to have been Horowitz's roommet at Harward Law School.

Running the Leitz Co. is only a half-time job, so \$27,000 is pretty good pay, though in fairness to Horowitz it should be noted that when he took the firm over, it was on the verge of bankrupter, New it's making real dough, on the verge of bankrupter, New it's making real dough. Horowitz also gets an expense account of about \$15,000 rear, and Baynton's predecessor, David Bazelon, now a

Federal judge, questioned some of his expense items, including a reported \$2,000 for a trip to California. In fact, Bazelon, on one occasion, picked up the phone and instructed Horowitz not to spend a cent more without his okay,
Incidentally, the profits from alien property go to U. S. veterans who were imprisoned by the Japs and Germans, some state of them. Baymton told me, however, that he examined Horowitz's expenses and found them to be okay.

Another interesting angle is that Horowitz, having got his job as president of the Leica camera concern through his old roommate, Herbert Bergon, is now paying afforeasid Bergon \$3.000 a month as a legal retainer, Baymton explained that the Leitz Cawa careful to observe the Fair Trade Act, and Bergon, former assistant attorney general in charge of the anti-trust division, is an expert on this.

Mrs. Baynton's Mink

A FTER going into all these things. I came round to the A FTER going into all these things. I came round to the less agreeable subject of the mink coat. I pointed out that Mrs. Baynton had been seen in a mink coat last Winter and it was reported that the coat had been given her by Horowitz in return for government favors given blim by Mr. Baynton.

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Mr. Baynton admitted that his wife did have a mink cost last Christmas, but had only borrowed it.

We were in the full fluid of just being appointed assistant attorney general, and I guess it went to our beind.

Towe quite a bit to my wife, Baynton continued.

"When we moved here from the West to finish my law degree, I got a job at \$1,200 s year and we lived on my wife's money. In fact, she used up most of her money bonds saved a studying law. However, we still had some bonds saved up to the same still had some still had some to the same save to the same save to the same save to the same save to the save the save

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all that publicity on his wife's \$8,000 mink?" I asked, yielding to what my wife calls "that mean streak" in me.

All the state of the