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#### MR. TRUMAN IN THE BRIAR PATCH

COVERNOR SCOTT was one of the first of predict and advocate the renomination and re-election of President Truman. Now the Governor's great and good friend, Jonathan Daniels, has picked up the country of the predict of the predict of the predict of the president this week. the Tar Heel national committeems naid he favors Mr. Truman's re-election and "I think he's going to rum."

going to run."

We must admit, albeit reluctantly, that
the two gentlemen are not indulging in wishful thinking. Mr. Truman will probably run
again, and he may even be re-elected.
The reason, in friend Jonathan's words:

"The more his foreign policy, which he considers vital to resist Russian aggression and preserve democracy, is attacked, the more he will fight back."

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In losing their heads completely over the MacArthur dismissal, the Republicans played right into Mr. Truman's hands. They figuratively tossed him into the briar patch when they launched an all-out attack on his foreign policy—the strongest and the most inspiring effort of an otherwise mediocre Administration Mr. Truman has been at home in defending his foreign policy, and if

the Republicans don't soon get back to more familiar domestic issues, he'll run them rag-ged.

We said the other day that it would be We said the other day that it would be a calamity if stupic Republican strategy resulted in the re-election of Harry Truman as President of the United States. The word was chosen with due care for its literal meaning. But it should have been qualified to this extent—the calamity will be a further cheapening of the Presidential office and the continued degredation of dignity and moral-form of the continued degredation of dignity and moral-form with the continued degredation of dignity and moral-form with the present of the continued of the continued degree of the continued of th years of moral seaziness rather than the nation's foreign policy over to the McCarthys and Hickenloopers and Wherrys and Tafts who appear to be running the Republican Party these days.

It is not too late for sensible Republicans It is not too late for sensible Republicans to restore/unity on foreign policy and concentrate on the glaring domestic deficiencies of the Truman Administration. If they tarry much longer, and if the international tension a year hence has not materially lessended, Mr. Truman may well scamper through his briar patch straight to the White House for four more years.

### QUEEN CHARLOTTE ON DISPLAY

WITHIN the limitation of the space assigned to him, Samuel Lubell has written an amazingly complete and accurate profile of Charlotte in the current issue of The turday Evening Post.

Lubell's capacity for painstaking re-

search, so evident during his visit here last year, bears fruit in the great assortment of facts he collected and assimilated. And proof of his talent as a writer is the skill and accuracy with which he wove those facts

accuracy with which he wove those facts together.

One question that Lubell asked of many persons here, and a question he never answered to his full satisfaction, is the fundaswered to his full satisfaction, is the funda-mental reason for the civic bustle and vigor that has characterized Charlotte's every ac-tivity in the past few decades. It is a phe-nomenon that has puzzled this newspaper for a long time, too. Though there are many contributing factors, no one reason can be singled out and given more weight than others. All of them taken together have

fashioned a "hustling, traffic-jammed metropolis"... "so dramatic a product of the social and economic revolution that is currently and the social and economic revolution that is currently and the social and economic revolution. It is a Lubell says with wry but good humoried irony, "there is a universal feeling that whatever will make Charlotte bigger means a brighter future", "the Saturday Ecening Post article will be an asset of incalcaluable value. It will be read by many millions of Americans, and they can scarcely help being intrigued by the warm picture of a Southern city that is not Southern stall in many respects, a place where veneration of the Past is not permitted to confuse the Present nor hold back the Future, and a community whose buty people are not too buy to laugh at and enjoy their own civic foldes

and eccentricities.

In brief, the picture of Charlotte that emerges from Lubell's prose is that of a good place to live and to work—an opinion we've long held.

## THE PARKING METER 'CONCESSION'

THE proposal to adorn City parking meters with commercial advertising signs is totally without merit, and should be promptly rejected by the Council.

The promoter of the venture has sought to persuade the Council by dangling the prospect of a City "cut" of his total revenue. He estimates the City's share would be some \$11,000 a year, no mean sum in these days of rising costs and tight revenue.

But no amount of money would justify ing public property for private commercial rofit-making schemes. The meters were

put up to regulate parking. To desecrate them with advertising placards is unthinkable if would make just as much sense, it would make just as much sense, it is a more than the sense of t

### THE FRANKENSTEIN OF FOOTBALL

WE BEHELD an unnatural sight on the sports pages last week when five football coaches in the Carolinas declared the two-plation system should be heaved out. If Hoagy, Carmichael had destroyed all the records of Stardust or W alt Disney had throttled Mickey Mouse, the shock would have been less than the control of the shock would have been less than the shock when the shock would have been less than the shock when the shock when

arroused suckey Mouse, the shock would have been less. These five coaches had nourished their two-platons Frankenstein through five years of postwar football in the South. They protected its flabby hide from critics who cried "pushbutton athletics" and "give the game back to the boys."

Now the candid quintet admits that the care and feeding of 75 hungry athletes daily is sending the college treasurer into a redinkeld from?. This, plus the suddening news that the supply of ham-handed ends and fleet winghacks was dwindling in the Pennsylvanian hills, brought the coaches to their knees.

Even Carl Snavely, the canny University of North Carolina thinker who imported the offensive-and-defensive-unit idea, admits, "The day of the big squad is gone."

We fear that even the astute pilots have

We fear that even the astute pilots have not been sure of their squad members during the power era through which football has passed. A coach peers down the bench and numbles, "You, there . . . you with the No. 66. ., get in there and stop that right guard!" There may have come the day when the cheering section must chant: "Rah, rsh, for defensive platoon, section B, guard No. 9:" We shall be happy as spectators when the day of the rock and the sock return, and "reifron hurseuracze makes way for indi-

day of the rock and the sock return, and gridiron bureaucracy makes way for indi-vidual skills. The old college try and not the team which arrives fustest with the mostlest tackles should prevail. It will be pleasant to sit in the Saturday stands and identify the halfbacks without benefit of the Altoons, Pa, telephone directory.

#### From The Washington Post

#### LIGHT ON LOBBYISTS

Full investigation of the China lobby now seems to be assured. With the State Department and other executive agencies assembling material on the subject under orders from the President, the first important step has already been taken. The President has also invited Congress to investigate the improper use of funds to influence opinion in the United States in regard to foreign policies by offering to open executive files on this subject to any committee that Congress may assign to the task. Undoubtedly the offer will be accepted. The chief questions at this point are how broad the inquiry will be and who will conduct it.

duct it.
Senators George and Morse are right, in
our opinion, in saying that the investigation
should extend beyond the China lobby. In
the words of Senator George, "it ought to
be as inquiry into the use of money here
... to influence public policy in behalf
of any foreign government and all foreign
powernmenta." But the boldness and extentow work of the China lobby make it the
crement target. In his final testimony in
see MacArthur hearings, Secretary Acheson

made "it plain that, while the information now in the hands of the State Department is hearsay, if it proves to be accurate it will "support the charge that there is a very considerable use of foreign funds in the United States for the purpose of influencing to the provide of the violation of the law. In cases of this sort the primary burden of digging out the necessary facts falls upon the Department of Justice. A searching legislative inquiry is nonetheless in order. Such a fact-finding venture will necessary be much broader than the departmental search for evidence of legal offenses. And since one of the chief purposes is to smoke out legislators who have been the recipients of the lobbytist' bounty.

offenses. And since one of the chief pur-poses is to smoke out legislators who have been the recipients of the lobbyists' bounty, the task can best be undertaken by a joint Senate and House committee representing the two groups that deal with foreign rela-tions. Obviously the members of the com-mittee should be chosen for their integrity, their freedom from entanglement with any foreign lobby, and their ability to get the facts.



'Les Vieux Soldats Nevair Die'

# 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.

#### Kelly Alexander Replies

I AM sure The News will feel the urgency of giving me the space and "position" to reply to the Monroe Journal editorial, by R. T. Beasley, which you reprinted in The News on June 18, under the heading, "Kelly Alexander and Race Conflict."

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Mr. Beasley (first of all makes a play on the name "Alexander," by innuendo comparing my activities with the NAACP with the work of the pioneer Alexanders who fought in the Revolutionary War and helped bring about the Meeklenburg Charter of Freedom. For my part, I have the right to my opinion that this Alexander is following in that tradition, and that there can be no higher honor for any name than the flight for justice.

honor for any name than the light for justice.

Mr. Bealey refers to "the fury" of the National Association for the Advancement of the Colored People, and "the fury" of its "helpful Colored People, and "the fury" of its "helpful fighting for on this earth that was not fought with some degree of "fury." Sometimes that "fury" is an overt act like the Boaton Tea Party, or the office of the colored that the further than the further

one to which we adhere.

The great solicitude of Mr. Beasley for the colored teachers is very touching. He says that it segregation were eliminated in public schools, the colored teachers would lose their jobs. Certainly there have been millions of human beings on this work of the colored teachers would supply the colored teachers would case their jobs, but even if they did, it would be a seartifiee worth it.

a sacrifice worth it.

Mr. Beasley concedes that the anthropologists may be right, that one race is inherently as strong mentally as another, but he is quick to point out the regarding the one invention "from Asia", without which none other would have been possible, including the same that the properties of the wheel, which was foiled out of some tent in Indo-China about was foiled out of some tent in Indo-China about was foiled out of some tent in Indo-China about was foiled out of some tent in Indo-China about was foiled out of some tent in Indo-China about was foiled out of some tent in Indo-China about was foiled out of some tent in Indo-China about was foiled out of some tent in Indo-China about was followed by the same and the company of the control of the continuous for which we are the regulated the conditions to which the control of the conditions to which the conditions to the conditions the conditions to the conditions to the conditions the conditions to the conditions the

We are the result of the conditions to which we have been exposed, and Mr. Beasley readily agrees that "Separation itself was a mark of dis-crimination, a humiliation to colored people, and still marks them as 'second class estitizens." Prichaps there is some truth in this," says "Prichaps there is some truth in this," says "R. Beasley, adding, "But if there is, it can't be

helped." He gives up too easily. We keep prob-ing and trying al. the time. Even in the case of cancer, we do not say, "it can't be helped."

cancer, we do not say, "it can't be helped."

In his argumenl, Mr. Beasley has played fair, up to his one statement, "if the two races were to manigamate, the few whites left of pure blood would still consider themselves the superior race." This argument is not worthly of a man like Mr. This argument is not worthly of a man like Mr. This argument is not worthly of a man like Mr. of any of the manifest of the ma

the general mass of citizens.

In examining Mr. Beasley's kindly advice,
"home-spun" sentiments, and great solicitude for
the welfare of the colored people, I am reminded
of the Mexican patriot Jusere. Maximilian was a
very kindly emperor: he leaned backward in his
good treatment of Mexicans, and not the wildest
Mexican patriot was able to point a finger at any
act or thought of Emperor Maximilian which was
not for the welfare of the Mexican proping
and that
he had his argument, but with the principle of
monarchy; that he would rather die on his feet
in a republic, than live on his knees in a monarchy.

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There is very little in the R. F. Realeys with
which we can find fault—they mean well, but
basically the principle they defend, the degradation
of a segment of American citizens to a second
class status, is immoral and undemocratic and unjust. It forces upon the minds of children at
their most impressionable moment in life an oppression which comes with the realization of their
content of contractive to the contraction of their
contraction of civantages to which other children are
exposed. It is that principle with which we find
fault.

-KELLY M. ALEXANDER, Pres.
N. C. National Assn. For the Advancement of Colored People.

#### Quote, Unquote

There's two ways to have people slap you on the back. Do something heroic or get a sunburn.—Kingsport (Tenn.) Times.

And another nice thing about silence concerns the fact that it can't be repeated.—Lamar (Mo.) Democrat.

A Deland high school baseball player was caught kissing a co-ed in the classroom. No doubt the lead-off man, in view of his skill at getting to first base.—Fort Myers (Fla.) News-Press.

When running to catch the bus you know you going to miss, why not slow down and take it by? Then the next one will come along sooner.—eenwood (Miss.) Commonwealth.

## One-Year Control Extension Would Offend Least People

By MARQUIS CHILDS

AS THE June 30 deadline draw nearer, the battle over moment, the battle over moment and the second of the second o

grow louder and hotters. But the net result when the way is likely to be a one-year extension of the present Defense Production Act. There are indications that the current drive. The political present before Production Act. There are indications that the Current drive. The political present of the present Defense Production Act. The political present of the present Defense Production Act. The political present of the present Defense Production Act. The political present of the pres

# Believe It Or Not, Some Of Us Just Lie Down And Sleep

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There are all norts of beds available, of course. There is the 'tetestete bed, to promote cultural exchange." There is the 'weto bed,
for ambivalent mates," whose subbed says "sometimes I hate you,
sometimes I have you," This sometimes in the you
or cooling alonges." In short, it
is a big bed.
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Of course, there is a "Freedom
Crib" for the kiddies, a "thermostat-centrolled haven for the modern baby." It looks more like an
aquarium than anything else, but
I suppose/the modern child thinks
he is a fish anyhow after a certain
amount of scientific indoctrination.
I like particularly the "m at-

ress clinic," which asks rather rudely if "you are a monogamist if you seek a mattress forever faithful." And the sign in the pillow too buxom? I'll thank you to mind your tonguis, Lawis & Conger. It just so happens I LIKE big. pillows.

lows.

The onus, as is usually the case these days, is placed firmly on the male. "Does he smoke rashly in bed?" And the one for "wistful wives". "Goes he fall asleep it the wrong time?" Here in ohe stroke is a double-barrield accuration of built-in guilt of homeital carelessness and overweening callouness.

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self convoyed to the bed chamber
and pull off your-clothes. Leave
the clothes as they fall on the floor.
Place your head on a pillow that

#### **Ecuadorian Leader Democracy Advocate** Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

THE first president of a Latin-American Country ever Labora in the United States arrives in William 200 and the Lind States arrives in William 200 and the Lind States arrives in William 200 and Lind States are States and Lind States and L

plateaus of Ecuador.

More important than any of these, however, Galo Plaza is operating one of the few free and democratic countries in the Western Hemisphere. On a continent where democracy is squeezed between Communism and Heacism, and where democracy is considered a luxury safe only for countries which can afford deep-freezes, he has shown that democracy can work.

#### Cows By Airplane

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I CONFESS to being a little partial foward Galo Flaza.

I got to know him when he was ambassador to Washington, the introduction having come through the Madame Holstein and the fact that some of my cows are related to his. Incidentally, the President of Ecuador studied at his microduction, and the state of the

As a youngster, Galo Plaza was literally brought up in politics. His father served two terms as president of Ecuaw for, once before Galo was been, once afterward. Galo saw him put across what were then almost revolutionary people's work divorce, civil marriage, and expropriation of large landed estates.

During part of this time. Galo was a playbor at Maryland and California universities, approach, convertible and easier when the old general golf ed up with his son's life of ease and cut off his allowance. It was then that Galo did apples on the street corner of New York, later got a job as assistant purser on the Grace Line between New York and Chile.

## Fired Six Generals

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SUBSEQUENTLY. Galo and his father patched up their
differences, and young Plaza took over the operation
of the family's farms, where he introduced the family's farms, where he introduced the scale of the family and the scale of the family and the scale of the family and the famil

He did so. And the delineation between military and civilian government had progressed far enough in Ecuador that the six were not given the heroes' welcome given to General MacArthur in the United States today.

### Whistle-Stop Campaian

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GALO PLAZA served as ambassador in Washington during part of the vital war years, but resigned in 1946 in protest against the dictatorship of President Velasco, let ran for President humself in 1948, staging the same sort of whistle-stop campaign as liarry Truman and with With any political party behind him, be visited almost every town and village in Ecuador, and instead of harmaging the people with a stentorian outline of his policies, he asked their advice as to what should be done.

Galo Plaza's slogan since elected has been "More work and less politics."

"There are no quick solutions to Ecuador's problems," he says. "In a generation a miracle may be accomplished, but during my four years all I can do is to set the country on the right road."

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Accordingly, he has concentrated not on social reforms but on economic progress. His old friend, Nelson Rockeller, helped with this, sending American experts to study what products Ecusdor can best produce. As a result, the country is already on the way to becoming one of the great rice-growing areas of the world, and is allowly pulled to the control of the country is already on the way to becoming one of the great rice-growing areas of the world, and is allowly pulled to the country in the country is already to the country in the country is most disease-rided no country in South American.

Most important of all, however, Galo Piaza has remained one of the few Latin-American presidents to serve out his full four years without resorting to armed strength, without suppressing civil liberties.