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A TIME FOR FIRMNESS

IN THE Communist book of strategy, the fixing of a conference agenda is an instrument for exapperating and contains your opponent. The Communists have used the device over and over again—in the United Nations, at meetings of foreign ministers and deputy foreign ministers, in World War II consultations.

The Communists not only argue over the content of an agenda; they also try to dic-tate the precise wording, usually striving for some phraseology that would appear to give them an advantage.

The first session of the Korean truce ne-gotiators indicated that the Reds are up to their old tricks again. Though early news re-leases did not reveal what the Communists proposed, there was evidence in the cond-tions laid down by Vice Admiral Turner

Joy, top U. N. negotiator, that he anticipates difficulty in agreeing on an agenda.

The U. N., said Admiral Joy, will insist that the conference be limited to military matters in Kores. It will not consider "political and economic mattern of any kind." with there be any discussion of "military will there be any discussion of "military be added, is interested one "The U. N., able" cease-fire agreement "under conditions which will assure against their resumption."

If the first few sessions show conclusively that the Communists are quibiling over this agenda, Admiral Joy should act quickly and firmly to let them know that the U. N. del-egation has no intention of spending days and weeks arguing over the scope of the conference. It will be better to break off the negotiations than to yield to Communist wights in fixing the agends.

THE NEW CITY SALARY SCALE

NEWS stories on the City Council's de-cision to boost the salaries of City em-ployees did not indicate what yardstick, if any, the Council used. Apparently the Coun-cil just came to an agreement on a per-centage boost, and voted for it, without com-paring Charlotte public jobs with those of other cities or of equivalent jobs in private

The Council has followed a similar policy The Council has followed a similar policy since 1942 when City employees got a 10 per cent increase. In 1943, it was 5 per cent; in 1944, one was 5 per cent; in 1944, some salary readjustments; in 1946, 15 per cent; in 1947, 510 a month; in 1948, 515 a month: in 1948, 515 a month: in 1948, 6 per cent for some jobs, a per cent for others; in 1890, 25 per cent for others; in 1890, 25 per cent for some jobs, readjustments for others.

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This week the Council set the salary in-rease scale for 1951-52 fiscal year. It is as

follows:
Under \$200 a month, a \$10 a month inerease plus a 15 per cent after the addition of the \$10.

Between \$200 a month and \$4,800 a year.

15 per cent.

Under the new scale, a stenographer, for
expending, will advance from \$225 a month
to \$270.25 a month, or \$60.47 a week or \$1.00.

an hour.

A clerk in the Water Department will jump from \$105.00 to \$236.44 a month, or \$54.37 a week, or \$13.68 an hour.

TIR-News does not know whether the new salary schedule is too high, or too low. But it believes strongly that the Council

ought to look around a little and see how City employees are faring in comparison with nicipal and private employees elsewhere

City employees are faring in comparison with municipal and private employees elsewhere.

For example, the latest Bureau of Labor Statistics survey in Atlanta (where pay should be somewhat higher than in Charlotte) showed that the average stenographer drew a weekly salary of \$47 in March of this year (up from \$\$44 in January, 1950). A stenographer working for the Charlotte City Government will get \$\$6.47 a week, about 16 per cent was \$\$4.6 A Charlotte Water Department/ clerk will draw \$\$54.37 a week, about 18 per cent more than the Atlanta clerk. There are other "fringe benefits", too, Employees of the City Government get tweive working days of vacation each year. Since they are on a five-day week, their total vacation time is more than two weeks. They asing eft week days sick leave each year. And they enjoy nine and a half holidays.

It shouldn't be too difficult for the City's personnel department to find out what other personnel department of the departmen

municipal employees in cities of Charlotte's size are paid. And it would be comparatively easy to determine what equivalent private

easy to determine want equivalent private jobs are work. The NEWS believes that public servants should be paid adequately. It does not be-lieve they should be rewarded more gen-erously in Charlotte than elsewhere, just be-cause the City Council has preferred to fol-low a carefree system of handing out raises shounts his year.

DUPLICATION

IT MAY BE a trifling matter, but it seems to us that the Charlotte Housing Authority could have chosen a better name for its new white housing project than Belvedere

MR. COOLEY ON ROLLBACKS ly merits mention. Rollbacks may depreciate the value of private property without due process of law. That is a small matter when the Government, because of the war emergency, is not only depreciating the value of human life but often destroying it entirely by drafting young men and sending them out to fight our battles.

CONGRESSMAN HAROLD COOLEY'S impassioned declaration that price roll-backs are "unAmerican, immoral and illegal" needs re-examination.

The Tar Heel was speaking of all roll-backs—past as well as future. And he com-plained that they let the Government de-preciate the value of private property without due process of law.

Mr. Cooley is all wrong, and he's fooling no one, not even the farmers he defends so militantly as chairman of the House Agri-culture Committee.

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To ban all rollbacks is to bestow a bounty upon the selfish and greedy.

And Mr. Cooley's further comment scarce-

new white housing project than Belvedere Homes.

There is nothing wrong with the name Belladere, of course, except that there is already a Belvedere Avenue at the opposite end of the city, and the duplication cannot but add to an already bewildering assortment of the course of duplication names. And now the Housing Authority, an agency of the City official of the course of duplicated names. And now the Housing Authority, an agency of the City adds to their problem.

Executive Director Harold J. Dillehay says the name was chosen because the housing project site is within a real estate development known as Relvedere Heights. Our suggestion is that the name of both the development and the housing project be changed to something a bit more original. From The Greensboro Daily News

LOST AND FOUND AT MANTEO

Up at Chroixe before the opening of "Unto These Hills" John Parris staged a pilgrimage along the "Trail of Tears" from Western North Carolina to Oklahoma Tar Heel Cherokees visited their relatives in the West Western kin returned the courtesy and helped light the "Flame of Eternal Friendship" in the mountainside theater all to the accompaniment of excellent news

Now the drumbeaters down at Manter Bill Sharpe, Avcock Brown, Ben Dixon Mac Neill or somebody — have struck a resound-ing blow for the granddaddy of all the ing blow for the granddaddy of all the muttors plays, 'vesterday' front page carried exciting news of the capture by Very pitted of two escaped convicts backstage during the Sunday night performance of 'The Last Colony' William Meede Prince, the Chapel Hill artist and husband of 'Queen Elizabeth,' Birst spotted the escaped pair walking near his Mantee home. (They, had been brought over 16 Mantee for an atternoon baseball game from the Currituck Country prison camp). He noticed Albert Bell, 'Lost Colony' theater manager, who grabbed

THERES no end to what publicity men the Very pistol—used to fire a rocket over the heads of the audience ducing a dramatic Up at Cherokee before the opening of "that Ohese Hills" John Parris staged a pilgrimage along the "Trail of Tears" from Prince called the cops.

It was all very exciting, we think, as that part about the Very pistol adds just the right touch. (The Very pistol, in case ye right touch. (The Very pistol, in case you didn't know, does not go back to Elizabethan times, only to 1877 when Lt. Samuel W. Very invented it as a means of sending signals by rocket flares.)

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In a friendly sort of way we have a few questions to ask Bill Ayrock. Ben or the AP man who filled that story. Wann't it pretty dark in front of Bill Prince's house when he saw those convicts strolling along on their escapade? And how much time elapsed before he and Manager Bell corhered them on what must have been a darkened and rather confused "Lost Colony" backstage?

And, by the way, what were their names?

Well, perhaps we've missed the spirit of the incident posing all these tedious questions. It was a good story and it made the front page, and it Bill. Ayrock or Ben didn't have a hand in it, they missed a mighty good opportunity.



The Press And Investigations

THE investigative activities of Congress are as I old as Congress itself. The record of 169 years above that time after time the Congressional inquiry has been the means for throwing light into dark corners, for demonstrating the need for legislative action, for informing the public and opening the way to improvement and reformer. Is not to Mark part of this symposium, however, against its detractors and misusers, but to consider the relations between the Congressional investigation and the press.

decrators and masses, which investigation and the littles between the Congressional investigation and the Since this assignment puts me inecritably in the critic's seat it me say that I believe the press of the United States, notwithstanding its many faults, to be the most informed and most informing press in the world. But our press is not nearly so good as it should be or could be and one of the respects in which it needs to improve itself is investigation of the faults which characterize the handling of inquiries are faults which are common to the operation of our duly newspapers generally. Some of these shortcomings are chargeable to the owners and publishers. My own opinion is that these faults to a very large degree can be duly the state of the owners and the state of the owners and the definition of the owners and the definition of the owners and the definition of the owners and the state of the owners and the state of the owners and the definition of the owners and the state of the owners are the state of the owners and the state of the owners are the owners and the state of the owners are the owners and the owners are the owners are the owners are the owners and the owners are the owners and the owners are the owners are the owners and the owners are the owners are the owners and the owners are t

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in the United States were disloyally ever to begarded as news.

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matter of particular importance.

As costs of publishing mount the proportion of advertising space is high with the result that space for news is frequently reduced. So it is that pace for news is frequently reduced. So it is that direct news from Congressional investigations always gets printed. As a rule, denials receive less ways gets printed. As a rule, denials receive less not the charges. Even proof of uno-crine may construin of growing the charges. Even proof of undeed, proof of innocence may construin as as to be almost unrelated to the original charges.

An Editor Prints A Lie

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of it to make an entry in the record of the day's news. Frintling these lies, even this way, is one of the hardest things I have to 6.

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What A Newspaper Can Do

opeos those which are harmful. This needs asyung oppose those which are harmful. This needs asyung Upon occasion a newspaper has misjudged a Congressional investigation. When the late Senator Thomas J. Walsh of Montana dug into the Teapot Dome oil scandals of the 200, one of the most responsible and respected newspapers in the country belittled his undertaking and sought to discredit his intentions. In the end, Senator Walsh was widely explained for performing an outstanding pulping the preforming and outstanding upon the proposed of th

gard for the rights of others to the House and Senate, the inquiries of House and Senate will show these characteristics.

It is up to the newspapers to guide the voters in noninating and electing to Congress men and women who will make constructive use of the investigative function. It is up to the newspapers to hold members of Congress, once they are elected.

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Jealousies Working Against Gen. Ike's European Success

By MARQUIS CHILDS

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small arms ammunition. Italy's industry can produce airplane motors and other essentials caling for advanced technology. But such specialization has been stouly resisted. That is one reason so few defense contracts have been let. Unless there is much greater urgency behind the drive, this fact, coupled with shortages of scarce materials, will likely in

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It Seems Possible That The Indians Got The Best Deal

By ROBERT C. RUARK

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I SEE where the Indians are clamoring to get back a piece of Manhattan on the ground that they got swindled by old Peter Minuit, who bought the island for 24 bucks worth of beads and a cast of firewater.

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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round Three Motives Behind Peace Feelers

WASHINGTON TIS impossible, of course, to know exactly why Moscow made a peace move at this specific time. But calls at the State Dept. by two embassies may give the answer. One is the French embassy which has informed Secretary of State Acheon that Chinese troops are already fields in South China have been enlarged—obviously for a The other is the "..."

massing on the French Indo-Chinese orocer and that ampleds in South China have been enlarged—obviously-for a new stack.

It is not a superior of the State Dept. that Rumanian troops are maneuvering and that Tito believes there is a 50-50 chance the long-expected attack on Yugoslavia will begin this Fall.

It doesn't take even a smart mind-reader to figure out the superior of the

Notives defining feat.

It will be interesting to see how far the solons in concress fall into Moscow, trap 30 far, in report to inflation, they seem to be falling fast.

Ironian Politics

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