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A TIME FOR FIRMNNESS

THE Communist book of strategy, the fitting of a conference agenda is an instrument for exparting and confusing your opponent. The Communists have used the device over and over again—in the United States 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 dictate the precise wording, usually striving for some phraseology that would appear to give them an advantage.

THE NEW CITY SALARY SCALE

NEWS stories on the City Council's decision to boost the salaries of City employees did not indicate what yardstick, if any, the Council used. Apparently the Council just came to an agreement on a percentage basis and voted for it without comparing Charlotte public jobs with those of other cities or of equivalent jobs in private enterprise.

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, it was 5 per cent; in 1945, some salary readjustments; in 1946, 15 per cent; in 1947, \$10 a month; in 1948, \$15 a month; in 1949, \$20 a month. The City has not done anything for others; in 1950, 2.5 per cent for some jobs, readjustments for others.

This week the Council set the salary increase scale for 1951-52 fiscal year. It is as follows: Under \$200 a month, a \$10 a month increase plus 15 per cent after the addition of \$10; Between \$200 a month and \$400 a year, 15 per cent; Over \$400 a year, 3 per cent. Under the new scale, a stenographer, for example, will advance from \$235 a month to \$270.25 a month, or \$26.47 a week or \$137 an hour.

MR. COOLEY ON ROLLBACKS

CONGRESSMAN HAROLD COOLEY'S impassioned declaration that price rollbacks are "un-American, immoral and illegal" needs re-examination. The price rollbacks are not a part of the war emergency; they are a part of the war emergency. It is not only destroying it entirely by drafting young men and sending them out to fight our battles.

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He is all wrong, and he's fooling his constituents. He is not even the farmers he defends so militantly as chairman of the House Agriculture Committee. He doesn't like rollbacks, either, but in a national emergency in which the security of our nation is at stake, selective rollbacks are often justified. The price rollbacks are a part of the war emergency; they are a part of the war emergency.

FROM THE GREENSBORO DAILY NEWS

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

The U. N. Ad. Joint. Joy will insist that the conference be limited to military matters in Korea. It will not consider "political and economic matters of any kind." Joy will also argue over the scope of the conference. It will be better to break off the negotiations than to yield to Communist wishes in fixing the agenda.

ought to look around a little and see how 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) shows 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 \$62.47 a week, about 32 per cent more than her Atlanta equal.

It shouldn't be too difficult for the City's personnel department to find out what other municipal employees in cities of Charlotte's size are paid. And if the answer is not satisfactory to determine what equivalent private jobs are worth.

THE News believes that public servants should be paid equitably. It does not believe they should be regarded as a necessary evil in Charlotte but elsewhere, just because the City Council has preferred to follow a careless system of handing out raises through the years.

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 Homes. There is nothing wrong with the name Belvedere, 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 identical street names in Charlotte.

Executive Director H. Dillshay says the name was chosen because the housing project site is within a real estate development known as Belvedere Heights. Our suggestion is that the name of both the development and the housing project be changed to something a bit more original.

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By MARQUIS CHILDS



WASHINGTON The near future production of the political life will be in the fire. The Eisenhower administration is so intensely under fire trying circumstances to galvanize the people of the world to support the United States. There is evidence of the development of a clique in this country of those who are so intensely anti-Eisenhower, haters and fanatics, they are motivated, of course, by the obvious fact of his overwhelming popularity in this country.

A Problem in Journalism

THE investigative activities of Congress are as old as Congress itself. The record of 160 years shows 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 eyes of those who are asleep.

Consider the still unproved charges of widespread infiltration of Communists into Department of State as made by Senator Joseph R. McCarthy of Wisconsin. To their credit, many editorial pages criticized the technique of the unproved accusation.

The Press And Investigations

Of it to make an entry in the record of the day's news. Printing these lies, even this way, is one of the hardest things I have to do. The managing editor manifestly may not label each news item with a tag either "true" or "untrue." First of all, he cannot possibly know where truth is in all cases.

For And Against Itself? The Milwaukee Journal, the largest newspaper in Senator McCarthy's home state, was one of the first to disavow not only what he had to say, but also his own method.

As To 'Man Bites Dog'

THE man who considers Congressional investigations as the most important news still is the unions. The ancient definition of news in terms of "man bites dog" continues in the main to hold good. That is why charges of dishonesty receive immediate attention. It would be a sad day, indeed, in the United States were dishonesty ever to become so common that it would no longer be regarded as news.

What A Newspaper Can Do

IT may be speaking the obvious to say that the press should encourage beneficial investigations and oppose those which are harmful. This needs saying nonetheless.

Editor Prints A Lie An even the most devoted editor is not entirely a free agent on the side of truth. It can be illustrated in the case of Oliver K. Kirby, managing editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal, from 1908 to 1938.

Drew Pearson's Three Motives Behind Peace Feelers

IT IS impossible, of course, to know exactly why Moscow made its peace feelers at this time. But calls at the State Dept. by two embassies may give the same answer.

One is the French embassy which has informed Secretary of State Acheson that Chinese troops are already crossing the French-Indo-China border and are massing on the French-Indo-China border.

The other is the Yugoslav embassy which has informed the State Dept. that Rumanian troops are moving into the Balkans. Also, it is reported that the Kremlin has an awful lot to gain by prolonged peace talks in Korea.

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REPORTS from Europe indicate that already the stirring speech which Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower made in London last week is beginning to get results. In that talk, which was a kind of a trial run for the more extensive speech which he will make in London this week, he outlined a program for the free world which would be more effective in order to defeat the Communist threat.

It was a courageous speech, since the Supreme Commander of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's boldness pointed to the next essential step. And what step is not all popular with some of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's members. Britain's Labor Government takes a dim view of European union.

SPECIAL PRODUCTION

THE new special production of defense production could be parceled out to countries with specialized facilities. France is equipped to produce trucks, half-tracks and other vehicles for all the NATO powers in Europe.

do not believe that sort can succeed. Eisenhower's hold on the country is so strong that it is almost certain this does not mean that he has any considerable chance of obtaining a longer term of either major party.

It Seems Possible That The Indians Got The Best Deal

By ROBERT C. RUARK

THE Red Man was a pretty smart cookie, in those days, before the coming of the white man. He was a simple fellow, but he was a physical fighter, and he was a Man could see the handwriting on the wigwam wall.

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Iranian Politics

WHILE Prime Minister Mohammed Mossadegh is taking over the vital Iranian oil fields, his No. 1 assistant, Dr. Mehrdad Fattimi, is secretly on trial for misappropriation of funds.

This is the fourth time Fattimi has been caught by the police, and though condemned by various courts, he continues to ignore the whole world.

Doctor Fattimi has so much influence that he's even been able to suppress news of his own trial. Organized crime in the United States has made a million dollars out of this.

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