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COUNCIL FIDDLES WHILE DRIVERS BURN

BEFORE the City Council undertook a major grade crossing elimination project, it employed a Greenboro engineer to make complete survey of the cost and the anticipated results thereof. Before the City Council tackled stream pollution, it employed a Chicago engineer to study the volume and characteristics of industrial waste, and recommended way to handle it.

WE CITE these precedents today to illustrate our bewilderment over the Council's continued reluctance to vote funds for an adequate survey of the City's need for offstreet parking facilities. This week Chairman David Craig of the five-man Charlotte Parking Commission renewed his plan to have an appropriate \$250,000 study made.

AN EARLIER parking commission headed by E. A. Dillon suggested an aggressive program of action. The current commission headed by Mr. Craig and including George Dowdy, R. S. Abernathy Jr., Robert Chapman, and G. D. Batts, is chafing under the Council's indefinite inaction.

It is time, we believe, for the people to ask their elected representatives these searching questions: 1. Do you have an open mind on the subject of offstreet parking facilities? 2. If so, are you not placing the interest of private parking operators above the public interest in refusing to vote money for an adequate survey?

TWO PROPOSALS: ONE GOD, ONE BAD

COUNCILMAN W. L. Coddington was leading from strength when he urged the Council to restore the unanimous consent agreement which was broken when any item of business not on the advance agenda without the special approval of all Councilmen present.

Most legislative bodies are found for wisdom in an agenda or a calendar for conducting their business. The device is not for their own convenience so much as it is a protection for the public. When an agenda is fixed 24 or 48 hours before Council meeting time and given full publicity in the newspapers, each citizen can find out at what time of business in which he is interested are coming up.

QUEASY CONSCIENCES?

MOST Americans will accept, albeit reluctantly, a truce, and open military relations with Communist France, provided it will materially strengthen our defenses against Communism without compromising our battle for freedom everywhere.

But that eyebrows must have lifted across the nation when the Senate Foreign Relations Committee struck out this section of a subcommittee report on aid to Spain:

"No one questions that Spain would be a useful ally in the event of a Communist attack in Europe. The question is one of whether the acquisition of such an ally is worth the price that would be exacted by way of compromising our moral and spiritual values shared by the free nations of the Atlantic area."

Another section linking Yugoslavia with a smear attack when he sees one. We'll second the Senator's motion, with this one added proviso—that each and every person that McCarthy has called a Communist or a Communist sympathizer from his privileged sanctuary on the Senate floor also be given "equal time" and "equal facilities" to answer those charges.

SECOND THE MOTION

SENATOR MCCARTHY of Wisconsin says President Truman made a "smear attack" on him when he denounced "slanders" and "smear attacks" by the American Legion the other day. McCarthy has demanded that the radio networks give him "equal time" to answer the President.

The President mentioned no one by name, but Mr. McCarthy says he was the object of Mr. Truman's remarks, will take his word for it. The Wisconsin senator said to know

Ditchmen On The Press'

(The editors of The News slipped yesterday in announcing that Westbrook Pegler would be next on the program in the Providence, R. I. Journal's Pezzer prize series on four top commentators. There is a fourth name on the list, but we regret we are unable to share with The Journal's permission. A four-part series on Pegler starts tomorrow. Editors, The News.)

Fulton Lewis Jr.—IV

Fulton Lewis Jr., the personable commentator who broadcasts the news to 10,000,000 Americans every weekday, has been bedeviled with a number of impressive projects. He is said to have been instrumental in killing the wartime OPA program, of paving the way for David Lilienthal to leave government service, and of managing to cast a cloud of treason over a former Vice President of the United States.

But Lewis has now undertaken what must be regarded as the most impressive project of his career — the destruction of the United Nations.

It is not to intimate that Lewis is capable of dismantling the international organization single-handed. But his activities in the present campaign to disband the United Nations are a good example of Lewis' peculiar role in the last few years.

Lewis has been busy since the United Nations during the study period in which, for him, a mild interest in the UN was not enough, he was able to limit himself to a remark that a known Communist is a member of the subcommittee of the UN, under the kindly protection and good offices of United Nations officials.

In all his subsequent attacks on the United Nations, Lewis apparently looked upon it as a strictly anti-American institution, a charity service to which no one who disagreed should be admitted.

On April 13 he increased his fire, making the case of the late Navy private in the Baltic, and said, "It is destined to go before the United Nations, but with the appeasement and mollycoddling of the Soviet Union since the United Nations, but with nothing can do it. There at Lake Success they deliberate and discuss and discuss and discuss and then deliberate and discuss some more. And it's all very noisy. But it's all very noisy. It ever gets accomplished, and if it were to be accomplished there is no doubt that it would be."

PROTECTION FOR SOVIET "The truth is, and this is an excellent fact, that not only is the United Nations organization as such a protection for the Soviet Union, but that it actually is serving as a protective shield for the Soviet Union to do whatever it wishes to do. It's ruthless and reckless campaign of world piracy. As long as the United Nations Organization exists, the participating powers are bound to do nothing to completely impotent to try to settle their difficulty. And as long as the United Nations has no fear of retaliation or any reprisals from anybody, regardless of how much it has been completely impotent to do anything about it, it prefers to have it remain as it is, unworkable, thus enabling Russia to continue to gobble up the world unopposed and without any unfavorable publicity."

Others who issued statements disagreeing with Hoover were John Foster Dulles, former Secretary of State John D. Hickerson. Having assumed for his 10,000,000 listeners that Mr. Roosevelt wishes to help Russia gobble up the world and having placed such bitter accusations on Russia as Roosevelt John Foster Dulles into the Russian agreement program, the golden voice of Fulton Lewis Jr. was able to conclude his program with the usual:

"That's the top of the news as it looks for here. Since then certain highly placed political figures have started a campaign to disband the United Nations, some of them repeating terms and phrases used by Lewis 3 months ago."

Westbrook Pegler and the Graves. Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round Operation Balloon is Privately Sponsored Stalin's Achilles' Heel THESE are some of the reasons why private individuals tackled this experiment of trying to make the Iron Curtain a face curtain. Personally I am convinced from what I've seen of the Iron Curtain and from other information that it's not the atomic bomb but contact with free peoples that the Soviet fears most.

Therefore, if we are to win the subjugated nations over to our side, we must inspire them, encourage them to liberate themselves from the Iron Curtain. Stalin must fear such contact that he'll dread the Iron Curtain and it is to hit his Achilles' heel that a group of private individuals and organizations, has now organized a study of the Iron Curtain and encouragement by balloon into Czechoslovakia.

The people who had the courage to sponsor this project are the American Crusade for Freedom Organization, an American Federation of Free Trade Unions, which has been fighting Communism throughout Latin America, veterans or prisoners of war, chiefly from Belgium, France, Holland and Italy, the General Federation of Women's Clubs with 5,000,000 members in 32 countries plus another five and a half million in the United States, the American League of Women's Clubs, the CIO, Canadian Congress of Labor, and the International Fed-

eration of Free Journalists, comprising about 1,000 newsmen exiled from Soviet countries. The chief impetus in this intricate operation has been Abbott Washburn, loaned by General Mills of Minneapolis to the Committee for Free Europe which has done such an important job of hearing broadcasts into Czechoslovakia and placed the Freedom Bell in Berlin last year. Harold Stassen, who heads the Crusade for Freedom, has helped to mastermind the operation. At the initial news launch from Munich, Germany, were also Edoleski, Wieslanski of Poland, George Jozsefi of the Rumanian Federation of Free Journalists, Frau Lotte Stosch of Germany and Mrs. Robert Taylor, both of the Federation of Women's Clubs.

It is considered especially significant in Europe that these balloons are being sent in this intricate operation has been the Chief of the American League of Women's Clubs, which has been fighting Communism throughout Latin America, veterans or prisoners of war, chiefly from Belgium, France, Holland and Italy, the General Federation of Women's Clubs with 5,000,000 members in 32 countries plus another five and a half million in the United States, the American League of Women's Clubs, the CIO, Canadian Congress of Labor, and the International Fed-

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Jeepers, Fellows, It's The Scout Master



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A Solemn Vow

THE NEWS: TROY ON Sunday afternoon, Aug. 12, Montgomery County was the scene of mass murder in a two-car, automobile crash that occurred on one of the main highways near the Pee Dee River bridge that joins Montgomery and Stanly Counties. Seven people were killed.

The next day, Lewis again returned to the United Nations. "I might suggest that you be on the news tomorrow night which I understand will be carried by some of the networks, speech by former President Hoover on international affairs, because I personally have an advanced copy of that address and it is really of major importance. He proposes some new approaches on the international picture, that make a lot of sense in my language and, I suspect, will make a lot of sense in yours."

BRANDS FOES APPEASERS After discussing the Hoover proposal that the latter proposal rests very poorly, indeed, with the Russian press, it is believed that Hoover hastened to express their criticism at once. And it might be injected that Hoover would not do a very illuminating selective set as to just where certain important figures stand. Whether they are Russian appeasers secretly feeling that the Soviet Union is all right and the present trouble will all blow over or whether they have all been realistic, so count them with the Russian Roosevelt.

Home Accidents A Myth CHARLOTTE EDITORS: THE NEWS: I WAS reading a survey made a day or two ago in the home. This is one of the major myths of our time. At least 75 per cent of all "accidents in the home" are phony. The stories which link of "slipping in the bath-tub," "falling down a flight of stairs," "slipping on junior's bicycle," "falling out of bed," "being attacked by a pair of scissors," or "getting the head caught in an electric fan," are just plain malarky.

Most of these injuries are the result of a wife throwing a pressure cooker at the husband; a son-in-law engaging in fistfights with a father-in-law; a student-law bashing in the head of a daughter-in-law, etc. By the time it is decided that outside treatment is necessary, or even hospitalization, the argument has been pitched up and the two contestants then put their heads together to think up a new angle to this "accident at home" business. Sorry to have disillusioned you, again.

—H. E. BRADEMAN. Lancaster Stock Boost HEATH SPRINGS, S. C. EDITORS: THE NEWS: I READ with interest the article in The Charlotte News about the fine condition of Marlboro County, S. C. Also in the article I read that that fine county had just sold some bonds for the record low interest rate of 3.03, which I must say does reflect a good financial rating.

However, to keep the records straight and in a small way boost the stock of Lancaster County, I wish to cite you these records. In March, 1951, Lancaster County sold \$200,000 worth of school bonds, at which time about ten investment firms

participated in the bids, and the bonds were sold to the low bidder at a price of 1.93 which is considerably less than the Marlboro bonds sold for. I am delighted to know of the wonderful financial condition in Marlboro County; but we also want you to know that we are enjoying good health in Lancaster also.

—W. BRUCE WILLIAMS, Senator from Lancaster County. Favors Pension Bills EDITORS: THE NEWS: CONGRESS has loaded the United States with debt; it has devalued the currency of the United States, thus making high prices inevitable; and expensive losses of those of fixed income—most prohibitive; it has given hundreds of millions of foregone savings; it has devalued the pensions of Spanish-American War widows to the tune of \$100,000,000.

It is to be seen whether or not Congress has as generous a feeling toward the widows of American soldiers who have fought for the free lands of Europe, Asia, and the peoples of the four islands of the sea, some of whom, at least, are Communists, and enemies of the verities of American civilization.

Congress will have to face the people on the vote on a pension bill for the next hundred million citizens to cover the appropriations made to foreign-born soldiers who have fought for America. ex-soldiers, some of whom are disabled for life, fighting for your rights and mine, who have to face the depreciated dollar that you have made. What does Congress intend to do on these pension bills?

—HOYT H. EAVES. No One Is Perfect EDITORS: THE NEWS: MOST of us are not considered handsome, good-looking nor beautiful. Many of us are fat, lean, hooked nose, freckled and generally unshapely. Some of us are too tall, others are too short. I don't let that worry you. Let's be happy with what we got and make the most of it. After all we're in the majority. There is no such thing as a perfect man.

Any average looking woman can make any average man happy. The perfection that either man or woman seeks in the other is sheer nonsense. One thing certain: there is no perfection either physically, mental nor moral in any warm-blooded animal including the human one. We are born with imperfection, we live with imperfection and we die as a result of imperfection.

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