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WHO CONTROLS TEACHER EDUCATION?

BECAUSE we have had several editorials on the subject, we devote the entire People's Platform space today to a letter defending the state's teacher certification system. The writer of the letter, A. B. Gibson, is superintendent of the Lumburg Schools and immediate past president of the N. C. Education Association.

young girls from entering the elementary teaching profession. These facts alone should have prompted the North Carolina College Conference, at its recent meeting, to approve a motion from the Central Committee of Co-operative Research, to review certification requirements. The Conference failed to do so, after the motion was opposed by Dr. Hillman, Guy E. Phillips, chairman of the Commission on Education, and Dr. Leo Jenkins, dean of education at East Carolina College.

The finer points of the continuing discussion we leave to such authorities as Dr. Edgar Knight, Kenan professor of education at UNC, and Dr. Edward Kidder, Graham, chancellor of the Woman's College in Greensboro, who find themselves in the position of leadership in the effort to obtain a review of the whole certification structure.

For our part, we would but note that North Carolina is facing a critical shortage of elementary teachers. Too many able students shy away from education as a career. Facilities of liberal arts which admit only four-fifths of a teacher's education, have no voice in counseling on courses required for teacher certification. And there seems to be no intention on the part of those who now control teacher education to give college presidents, academic deans, or heads of departments of the humanities, social studies, and natural sciences, adequate participation at the policy-making level.

1. North Carolina needed 1,200 elementary teachers for replacement alone in 1951. It produced only 500.
2. Reports from Educational Testing Service, Selective Service, and other responsible sources indicate that students enrolled in teacher education rank low in comparison with other students.

3. There is inadequate but pointed evidence that the four-year stretch-out of certification studies discourages many of the more intelligent and more highly spirited

GOOD RULES FOR EMPLOYMENT BY THE U. N.

THE lawyers whom Trygve Lie called in to advise him regarding the reorganization of the U. N. and its staff to the U. S. and its investigators, have rendered a commonsense decision. The gist of it is that Secretary-General A. G. Rønnevig should be acceptable to their native countries. Upon this opinion can be built a realistic policy which will keep the U. N. Secretariat free of domination by any one group and maintain faith of member nations in the U. N.

If adopted, this policy will also respect the rights of individuals working for the Secretariat, with one exception. If an American engineer is accused of espionage or subversion and refuses to cooperate with the U. S. government, then, as at the U. S. government for the investigation or dismissal of certain Americans has ever been directed to Mr. Lie.

If the McCarran subcommittee would like to reassure Americans that it's out to get real subversives, rather than the U. N. itself, it should promptly find out whether the U. S. government ever asked Mr. Lie to clear U. S. employees with our security agencies. If no such request was made, our own officials, rather than Mr. Lie, are to blame if some Comings got on the U. N. pay roll.

GOOD MAN FOR A BIG JOB

HENRY CABOT LODGE SR. were he living, would probably roar disapproval of President-Eisenhower's appointment of Henry Cabot Lodge Jr. as head of the U. S. delegation to the Communist countries, in this country on U. N. business, should be fired if they engage in subversive activities. The same applies to non-Communists who go on U. N. business to

larily well-informed on military matters. Although President-Eisenhower owes Senator Lodge considerable thanks for his astute handling of the Eisenhower campaign from SHAPE last January to that first final battle in Chicago, Lodge fully merits his appointment, political considerations aside.

After the convention Lodge hastened to Massachusetts, where he lost his Senate seat to Rep. John Kennedy. Since shortly after the election Lodge has served as one of Eisenhower's principal liaison men with the outgoing administration.

As head of our U. N. delegation Lodge will replace another Republican ex-Senator, Warren Austin, who has served with distinction. We can expect equal competence and even more vigor from Mr. Lodge. Of the dozen or so key appointments made by Eisenhower so far, Lodge's is one of the most fitting, and we applaud it heartily.

When Henry Cabot Lodge Jr. left his newspaper career to become a legislator, he seemed at first that he would follow the ideological trail of his grandfather. But before long his views changed. He became one of the leaders of the progressive wing of the Republican Party which questioned part in much of the foreign policy of the Roosevelt and Truman administrations. He is particu-

From The New York Herald Tribune

deavored the marlin, leaving the poor fisherman with nothing but some fishbones to eat overboard. In a way, Mr. Gell's interesting experience at Eastborne takes revenge upon sharks. It also suggests that it's wise to aim an anchor before dropping it. And finally, it demonstrates conclusively that a day's fishing in the shark-infested waters of the Atlantic is a complicated business. Maybe Mr. Hemmingway can make all this into a story.

A woman gets her best wear out of a pair of old shoes looking for new ones.—Elliott (G.S.) News.

Georgia Tech to get \$150,000 to play in the Sugar Bowl. So that's why they call it the Sugar Bowl.—Kingsport (Tenn.) Times-News.

The Korean War seems as endless as the old days. They're fighting all the while at the battle of the Nile, at the battle of the Nile they are fighting all the while.—Eisenhower (R.S.) News.

The world has heard Queen Elizabeth's speech from the throne. In the cases of France and some other heads of royal families, the world has heard their speeches from the throne.—Chicago (S.S.) News.

You Say The Reports Are Greatly Exaggerated?

Korea Just One of Dangers That Confront New Regime



People's Platform

Teacher Training Defended

LAURINBURG
A GREAT deal of editorial comment has been occasioned by the fact that the North Carolina College Conference failed to appoint a committee to review North Carolina certification requirements for elementary teachers.

It is assumed by many that these requirements are unreasonable, loaded down with dull methodology courses, and primary cause of our present serious shortage of elementary teachers. The surprising thing is that no one takes the time to inform the public as to the nature of the certification requirements. The result is that the public, including many editors, seems to be shouting at us from the dark about what we are doing.

A CAREFUL and thoughtful study of the North Carolina certification requirements will be good for our critics and good for our schools. The eight-hour, professional study required for the elementary certificate includes six hours of didactic study, development and characteristic behavior patterns; six semester hours of study of the school; its history, organization and purposes; six semester hours of teaching, including classroom management, methods and practice teaching. Who but the most foolhardy would want to entrust his child to a teacher with less professional training? Who but the most ignorant would wish to entrust his child to a teacher with less professional requirements are just as essential.

Most of them should be a part of the cultural background of all students, especially girls, who graduate from our colleges and universities. Twelve semester hours in English, including two in children's literature; six semester hours of geography, which is highly desirable for all college graduates; six semester hours of music and six of art. These subjects, which are completely essential to the elementary requirements for the elementary certificate in North Carolina.

It would appear that there is need for our liberal arts colleges to re-examine their own requirements if they are neglecting the students' need for the liberal arts. They are, as previously pointed out, for the most part essential elements of a liberal education, especially for girls. More progress is being made in this respect by our elementary teachers if these academic requirements were made a part of the general requirements. We made good position to use an elementary training is needed—not less—and by teachers whose training is matched by their inspiration and experience.

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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON
THO those who have long studied the Korean stalemate, the changes of General Eisenhower's breaking it, following his trip to Korea, seem to be a mere business deal, the Korean War gives us a hand in international affairs, and Eisenhower all his life has been lucky. His Army career has shown some extraordinary lucky breaks, and he has shown the ability to capitalize on them. Korea might be such a break.

So the American public should be prepared for the possibility that the Chinese in Korea are another less than ideal break which Eisenhower might possibly get involved in a complete change of policy inside the Kremlin, and this will be discussed later.

Troops From Formosa

DARRING heaven-ent luck, however, here are some definite courses which Eisenhower can consider:
A. The use of two, or possibly three, divisions of Chiang Kai-shek's troops in Formosa, to control the equipping of two more divisions of South Korean troops.

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Other Danger Zones

FURTHERMORE, the same line of argument that is also pointing that President Eisenhower will not see the existence of the same danger in other areas. In Indo-China particularly, the position is even more threatening.

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Kingstree, S. C.

THERE WAS A GUY in Kingstree, S. C., who was looking at a lady from a distance, roughly estimated at 25 feet. He was looking at her with a certain amount of interest, but when she turned around and looked at him, he was startled.

Female Ogle Always Starts at the Top

THE female ogle always starts at the top and travels to the shoes. If the female is oging other females, she will first ogle their hats or hairdo. If she is oging men, she still starts with the profile and flicks her eyes over their bodies.

Another Type

THIS is certainly not true of the girl who is oging you. She will round her mouth into a great "O" of astonishment. This fellow is the naive type who is taken in by the female's wiles. A belle is a humbugger. This is potential marriage bait and complete waste of time.

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