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'Yeah, He Was Always A Guy That Liked Freedom'

Taft, Now After Brown, Has Been Getting The Breaks

By JOSEPH & STEWART ALSOP

A PAUSE BETWEEN ERAS

TODAY the pen that charts the course of American history pauses, to mark the dividing line between two eras. As on Inauguration Day in 1803, 1815, 1861, 1865, so today a new leader, symbolizing a break with the past, takes his vow to faithfully execute his office and preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States. The Roosevelt Revolution, the New Fair Deal Period, whatever the chroniclers decide to call it, is ended. The nation enters another phase, the duration and destination of which is known to no man.

The bitterness of inter-party struggles fades as the new President and his predecessor join in transferring the stewardship of government in simple yet moving ceremonies. The order and smoothness of that transfer remind America of the quietude of the enduring yet elastic quality of our oldest of constitutional governments. Some

of the pagantry and parading in Washington today are misleading in that they obscure the less ostentatious preparations for the inauguration. In two and one-half months President Eisenhower has assembled a staff almost complete at the higher levels. Many of these men have been working for weeks with their predecessors who, under former President Truman's leadership, operated with the new team in unprecedented manner. Some of the old hands have agreed to stay on for a further period of orientation. Because of this joint effort we have today a government that could act promptly in any emergency.

Most members of the outgoing administration leave with our sincere admiration and thanks. President Eisenhower carries with him to office our profound respect, high hopes and our prayers. May he have the wisdom, may the people have the courage, to fulfill the difficult tasks ahead.

MECKLENBURGERS HAVE SPOKEN

LAST WEEK three of the five members of the Mecklenburg legislative delegation told it was up to the County Commissioners to decide whether the County Police Department and Sheriff's Department should be merged. They wanted to find out "what the people back home" think about the idea.

The Assemblymen now know how the Commissioners and the people feel.

Yesterday the Commissioners voted, four to one, against the proposed merger.

Mecklenburg citizens, by letters and phone calls to public officials and this newspaper, said they were against the merger.

The Mecklenburg citizens who appeared before the County Commission yesterday were against the merger.

Both Mecklenburg daily newspapers and the weekly Mecklenburg Times are against the merger.

County groups that have gone on public record on this issue are against the merger.

One legislator, Sen. Fred H. McIntyre, and Commissioner, Ernest K. Brown, are for the merger. Other supporters of the plan have not openly declared themselves.

The overwhelming sentiment of Mecklenburg County, then, is against the merger. We would interpret this to mean that, while desiring economy (and it is questionable whether the proposed merger would have this effect), Mecklenburgers do not want economy at the expense of efficiency and which would mean non-political competence, which

WHY NOT A HOLIDAY?

NORTH CAROLINA does not go hog wild in the matter of declaring holidays. For example, the General Assembly that establishes holidays has not joined other legislatures commemorating Gen. Douglas MacArthur, or Pioneer Day, Victory Day, Flag Day, Tea Weeks, excepting the bankers, work on while most of the rest of the nation pauses to remember on Memorial Day. There is only one day of the year, when the State, but not North Carolina, memorialize Columbus Day.

Our state notes the major holidays—New Year's Day, Washington's birthday, the Fourth of July, Easter Day, Christmas, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Then it remembers Robert E. Lee's birthday (Tennessee bows to North and South by being the only Southern state that observes Lincoln's birthday), Easter Monday, Confederate Memorial

GOOD BUSINESS

WE'VE JUST READ a speech that belongs in the man-bites-dog department. A man's business has been seemingly hurt by the Government, and he likes it.

The man is J. G. Sheenan, president of the Elgin National Watch Company. The watch industry's request for more protective tariff, okayed by the Tariff Commission, was denied by President Truman. And Sheenan agrees with the President.

They agree, however, for different reasons. The President broadly states that the denial of the tariff hike served the interests of national security. Sheenan got specific and, right to the heart of the matter. He believes the "only alternative to expanded watch production is the imposition of huge American handouts in a futile attempt

From The St. Louis Globe-Democrat

BUNGLER BARBECUE

THERE OUGHT to be a law, probably with capital punishment, against what most places call nowadays as Southern barbecue ribs. They are a libel on Dixie and good only for living adventurously, and temporarily.

Three schools of thought seem to prevail: (1) Burn ribs briskly over fire of blast furnace temperature; bury under catnip. (2) Toast slowly over coals to the hardness of a cornstarch; bury under catnip. (3) Boil in pressure cooker, then broil till the rest of the taste is gone; bury under catnip. For the pioneering type, there is a spectacular variation: Pour on the catsup first. This is known as the case-hardening method; the sauce and translucent solidifies like steel scum in a slag pit.

After the shirt front has absorbed the cat-

to bolster the economy of distressed nations". And he rejects:

"The classic idea that cheap foreign competition inevitably destroys a domestic industry and causes wholesale unemployment is substituting for that concept the principal of industrial evolution; we are hedging against foreign competition by diversifying, so that we can create new sources of income and new jobs to replace the old when the market for the old goods dries up and sales operation is backed up by a rapidly expanding research, product-development and design organization."

Coming from the head of an organization that will suffer temporary adjustment difficulties because of the President's ruling, his opinion has particular weight. We suspect he will continue creating goods, jobs and providing for after some of his short-sighted colleagues have gone out of business.

As an old Southerner, sub, we insist that is the main culprit. Self-respecting barbecue requires no less than eight, preferably 24, hours' residence in hot hickory smoke, at least two feet from the fire's heat. In the true barbecue oven usually six to eight feet long, the smoke progresses from firebox to closed smoke chamber to chimney set flush with the ground. The smoke cooks, not the fire. To hasten real barbecuing it is like hastening a strip-tease. It ruins the rest. If the parties want to heal the wounds of the Old South, they can unite in a crusading alliance against the high treason of low chicanery, with catsup.



People's Platform

Letters should be brief. The writer's name and address must be given, but may be withheld from publication in the discretion of the Editors. The News reserves the right to condense.

Questions Consolidation Move

Editor, The News: I wish to express my appreciation to the County Police Department for the information they have given me regarding the proposed consolidation of the County Police Department with the Sheriff's Office. I am sure that the consolidation will be a great benefit to the County and the people of Mecklenburg.

Likes Umstead's Lockout Stand

Editor, The News: I wish to commend Governor Umstead on his courageous stand against use of the "lockout" in the case of the West Point. His stand is a great inspiration to all citizens who believe in the right of every citizen to work wherever he chooses, and that laws which restrict this right are unjust and should be repealed.

Vote On Veteran Bonus

Editor, The News: I wish to express my thanks to Andrew Delvecchio for his fine and effort to get the veterans bonus. I feel it should be put to a vote. We vote for most every other thing.

Prohibition Can Work

Editor, The News: In the second editorial Tuesday, Jan. 13, you wrote "Prohibition, A Farce in Mississippi". In that editorial you say "Prohibition law will ever work, in Mississippi or elsewhere, and if liquor is not to be sold, it will be sold clandestinely. You evidently are men of great and unerring wisdom. Why did you not also say (and we agree) that the same is true of the liquor law in Mississippi or anywhere else? We have a law against murder, but people still kill each other. We have a law against stealing, but people still steal. Why not repeal the law against liquor, and let the people decide for themselves whether they want to drink or not? I've yet to see anybody advocating the repeal of these laws.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

Editor, The News: Many memories will crowd the mind of Dwight Eisenhower as he rides down Pennsylvania Avenue today. His days as a farm boy in Kansas, his first speech as a Democrat at a Jackson Day dinner in Abilene, his speech at West Point, his promotion as the highest military command, the triumphs, the turning points of war, the Battle of the Bulge, the change of the country has seen since the last Republican President. Eisenhower has ridden down the Avenue before, once as a home-coming hero, once in a very minor capacity, when in obeying superior orders he helped evacuate the bonus army. That was exactly 20 years ago, in the last year of the last Republican President. Things were a lot different then, as the buildings along the line of march today so graphically illustrate.

Down The Avenue

ONE of the cheap little restaurants, the Japanese souvenir shops, the tawdry bars, the semi-light district in the shadow of the Capitol. Gone are the ramshackle empty buildings in which the bonus army camped. Replacing them are parks, the biggest gas filling station in the world, and the Mellon Art Gallery—established a few years ago. The biggest gas filling station trouble. Replacing them also are the Archives Building, guarding the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution which the new President today swears



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But the law is the law; and an over-confidence that leads to the law being ignored is politically dangerous. It is the political unaided to give voice to the attitude attributed to Charles E. Wilson, that "what good is the law but to be broken?"

Second, there is the fact that the Republican leaders of the Senate Armed Services Committee balked at approving Wilson and his colleagues, are conspicuously not members of the Taft caucus in Congress. Sen. Leverett Saltonstall of Massachusetts, and James Duff of Pennsylvania, were original members of the Taft caucus.

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Vote On Legalized Liquor

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Don't Slander Religious Leaders

Editor, The News: I have never heard Mr. Kaufman nor his radio tactics. But as for Billy Graham, I have found his "sin shouting" to be of great influence upon sinners the world over and would be of much more value to the world than any of the yellow-livered crackpots as John Hawley.

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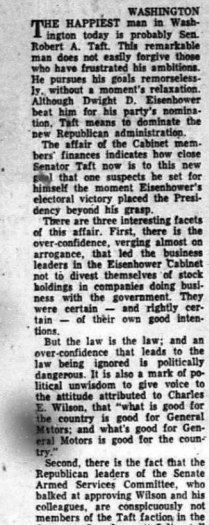
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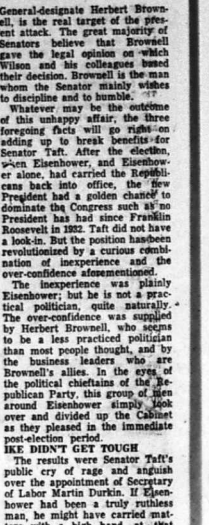
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