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You've Got To Do Something About Wayne Morse'

Bitter Service Competition To Plague Secretary Wilson

By JOSEPH & STEWART ALSOP

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson to plan up over his Pentagon desk a photograph which appeared in Life magazine some months ago.

The photograph showed an Air Force biplane flying over a flag on an island of floating ice in the Arctic. The flag was not the Stars and Stripes but the flag of the United States Air Force. The flag-raising ceremony represented the United States Navy, which had been ordered to force to reach the ice island first.

The rivalry disease is in many ways the more dangerous because it reaches truly national-minded strategic planning almost impossible. Take one example. Back in 1947, a plan was proposed which all three services agreed in principle. This plan called for a "Theater of the United States," with a single commander reporting to the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

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WHEN WILL HOME RULE COME TO N. C.?

DURING the past few days the General Assembly has considered, among others, the following bills:
H. B. 62—Relating to the operation of pool rooms in the town of Burnsville.
H. B. 61—Relating to the fees of the Sheriff of Yadon County.

S. B. 25—Relating to the issuance of warrants in the trial justice court of the town of Tarboro in Edgecombe County.
H. B. 59—Relating to compensation and mileage fees for jurors in Curwain County.
H. B. 48—Relating to public drunkenness in Hoke County.

WE AREN'T FROM MISSOURI

ON SEPT. 20, 1949, former President Truman announced "evidence" of an atomic explosion in Russia.
On Jan. 2, 1951, Gordon Dean, chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, said: "Truman does not have time to study them. Yet they must pass on them. For under the North Carolina system the powers of municipalities and county governments are limited."

We don't intend to try to oversimplify and explain away the reversed Truman position. Nor do we mean to belittle him or his opinion. But his reasoning may proceed like this: I have not seen the Russian bomb. I have not talked with anyone who is or heard one explode. Therefore I doubt there is one. Mr. Truman is from, as well as back in, Missouri. We hope he need not see or feel the effects of the Russian A-bomb to believe in its existence.

MERITORIOUS BILL

LAST WEEK, The News urged the N. C. General Assembly to amend the state law taxing as income gain on the sale of a residence, where the proceeds are reinvested in another residence.
This week, a bill was introduced in the House by Rep. Walter E. Crisman of Guilford County to do just that.

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Are men better drivers than women?
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THE TIME FOR TAX REDUCTION

PRESIDENT Dwight D. Eisenhower wants a tax cut.
Sen. Robert Taft wants a tax cut.
Speaker of the House Joseph Martin wants a tax cut.

believe, will pass the bill before the end of next month. Any postponement, he says, will be "over my dead body."
"Almost everyone wants taxes reduced. But if our economy is to be stabilized, if government is to be put on a sound business basis, taxes must not be cut until after the budget is balanced. A government that takes in \$60 billion and spends \$70 billion encourages inflation as much as a government that takes in \$70 billion and spends \$80 billion.

FRIENDLY FOCUS, WITH A REMINDER

ONCE AGAIN the eyes of the nation have been focused on progressive Charlotte. Sidney Shalett, in the current issue of the Saturday Evening Post, devotes about a page to the "Charlotte Plan" of slum rehabilitation.
The author properly credits James E. Barrentine and Paul B. Gutbergh for their leadership among the realtors, in the project.

Some dwellings, by installation of running water, a bath or toilet facilities, technically became "standard." But many of these would-be slum neighborhoods in which they are situated, are still below the standard of human decency.
In this respect, Shalett pulls no punches. He tells of some of the "dreadful" houses only in Charlotte. The landlord had "done only what he was forced to do."

FROM THE ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH

THE newspapermen accompanying Harry Truman home to Independence were so baffled by an expression of his that they had to send in a note requesting clarification.
What he said was that perhaps the home folks at his return would "put the big pot in the little one and break them both." We are amazed that the correspondents did not know what he meant. This is ancient and well-recognized Midwestern idiom for outdoing yourself.

As Charlotteans know, and as Shalett discovered, the people who are able to move to better housing and out how to use bath-tubs for all right. And the great majority of persons who make the change appreciate it, become more useful citizens and also, incidentally, seem able to pay moderately-increased rent to the landlords with enough vision to improve their holdings.
The "Charlotte Plan" has minimized the slum evil in our city, but many of the areas need to be completely redeveloped before the blight is cured.

POTS

not to be confused with the pot that never boils when watched, nor with the pot that calls the kettle black, nor yet with the pot that people go to get their feet well, go to pot. One of them might conceivably be the little pot which is soon hot, or the pot which more people die from than poverty, or even the pot that goes often to the water and comes some distance, but neither pot, big or little, has anything to do with those pots every one of which was to contain a chicken. That is another idiom altogether, and another expression.



The Age Old Argument Statistics Fail To Prove That Women Are Bad Drivers

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many before driving the car" Capt. Henkel commented. "But the men make up the traffic of drivers, ten to one. Anyway, most of the women who break the traffic laws do something minor, like parking in no-parking zones."

DREW PEARSON'S Merry-Ground Round

ONE thing very much of WASHINGTON Eisenhower's mind as he said goodbye to New U. N. Commander General Dwight D. Eisenhower was ammunition short in Korea.
The fears we won't have enough ammunition on hand to launch a full-scale offensive for some time. When he was in Korea he found that howitzers were limited to five rounds a day—though this has been improved since he left. He is also worried over the small amount of heavy ammunition in the front lines, as differentiated from reserve stores behind the lines.

BETTER ENGLISH

By D. C. WILLIAMS
1. What is wrong with this sentence? "We have over a mile still to go, and I am going to lay down the law."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "compass"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Hilarity, intervene, isthmus, imperion.

1600 Pennsylvania Ave.

NEW Ike appointments in the works: Robert Sprague of the Sprague Electric Co., North Adams, Mass., to be Undersecretary of the Air Force.
Vance, head of Stuebkebar, to take over the National Production Authority and Defense Mobilization.
Bernard Shanley of Newark, N. J. counsel of the New Jersey Republican State Committee, is getting an FBI clearance for Arthur Vandenberg's

Ammunition Still Short on Korean Front

Job on the White House staff. Tom Stevens will then move up to be Ike's appointment secretary—the job held by Matt Connelly under Truman.
On the Monday before inauguration, Mr. Eisenhower walked all over Washington without a single soul recognizing him.
He has had a long and busy day. He is a publisher who made such a fine Senator, back to Washington as a member of the White House staff. So far Seaton has resisted.

Wilson's Stock

CREDIT Gen. Wilson "Stick" Persons, the new White House contact man for Congress, with tipping the scales with Eisenhower to have Charles E. Wilson sell his stock.
Persons used to be Army contact man with Congress during the war, knows the ropes on Capitol Hill.
From the first, he kept telling him that Wilson would have to divest himself of his stock. Later, when he was further told the President Wilson was in trouble not merely over his stock but because of his arrogant attitude toward the Senate.

Washington Pipeline

NEW Secretary of State Dulles wants to move his personal office from the Seltie modern State Department building to the old building on the ground and ugly old State Department building on the White House. He wants his office in the old building on the ground, the grandiose served as Secretary of State.
Undersecretary of State, will end up running the State Department.
practically, General "Babe" Smith, Undersecretary of State, will end up running the State Department.
Bunker, Truman's ambassador to Italy, was offered the important job of Assistant Secretary of State for the Far East by John Foster Dulles. Bunker turned it down on the ground that he's a Democrat.

ANSWERS

1. Say, "We have more than a mile still to go, and I am going to lay down the law."
2. Pronounce it as in on.
3. Immersion.
4. A courteous yielding to another's wishes.
5. In deference to our guest, we shall make other arrangements."
6. Suavity.