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DON'T BLAME OUT-OF-STATE INDUSTRIES

WHEN businessmen and editors urge industry to come to North Carolina they frequently inject this note of caution: North Carolina doesn't want any low-wage industries. In fact, the caution is justified. In only three states is per capita income lower than it is in North Carolina. Certainly this low per capita income contributes to this state's high unemployment rate, to its low educational level. A low per capita income means higher community costs for combating the results of poverty.

On a regional basis their employees would play hob with them if they paid less for working in the South. So there is little or no wage differential in the organization. But this year in North Carolina there were 35,000 workers in intrastate businesses who received less than 55 cents an hour, or \$30 a week. A bill that would guarantee this modest minimum wage didn't pass the legislature, even though it was shot through with loopholes that exempted workers in agriculture, dairying and domestic service, and in businesses employing no more than two persons. The person who comes under interstate commerce regulations is guaranteed by federal minimum wage law. These projects and tens of thousands of intrastate North Carolina workers don't get 55 cents an hour, or \$30 a week on days of living at an all-time high. Their employers can't evoke much sympathy if they complain about "union trouble."

FOR PUBLIC HOUSING, NO SALE

ONE of the hot potatoes which the next Congress will juggle is public housing. The administration position is still undecided. A Housing and Home Finance Agency spokesman said last week: "No decisions on low-rent housing or any of the other housing programs have been made."

promptly. It would be a fine thing if present occupants of public housing could own their own homes. If they have enough money to buy a house they have no business in a public housing project. These projects are for low-income slum dwellers who cannot otherwise afford decent shelter. But as long as slums and waiting lists for public housing occupancy continue—and that will be for a long time—the government need not consider selling the projects. Furthermore—and we can't quite figure how the Washington people overlook this—although the federal government can and has been selling many government buildings, it simply does not have the authority to sell public housing projects, such as the one in Charlotte, where title will rest with the local authority.

THE HUNGER FOR THE WRITTEN WORD

THE daily newspaper was taken for granted, just like electric lights, running water, the subway. Then, suddenly, the paper was denied millions of New Yorkers. A strike of photoengravers suspended publication of the metropolitan dailies, leaving the city virtually without printed news.

radios, bearing signs "Ask me for the news". (6) A weekly theater newsletter published a double eight-page edition and announced another issue giving a comprehensive news summary and longer digests of reviews by the New York drama critics.

Harva and Purnas found these adjustments being made in the city to give the public a portion of the news coverage by daily newspaper readers: (1) Radio and TV stations spent many more hours trying to cover the great mass of news offered in the newspapers, but were forced to give only the news news breaks and omit items of social news, women's news, sports details, business news, comics, serial stories, columns and puzzles.

Whether it was the reader of the women's or comic or sports or business pages, the reader of the daily was relieved when the strike was called off Wednesday. And newsmen pondered anew the power of the press, and the hunger and need for the written word.

CHRISTMAS SEASON

HE WAS TIRED, hungry and out of sorts. The unending line of cars, carrying Charlotteans home from work, moved fitfully through the rain. He rolled down the window and signalled to the cars behind him.

Then with a rush, the strains of the organ music streamed into the car. He noticed that the music came from a little church alongside the road. He noticed, plus his charge that that some of the officials do play a fair game of golf—if the competition is right.

THE MAGIC WORD

ACCORDING to tradition Ali Baba, the Arabian woodcutter, used the phrase "Open Sesame" to enter the treasure cave of the Forty Thieves. Lately there is some suspicion that the 40 collectors and their descendants unto the present generation have evolved a magic word of their own to force the pockets of the average citizen.

In fact the outpouring of money for research is beginning to cause concern amongst the researchers themselves. Dr. Carl J. Wiggers, editor of the scientific journal of the American Heart Association, "Circulation Research," raised the question on behalf of all legitimate efforts.

That is the word. Behind its mysterious facade the public imagines a group of dedicated scientists probing the secrets of nature and evolving miracles in an atmosphere of Spartan frugality. Research is a weighed word, the touchstone of American supremacy in science and industry. It is atomic energy, penicillin, rocket power, electronics and modern medicine. It is also the new magic in fund-raising, so powerful in its effect that professional in the charity field regard it as pure gold. By this magic everyone believes in research that they do not believe in. No one would give a penny to help a man guess what Fourth Class postal rates should be on the planet Mars. But call it research into the probable effects on the standard of living of the 40 million and millions come to be raised with little effort.

And so we wonder if the time will ever come when spectators to football games will carry portable television sets and watch the action at the same time.—Lexington Herald. You can just about bet on it that every few years somebody will revive Trierste, the great Trier and the 30-90.—Florida Times-Union.



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.

Coverage of Tech Game Was Tops

THE Charlotte Chapter of the Georgia Tech Alumni Association, composed of 263 men in this area, in its recent meeting voted unanimously to send this letter of appreciation to The Charlotte News for the excellent coverage given the Tech football team's recent victory over the Georgia Tech club.

Airlines' Obligations

READ with interest the editorial which appeared in The Charlotte News Nov. 18, 1953, under the title "Legitimate Complaints against Non-Slack". The subject of irregular air carrier operations has been a source of some concern to the membership of our Association. I feel that this editorial fairly and objectively pinpoints the unfair nature of this competition.

Agrees With McCarthy

YOUR editorial of Dec. 7 you asked a question that I believe many Americans will answer differently from that which you have asked. The present administration makes a decision and then consults the one who should have had a big part in planning. Will you grant that some of the officials do play a fair game of golf—if the competition is right. You ask with McCarthy that we can not go traveling to other nations who have supplied the lead which was drilled into the backs or our native sons or to our other allies who have taken a sensible stand on such matters. How can nations be handed together against Communist imperialism when Gen. "Slick" Parsons realize that you can see by the count of telegrams and letters that have been received in Washington, the American people are in favor of the McCarthy speech. It is not in the American make-up to sit

'He Courts The Giddy Crowd'

ONCE before in modern political history there was advanced an idea which in its logical extension and acceptance led to bloody war. That was Hitlerism. Currently it is McCarthyism; guilt by association; guilt by suspicion; guilt by innuendo; guilt by all who do not accept the designation of the senator from Wisconsin. All through human history in every nation personalities who assumed that they were to think and what to do. These men ended in tragedy. Nero committed suicide; Caesar was killed; the rubble of a blasted building; Mussolini was shot down in the road like a dog. McCarthy might find freedom in pondering these examples. Eisenhower says that the solid normal issues before the country and the merit and acceptability of the present administration will be the test in the next national election and that communism in government will be settled. That accepts the elimination of communists in government as a responsibility of the present Republican administration. Now is that not a reasonable and true, without blab, bluster and bizzar?

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WHITE House advisers, presumably split as to whether the President should or should not have administration, are now divided. The McCarthy strategy of swamping the White House with news items is being used by the White House as concealing Western Union figures, plus earlier McCarthy criticism, has made even Gen. "Slick" Parsons realize that like can't appease McCarthy. General Persons, with Vice President Nixon as his ally, has advised the President must get along with McCarthy, not oppose him. But now it's the belief of almost everyone who tries to counsel an idealistic but politically inexperienced President that the senator from Wisconsin has used the Eisenhower administration to build himself a rapid following which can't be dissipated overnight. In effect, the administration has supplied the steppingstones upon which now he now descends. It has risen to power. Here are some of the steppingstones which the administration has inadvertently handed its chief Republican critic. Steppingstone No. 1.—Carbon copies of all news items which McCarthy has referred are automatically given McCarthy. That is how he knew the Army was probing the Central Post at Fort Monmouth, N. J. The Army had been working on this for months, and after McCarthy obtained copies of Army reports, it was a

'Facts Forum' Pugs McCarthy's Landing

simple matter for him to call witnesses, use the hearing as a platform for his own views, and then to call witnesses, use the hearing as a platform for his own views, and then to call witnesses, use the hearing as a platform for his own views. Steppingstone No. 2.—Attorney General Brownell whitewashed the Senate investigation of McCarthy. He also calculated to limit the statute of limitations expire on the Senate probe of the Maryland election fraud charges in it. A Senate committee had submitted a unanimous report, including amazing photographs of McCarthy's concealed financial records. Yet Brownell announced that the matter was being dropped. Steppingstone No. 3.—The administration appointed two McCarthy men to the Federal Communications Commission. This one communist in government will be settled. These men have been backward to give McCarthy free time. The White House even appointed the PCS Robert E. Lee, the McCarthy henchman who, according to a Senate report, handled some of the worst of the McCarthy TV program. Facts Forum. In other words, the administration has referred from McCarthy's attacks helped build him up by ruling that those who finance the McCarthy TV program are exempt from a 20 per cent for individuals and 5 per cent for corporations on the amounts they contribute.

McCarthy Network

THIS TV program gives significant insight into the jungle propaganda network. If the Republican Party tried to get away with the same tactics as McCarthy, it would have a large following. It would be laughed out of court. However, "Facts Forum" has demonstrated that McCarthy actually an effective propaganda vehicle for the philosophy of America Beters, isolationism and anti-internationalism. On its advisory committee are Gen. Robert E. Wood, former head of the American and Communist Party, and the man who worked with Hitler; also Gen. Hanford McNider, an active leader in the same group. Yet this McCarthy TV program is not the exact opposite. He commanded the chief offensive against Hitler, later advocated international cooperation as head of NATO in Paris. A typical "Facts Forum" lecturer is Alvin Zoll, whose literature was known for his pro-Fascist leanings. President Eisenhower, of course, has taken exactly the opposite stand from his McCarthy followers; he made public pleas for "tolerance and understanding." Yet his McCarthy TV program has benefited to an organization fighting his policies under the guise of education. "Facts Forum" views and radio listeners to participate in the "Facts Forum book plan." of which the most widely promoted book is McCarthy's "The Road to Nowhere." The book is a distaste against Eisenhower's close friend, Gen. George Marshall, now in Stockholm in connection with the Korean armistice negotiations. McCarthy has also accused some publications as the "Christian Science Monitor, Time and Life Magazines, Washington Post and Times Herald, and the Portland Oregonian and Milwaukee Journal" of following the Communist line.

Quote, Unquote

Treasury Secretary Humphrey advised President Eisenhower to be sure that the 22 1/2 per cent on personal debt does not usually have to be advised on dropping a hot brick.—Arkansas Gazette.

McCarthy's Angel

"FACTS Forum" angel, Texas oil millionaire H. H. Hunt, is also in a favored position in the McCarthy TV program. He has a 22 1/2 per cent deletion allowance. Hunt is a man of rather extreme ideas as to who is or is not a Communist. He was introduced by conversation with Clare Boothe Luce, now ambassador to Italy. Mrs. Luce, visiting in London, invited Hunt to visit her and her husband when he came to New York. "Who is your husband?" asked Hunt. "My wife," replied the angel. "What?" exclaimed Hunt. "That Communist?" Hunt and McCarthy's potent backing have put "Facts Forum" on about 200 stations in the United States, not counting ABC network, according to its publicity claims. Perhaps one reason for its success is the fact that it is not a McCarthy TV program. It is a "Facts Forum" moderator Lee to the Federal Communications Commission, which regulates all radio and TV stations.