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BROWNELL BURIES AN OLD ISSUE

UNLESS Attorney General Brownell unwittingly overtook himself in a Texas radio speech Sunday night, the issue of communism in government should rapidly assume proper proportions.

"We think they are all out of government now," said Mr. Brownell, referring to federal employees suspected of communist tendencies.

Brownell recalled that the Eisenhower administration has discharged 1,458 persons as security risks. This total includes not only communists but also drunks, sex deviates, and blabbermouths.

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others fired by the Truman Administration which they drank too much, talked too much, or showed abnormal sex tendencies has not been revealed.

It is not likely that Senator McCarthy will accept the Brownell verdict. Indeed, at almost the same hour the Brownell speech was being broadcast in Texas, the Senator was telling a "Most of the Press" audience in Washington that "I don't think the job is ended."

Let us hope that Brownell is right, and that the efforts of two administrations have succeeded in weeding out of government those who would subvert the nation. The fear of communist infiltration has caused many Americans to forget that faith and trust in our fellow men is the very foundation of our free society. If men lose faith in one another, if the misdeeds of a few lead us to suspect the many, our society cannot long endure.

U. S. CITIES ATTACK URBAN ILLS BOLDLY

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"He keeps muttering, 'obsolete, obsolete.'"

People's Platform

Recommends Denver Traffic System

CHARLOTTE EDITOR, THE NEWS: I READ with interest your editorial of Dec. 11 entitled "Police Should Enforce This Ordinance," which told how motorists unlawfully cut into pedestrian traffic.

It was formerly a resident of Denver, Colorado. That city is now facing the same problem as Charlotte faces in handling traffic and pedestrians at busy downtown intersections.

Each side on the debate received their information from merchants, ministers, teachers, parents, and students.

Howard Yelton, former traffic engineer in Denver and now in Baltimore, was responsible for this system. I suggest the city of Charlotte contact Mr. Barnes for information.

—HOWARD YELTON.

A Worthy Memorial

EDITOR, THE NEWS: YOUR editorial of Dec. 12—subject "A Memorial to Jim Marshall"—is timely. I was president of the Charlotte Engineers Club in 1948. Jim Marshall was a former resident. We had many talks regarding the need for a Technical Institute and Engineering College here in Charlotte.

My last talk with Jim was in June when he died. At that meeting we were discussing the question of building the Technical Institute and the college on the site of the old Federal Building.

The question of a Technical Institute is again being revived. I would therefore like to suggest the name of Marshall Technical Institute as a memorial to a very fine man.

W. A. KENNEDY, P. S. If any responsible civic organization will raise \$300,000 to start this institute, I will be glad to donate \$1,000.

Thanksgiving Spirit Missing

EDITOR, THE NEWS: IT HAS come to the attention of our class during the Christmas holidays that the religious significance of the Thanksgiving holiday is being forgotten by having inappropriate celebrations on that day.

Thanksgiving is a day set aside for giving thanks to our Creator for the blessings of the past year. The meaning of Thanksgiving does not lie in the day for family communion, worship, and thanksgiving.

WASHINGTON POLKS up in New Hampshire have been mystified as to how a modestly paid chief of police of Hanover, N. H., popped 5,000, was able to go on an expensive junket to Europe recently all at government expense.

The answer is "Powerful friends in high places." They include: Senator Bridges of New Hampshire and the most powerful Congressman in the White House next to Ike: Scott McLeod, also of New Hampshire, the most powerful man in the State Department next to Dulles.

When you have these men on your side, a \$2,500 expense for State Department expense is easy. Officially, Chief of State Department officials called Police Chief Ferguson was sent to Europe to guard a courier who is in turn carrying valuable papers.

Officials admit that Police Chief Ferguson was about as necessary as a smoky chimney. The Federal State Department courier was quite able to protect himself.

He had done before in the past. He was not going to let Curtiss go. He was going to let Curtiss go. He was going to let Curtiss go.

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The Role of Liu Chong-Fong Reveals Red Tactics in Asia

BY JOSEPH ALSOP

KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYA. LIU CHONG-FONG is a slender, friendly-looking man with a high forehead. He is a Chinese who represents the important victory for the United States in Malaya.

It was in 1948 when Liu's "life" ended in an open sharp phrase. In those days he was a school teacher in the Malay state of Pahang. And like many another young Chinese intellectual, he was anxiously dabbling in communism.

One fine morning his cell led him to him with the word, "the party has decided to go to the jungle." The cell leader refused from executing him.

It was a lonely business. The members of the party were superstitious. The eight men who were left behind in the jungle were left behind in the jungle.

Every morning the eight rose at six sharp and went to work at five. They were sent to work on "The Voice," or repeated party directives needing wide circulation.

It sounded impressively strange and unreal as Liu described it between sips of tea. He was in Kuala Lumpur hotel room. Yet Liu said "it went on like that for three years."

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'Great Debate' Awaited

GASTONIA EDITOR, THE NEWS:

I FOR one and many others are looking forward to the "great debate" between Mr. Dean and Mr. Long. It appears that Mr. Long will prosecute "man's best friend" and J. R. will defend him.

Next door to me lives Sam'l Crane, a 50-year farmer. His whole farm is sown in grain. Many shavers he hopes to gather. He has precipitation, to loosen up his soil. Called in friends for meditation—left it to God.

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SERVING THE PUBLIC-INTEREST

IF YOU measure the St. Louis Post-Dispatch by modern typographical standards, it scores low. The paper still uses headline type and makeup techniques that the industry generally junked years ago.

If you measure it for completeness and objectivity, it would rate lower than the New York Times.

If you compare its use of photographs with, say, the New York Daily News, it would be dull and colorless.

Even so, the Post-Dispatch is receiving plaudits and commendations this month from all over on its 75th anniversary—and with good reason.

For the P-D is the best living example of a newspaper completely dedicated to serving the public interest, as it sees it.

Many American newspapers have high-sounding slogans. So does the Post-Dispatch. Found on its editorial page must-head each day is this statement by the late Joseph Pulitzer:

"I know that my retirement will make a PROPHET, IF IT BE AN HONOR

THE trade magazine VANGUARD, with its customary disregard for the niceties of the English language, calls "comball the American Recently a European publishing house received an Italian U. S. folk tune penned by a Belgian songsmith,

with lyrics in Flemish. Without concerning ourselves with the ultimate implications of exporting an English word to the U. S., we are mindful that exact 12 years ago, a Charlotte composer, Lamar Stringfield, won Pulitzer prize for his orchestral suite, "From the Southern Mountains," the last movement of which is the old hillbilly melody, "Cripple Creek." And through the years Stringfield has dipped generously into the vast storehouse of mountain music, turning out such compositions as "Cripple Creek," "Legend of John Henry," and "Mule on a Moonshine." If the early realization of folk tune merit may be counted a mark of the prophet, then Composer Stringfield is not without honor. And the point of this little piece is not to praise anything, but to note in his own country.

pride and vanity in those who sprout them. Also, they are individualistic, and individualism is supposed to be bad where socialism is good. The good Socialist is not supposed to admire anything, any more than he does the state, and any question to be decided inside the Kremlin is whether resplendent china would detract from the common welfare. Meanwhile, come what, and there aren't enough boots.

The British have invented a joke but that will deliver three minutes of dead silence. That's good but it still doesn't approach the effectiveness of the old American method of making a fool of the player piano.—Seymour Moseow News.

WHISKER TROUBLES

MOSCOW Radio says only one in 20 Russian males today has whiskers. Under the tsars, it was one in five. Several years ago, however, the Russian government service. They get extra rubles for clean shaves. They were paid extra dividends for beard sweepings which were used to make felt boots for cold feet.

Now, it is said, there is neither beard nor boot—that is, except for the American Moscovites. Whiskers stimulate

areas" demanded the man who is faced with the dilemma of reducing taxes and balancing the budget.

Finally it was agreed that the military budget should be cut. The proposed "new look" and the report that the "engine is up today."

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