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#### AN APPRAISAL OF THE NEW ADMINISTRATION

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How does the new Administration state tup? There are several standards by which its way be judged.

In the matter of key appointments, more of the choices seem excellent. The appointees are liberally endowed with a happy combination of administrative ability and intellect.

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We regard the Administration's approach to decisions of two Democratic predecessors as healthful. There has been no move to turn back the clock. Indeed, in at least one field, social security, the President and Congressional feeders plan to expand coverage. Along with this recognition of past social gains goes acritical re-examination of these grown up in Washington. Controls are gon the way out, except possibly on a stand-by-basis, the economic paraphernalia that has grown up in Washington. Controls are gon the way out, except possibly on a stand-by-basis. A moratorium on government hiring has been declared, many defense contracts are being held up until their merits have been reviewed. Important pressure groups, such as the livestock industry, have been told frankly that they've had it mighty good for several years and don't, at least yet, have a solid squares—the beef-duying housewife's been a solid swing away from paternalism. Foreign policy moves so far promise dividends in the future. Chiang Kai-shek

world, that will again put this nation on the defensive.

One of the most heartening developments so far is the improved relationship between the White House and Capitol Hill. The partisans of extreme left and right have recognized the authority of the President, at least for the time being. The projected McCarthy attack on Dr. Conant, High Commissioner to Germany, did not materiality. The Administration's new loyalty program has at least partially, cut the rug from the second of the control of t

dignity and authority of his office.

Time and events, of course, will test President Eisenhower. His performance, over a period of a few weeks, cannot yet be compared with that of his predecessors. But so far, in his approach to Congress, in his diligence, in his considered study of multitudenous matters followed by forthright ågtion, Dwight D. Eisenhower has measured up to his high office.

### NEW URGENCY TO MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM

RUSSIA's decision to break off diplomatic relations with Israel following the bombing of the Soviel legation in Tel Aviv Monday has caused no surprise in the capitals of the western world.

The bombing was apparently the work of anti-Communist terrorists. It was promptly denounced as a "dastardly act" by Israeli Permier David Ben-Gurion. Insael began aquick round-up of suspects, voiced its deepest applied to Soviet Russia.

The Russian note, in typical disregard for truth, rejected the apologies, charged the Israell Government with falsehoods and double-dealing, and said Israel had systematically fanned hatred of Soviet Russia.

Had the rupture of diplomatic relations been an isolated functiont, it would cause both surprise and grave concern in the West. Actually, it is but another step in the studied anti-Semitism in Russia is a repetition of the scape to find a proposed to the special pole of the sort with a farmed to surround the result of the result of the surround to surround the world of the policy result of the surround the world of the policy is desired to the surround the world of the policy is desired to the surround the surround the world of the policy for the results of the rupture of diplomatic relations been an isolated function, it is a surround the world of the policy results of the surround the world of the policy results of the surround the world of the policy results of the surround the world of the policy results of the surround the world of the policy results of an area that, through the centuries, has been the crossroad of millitary conquest.

#### JUDICIAL FIRMNESS WILL PAY DIVIDENDS

IT IS BY NOW, we believe, an accepted assign that the cartainty of punishment is a greater deterrent to reine than the severity of punishment. If that be true, then certainty place severity should be an even greater restraint upon criminal tendencies.

City Recorder J. C. Sedberry apparently holds to the latter view. When he warned some time ago that he was "turning over a new leaf" on reckless drivers, he wasted no time about it. Since Jan. 2 he has handed out road sentences totaling 50 months to six reckless drivers, issued 21 asseptended sentences, and upped the average fine.

The judge is lenient with first offenders, nless they were grossly negligent. But he's seping the books on repeaters.

"Those people who are constantly apprehended driving in reckless fashlon, and are continually involved in accidents because of negligence while driving, simply must be taken into tow by the law and taught that they must have respect for the rights of others." he says.

To that we add a firm assent. Far too many judges, far too many juries have been complacent about the trugic results of carelless and reckless driving. If it cannot be dinned into the minds of the American people by pleas and exhortations that they must drive modern, high-speed automobilies with the utmost caution, then certain and severe punishment by the courts is the last resort.

Judge Sedberry merits the thanks of the whole community for his vigorous new policy.

#### STATE RANKS LOW IN FARM TELEPHONES

WITH 90.4 per cent of its farms electri-fied, North Carolina is ahead of the national average of 88.2 per cent. That can't be said for rural telephones, however.

"Why the disgracefully low rank in rural ephones?" asks the University of North rolina News Letter. And then it quotes use census figures:

On April 1, 1850, only 8.1 per cent of North Carolina farms had telephones. Only Mississippi, with 6.5 per cent, ranked below North Carolina in the proportion of farms with telephones.

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In Virginia, 23.7 per cent of the farms had lephones, in Tennessee, 18.8 per cent.
And for the nation as a whole, 38.3 per ent of all farms had telephones two years go—nearly five times the ratio for North

As the News Letter sees it, this state of affairs doesn't make sense. North Carolina's rural farm and non-farm population is among the most dense in the United States, and public utilities generally find that profits go up as population density increases. Yet North Carolina, with an exceptional rural market for telephone service, is exceptionally also getting the service. It's time for the Utilities Commission to find out why.

There is no wholly satisfactory substitute for brains, but silence does pretty well.—Carlsbad (N. M.) Current Argus.

Gov Byrnes said South Carolina has the best labor relations of any state in the Union and that's the union we'd rather labor in— Charleston News and Courier.

'One Side, Bud - We're Citizens Of Europe, Now'



Kelly And 'Nature's Screechers'

## Pogo The Possum & His Friends

By MURRAY ROBINSON

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at last reckoning, was appearing in 226 newspapers with 37,000,000 readers all over the United States and Canada, and in Mexico, Tokyo and
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In addition to its daily outlets, the inspired to madness appears in color in a full Sunday ie, in a quarterly comic book with 500,000 cir-

mere clasue.

It is 38-yeard of crawford Kelly Ji2- is as mild and mellow as the citars he amokes incessantly, He's a tall, plumpish (he describes himself as 'mir 12 w pressively flatby')- pleasant man with dark brown hair, a trim mustache and heavy-framed glasses and it hough which he peers out at the world with the control of the co

#### Violence, Cruelty Shunned

DOOD, who describes himself are in the Kelly comic. He's a warmhearted, naive little guy, wider eyed and trusting, worrying about the welfare of lesser beings, such as little bugs and tadpoles. The period of the company of the company of the type given to modify cigar. (like Kelly) and say-ing of himself: "I is of Albert the Alligator— handsome, brilliant, an 'modest to a fare-thee-hearten of the company o

nancome, brilliant, an' modest to a fare-thee-well."
Another regular is Dr. Howland Owl, who weary a sorcerer's dunce cas and declares: "The Howland Owl, an owl of parts and a natural-born scientist who knows practical everything."
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ugly snoat of the real-life possum. And Dr. How-land Owl has a concave little schnozola instead of the cruel beak of his kind of science that he is, acts out to make an "adam bomb" out of adam burg, of course.

He is warned apainst the venture by Perkypine, the somehow pathetic little world hater, who look the properties of the proper

#### One Editor's Advice

A LMOST at once, a flood of querulous mail from Pogo fans descended on the New York offices of the syndicate and the papers in which the strip appears.

here?

The editor of a Midwestern paper carrying Pogo received a letter from a reader who wrote; "Who is this Frudy Loobin? I must say that stiene he's been doing Pogo, it has gone back a whole lot."

## Caudle Will Be Recalled To **Testify In Mail Fraud Case**

By MARQUIS CHILDS

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## Don't Worry If You're Called 'Common'--It's A Fine Word

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By R. F. BEASLEY
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# Drew Pearson's Allies Need More Knowledge Of Each Other

(Ed. Note—Drew Pearson is on a trip to Berlin and Paris to check on crucial developments there and report on progress being made in unifying our Al-lies.)

JF a vote were taken today the United trungen Army Pack would not be rungen a trungen a trungen

a najpy prospect. Dulled 'tip at first gave impetus to the Part's ratification. Then his remark in Bene that German's borders should not been that German's borders should not back. The French Chamber is subject to back. The French Chamber is subject to the same public pressures and political whims as the U. S. Congress and contains such as the prima domas, so it is estimated that shaller iremark cost a minimum day of 20 votes in the Chamber.

above all some skillful changing of public opinion to do it. What the State Department hasn't appreciated is the difficulty of building a firm and speciated is the difficulty of building a firm

#### French Ally In Reuter

Propaganda Unity Blocked