

THE CHARLOTTE NEWS

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FIRING OF CAMPBELL NEEDS AN AIRING

THE COUNTY residents who told the been told why he was fired. The parents of a Beard of Commissioners yesterday they Mecklenburg school childran, over whose didn't like the way a veteran County school safety he has presided, have never been employee was fired recently made a valid point, even if they made it in the wrong told. The public at large has never been forum.

Without the facts, we have no way of a 28 years of service with the County and 28 years of service with the County hebel system as shop foremain and school system as shop foremain and school use supervisor. was fired secretly and that e bill of particulars had ever been prended to him or to anyone else outside see County Board of Education.

But if they erred in taking their problem is the County Commissioners, who have no A man who has served to the members of the County Found of Education that outside the county found to the members of the County Found of Education of the county found of Education and situation that needs a thorough pub.

student wiring.
cause of the curtain of secrecy with
the board shrouded its action, no
knows the facts. Campbell has never

A BETTER TAX PLAN

Last year the dog tax produced only 6,000—one-fourth of one per cent of the tal City-County tax revenue.

AST YEAR the poll tax netted the City and County Governments a total of \$86,000—a measly one per cent of the total

total City-County tax revenue.

A tax study committee headed by Chairman C. S. Reed has recommended that the poll tax he abelished altogether "since there is no way of collecting it equitably". The committee also suggests that the dog tax he abandoned, and that a system of dog licens-

Both of these recommendations get the uthusiastic endorsement of this newspaper. siastic endorsement of this newspaper.

id, we have advocated both of them for

many years.

We are not convinced, however, that in
its third major recommendation the committee has found the best answer to the
problem of taxing personal property.

Mr. Reed's group confirmed what we have
long known about the current method o'lleiting personal property—that some people
are liars, that others honestly underestimate
true value, that some are forgetful, and that
many simply refuse to make any listing
whatsower. The committee also found that
the cost of the listing, the collecting, and
the multiple record keeping sharply reduced the midliple record keeping sharply reduced the actual net revenue from personal taxes. In 1982, personal property, excluding auto-mobiles, amounted to only 29 per cent of the combined City-County tax revenue. The committee proposed that residential

We trust that the parents of the county school children will keep the pressure on the school board until it brings the whole controversy out into the open.

Without the facts, we have no way of knowing whether the board fired him for political reasons, for delinquency in his work, or merely for the way he parts his hair.

units be assessed separately from the land on which they are situated, and that personal property therein be assessed at a flat 10 per cent of the value of the residential unit. The taxpeer could either accept that figure, or demand a detailed assessment.

Clearly this would be a better system than the County new hash. It would repet to the county new hash. As well to be a comparately the county are the coun

of the total tax revenue, it hardly seems worth the bother.

The State Constitution is not clear on personal property taxation. It says the General Assembly may exempt personal property up to \$300 for each taxpager. But if we have read it right, it does not say that focustly governments must levy taxes on personal property.

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Reed and the members of his group for a thorough and painstaking study of this cum-

INTO THE HANDS OF THE ENEMY

FOR EIGHT YEARS Albert M. Cole of Kansas served in the U. S. House of

C. Kansas served in the U. 8. House of tepresentatives. In 1949 he voted to climinate the public outsing section from the Housing Act, and hen voted against the whole bill. In 1850, he voted against Federal leans for indidel-income housing co-operatives. In 1850, he voted against Federal leans for belief to the control of the contr

poster noising program to 3000 units spear—the barest minimum. In 1949, in 1960, and again in 1961, he would against Federal rent control.

According to the Wall Street Journal, he has been an outsphen advocate of "realistic" (higher) interest rates on FilA and VA.

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In 1952, Mr. Cole was defeated for re-election because of a local issue—the people of his district did not like his efforts in behalf of the Tuttle Creek reservoir. For the first time in history, the district sent a Democrat to Congress.

Now this lame-duck Congressman has been nominated as administrator of the Federal housing program. The nomination-will be somewhat embarrassing to Senator Robert Taft, Who authored and sponsored the Housing Act of 1949. But it will cause shudders of apprehensions among the millions of apprehensions among the millions of apprehensions among the low income and the state of the control of the con

If the Eisenhower Administration has

VAN EVERY BREAKS THE THIN ICE

PHIL VAN EVERY'S announcement for the post now held by Mayor Victor Shaw had been predicted so long and so frequently

elects to run for the post, he will be a strong contender. And friends of the perennial politice, Tom Bird, keep advancing his name, though Mr. Bird denies he has given the matter any thought.

has it sitred scarcely a ripple on the placid unitage of eity politics.

In fact, it has been clear from the beginning of the popular young businessman's urrent ferm on the City Council that he mould move farther front on the political tages sconer or later.

Van Every has brought ethics, high integrity, courage and determination to bear on his Council sustgamment, and he has devoted lime to the job far beyond demands or the renumeration of the post. He deserves a chance at the mayor's seat.

We expect him to have competition, and titif competition at that. If Lonnie Sides

City Council as well.

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'Looks As If Congress May Save Us Money, Anyhow'



They're Legitimate, Not Lethal

Washington's 234 Foreign Agents

By CONGRESSIONAL QUARTERLY

MEMO to Hollywood: Revam that standard script about the "foreign agent."

He no longer (if he ever did) casually asks a lotterer for a match, and receiving the password, alips him a capsule containing secret U. S. docu-

sipp, num a capsuse contaming secret U. S. occurThe registered foreign agent is a differenttype. He's legitimate, and can carry his material
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Channels used by the agents include news lets, pamphlets, releases, colorful magazines, books,
mics, films, radio and television.

More direct methods used by agents include
empts to influence Congress on behalf offorn countries. Some registered agents say they
o concentrate on the United Nations.

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ACTUALLY a comparatively small group has refsitiered with the Justice Department under a prinion added by Congress in 1500 which requires
some knowledge of espionage or sabotage. But the
Department has indicated that it feels their repulation
should be handled separately from that of
the boilitical and business agents of foreign prin-

Politics and visuance agence at the CQ survey indicated that, although form a gents have the same general objectives and quently use the same methods, they differ bely in age, occupation, and income foundry rier, statent, or a millionaire. He (or she) may a teenager or a septuagenaire. Mis activities up include hobshobbing with Congressmen or hold-

ng to fishing rodeos in Mexico, on penali or Mexicas government.

ose D. Padilla is a carpenter who "educates sicanas in Northern California in their civic due." for the Union Nacional Sinarquista, a na-nalist political party.

And Wendell P. Colton Co. is a leading adtisting apency which gets out brochures stressing desirability of vacationing in various coun-

| Function | No.of Agents (As of Jan. 1, 19 |
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| Official agencies | |
| | 84" |
| Political moveme | nts |
| Labor groups | 7 |
| Research, cultura | 1 11 |
| Film, publication | 26 |
| Attorneys | |
| Commercial and | financial 15 |
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This amendment, which may be sent to Con-ess this year, would: Require labeling of prop-anda emanating from embassies, crack down on e freedom of some agents to appoint sub-agents to aren't subject to registration, and require reg-ration of all foreign commercial enterprises.

Typical Examples

The Redcoats Are Coming, Aiming For Freer Trade BY JOSEPH & STEWART ALSOP

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By FREDERICK C. OTHMAN

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TF THE CARRIESS ones in our government would guit messing up other peoples' property, including Mr. Frances D. Patiton's new tablecloth, we still might get that bodget balances D. Patiton's entired them to the U. S. Senate The annual bill for house look, action wrecked and, salve look, action wrecked and assorted other damages caused by doppy Federicals, as presented to Coagress U. President Elsenhower, totals \$11.5 per control of the property bodget balances.

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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

Cole Is No Friend Of Public Housing

June, 1949. Cole delivered a bristling seech against the Taft Housing Act, which suched the same program of slum clear-ce and public housing which Cole is now