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FRANK GRAHAM'S CHALLENGE

DR. FRANK GRAHAM'S address dedicated to the new University of North Carolina health center was written, as he said, "for the record." Much of the vast panoramic sweep of civilization painted for his audience by the former history professor must be left for the more thoughtful, leisurely reader who is interested in how and why great human institutions develop.

American way, to exalt our history and our institutions instead of trying to write better history and make better institutions in the future. It is all the harder to understand that this should be so, since it was within the past decade that what Dr. Graham called "the power of freedom, the international nature of ideas, the reciprocal values of intellectual exchange and the...co-operation of public and private agencies" launched the world into Atomic Revolution.

PLAYING POLITICS WITH THE COURTS

THE disproportionate power that the rural counties of Eastern North Carolina wield in the General Assembly has been displayed many times during the current session. No instance was quite so violative of good government as the action of the Senate in shelving the Administration-backed judicial redistricting bill and substituting a "political" measure.

RESPONSIBILITY HAS CHANGED

THE THEORY developed in the campaign of Fall 1952 that the responsibility for the standstill economy has undergone a considerable strain since the new Administration took office.

REP. GOODMAN ON 'SOCIALISM'

SO MANY irresponsible and untrue things have been said about urban redevelopment in Friday's Daily News debate that it is difficult on this late date, to try and answer them all.

6:30 DEADLINE

YOU HAVE UNTIL 6:30 P. M. today to vote in Charlotte's biennial municipal primary. You have until 6:30 to express your choice for Mayor Philip L. Van Every and Lonnie R. Sims for City Commissioner.

END TO BACK-SEAT DRIVING?

ONE OF THE recent wonders to be reported from the world of science is development of what might be termed a gastrointestinal alarm clock.

DR. PEARSON'S Merry-Go-Round

THE most important move the United States might make in regard to the war-prisoners to New York and have them returned to their homes.

By JOSEPH & STEWART ALSOP

AS THE tactical Korean truce has been resumed, the Communist lingers on in official circles that the Soviets and their Chinese Communist allies are genuinely eager for an easing of world tensions.

CHARLOTTE

Editors, Tax News: I enclose copy of a letter with reference to the proposed judicial redistricting bill now before the General Assembly.

Judge M. V. Barnhill, Chairman North Carolina Judicial Council Justice Building Raleigh North Carolina

Dear Judge Barnhill: I endeavored to see you in regard to, and I also talked briefly with the Chief Justice with reference to, the proposed judicial redistricting bill now before the General Assembly.

As a practitioner and as an officer of the court, each attorney in North Carolina is a part of our judicial system. In addition to my status and interest in this respect, during the past several years as president of the State Bar, as a member of the Commission for the Improvement of the Administration of Justice in North Carolina, and as a practicing attorney, I have worked with you and the other members to whom copies of this bill are being sent, and with various others, in an effort to modernize our trial courts and to improve and expedite the administration of justice in North Carolina.

Judicial Council Bill

One of the major objectives of the entire program has been the increase in our judicial manpower according to need. This problem has been given far more consideration and work by the Commission for the Improvement of the Administration of Justice in North Carolina than any other matter.

POPULATION

Table with 2 columns: Eastern Division, Western Division. Lists population figures for various counties and districts.

PROPOSED DISTRICTS

Table with 2 columns: Eastern Division, Western Division. Lists proposed district numbers and corresponding population figures.

More Cases In West

In 1951, there were 7,653 criminal cases in the superior courts of the Eastern Division and in the superior courts of the Western Division.

Hard To Undo Mistakes

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Should Hear Korean Prisoner Stories

United Nations Army. Such an army has certain disadvantages. But, its one great advantage is that of mobilizing world opinion against the aggressor.

White House Health

White House advisers are determined to get President Eisenhower's health record straightened out.

Action Vs. Words

It seldom happens in Washington, but it did happen in the case of the late Senator Charles McNair.

a whole lacked 36 weeks of need or using the present statutory terms of court in the Eastern Division, whereas the Western Division need and better than the Eastern Division, the fact that 674 statutory weeks of court in the West are in Division.

In the face of these facts, it is difficult to see the basis of or any justification for the proposal in the redistricting bill to add in the Western Division 13 additional weeks of court.

Table with 4 columns: Proposed Districts, Present stat. weeks, Weeks held in 1952, Proposed stat. weeks. Lists data for Eastern and Western Divisions.

Under the proposed redistricting bill, there would be 16 regular judges in the Eastern Division and 16 regular judges in the Western Division.

Too Many In East

Under the proposed redistricting bill, there will be 16 regular judges in the Eastern Division and 16 regular judges in the Western Division.

The present situation is that in the Eastern Division, there are 17 regular judges in the Eastern Division and 16 regular judges in the Western Division.

As you know, one of the most serious and frequent criticisms of our courts which we have met, and which we are now meeting, is that certain courts which have very light dockets are completed on the first or second days of the term.

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the "scrambling" of selectorial and judicial districts proved unworkable it is almost certain that at the next session of the General Assembly the proposed plan will be abandoned.

In addition to the foregoing, if it were true there are many other reasons why the present proposed redistricting bill is unsound, which reasons, because of the long delay in the Eastern Division, would be apparent to you. I am thoroughly in accord with the statement made by the governor that the proposed plan is a political rather than a judicial redistricting.

I trust you will pardon the length of this comment, but I believe it is important to state and appreciate the interest and the spirit in which the letter is written.

FRED B. HELMS

Recently Brown's publishing company in Blanchester, Ohio, burned to the ground because of fire destroyed thousands of dollars of unsold newspapers, and unsold, and wiped out every trace of printing equipment in the plant.

NOTE: Congressman Brown is now in Bethesda Naval Hospital recovering from a serious but successful operation.