### IN THE MERRY MONTH, A STORM CLOUD

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CHATOR WILLIS SMITH was understandably irked at reports that a bloc of
SDRe Senatory wanted to ditch him as a candidate next year. His letter to Staley Cook
to the Burlington Times-Next crackled with
molignation, and he took & back-handed slap
to the whole General Assembly when he said
would be pleased to meet any group of
SORTIC Carolinians "in open session, with Carolinians "in open session, wit

entile and neutroper reporters present," establise ours.)

In the Senstor is entirely correct when he sky that no "small group of men, even if they are state senstors' have the right to sight the state's next U. S. Senator. Under the primary system, the people have reserved that right to themselves, for better or worse. Even so, Senator Smith's quick reply, with the unusually early announcement of his subdidacy next year, lends credence to the 'Hoport that some of his previous backers, at Jests, are concerned over the prospects of a

Smith-Kerr Scott race, and are fearful that the former governor would be a tougher opponent than Dr. Frank P. Graham. The Senator wanted to head off a rebellion.

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Not having put our ear to the ground,
sampled the political waters, or tested the
political winds (there are some other cliches
along this line, but they escape us's we have
no opinion on the outcome of a Smith-Scott

no opinion on the outcome of a Smith-Scott race. Both men are scrappers: meither fights with silken gloves. Certamly it would be a whang-dang battle-entertaining to the voters if not particularly enlightening. But this is May—the Merry Month, the season "that priketh-every gentil herter and maketh him out of his sleep lot settle." And we do not propose, with liowers exploding all around, to tree ourselves about a political silk of the control of the co an around, to tret ourselves about a pointeal campaign many months away, especially, as Robert Browning noted, "What in May escaped detection, August, past surprises, notes, and names each blunder."

#### WITH INFLATION HALTED, BUDGET CAN BE CUT

TN FORMALLY changing a policy and a command set-up in the Defense Department this week, the President took two steps that Time Navas advocated and approves. The third major pact of his Thursday pronounce—again, a proposed S8½ billion reduction in appropriations for the next fiscal year, must await judgment until detailed information is published on just what the Administration proposes to cut.

The policy change is this: The Truman The policy change is this: The Truman Administration had its analysts calculate a date when the Soviet threat would be greatest. The conclusion was that 1954 would be the critical year. Defense productifion was geared to provide maximum preparedness by then. Then the critical year was changed to 1955, not so much, we suspect, Because the analysts figured the Red timetable had changed, but rather because it became obvious that the U. S., with its defense pro-duction lagging, would still be unprepared for major war next year.

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But as President Eisenhower has said before and emphasized Thursday, it is dangerously foolish for someone on the defensive to predict the time of attack, and gear his preparations to that date. Lis abter to propare at a rafe the economy scansive to the propare at a rafe the economy scansive to the propare at a rafe the economy scansive to meet a goal by a certain date, and they's no attack then, our military leaders would be under pressure to initiate attack while we were strong or drastically curtail defense expenditures. Neither of these alternatives is as likely to save the nation, with or without war, as is the new long-term policy. Under the defense command change, the

Under the defense command change, the Joint Chiefs of Staff will continue to be military advisers to the President. Heretofore they have also been responsible, as chiefs of the various services, for the execu-

the study of the policy they believe the chiefs to continue inter-service rivally—each of them technists to continue inter-service rivally—each of them recommending measures favorable to the service be headed. Now the chiefs will be made or less detached from the services they represent, and policy execution will be pass them, proceeding directly from the President to the civilian secretaries. Five billion dollars, the propriedly proposed reduction in defense expenditures, is a lot of money, Just one billion dollars would buy more than one thousand new fighter planes, or at least 10 destroyers. Increased efficiency can, of course, save money, but nothing like \$5 billion. We certainly don't know of any indications that Soylet plans or industrial capacity have changed so as to

industrial capacity have changed so as to permit a big reduction in our production of military hardware.

That being said, it should be remembered that getting control of inflation—and the nt's new long-haul defense pe ould help accomplish this-will give the S. more arms for less money.

"Figure 1 this way. Over a two-year period, from pre-Korea to 1982—the value of the dollar thased on a 100 cent dollar in 1930) decreased from 5 to 33 cents. In other words, 538 billion in 1950 appropriations, if spent two years later, paid fro only \$33 worth of goods—a \$5 billion loss. Many defense bills are paid two years, or even more, after the money has been appropriated. For example, the Truman Administration entered the current fiscal year with \$562 billion in unexpected military appropriations, as well as \$46.6 billion in new defense money. If the Eisenhower Administration can halt the decrease in the value of the dollar. The nation will be able to have its guns and the budget cuts, too.

#### N. C. REPUBLICANS BURY HATCHET

IT WAS long enough in coming, but the patronage compromise worked out by North Carolina Republicans in Winston-Salem Thursday appears to have salved the wounds of earlier factional squabbles.

The compromise had there results:

1. The resignation of J. M. Baley of Marshall as state chairman freeau him to accept the U. S. Attorneyship for Western North Carolir a.

ine election of Thomas Edgar Story of kesboro, educator and attorney, as new

airman.
agreement that local and county political plums will be handed out by count political plums will be handed out by county committees, and state-level plums by the state chairmon and national committeenan. And thus the Republican Party of North Carolina Joined forces in the common effort to build a state and local party organization strong enough to jehallenge the dominant Democrats.

We don't expect any immediate increase.

in Republican Party strength. The first and most interesting task will be to fill the 540 Federal Jobs in the state not covered by Civil Service with good and fathful Republicans. Having drooled over the prospects for so many years, our Republican friends may be pardoned if they pass the dessert before they tackle the main course.

We would remind them, however, as we have done on previous occasions, that the building of a strong, effective and responsible pollitical party merely begins with the handing out of Jobs after a national election victory. Next step is the registering of voters at the precinct and county level, followed by the emergence of respectable candidates and the development of a trustworthy party program.

They should taste lightly of the sweets for as Olver Goldsmith said many years ago:
Such dainties to them, their health it
might hurt:
"It's like sending them ruffles, when
wanting a shift.

From The Winston-Salem Journal

#### TAR HEEL INDEED!

The State Department of Conservation & Development has published a new pro-tional pumphlet The title of it is North-foling—The Tatheel State Think of it! agency of our government is giving jost official sanction to this misspelling. That comes under the heading of dirty m worse when that dirty work is comn worse when that duty work is com-inded by dragging in Gen Robert E. Is name to sugar-coat the pill. In a sec-called "Facts About North Carolina." a boldly stated that Tarbeel was the eapplied by General Lee "to describe sticking quality of North Carolina Con-rate troops.

federate Igroops.

General Lee may or may not have said that But the point is that the origin of the name goes back to the time of the American Revealation. Not the War Between the Saless When LoroCoot that Tar Bunarching with the said of the Saless When LoroCoot that Tar Bunarching with the said of the Saless When LoroCoot that Tar Bunarching with the said of the Saless When LoroCoot that Tar Bunarching with the said of the Butting with the said the Butting to the town of the part of the said the Butting though said the Butting through said the Butting through said across the said the Butting the said the Saless with the said the said that the said th

The State Department of Conservation & Inc. tar rather than have it fall into the hands of the British Weeks later, when Cornwallish roline—The Tarkeel State Think of it! Such that on their feet, and they swore that the people in North Carolina must all have tar on their heels.

> of Conservation & Development has done is to merge the words Tar Heel into one All these years true North Carolinians have ultered and written the words distinct and apart At Chapel Hill it's the Daily Tor Heel. ong goes:

"I'm a Tar Heel born "I'm a Tar Heel bred, And when I die I'm a Tar Heel dead."

The change is outrageous. Those of us who were born Tar Heels may have to die Tarheels if the Department of Conservation & Development has its way.

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## People's Platform

Letters should be brief. The writer's name and address must be given, but may be withheld publication in the discretion of the Editors. The News reserves the right to condense.

RALEIGH

#### Fair Report On Hearing

Editors, THE NEWS:

IT was a real pleasure to read your report of the so-called hearing on the secrety bill. It was a pleasure alloward and true. The runs and think absolutely fair and true. The runs and the same is bill, and the same alloward and the same alloward and the same and the same

mind, absolutely fau and used. and used amade it burn some too, without resentinent, made it burn a linercely hope you can give this situation of the legislature to trace problem of freedom of the legislature to trace problem of treadom of the legislature to trace problem of treadom of the legislature to trace problem of treadom of the legislature to trace problem of the press to report such transactions. Please understand that I was anxious to hear your sude, hoping you would show us the orbit within which we could work freely, leaving the press free to do a good job of reporting.

I have had the pleasure of meeting several Charlotte bankers and of knowing your Representatives and Senator well. With your, newspapers, senatities and Senator well. With your, newspapers, senatities and Senator well. With your, newspapers, that Charlotte should be a progressive city that Charlotte should be a progressive city.

REP. J. A. SPEGHT (Bertile County)

#### High Salaries Defended

Editors, THE NEWS:

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This question of increased dividends for small I shareholders is interestingly discussed by Marcholders in interestingly discussed by the property of the

dend.

Du Pont's earnings would have increased \$.02 from \$4.70 to \$4.72 if their executives' pay had been cut in half General Electric would have likewise gained \$.02 on their earnings of \$5.26.

Two railroads would have earned about 8 cents more. Southern Railway on their \$19.13 and Gull, Mobile and Olino on their \$5.91 and Gull, An oil company. Persas Company, would have a conceived the second process of the second process of the second process of the second process than a centre of \$2.00 to \$6.00 and AT&T.

than a cent.
No, higher dividends will not follow a reduc

superior management in such fields as manu-cturing, selling, operating expense control, etc. ws shall we get superior management? Surely not reducing executive pay and eliminating incen-e compensation.

WARNER L. OVERTON

OHARLOTTE

#### Angered By Secrecy Law

Editors, THE NEWS:

M' thanks to you for your editorials calling attention to that bit of high-handed legislation called the "secreey law." You concluded you got to little response. Buy better about it—you got to little response. Buy any a gauge of feeling. Even mobs don't write angry letters.

The passage of that law angered me. My teeling however is against the law, not a personal feeling toward those who passed it. As men I am ready to overlook their error, but as lawmakers I will never forget their action.

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Apparently a considerable number of our lawmakers became annoyed with the process of keeping the public informed on their actions. But
legislators are expected to be mature, deliberate
I shall appreciate your reminding the voters
of the secreey law when voting time comes round
again. I will vote against all of them to a man
because of their callous violation of a fundmental right of citizens to be informed about their
government. I would vote for no legislator unless
the control of the law.

I understand that the "secrecy law" was passed by a voice vote. It is generally thought that a voice vote is sometimes resorted to when men do not want their real stand known. Therefore, in the vote on the law, so lar as a lam confere, in the vote on the law, so lar as a lam confere, in the vote on the law, so lar as it am conferent that the law of t

#### Quote, Unquote

Some fish are said to travel faster than an ex-ress train—and still we sit on the bank and try to catch them—textington Herald.

Job had patience all right, but I wonder if he ever had two young boys climb in a single bed with him about 7 o'clock in the morning when he was agetting his best sleep—Early Country (Ga.) News.

See the sleep that the control of the conclusion that you are marrying the country of the control of the control of the time from my uncle." She "West at all. It would have been just the same if you'd inherited it from anyone cise."—Montreal Star.

**Original Eisenhower Plan** 

For NATO Quickly Shelved

By JOSEPH & STEWART ALSOP

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### Give-Away Shows Hit Peak With Offer Of Mr. Kirby

NEW YORK

By ROBERT C. RUARK

United States reneged on its past policy solicy. Such a public failure would have been politically embarrassing for everyone, as well as affecting the Kremlin the way bad fish effects an excitable eat. Considering the circumstances, there was a surprising amount of good will around Butler and Secretary of the Treatury Humphrey, for instance, are said to have formed a close alliance. The threatened-crisis was avoided by good will, by impensity, and by sacrificing the Eisenhower design for NATO.

esign for NATO.

Typical of the handling of the dol-

NEW YORK

Teached its acme of perfection, and may now start to decline, the control of the contr

Kirby is praying tout was assume won't win him.

HOW IT BEGAN
We started out in the givenway program by ripping the tops off boxes of brackfast food, and send-boxes of brackfast food, and send-boxes for an an angle of the send of the

People with enough nonsensitive ity got married on the air, with the Cyclops eye of the TV camera peering over the preacher's about-der. When the quis programs his constant of the composition of the sales of the composition of the composition lates of mine names BII Morphy, who runs a thing called VIP, made a career of procuring hard-to-get items for the television shows, in times of shortage.

writer and start to pound away.
Well, they've hit the full treat
ment, finally. No matter wha
happens to Mr. Kirby on hi
lost week end in Bucks County, or
minutes before the copycats star
wherever, it is just a matter or
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plete with friends, for a week'
personal service to the winner, and
we will have the bodies of the smil
ing announcers as well as their
pletured personalities in the home

#### Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

# The Mystery Of 'Mystery Man' Grunewald

WASHINGTON
HENRY Grunewald, the fabulous Dutchman, seems to think I owe him an apology. He complained to Congressmen the other day about the tag of "mystery man" which this column pinned on him when I first began investigating his mysteric content of the complete of the

California Democratic Cell Anng.

"What about this title of "mystery man".

"That is a same that Mr. Pearson invented himself," shrugged Grunewald.

"But in what way are you offended by being referred to as a 'mystery man 'rather than Dutchman or any other title that a the same that Mr. California or any other title that a mystery man 'rather than Dutchman or any other title that a mystery man 'rather than Dutchman or any other title that a mystery man or any other title that a mystery man of the same of

Ine Mystery
J don't biame Henry Grunewald for being
sore at me. He's a nice little guy, and if
he hadn't pulled wires in connection with so
many important people, he wouldn't merit
public comment. Wenn you go around with
big-abots, however, or try to pull wires
can system is that you subject yourself to
public scrutiny.
However, if Henry Grunewald isn't mysterious, them I don't write a newspaper column. The panner in which I first ran
quite a story.
Henry first bobbed up on news horikenry first bobbed up on news horiHenry first bobbed up on news hori-

ning of Howard Hughes by Police Lieuterant Joe Shimon on behalf of Senator Erewster and Pan American Alirays. The fact that the telephone of an American Dusnessman should be tapped on behalf of the state of Moscow, and in tracking down these various angles it developed that Lieut. Shimon used to report on his wireless of the state of the sta

Ordinewato and moved away. He knew But—the minute Jack Anderson of my staff was out the door, however. Martin hastily picked up the phone and calledgress who? Senator Bridges of New Hampaire. "A guy named Anderson," he said, "was up here looking for Henry."
That was the first link between Grune-was the said the didn't know Grunewald, loamed Grunewald his car and the mysterious Dutchman left for The Plains. Va. to hide out for a month. This was at the him. This may not be "mysterious" as Bearry now claims, but at least it's interesting.

#### Mysterious Hotel Room

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Meanwhile, his colum, looking for the man who decen't like to be called mysterious, found that he had used as suite regulatered in the name of Ex-Secretary of War alray Woodring in the Washington Bitel:

In the suite of the suite of the suite regulatered in the name of Ex-Secretary of War alray Woodring in the Washington Bitel, trying to the suite of the sui

of self-incrimination.

Finally Grunewald was discovered in his Virginia hide-out, came back to Washina hide not not been as a self-out of the self-out of the