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### 'TO STUDY' IS NOT TO PROCRASTINATE

Let Us ASSUME that the several Councilmen and Commissioners who were quoted in Thursday's News as asying they believe consolidation needs more "study" are completely sincere. After all, the word is a fairly flexible one, and within its wideranging meaning, more study is undoubtedly

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But the study which remains to be done is a matter of procedure. The facts have been found by the Institute of Government—found, for that matter, in such an over-whelming mass that few persons in Meck-leiburg County have ever read through the bully reports. Some of the statistics may be slightly out of date, but they could be updated in a matter of hours by any of the department head of the two governments. Otherwise, the reports are as valid a jource of facts today as they see when they were some of the statistics are as well as four of procedure. There seems to be a tendency to proceed loward consolidation one department at a time. The health departments, for example, are currently under one administration of the study they are technically

for example, are currently under one admin-strator, even though they are technically separate departments. And a joint committee of the Council and Commission is not

ROCRASTINATE

This may turn out to be the wisest procedure. After all, the charting of a course, once the facts are at hand, is a matter of opinion, and hence subject to debale and disagreement. Because of that, we would suggest that alternate plans of action be given full consideration. One has aiready been suggested—to ambinit on the population of the suggest that alternate plans of action be given full consideration. One has aiready been suggested—to ambinit on the population of the suggest that would combine those city-county functions most amenable to merger, and leave the others separate. Another would be even more daring—to abolish the two governments as such and create a single governing body with countywide authority. Such a proposal is now before the voters of the City of Miami and Dade County in Florida. If it carries, both will go out of existence and the County of Miami will take their place.

Complete consolidation may not be legally possible, and it may not even be feasible. But we might as well face up to the fact that Meckehonique its manning rural areas are becoming more unbanized day by day, and that boundary lines believen city and

politan area, that its remaining rural areas are becoming more urbanized day by day, and that boundary lines between city and county are meaningless in such spheres of government as law enforcement, health, public education, and tax listing and collect-

ing.

There is no objection to further "study", just as long as the word does not become a synonym for "pigeon-hole."

### CAPITAL PUNISHMENT ON THE WAY OUT

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If NORTH CAROLINA continues to modify it satitude toward capital punishment, it won't be long until Central Pisson's gas chamber is out of business.

Four years agon litting a jury to recommend life imprisonment for a person convicted of first degree murder. The first killer sentenced under the new law was a Meckleshurger. He got life, as did many other defendants in subsequent months.

The General Assembly turner amended the law at the 1833 General Assembly to permit the State to accept a plea of guilty in the capital offenses of first degree murder and burglary, aron and rape. Acceptance of the plea by the State automatically eliminates the death penalty, substituting life imprisonment therefor.

This week in, Gaston County Superior

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This week in Gaston County Superior Court, a man charged with first degree murder for pumping five bullets into his wifers was the control of the county of the

clients to plead guilty, avoiding the gas chamber and getting a chance at eventual

chamber and getting a chance as exemul-parole. Second, the attitude of Solicitors will be important. To the Solicitor faced with the difficult task of proving premeditation, acceptance of a guilty plea offers an easy way out. The trial can be completed in a very short time, at a saving of money and time to the State. The defendant will get his day in court, and the ends of justice will be met.

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This newspaper approves of both changes in the law, which leave it up to the jury on the one hand or the Solicitor on the other to determine if the crime is so beinous and the culprit so vicious as to call for the supreme penalic the solicity. The new policy reflects the slowly-evolving public attitude toward capital punishment. The last defendant from Mecklenburg County sentenced to die was a Negro who brutally-killed his former employer, a Charlotts ociety matern That was in 1940. There have been accres of homicides in the ensuing five years, but no death Sentences. The state-wide pattern is similar. It is, we believe, for the best, though it would be wise to extend beyond the present limit of 10 years the time a life defendant should serve before becoming eligible for parole.

## A NEW BRAND OF GOP LEADERSHIP

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IN AN EDITORIAL last October 8 endorsting Mr. Eisenhower for the Presidency,
this newspare to the Presidency,
this newspare to the Republican Party
with whom The News has done battle over
the years, but expressed confidence that
"the responsibility of authority will temper
the irresponsibility and negativeness that are
usually the trademarks of a party too long
out of power."

That has not happened in all cases Republicans like Senators Bricker and MeCarthy and Representatives Hostima and
Reed continue to act as if Harry Truman
were still -President -Other -Old Guarders,
however, have thrown their weight behind
President Eisenhower and are giving him
strong support on foreign and domestic policy. Senator Capehart of the Banking &
Currency Committee. Speaker Joseph Martinn Senator Hickenlooper—even Sen
er Tall—Base shown new sabutore new
Perhaps the modo totslanding of here in the
President Dischanger Relations Committee. Well informed on the intricate and
difficult problems of foreign policy. Senator
Wiley know \$\frac{1}{2}\$ that there is no easy road to
peace and security. This week he gave this
wise counsel to his Congressional colleagues:
Sepaiers not on the Foreign Relations.

Senators not on the Foreign Relations Committee should "weigh their actions not

JULY in terms of how those reactions will be applauded in Pecono (back home), but in terms of what the reaction will be throughout the chaotic world of 1953.

"I want to say very frankly that I believe that the Congressmen who are not membare a stronger sense of caution and restraint when they approach the difficult foreign policy field.

"There is too much Olympian talk toda;" or complexed assessment of the complexed causes are membared as the complexed causes. When have not bothered to study the facts.
"As a matter of fact, too many folks have become overnight experts on too many subjects."

prets."

For his own part, Wiley reiterated his opposition to the short-sighted Bricker Amendment to curtail the Administration's peogr in the field of foreign policy, backed President Eisenhower's request to admit 24,0000 alien refugees over and above immigration quotas, criticired proposals to curb imports from abroad, and endorsed the \$54, billion Administration foreign aid bill.

In Wiley's view, the Eisenhower Administration has "blazed new trails for a more dynamic, more effective American foreign changing of the property of the p

dynamic, more effective American foreign policy," all the while trying to develop closer team work with Congress. And Wiley,

From The Chicago Sun-Times

## COURAGE IN A SMALL PACKAGE

D'Y CHICAGO standards the Western Duburb of Downers Grove in Du Page County, is a little town—but it isn't afraid to do big things. Chicago (pop. 3.820.000) could learn a lesson in moral courage, free-dom and adherence to high principles from Downers Grove (pop. 11,900).

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Take, for instance, the case of some of the higherups in our public schools. In-stead of fighting for academic freedom they have cravenly appeased the know-nothing, pressure groups which-seek to restrict the knowledge, understanding and reasoning shifty of public school pupils. Not so in Downers Grove. Before the pressure groups could even get a foot in the door of Downers Grove schools, one of the boards of education adopted the following resolution:

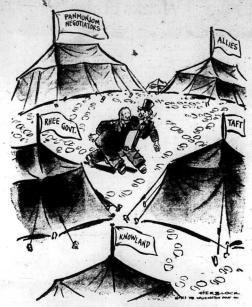
"It is the unequivocal policy of the Board of Education of School District No. 58 that there shall be no curtailment of the presentation of facts pertaining to, or giving rise to controversial issues of state, national, or

international importance, unless such presentation is otherwise curtailed by law provided always, however, that the superintendent and all teaching personnel shall exert their best and most sincere efforts to present such facts objectively and impartially."

School District 58 is made up of the Down

School District 39 is made up of the Downers Grove elementary schools. Shortly after the resolution was adopted, the Board of Education of District 99, which oversees the Downers Grove High School, approved the same code of conduct for that institution. Chicago's Board of Education would do well to adopt a similar, charter, of academic freedom. If the board were to lay down sucn a code, it is possible that the professional educators in the public school system would muster the courage needed to resist the know-nothings.

A good law is one that keeps the other fellow from doing something you either don't do or can't.—Elloville (Ga.) Sun.



'Can You Get Them All Under One Truce Tent?'

# People's Platform

### Hospital Comes Before Cabs

Editors, THE NEWS:

Charlotte Negroes are not suffering for the need of additional taxi service, if there be one but they are dying a natural death on account of the lack of adequate medical care and hospital facilities.

cilities. I venture the assertion some Negroes who are w resting in Pinewood Cemetery and York Meorial Park would be alive today if they had revived all out medical care and adequate hospitali-

erived all out medical care and aucquize mospicalisation. In now more important, additional taxt. Which is now more important, additional taxt. Which is now more important and the answer.

At the rate Negroes are purchasing automobiles together with the expanded operation of the Duce Power Service, and the present taxis operated, my people should experience little difficulty in the transportation field.

Los "Negro taxis", and more "Negro hospital" agitation at this time is my suggestion.

ACOB THOMPSON

## More Public Housing Needed CHARLOTTE

Editors, Tax News, CHARLOTTE

AST week I attended the annual meeting of the
Southeastern Regional Council National Association of Housing Officials at Daytona Beach,
Florids. To me this was one of the most enlightening conventions I have had the pleasure of attending.

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magic sep in that direction, is proof of this state.

Frankly, it is my humble opinion that public housing is as important to the future of our great country as the public school system. I can think of nothing that would make a youth's mind more hothing that would make a youth's mind more hours a day in a modern school with a santary caffering from which to get his food—this he is circuit to do by law—and at the end of each day return to a sortid hovel when he coll home.

—NUDEN Y. CRUT.

Ike's Position On Seaway
WASHINGTON

Editors. THE NEWS.

Regarding your editorial of May 21. "The Scaway Is With Us Again," we might be more impressed with the slogan of the St. Lawrence wateray proponent that "Wilson, Harding, Coolinge, Rower, Roosevelt, Turnan and Eisenhower have all favored this propert" of this wore true.

ut address must be given, but may be withheld the News reserves the right to condense.

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Editors, Tax News:

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## Political 'Productions' On TV Tend To Oversimplify Issues

By MARQUIS CHILDS

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seemingly extemporaneous Iash-ions. This, as TV-viewers are well-aware, is a lough assignment. It is especially difficult for respon-sible public officials who must guard every word they utter. Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby, Secretary of Health, is, for example, so caulous in the preparation of the speeches

atomic bombing or a hilarious vaudeville.

From the first, the White House was a minimum of the professions was in the hands of professions was the propular presentation. Here is the sequence that led up to the moment when the all-star east flashed on millions of television screen was a sequence that led up to the moment when the all-star east flashed on millions of television screen was a sequence that led up to the present of the professions was a sequence that the profession was a sequence that the seq to the millions who would see it in the millions who would see it in CVIE CARDS USED

The President and his Cabinet members devoted an hour to this rehearsal. On the day of the perhaps of the perhaps with the million of the perhaps of the perhaps of course, the main text of each principal had been put on cue cards — large placards with the care held up to differ the parallel of t

## Knowland, Recognizing Cost, **Believes Victory Necessary**

By JOSEPH & STEWART ALSOP

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The most serious of these Washington are to the White House and State Department. Only a general rumble of debate, a confused sound of disagreement, has well to set down what the real issues are.

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WASHINGTON does not desire a mere agreement the pentagon are in one of their recurrent moods of optimism about the Korean truce that about the Korean truce that about the Korean truce that the most recent U. N. truce offer is being seriously considered by the enemy.

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House and the State Department, sighting later on.

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

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dential crony George Allen, sponsor of isolationist commentator Upton Glose, Kemper ass GOP national treasurer after the Dewey debucle of 1948, never raised much money and was eased out when Guy Gabrelson became GOP national chairman, ca's closet friend in South America, owes his appointment to George Allen, Truman's White Heuse yster who now manages Rie's farm in Pennsylvania. All in all, 324 MABASSADOR TO 18EXICO — Francis White was Assistant Secretary of State for Latin America during the bitter period

and nobody likes a debt collector. Herbert Hoover asked that White be appointed. AMBASSADOR TO CUBA — Good natured Arthur Gardner, former social advisor to John Snyder, Truman's Secretary of the Treasury. His wife Susy, whose Lather incorporated old Henry Ford's first auto venture and get paid in stock now worth millions, would make an excellent envoy. Arthur will work hard, accomplish envoy. Arthur will work hard, accomplish

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Frank B. Kellogs.

# Tariff On Democracy

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I atin Americans are sensitive people.

Long considering themselves neglected because of the Marshall Plans focus on Europe, Latins resent getting run-of-themill or low-grade diplomats.

They also resent the countrailing duty them of the plans for the countrailing duty administration which Dulles said would not "take South America for granted."

Last year, Sen. Joe O'Mahoney, stanch pillar of the Democratic Party, begged the Truman Administration to impose the same duty against Uruguay. claimed such tarriff protection for Wyoming, sheep-growers wold mean his reclection. But Dean Acheson, wanting to protect good-neighbor work.

trade, realizing Uruguay had a tough time preserving democracy alongside Argentina, said no. Uruguayan wood-tops continued to enter the U. S. A. O'Mahoney was defeated, and the second of the second

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business these days, he's also doing well at
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Moore is a star at lengthy White House
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