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BOND FUNDS WILL GREATLY IMPROVE SCHOOLS AND MENTAL INSTITUTIONS

ON OCT. 3, the people of North Carolina will vote on two bond issues. One will provide \$50 million to build new public school facilities. The other will provide \$22 million to modernize and expand the state's mental institutions.

SINCE the end of World War II \$50 million in state funds has been invested in public schools. Local communities have spent an additional \$111 million—a total of \$161 million.

Yet North Carolina still needs 7,782 more classrooms to relieve overcrowding and replace outmoded or substandard units. It is estimated that it would cost \$72.5 million for these classrooms alone.

Obviously the \$50 million proposed in the Oct. 3 bond issue will not meet today's needs. But if local communities continue to spend money on schools at the postwar rate, the gap will be substantially closed.

THIS STATE has never caught up with the demand for adequate facilities for its mentally ill. Though many millions in World War II surplus funds were allocated to mental institutions, the number of applications at state hospitals has exceeded the number of admissions by about 300 each year.

STEVENSON SPEECH WAS IN CHARACTER

ADLAI STEVENSON'S Chicago address was a foreign policy speech about what we expected of the man—an intelligent, responsible and penetrating analysis of the conditions as he saw them on his recent trip abroad.

In two major points, Mr. Stevenson appeared to challenge basic tenets of the administration's foreign policy as laid down by President Eisenhower and Secretary of State Dulles.

The administration has held firmly to the conviction that it would be useless to hold a high-level conference with Russia before the communists show by deeds that they are ready for a peace pact.

CHARGE AGAINST ARMY BACKFIRES

SENATOR MCCARTHY is far too busy a man for an editorial writer to keep up with, unless he neglects everything else. But one of the Senator's recent blasts merits comment, since it may be rather broad in its allegation against the United States Army.

The Senator complained that a restricted intelligence report on Soviet Siberia is 98 per cent Communist propaganda. . . Two or three or five per cent is a slap on the wrist for Communism." He cited as proof such passages as these:

"Foreigners in the Soviet Union unanimously report the Russians as a friendly people. . . Siberia, in a special sense, is rather similar to our Far West in the late 1800's. It is a land of wide-open spaces, fast-growing towns, dirt streets, and log houses. . . There is abundant opportunity to develop the land in the skilled trades and professions, and a man is paid according to what he produces."

If these are accurate statements, and the Senator has not questioned their accuracy, we see no reason why they should be labeled "Communist propaganda," since the document in question was distributed to high executive military and government officials.

Would it serve any useful purpose to falsify such a report? We think not.

Besides, other sections are certainly more than "wrist slaps" for communism. Here's one:

state hospitals have long waiting lists. And their inability to receive patients has forced local authorities to keep hundreds of mental patients in jails.

An even greater shortage in facilities for feeble-minded children limited. Applications have so far exceeded beds at the Caswell Training School that only the worst cases could be admitted.

Of the \$22 million for mental institutions, \$4.5 million will be spent for a new hospital for feeble-minded white children at Camp Butler, and \$4.5 million for a new hospital for Negro children at Goldsboro. Other allocations: \$4,208,450 for the State Hospital at Raleigh. . . \$2,925,000 for the State Hospital at Morganton. . . \$500,000 for the State Hospital at Goldsboro. . . \$1,514,000 for Caswell Training School. . . \$4,582,000 for the State Hospital at Butler.

IN FUTURE editorials of THE NEWS

we will attempt to answer the many questions that may have arisen in the minds of the voters. How big is the state indebtedness now, and how much will the new bond issues add to it? By what formula will the school funds be distributed?

Meanwhile, thoughtful citizens of this state should ponder these words of Gov. William Umstead:

"The responsibility for the education of our children and the proper care of our mentally ill is the obligation of every citizen of North Carolina, and I urge every voter to support and vote for the two bond issues on Oct. 3. It is a challenge which we must meet."

exploring the possibility of disarmament.

And in one notable section of the address, he appeared to break sharply with past Democratic party policies toward the Far East. In the years following World War II, the Truman administration gave Europe top priority and resisted the clamor of Republican spokesmen to pay more attention to Asia, said Mr. Stevenson:

"I wish I had an hour for Asia, for if I may risk a prophesy, the hostile world is being to rise more and more attention to Asia, especially huge, uncommitted India. . . I suspect that as Europe's political center shrinks, there will be left to us more of the burden of defense and of helping to contain the great forces which great changes have unleashed in Asia."

Most encouraging was Mr. Stevenson's emphasis on the importance of bi-partisan support of the administration's foreign policies. He praised the record of the Democrats in Congress in helping President Eisenhower "carry out an effective foreign policy, to restore the leadership of America and to give fresh inspiration and confidence to the great alliance which is indispensable to our security. If it brings the President credit, it brings credit to us all, because the nation and the free world will be beneficiaries," he said.

The nation is indeed fortunate that the chief spokesman of the opposition party is so temperate and constructive in his views on foreign policy.

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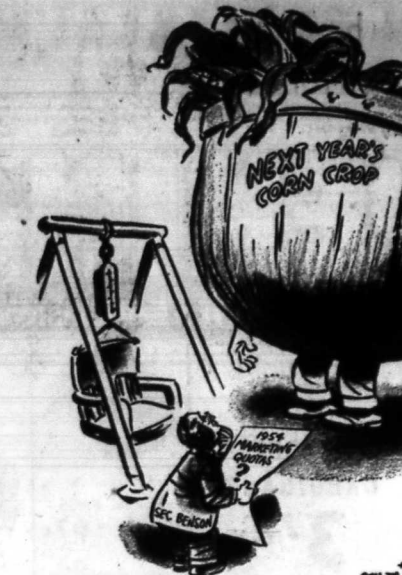
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'Come On—Guess My Weight'



People's Platform

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

Another Kind Of 'Crutch'

Editor, THE NEWS: MAY I commend John Anderson for his fine letter on the FEPC. . . I think he will agree that the progress of the Negro since the abolition of slavery speaks much diligence toward that end in such a manner.

However, I feel that the use of FEPC is completely justifiable as a means of realizing more fully one of the highest ideals of our democratic philosophy, equality of opportunity. I do not think it weakness to admit that our system of government is only as perfect as are those who execute it, or indeed, those who founded it.

Ironically, while pondering the characterization of a "crutch law," it occurred to me that the whole institution of segregation among men throughout the world is dependent upon myths of crutches, generally in the form of state codes or city ordinances. Recognizing that segregation among people of common interests, exposure and ability is completely unnecessary, our crutches have been invented to perpetuate and sustain the institution.

Some permits mention of only one such crutch found nearby, on a page adjacent to that upon which Mr. Anderson's letter appeared. This article entitled, "Negroes Denial Of Editor Concerned Negro Union of South Carolina back, refused by Rep. William H. Grinnell who pointed out that the Negro people in the United States are in the county to maintain public parks or bathing beaches for joint use of whites and Negroes." There are countless other laws like this one.

If crutches are in order as they seem to be, I can only conclude that the far more justifiable as a means of achieving our democratic idealogy than such laws as mentioned above. If we are to eliminate crutches to save our degrading freedom, we might better begin with those that support segregation.

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Democratic Growls

THE old gang-up against Sen. Estes Kefauver which took place in Chicago a year ago was repeated in the other night. Though Sen. "Daniel Boone," as he's now called by many Democratic politicians, was not present, the spirit of the occasion was the same.

Speaker after speaker, some of them incoherently, popped up on the rostrum to denounce the Democratic Party. The assurance of the most loyal Democrats, but detractors who had made the "mistake of arguing that the better quality, was among them. Even when the honored guest was introduced, Tennessee Senator Gilette reportedly repeated to the audience that they were not to applaud until he was introduced. He made this remark twice, once in introducing the Senator from Tennessee.

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Stevenson Has Useful Role As Critic Of Foreign Policy

BY MARQUIS CHILDS

BEYOND the clamor of partisan politics, Adlai Stevenson, as constructive critic and appraiser of the "policy of infamy" which is to form a useful service to the nation. His words here against the side of his own leadership.

Even in the heat of a political campaign, Stevenson seldom loses sight of the broader implications of the issues that represent everything as good or bad from the politician's perspective. It is his judgment, his background and his knowledge and background that gave him a right to speak as an objective observer.

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Lure Of Ice Cream Freezer Symbolic Of Our Gadget Age

By ROBERT C. BUARK

SAW A THING the other day that was a combination of a success was being had in a streamlined, stainless-steel Veterans' Administration hospital by having a psychiatric case in an ice cream freezer approach to psychotherapy.

A man, mentally disturbed or not, is put in the freezer for a few minutes, and derives a certain satisfaction from doing things with his hands. . . The machine, the gimmicks and the gadgets, have certainly handicapped us in the gadget age, but they have robbed us of a certain psychic satisfaction—the old-fashioned sense of accomplishment and environment and come out a weary winner.

It is all I know is that in the new world we would have to find the artificial approaches to ease, the hosts of outdoor cooks and amateur chefs, and to find one old freezer. Yet for therapy we find that grandma's old ice cream maker was a very bold device.

Some might say that perhaps the freezer is to be used as a cure because it has just about everything that a man needs. . . Maybe the machine is a cure because it is so simple, so easy to use, so easy to turn the crank. He also gets to lick the dasher as he turns it. . . The machine, the gimmicks and the gadgets, have certainly handicapped us in the gadget age, but they have robbed us of a certain psychic satisfaction—the old-fashioned sense of accomplishment and environment and come out a weary winner.

Grand Jury Probe Needed

Editors, THE NEWS: SINCE we are requested for a grand jury investigation of charges which have been made against our police department appeared in your Sept. 9 paper, I have been offered the opinion that some of my calls were anonymous. . . others were from reputable citizens who felt the need to do so.

The reaction of the average citizen who has only the information which he has read in the newspaper seems to be "let's get to the bottom of this and either prove or disprove the stories which are going around our city like wildfire."

Some have offered the opinion that it is incumbent upon our police officials or upon our City Council to bring suit for libel and slander against the members of the City Council whose violent denunciations of Pearson are going around our city like wildfire.

It is time to "get to the bottom of this" before more of our dirty linen is washed before the whole nation. We need a Federal grand jury without further delay.

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Best Wisecracks

HERE are some of the best cracks got off by Democratic bigwigs in the Chicago lampooned against the Eisenhower administration: Senator Charles McNamara: "When Secretary Dulles's place is filled there'll be more money in the Treasury than in the Treasury of Allah."

Senator Douglas of Illinois: "The great trait of the Democratic party is its inability to withstand a vigorous attack."

Washington Whirl BUDGET cutbacks for the Navy shipbuilding program were so severe this year that only one new U. S. submarine, the USS Growler, will be built. Even in the peaceful days under Hoover and Coolidge we built four or five subs each year.