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Two-Party, One-Party, 1-3 Party

THERE are still pertinent arguments to be raised on both sides of most political issues, and the old "is the two-party system good?" question is no exception. William J. Fulbright, Arkansas...

Sen. Fulbright could have looked toward the mountains of Graham County and made a second point. Graham County is a two-party county—winners frequently go into office there less than 100-vote margins.

There is also an infrequently mentioned argument in favor of a strong two-party system. It helps make congressmen tend to business. At least that conclusion may be drawn from the tabulation just published by CONGRESS...

Those Rainmakers Can Brag Now

THIS is one time when we're pleased to say that Carolinians are all wet, despite the dismay over havoc wrought by that hellcat, Hazel. It was a wonderful rain when it finally came.

There is no time to blame the meteorologists for their gloomy forecast, Thursday afternoon, that no rain was in sight, before today at least. Weather prophets have as many imponderables to consider as many political prophets do, and when a flickle creature like Hazel careens into an obstinate cold front, anything can happen.

In fact, we feel so good about the rain we'd like to make some excuses for the weather men which they may have thought of.

As Drew Pearson reports today elsewhere on this page, meteorologists are considering the possibility that H-bombs exploding affect the weather. And how about those rainmakers or "precipitation engineers" over in Greensboro? Maybe they helped upset the forecast.

Stormy Future For Labor's Marriage

HEALING the 19-year-old split between the CIO and the AFL will be easier than keeping American labor's house in order after a merger has been completed. This is one of the problems confronting leaders of both sides today as they continue their peace talks in Washington.

A seven-league step toward amalgamation of the nation's two great labor organizations has already been taken. It came four months ago when the "no raiding" agreement was signed. But a merger—if it comes—is likely to be as stormy a marriage as the U. S. has ever seen.

One reason: The labor movement is filled with prima donnas. Few fields have had so many fiery individuals.

You Said A Mouthful, Mr. Toynbee

ARNOLD TOYNEBE may be the world's most influential living historian but he has the unholky knack of scaring the pants off us at times. This goes not only for his thesis—that civilization going up must come down—but also for his prose. For example, take this grotesque sentence from the great volumes of A Study or History published by the Oxford University Press:

HERE, BEER!

AN ENGLISH fellow, with time on his hands, has invented a gadget that may catch on in this country. But even if it doesn't, it will catch the imagination of a people who like gadgets, particularly those that save energy.

It's a beer barrel that really rolls, a sort of silent bullet guaranteed not to spill a drop. The barrel is actually two barrels, one

The Child Adoption Program In North Carolina

By FELIX GRISETTE

(Editor's Note: Mr. Grissette is executive director of the N. C. Research Institute. His article is reprinted from Public Welfare News, published by the N. C. State Board of Public Welfare.)

IT IS axiomatic that a happy, contented family life is the basis for all that is fine and good in the world. The right kind of family relationship is one of the surest protections against those human traits which lead to unhappiness, to emotional instability, to fear, or to crime.

It is also axiomatic that the ideal family unit is one which includes children. Because parents are not always blessed with their own natural born children, and because children for various reasons may be deprived of the presence of their natural parents, the institution of child adoption becomes a means of creating or retaining the family unit in its most complete and desirable form.

Although child adoption is as old as civilization itself and although it is found in all civilized countries, it is during more recent times that its social importance has been really appreciated. This comparatively recent realization of its importance is attributable to the fact that modern society generally now recognizes that a happy home life with the love and security of parents is the best guarantee that a child will grow into a normal adult.

1,200 ADOPTIONS IN N. C. What is the adoption picture in North Carolina? Well, in the last fiscal year, about 1,200 petitions for adoption were filed with the proper legal authorities. These 1,200 represent an increase of about 20 per cent over the number filed the year before and it is an increase of about 300 per cent within the last 10 years.

I am not sure whether you will think 1,200 is a surprisingly large or a surprisingly small number of adoptions for a state which has 11,500 births each year. The figure of 783 births that actually may seem small when we recall that more than 9,000 children are born out of wedlock in North Carolina every year.

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'Hi, Everybody — What's Cooking?'



Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

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Ever since the first atomic blast at Hiroshima, Japan, almost 10 years ago, the Weather Bureau has been constantly asked: "How will the bomb affect the weather?"

H-Bomb May Have Effect On Weather

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'Hey, mister, I'm a lookin' for a home. How about yours?'

dependent placements must still be subjected to the investigations which are required before the intercounty decree is issued by the court, experts on the subject put out several important reasons why it is better that the placement not be made privately.

Such a direct independent placement is legally permissible in North Carolina although the preferable procedure is to place directly by the parent or parents themselves with non-relatives through an official placement agency.

Another reason is that under the law, when a child is placed independently rather than through an agency, the natural parents may change their minds at any time during the first six months of the placement, and this invalidates the entire proceedings, which can bring about the tragic situation.

Despite the fact that these intercounty decrees are usually issued within about six months from the date the petition is filed, but it is not final. It is a provisional decree only pending the issuance of a final order.

Car Competition Affects Employment, Thus Politics

By MARQUIS CHILDS

AN EVENT that has just taken place here is likely to dwarf in significance anything that the national candidates may say in the campaign now being waged in Michigan.

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A GREAT DANGER

But perhaps the greatest danger to the child in an independent placement is the fact that both sets of parents know each other. All students of the subject agree that if the adoptive parents should not know who the natural parents are and that the natural parents should not know who the adoptive parents are.

The primary purpose of all welfare workers is to keep the natural family together if possible. If after all phases of the problem have been considered, adoption seems to be the only answer, then the claim of the natural parents is ended.

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