

Jonas Sedberry Race, Other Election Issues Debated

Jonas Voted Against The People's Interest
 Charlotte
 Editors, The News: The News published two full columns on the "Record of Charles Raper Jonas." We respect the opinion of the News with regard to that portion of the "record" which they are in agreement. We believe however that in all fairness to the Democratic candidate, Judge J. C. Sedberry, we be permitted to call attention to the record of the Republican candidate with respect to the interests of the people of the Tenth District.

A 'Good Democrat' Lines Up For Jonas
 Charlotte
 Editors, The News: I WANT to say something that I may be entitled, "The Big Transition of a Whole Life Democrat to Jonas," which I believe is the way most Democrats feel. I am 38 years old and have been a good Democrat all of my life and I have always loved the party up until a few years ago—it looked like they were selling out our country to the Communists. But, since our good friend, President Eisenhower, and our hard worker whose interest is solely for the good of the country and the people, especially the people of the 10th District of North Carolina, who is none other than Congressman Charles Raper Jonas, something has been done about this problem.

It Seems that all the Democratic Party can bring up is a

temporarily labor problem at this time. If they actually went into the background, they would find that there really isn't a problem at all—the unemployment number of firms to locate people within the past three or four weeks and no one has been found yet. There are other aspects to this also. It seems that the Democrats just want the people to believe a lie. They don't stop to look back to see the three million people loafing when the Truman administration was in office, and he three American people into the Korean War, whose boys froze, bled, and died, without the consent of our Congress. Too, he didn't have the nerve to discharge MacArthur to his face. He waited until the death hours of the night to discharge him. Had it not been for the Korean War, we would have been one of the greatest depressions we have ever seen in years—but, it should be pointed out, that

the Republican Party doesn't have to put on a war or get us in a war to have peace and prosperity.
 Thus, I can't see any other way to vote but for our Congressman, Charles Raper Jonas.
 —P. C. CRUMP

Vote Tomorrow—And Vote Wisely

They have such refined and delicate politics that they can discover no one worthy of their ballots. And when someone terrible gets elected they say, "There, that's just what I expected!"

—Ogden Nash
MCKENLURG COUNTY has 87,962 voters registered to participate in tomorrow's general election, but many will respond to the challenge.

Tuesday like all election days, stands as a milestone in democratic history. It cannot be muddled past. The community can pass it safely only when the greatest number of people faithfully discharge the responsibilities of citizenship.

McKenlurg's voting record has not been particularly bright in mid-term general elections in the past. In 1950, only 18,838 McKenlurgers bothered to go to the polls to mark ballots in the congressional race. In 1952, the last presidential year, a total of 77,378 voters were cast.

Absolute monarchies and dictatorships are more efficient than democracies but they are more dangerous for the individual. And in a democracy it is the individual who counts. Of course, democ-

cratic societies often must depend on the trial and error system to achieve fruitful progress. But out of this trial and error system come the attitudes, ideas and doctrines that protect the freedom of the individual.

In a democracy, everyone must submit to some measure of control or authority over his actions—but not over his judgment and reason. Since all cannot think alike, the voice of the majority has the force of the law.

This right to speak—to be part of the great, all-inclusive voice of the people—is a great privilege indeed in a world where freedom of the ballot is unknown in so many countries. While an American has part in plotting his future and electing the men who will lead him into that future, millions of others do not, never have and probably never will.

But the ballot itself offers only limited protection. It must be marked carefully. Numbers alone do not produce wisdom. Democracy always has the problem of enlisting the best energies of men while giving to all alike the choice of these. Still, when the trained and fit are available and the people vote—and vote wisely—democracy will survive.

It would be fair too, to include in that "record" the principle which the News itself has so often emphasized as politically desirable in our community: namely the growth of the "two-party" system; and while this is not part of the "voting" record, it certainly pertains to the relative merits of the two candidates to point out that it is the Republican candidate himself who has turned his back on this principle.

In other words, we maintain that the Republican candidate votes as a Republican as far as the sectional interests of the Republican Party, but refuses to bind himself to the "two-party" election campaign. Instead he has used every opportunity to trade on the word "Democrat" and is hence to record as part of this Republican "record" that his chief supporters, those who sign the paid advertisements as "Registered Democrats for Jonas," have also been variously, "Registered Democrats for Hoover," "Registered Democrats for Landon," and "Registered Democrats for Thomas E. Dewey."

We maintain that proof of this, securely locked against the vertiginous columns of the News over the past 20 years, may not be a substitute, but it is certainly an imposition upon the voters of the Tenth District of North Carolina. Beyond that, let us look into the actual "record" of the Republican candidate as it affects the voters of the Tenth District. In this respect, we have reported on approximately 100,000 families who receive wages or farm income. Now let us see this "record."

The Republican candidate voted against the amendment to reduce income taxes for the lower income tax groups. He voted against the Democratic proposal to raise the exemption from \$600 to \$700, which would have meant a more equitable tax reduction plan for 38 per cent of the voters in this district.

At Kasson, Minnesota, the Republican presidential candidate promised the farmers 100 per cent parity, with the guarantee of 90 per cent of the market price. The Republican candidate with the rest of the Republicans tried to reduce this to 75 per cent. The Democratic opposition resulted in finally setting the price support at 85 per cent. Finally, the voters of the Tenth District in 1948 voted to reduce it to 75 per cent.

Let us look at the "record" and find the tremendous assistance given the national debt by the Republicans for the past 15 years. The Republican candidate with the rest of the Republicans tried to increase the debt ceiling by \$1 billion dollars, and it was finally raised by \$1 billion.

There are nearly 80,000 veterans in the Tenth District, and Mrs. Edith Norner Roggen, the Republican chairman of the committee on Veterans Affairs said that she "would be at a loss for words if I were asked to point out a particular piece of Republican legislation that has been enacted that has benefited the veterans." The Republican candidate in the Tenth District voted against an appropriation to give medical care to hospitalized veterans who cannot afford other care. The Republican candidate also voted against the bill to give certain governmental agencies the right to fire an employe without regard to the veterans preference laws and civil service.

Public housing and slum clearance are of tremendous importance to the people in the Tenth District. In fact, the city of Charlotte has stood near the top in the country in its development of new housing and better housing during the past 15 years. The Republican candidate voted to end public housing. He voted to end public housing at the end of 1954. The Republican candidate voted against adding \$25 million dollars for hospital construction under the Hill-Burton Act. The Republican candidate also voted against increasing VA funds for administration of medical, hospital and housing services, and the Republican candidate voted against adding funds and loan for rural telephone lines, and he voted against transmission lines to carry more power to the rural communities under the REA. The Republican candidate also voted against federal aid to schools in defense areas.

—DAVID M. MCCONNELL, Chairman County Democratic Executive Committee.
 —MRS. R. E. McDOWELL, Vice-Chairman McKenlurg County Democratic Executive Committee
 —DOM FITZ, Treasurer
 —GEORGE HOUSTON, Secretary
 —HERMAN MOORE, Secretary State Democratic Executive Committee

Can't Figure Jonas' Vote On The Parkway
 Charlotte
 Editors, The News: THE Blue Ridge Parkway is one of the most beautiful and scenic sections of the nation. I don't understand how Congressman Jonas could vote against an appropriation for the Parkway. "Registered Democrats" means a great deal to Mitchell, Avery and Burke Counties.

Why not elect a congressman who represents the Tenth District and not a few rich Republicans? I'm going to vote for Sedberry for Congress!
 —MRS. SAM C. HAIR

Do Not Be Fooled By Loose Promises
 Cheraw, S. C.
 Editors, The News: SOME candidates... have the nerve to go around and ask the voters to send them back to Washington on their promises. Don't be fooled by these people. They are wise to your tricks by now. Look at unemployment. Look at the prices of what the people pay for food, clothing and everything they buy. As for unemployment, there are just about as many looking for jobs as there are working. Yet it's said that we have only about two million and a few hundred out of work. There are that many in the South out of work. Plants operate on part-time in most places.

Jonas Isn't Just An Ordinary Politician
 Lincolnton
 Editors, The News: I HAVE noticed with interest and hearty approval the letters written by the Lincolntonians and others in support of my distinguished fellow-citizen, Chas. Raper Jonas, as published in various newspapers. As a rule, I don't like politicians. But Mr. Jonas cannot be fairly compared with the ordinary politician. For he is a man who has conscientiously discharged his duties to all his constituents, regardless of their political beliefs and affiliations, and this regardless of their race or national origin.

Here is a man who went all-out to perform the duties of the office he took when elected two years ago. And how well he has performed them is shown by his record as well as the testimony of all those who went to him with personal problems. With respect to the latter, there has always been sympathetic and rendered aid to all who sought it whenever such was in his power.

As to his record for the two years he has served in Congress, it reflects keen intelligence plus a desire to do what he honestly thought was best for our country as a whole; it is not a record that indicates intent to favor the "in" man," as some would have us believe.

Men who will serve in public life as conscientiously and as vigorously as has Charles Raper Jonas are rare indeed in the Tenth District should they consider themselves lucky to have had a man of his caliber and capabilities to represent us these past two years.

Come next Tuesday, it should be not only our privilege but our duty to vote for Charles Raper Jonas and re-entrust him to Congress for another term.
 —ALBERT E. FARMER

Biting The Hand That Feeds You
 Charlotte
 Editors, The News: THE tempest in a teapot over a justice of the peace in Long Creek township because he claims some mysterious Democratic party leaders pressured him to support the Democratic candidate is the silliest thing I have heard of.

The man says he is a registered Democrat. He holds office under a Democratic administration. After all, don't the Democrats have the right to expect a little support in return? If he isn't going to support the Democratic Party then he should have resigned and registered as a Republican. But he doesn't seem to care to bite the hand that feeds him.
 —DEMOCRAT

Democrats' For GOP Should Switch Parties
 Charlotte
 Editors, The News: BOTH Democrats (including self-styled) and Republicans have been guilty of many mix-ups on the issue of the should the Republican can we be assured that Congress will be organized by the Democrats and that McGraw will no longer be the chairman of any congressional committee.
 —ART JENKINS

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round
 WASHINGTON
 Jack Porter, the charming and energetic Texas man first plumbed for Eisenhower, has sent out an amazing letter demanding money from federal jobholders in his state. The letter comes close to the border line drawn by the Hatch Act against "macing"—forcing contributions from officeholders.

Porter is a wealthy Houston oil man and Republican national committeeman who went to see Eisenhower in Paris in the spring of 1952 and brought back word that Ike would be against the Supreme Court on tideland oil. Despite the fact that the Supreme Court had ruled against Texas, California, Gen. Eisenhower wrote Jack Porter a letter taking the opposite stand. This was when Texas was venting over the fact that two years ago and why so much Texas money has poured into the GOP campaign chest.

News Through 'Straws'
 There's been a lot of prompting among the staff of the Atomic Energy Commission as to how they should promote the name of their chairman, Adm. Lewis Strauss. The Kuhn Loeb banking partner, who now runs the AEC in such a highbanded manner, does not like to be mispronounced. He demands that the pronunciation be as "straws."

The other day, Mary Smyth, wife of the famous scientist, Henry D. Smyth, who has just resigned from the AEC because he could not take Adm. Strauss' domination, was sitting at dinner beside New York Times correspondent Arthur Krock, chief analyst for Adm. Strauss. "How do you feel?" she asked Krock. "I feel fine," was the reply. "Are you sure?" pressed Mrs. Smyth. "Yes, why do you ask?" "Because I heard you were ill!" "What makes you think that?" "I heard you had been taking all your nourishment through 'straws'."

Congressman Dilomat
 Though it didn't get into the headlines, one of the unofficial diplomats who helped to smooth out the important

Trieste problem was Democratic Congressman John Blatnik of Minnesota, an American of Yugoslav descent.

Three times during the war, Blatnik was parachuted behind German lines into Yugoslavia where he worked with the Yugoslav underground against the Nazis.

Last year Congressman Blatnik happened to be in Yugoslavia at the time the United States and England pulled their tragic bomb demanding—without advance notification—that Tito evacuate the Yugoslav underground.

Following that ultimatum, Tito mobilized thousands of Yugoslav and Yugoslav public opinion reached a fever pitch.

Blatnik who was on the scene, immediately called on Tito, persuaded him to enter into direct negotiations with Italy. Then, Gen. Eisenhower pulled NATO headquarters in Brussels to report to Gen. Alfred Gruenther. His conferences helped to get Yugoslavia back into the good graces of us as diplomatic talks were commenced.

No Political Commissars, Please

THE Army has promised to rub the rust from its educational program to teach soldiers the ABC's of democracy and improvements are on the way. But any supercharged form of ideological pedagogy should be approached with caution. America needs no political commissars to enforce thought control in its armed services.

First fears about the effectiveness of present "troop information and education programs" arose when 23 American prisoners of war in Korea showed so little faith in democracy that they chose, at least initially, to cast their lot with their Red captors.

The Army's greatest task is to give its soldiers compelling reasons for risking their necks to defend their country and the free world from the Communists. This is something difficult to do with pamphlets and talks when so many GI's learn little of democracy and Communism in the 18 or so years before they join the military. Eight per cent of the

nation's Army personnel have less than a fourth grade education.

Under the present system, the recruit gets many hours of discussion during basic training on subjects ranging from "Citizenship" to "The Communist Threat in America." The program continues when the soldier embarks for overseas duty.

This system is fundamentally sound. Perhaps it could stand a little brushing up with improved educational techniques. But we hope the Army won't establish a red hopped up indoctrination program to sell something that just doesn't require a more equitable tax reduction plan for 38 per cent of the voters in this district.

'Well Now, Suh, Eff'n Lee Hadn't...'

A TAR HEEL still draws his y'all's. A New Englander still pawks his caah. And there's nothing that can be done about it.

The Technology may have shortened the economic life lines between North and South but it hasn't helped to diminish the language barrier one bit.

Northerners are still mystified by Dixie's melodious slurs and southerners can never get used to the sharp consonants and fractured vowel sounds of dyed-in-the-wool Yankees.

Take the case of Army Capt. Richard M. Tafte. He lived with his family at Fort Meyer. Va. His nine-year-old daughter, Pauline, was having difficulties in the Arlington school. So the Taftes had a conference with her teacher—"a charming Richmond girl with a charming Richmond accent." She recommended a remedial speech course for Pauline. The parents, though not entirely convinced it was necessary, agreed.

Later Capt. Tafte asked a doctor at Washington's Walter Reed Hospital to make a check of the child's speech. He did so and entered this sentence on her record: "The speech defect noted by the Arlington School System appears to be nothing more than a flat Boston accent."

The Taftes are from Boston. But New Englanders might have the same doubts of their own about a child

from the Deep South. They accuse Southerners of using the lazy "ah" in almost every sentence uttered—so that "I'm over here" becomes "Ah'm ovah here."

To complicate matters even more for listeners north of the Mason-Dixon Line, there is not one southern accent but many. The flavorful New Orleans dialect differs sharply from the drawl heard on the flats of Georgia. A tidewater Virginia accent is not at all like the brogue of the North Carolina-Tennessee mountain region. Cape Hatteras Island has preserved many colonial or Elizabethan turns of expression and "the worst English in the world" is said to be spoken by the Gullah Negroes of the South Carolina coast.

But distinctive accents can also be detected among natives of the New York-Jersey-Cit' area, the Ozarks, the Midwest, the Far West, the Maine coast, rural Pennsylvania and the Adirondack country.

There is a difference between cultured and uncultured speech, of course. Nobody should condone really bad, slovenly speech but there is nothing at all wrong with a good local accent. It helps establish a regional personality. There is no such thing as a "right accent" or a single "American accent." As long as it is articulate and amiable, it's perfectly correct.

A WORD TO BEARDED BOB RUARK
 But maybe we've learned a few things since Robert Ruark flunked his last out at the University; and maybe one of those things is that it's going to take more than a convertible and a liquor bottle to untravel the mess Mr. Ruark and his reckless general make of the world. It's going to take literature and art and politics and economics among other things, and if we can't quibble our alcohol at the Ruark rate, we'll just have to get along the best we can.

There is one big difference between car trips which mom and dad take, and trips on which the yard baby and knee baby go along. In the latter case, when you get tired you rest by driving.

"The past," a poet once wrote, "is a bucket of ashes." Thinking of the "H-bomb today, that has a tremor sound"—MATTOON (ILL.) JOURNAL-GAZETTE.

No citizen of Kansas is suggesting giving the drought-stricken state back to the Indians, as it is feared they might vote against the price supports.—LAUREL (MISS.) LEADER-CALL