

To Tar Heel Republicans, Greetings

WHENEVER North Carolina Republicans come together in Charlotte, we're always pleased to extend them a hand of welcome.

For one thing, the fact that the Tar Heel GOP leadership settled upon Charlotte for its state convention is a sign that this area holds out the best hope of developing a strong two-party system from the grassroots on up.

For another, the Republicans are a lively lot these days, happy to have themselves a Congressman, and hopeful of breaking into other areas of state and local government.

If the Republicans have been reading the papers these days, they must be aware that the 10th District Democrats are having quite a time finding a strong candidate to oppose their Charles Raper Jones. That doesn't mean they won't find one, or that Mr. Jones will have any sledding if they do. A good many factors present in November, 1952, will not apply in November, 1954, and given a strong Democratic candidate, the race ought to be a snappy one.

And if the Republicans have been watching the papers, they probably are aware that things are not going too well up in Washington. BUSINESS WEEK, a fine magazine that leans to the conservative viewpoint, took a hard look this week at the opposition from Senate GOP leaders to the Eisenhower administration, and concluded:

"For 20 years the Republicans were a minority party in this country. The Republican Senate leaders seem to have learned all too well how to be an opposition party. Unless they can learn to co-operate loyally and intelligently with an administration of their own party, the people of the country will be faced with the thought that their only place is in the opposition."

The editorial is reprinted elsewhere on this page, in case the Tar Heel Republicans missed it.

BUSINESS WEEK could have cited some other examples. Rep. Daniel A. Reed (R-N.Y.) is leading the fight against the administration's tax program. Chairman Milton B. Young (R-N.D.), chairman of the Senate subcommittee on agriculture, is opposing the Benson flexible price support program. Chief opponents of the Randall Commission tariff report are Reps. Reed and Richard M. Simpson (R-Pa.). Rep. Carl T. Curtis (R-Neb.) Ways & Means chairman of the subcommittee on social security, is aghast at the President's proposals in this field. And most vocal critics of the President's housing program have been two California Republicans, Reps. Edgar Hiestand and Gordon McDonough.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS found a non sequitur (something that doesn't follow) in a resolution adopted by 12th District Republicans meeting in Waynesville which (1) endorsed the Eisenhower program, (2) endorsed "what Republican congressmen are trying to do," and (3) urged the election of large GOP majorities in House and Senate "to uphold the hands of Ike." Obviously, something didn't follow.

If the Tar Heel Republicans are going to do any resolving today, we respectfully suggest that they request their congressional leaders to join the Eisenhower "team," lest the voters hench the entire lot come November.

Scott Meets A Big Issue Head-On

CANDIDATE W. KERR SCOTT could not have been more forthright in declaring his opposition to secrecy in government, abuse of the congressional investigative function, and the encroachment by the legislative branch of the federal government upon the executive branch in his speech to Carolinas newsmen here yesterday.

Against all three evils, Scott lashed out with unbridled vigor.

He said he was "completely opposed" to secrecy in the legislative function except when the national security is involved.

He denounced the "vicious, irresponsible" abuse of the "legitimate investigative functions of Congress."

And he described as an "inflamed, growing cancer" the tendency of the legislative branch to take over the executive function.

Having criticized, he offered two specific suggestions:

1. That if present laws are not adequate to protect the nation from those who would destroy it from within, Congress should enact the necessary laws.

2. When the executive branch fails to bring to justice those who would destroy the nation, then Congress should use its constitutional power of impeachment.

The former governor of North Carolina is not a lawyer, but he apparently has some good legal advice in preparing this address. For it was an eloquent and penetrating analysis of the constitutional division of powers, and a stirring defense of that system.

Moreover, the subject was a timely one. Both on the state level and in Washington, secrecy in government has become a burning issue. The American people are gradually waking up to the fact that great areas of government have been placed in the hands of those who are demanding that the public can watch the transaction of public business.

And the recent showdown between President Eisenhower and Sen. McCarthy underscored Scott's remarks on the abuse of congressional investigations and the attempt to usurp the authority of the executive branch.

It is good to have a candidate for the United States Senate put himself so squarely on record in these matters, for it is in the Senate that the abuses to which he referred have gone unchecked.

Rich Dividends From Modest Investment

IF THE new directory of adult education opportunities did nothing more than make Charlotteans realize the full extent of the facilities, it would serve a useful purpose. The list, carried in yesterday's News, was astonishingly long and varied.

Of course, the directory will serve a far more important purpose in the future by making available in one place all information about adult education courses offered in the community. Its very existence should encourage Charlotteans to take better advantage of these opportunities than they have heretofore.

Adult education is of increasing importance in this rapidly changing world. To those who would like to enter new fields of endeavor, and to those who simply want to enlarge and make fuller and richer their present existences, the chance to continue the learning process is invaluable.

It may have been a coincidence that

THE VANISHING PENCIL MYSTERY

A LITTLE WHILE AGO we broke open a fresh box of pencils—a fresh box of Mirado No. 1's—and felt to wonder, in some embarrassment and dismay, what in the world happened to the last box of pencils. It is the strangest thing. They simply disappear.

Somewhere along the line, if you think about the matter carefully, there must come a time when a pencil is sharpened down to a useless stub. At that point, presumably, you throw the stub away. But searching our recollection, we cannot recall more than a couple of times this year that we have actually tossed pencils into a wastebasket. And this is the third or fourth box of pencils since Christmas? Where do they go?

It cannot be that they get taken home and left there, for we never can find a pencil at home either. The children

The GOP Opposition

(An Editorial from Business Week Magazine)

Intelligent citizens have never questioned Congress, broad powers to investigate or criticize the executive branch. This is a necessary check on the executive and, properly handled, can prevent the executive arm from gaining an excess of power. But Congress' rights were never meant as a weapon to interfere with the functions of the executive branch and so weaken its power.

Americans everywhere have been bewildered and disturbed by the extraordinary actions of some Republican members of the Senate. These men, whether they know it or not, are gravely injuring their own party in the eyes of the country and are undermining the administration of President Eisenhower.

Sen. Joseph McCarthy, chairman of the Government Operations Committee, has contrived to imply that the present Republican administration is just as lax in dealing with Communism in government as its predecessor. He has harried the members of Eisenhower's Cabinet as enthusiastically as he pursued Dean Acheson. He has climaxed their career of administration-baiting with his savage humiliation of Army Secretary Robert T. Stevens.

THE WARREN CASE

But it is not only a case of McCarthyism. We have also the incredible spectacle of Sen. William Langer, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, having held up for nine weeks action on the appointment of Earl Warren for Chief Justice. Sen. Langer gave nation-wide, front-page publicity to 10 unverified calumnies directed against the man who, only six years ago, had been the Republican Party's nominee for Vice President of the United States.

Leaving aside questions of decency and intelligence, what has become of common party loyalty when the American people are offered this kind of internecine strife in the Republican ranks?

Then there is the case of Sen. John Bricker, who, despite the President's firm opposition, has persisted in his attempt to curtail the constitutional treaty-making powers of the executive. The Bricker amendment has been beaten, but there is no denying the fact that the support lent by many Republican Senators has served to widen the rift in the Republican Party.

VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE

Perhaps most remarkable of all is the spectacle of Sen. William F. Knowland, majority leader. Secretary Dulles, returned himself beautifully as a target.

In Harlem the American Negroes have already shied away from the Puerto Rican Negroes as neighbors, because in many instances the Puerto Ricans have given the darker people a bad name, merely by association.

They also have loaded the relief pools, and the likes of the wondrous Mr. Vito Marcantonio have encouraged the loafing. They have been brought in by plane loads for political purposes, and the land has been saddled with people who are a burden to the sun. Our own Negroes resent their presence, because black is black and a great many Puerto Ricans have given the color black a lousy reputation.

It is unfortunate but it is true, and your police records and relief rolls will bear it out. We have been put in a wholly untenable position by trying to assimilate a group which won't assimilate. This is the sad business of the revolutionary crackpots shooting up the House ought to be the fact that the United States to Rico a lot less than Puerto Rico needs us—which, in sum, means we don't need Puerto Rico at all. If it means we have to inherit the Puerto Ricans in our midst.

Sen. Ferguson of Michigan, chairman of the powerful Republican Policy Committee of the Senate, seemed to mean business when he announced an overhaul of Senate investigative procedure. He even told newsmen that the overhaul was aimed at Sen. McCarthy's methods. It was the only time the President himself wanted such an overhaul.

However, the charming senator from

'Yeah—I've Been Cut Up A Little, Too'



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By ROBERT C. RUARK

WELLINGTON, N. Z.

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You cannot blanket a people with condemnation, but from what I know of the Puerto Ricans in New York they are the worst bargain ever let into the country. This would be completely apart from the shocking shootings they unleashed in Congress the other day—completely apart from the assassination attempt on President Truman some time back. Those shootings were the work of wild-eyed zealots and there always will be zealots screaming. "Independence" when they can't spell it and would be allowed to run it if they had it.

Nobody ever had a better deal out of the States than Puerto Rico, including their independence if they want it and could make it work. We have taken their overflow into the country and have abused it. Politically, but it has abused the commonwealth right and, in spades. Now, suddenly, if you are shouting for a classic illustration of criminality, the Puerto Ricans have

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