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A Central Fact Of Our Lives

WITH PEARSON, the Alsops and Fleeson all writing on the subject today, this page may tell more about the hydrogen bomb than you readers want to know. But we hazard that chance, believing that recent developments have made the H-bomb a central fact of our lives, one that we will have to live with for a long, long time. Frankly, we were tempted to round out the page by reprinting the full text of AEC Chalrman Lewis Strauss' statement at President Eisenhower's press conference yesterday, But it has been amply covered in the news columns, and needs only brief attention here.

Although Chairman Strauss corrected some of the erroneous reports that have come out of the Marshall Islands hydrogen bomb tests (the bomb was not "out of control", for example, he did not attempt to minimize its power. A single H-bomb, he said, can now "take out", i. e, put- out of commission, any city in the world—New York, London, Moscow.

And since we know that H-bomb are deliverable in conventional aircraft, and that the Russians know the technique, the implications are terribly clear. Unless, for fear of retallation, A-bombs and H-bombs are not used by warring opponents, a third World War would so devastate the earth that a new kind of society would emerge from the ruins, it indeed human society survives.

Some of the world's political leaders and scientists take reduge in the thought that since the new bombs are so devast

Welcome To Charlotte, Mr. Stevenson

NORTH CAROLINA would have preferred, as it demonstrated convincingly in 1952 to welcome Adlai Stevenson as President of the United States, rather than as merely the effective and articulate leader of the Democratic Parly. Nonetheless the welcome is genuine and generous, and Charlotte is much honored by his decision to come here tomorrow for a full round of conferences, conversations, banquets and delivery of a major speech.

Mr. Stevenson has provided this nation with a fine example of responsible stay, and hope he hurries back.

A Start At Prisoner Rehabilitation

THERE are a good many things wrong

I with this state's prisoner rehabilitation program, the main thing being that
it is practically non-existent. The prisons
will continue to produce more repeaters
than rehabilitated citizens until several
major changes have been made.

First, the prisons must be divorced
from the highway department, which will
always be more interested in roads than
in convicts.

prison. Third, prison officials and then pub-c, particularly employers, must be lucated into a new frame of mind re-ducated into a new frame of mind re-ording exconvicts. Men with prison coords must be permitted to reasin mployment and some social standing, ststead of being shunted into the streets here they fall into their old criminal ays which, like all habits, are hard to reak.

From The Memphis Press-Scimitar

SUSPENSE

WHEN Harry Hayne of Sussex, N. J., since. But the other night he turned on his television and, by golly, there was the same picture. It played all the Except for one thing—toward the end, the film broke just as the chief culprit was about to be revealed. The manager regretfully announced that the picture could not be finished because his film was mutilated.

It has been on Harry's mind ever

Rehabilitation
ers, without which most of them will
return, again and again, to the courts
and prison. Then, after the pilot project has been inaugurated, certainly simplar work should be done at the Negro
camp in Mecklenburg County.

The most satisfying aspect of this
project, difficult as it is, is that it is
bound to be successful, because it will
assuredly salvage some lives that have
been allowed to rot because there has
been practically no liaison between the
prison and the community. The degree
of success will be measured by the
amount of aid rendered by social welfare
organizations, community groups like
the Junior Chamber of Commerce and
Alcoholics Anonymous, individual employers, and by the local government
officials who can help or hinder the
program through their discretion in
granting funds for case work and rehabilitation.

Meanwhile, voters ought to consider

habilitation. Meanwhile, voters ought to consider carefully the views of prospective state legislators, to detect if there are among them men who will flight for removal of the state prison system from highway department jurisdiction. When that is done, North Carolina can begin to parallel at the top the kind of prisoner rehabilitation now beginning at the bottom here in Mecklenburg County.

Overweight

DVERWEIGHT

I VIDENCE that trucking companies
are still not complying with the relatively generous North Carolina load
limits turns up in the February report
of the Department of Motor Vehicles'
truckweighing program.

Weighing station attendants, highway
patrolmen, and license inspectors nabbed
1441 violators out of 150,655 trucks
weighed in February. Total collections
from fines and costs ran to \$121,397.56.
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preservation of the highways, ought to
abide by those limits without being compelled to.



People's Platform

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100 Per Cent
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Editors, The News.
1800 A damyankee' — one
word to "Rebel" William L.
Johnson: Only a nut expects everybody to agree with them 100 per cent. The Charlotte News is read, even in the North.

—LELAND N. BROWN

A Friend Rises To Our Defense

He'll Stand By The Democrats

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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

H-Bomb Explosion Film A Vivid Sight

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