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Committee Trapped By Its Own Rules

MEMBERS of the subcommittee probing the Army-McCarthy charges have spent a good deal of time the past few days seeking a way to bring the sorry spectacle to an end. Their reasons have some merit:

1. The controversy is obscuring bigger and more urgent matters of business, including the Geneva conference and the Eisenhower legislative program.
2. The reputation of the Senate as the "greatest deliberative body in the world" has been tarnished by the subcommittee's inability to separate the wheat from the chaff in the controversy.
3. It does not help the Republican Party to prolong the public airing of this dispute between a Republican senator and a Republican secretary of the Army.
4. The rules are so loose that the hearing may continue for weeks and even months.

Certainly it would be an improvement if the agreement could be reached to limit the number of witnesses and the subject matter of the testimony. But if the original decision to hold the hearing now appears an error to some of the subcommittee members, it would merely compound the error to shut off the testi-

mony before all the facts are in. Sen. McClellan put it this way yesterday: "I stated . . . in the executive session that, in my judgment, all principals in this controversy should be heard, should be represented by the mass of people and testify under oath, because these charges are serious. They are not just related to a private in the Army got some papers, was kept off of KP or whether he drank champagne in the Stork Club in New York. The charges and the counter-charges are of the same magnitude and the integrity of the administration of the United States Army, and also at the integrity of a standing committee of the United States Senate. You just cannot wipe these charges off and at the same time do our duty."

The subcommittee members should have known, when they adopted the rules, that Sen. McCarthy would seize every opportunity to rearrange speeches under the guise of points of order, to drag in extraneous subject matter, and to create diversionary incidents in an effort to halt the downward spiral of his prestige and popularity.

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Joint Planning Is Logical Next Step

NOW that funds for a professional planning staff have been promised by both city and county governments, the long-dormant proposal for a joint city-county planning board moves from the possible to the probable.

Chairman Spencer Bell of the County Planning Board advanced the idea to the county commission last week. No objections were recorded, leaving Mr. Bell free to pursue negotiations with Chairman Wallace Hanks of the City Planning Board and, through him, with the members of the Charlotte City Council.

There is already ample statutory authority for such a joint board. Forsyth County has one, and it seems to be working out satisfactorily. If the Charlotte

city councilmen have no objections either, the next step will be to work out the details of the arranging speeches under the guise of points of order, to drag in extraneous subject matter, and to create diversionary incidents in an effort to halt the downward spiral of his prestige and popularity.

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Whomp, Whomp, Whomp

Sanford Is Going To The Dogs

AN EDITORIAL IN THE SANFORD HERALD

HE has had, Jimmie Bridges told his fellow members of the Board of Aldermen, 40,000 complaints about dogs.

Well, sir, here comes the forty thousand and first.

Dogs have taken over our neighborhood. All day long they trot in ragged file over yards and on to porches, through hedges and into gardens. The night they make hideous with snarl and barks and the rattle of garbage cans.

What a sorry parable they form! At the fore is a faded mongrel spotted with mud and lumpy with cockles. Long ago weary of the marathon debauch that began when suddenly she appeared one evening, her attitude is one of resignation and helplessness. But somehow she has managed to desert her. On and on she leads the pack, like a piper too jaded for music, like some phantom of limbo.

Brazen are her escorts. VARIOUS ASSORTMENT

There are strangers in the lot, still, who habitually seek out such sport, toughs from various sections as interested in the fights as anything else, and strays that happen to be passing through when they spotted the fun.

The other mingling dogs are there, too. A boxer normally too dignified to move at any pace but the slowest walk lopes up near the front, the black sullenness of his face turned into a wide and foolish grin. A Gordon setter of obvious aristocracy is close upon his heels; his head, however, is held low as if to mask his identity, and he looks for all the world like an exhausted man in dinner jacket hurrying along a busy street at 9 a. m. At the end of the line, fairly bounding and occasionally tripping and looking too utterly silly to describe, is a tiny terrier that just last week was the pet of the block.

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This is his, all right!" came a child-like scream. Whomp, whomp, whomp!

"Hold him!" encouraged a second voice. "He'll get under that house again if you don't hold him good, whomp, whomp, whomp!"

We went onto the porch and asked what was going on out there.

"Well, those old wild dogs!" answered the first voice. "Well, our dog went off with them and we've come and found him!" Whomp, whomp, whomp!

"And," said the second voice, "we're taking him home, we suppose, there was one dog less in the pack that has brought genuine distress to our neighborhood, whomp, whomp, whomp!"

But when we got home from work last night we were pretty sure we noticed a couple of eager new rangers up near the head of the procession.

For the next several hours, we suppose, there was one dog less in the pack that has brought genuine distress to our neighborhood, whomp, whomp, whomp!

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Yes, This Trip Is Necessary

THE conscientious Charlotte voter will soon feel almost as much at home at his polling place as in his own back yard.

He voted on the county bond issue April 20. He'll vote on the tax levy for the community colleges May 13. He'll vote in the primary May 29, in the runoff four weeks later, and, unless he made the trip on the preceding Saturdays, he'll have to go to the polls again this Saturday.

That is because special registration, according to a recent ruling by the state attorney general, is required for the elec-

tion on the community college tax levy. There are too many trips to the polls. The number could be decreased by better correlation of election plans. But the merit of the election system has no relation to the method of proposals being voted upon. The community colleges are certainly worth the two-cent tax levy and the two trips to the polls. We just want to remind the voters of Charlotte and Sharon's Box 1, which is also in the city school administrative unit, that this Saturday, between the hours of 9 a. m. and 7:14 p. m., is really necessary, unless you registered on one of the two previous Saturdays.

Unlicensed Drivers Must Be Punished

SPEEDING 80 miles per hour in a 55-mile-per-hour zone. Failure to stop at a red light. Failure to heed an officer. Reckless driving.

These were four of the charges against a man apprehended by county patrolmen this week.

And there was a fifth. It was a charge which is made time after time: *Having no operator's license.*

If the courts cracked down on unlicensed operators there wouldn't be so many other traffic violations and accidents. That is because the drivers who don't and frequently aren't qualified to get a license cause so many of the violations and accidents.

The law provides penalties for driving without a license, ranging from a \$25

fine to six months in prison plus a fine. Driving after revocation of license, the penalty ranges from a \$200 fine to two years in prison plus fine. Judges frequently impose the minimum fine. It doesn't seem to keep unlicensed drivers from getting behind a wheel.

We would like to see a judge mete out one stiff sentence as an example. We'd like to see all judges mete out hundreds of stiff sentences to unlicensed drivers. If the judges did so, then the unlicensed drivers (there may be as many as 100,000 in the state) might realize that an automobile is a dangerous vehicle whose operation requires certain aptitudes, and that persons who cannot pass the driving test, or who have had their licenses revoked, simply must not drive.

From The Baltimore Evening Sun

GET A MOUTHFUL TODAY

SO IT'S two million Maryland pebbles they want; preferably hibernic pebbles. Who are "they"? That's the catch. The State Department of Information is in receipt of only a blind letter from a Jamaica firm saying that a client wants the pebbles for commercial purposes. "What purposes?" that is easy. We can see the ad now:

POLITICAL CANDIDATES: DECLAIM LIKE DEMOSTHENES

And the body of the ad, of course, will explain that the great Athenian orator Demosthenes, world renowned as the perfect public speaker since days B. C., acquired his great art of holding audiences by practicing with a mouth full of pebbles. Do you, too, want to hold crowds electrified, sweep voters onto your hand wagon and roll out those magic words that swing elections? Then be like Demosthenes. Get Politicians' Purified Pasteurized Pebbles today. (This introductory offer good only until November.)

But why preferably hibernic pebbles? And Maryland pebbles at that? That, also, is easy to guess. This is the season when every politician wraps the gr-r-a-t flag of this gr-r-a-t republic about himself and goes out to denounce his opponents in the name of home and motherhood. But not every politician has his own flag. What then, could

be more impressive (and less expensive) than to be able to say, "I stand here today with pebbles in my mouth taken from Fort McHenry itself, birthplace of 'The Star-Spangled Banner.'" Or, perhaps, "pebbles from the Free State," or even "pebbles from the Annapolis town of that great modern exponent of oratory, the man himself who nominated Eisenhower." (For Republican candidates only.)

If we know politicians, though, they'll bobble it, historic pebbles or no pebbles. They will stand up there, sure as fate, scramble their lines and come out with the same pebbles in my mouth used by that gr-r-a-t American patriot, Patrick McHenry? But the entrepreneurs of pasteurized political pebbles can hardly be blamed for that.

The smashing grand finale of the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey circus will be dedicated this year to the United Nations, and we assume it will feature the thrilling circus act—Miss Civilization, working on the high trapeze without a net—COLUMBIA (S. C.) STATE.

Sunday school teacher: "And what parable do you like best?"
 Boy: "The one about the multitude that loafs and fishes."—CARLSBAD (N. M.) CURRENT-ARGUS.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON

MOST interesting feature of the St. Lawrence Seaway bill, to come up in the House of Representatives today, is a simple message, after 25 years of haggling, it is on the verge of being passed. The reasons are twofold:

1. Two of the President's most potent friends, one of them in the Cabinet, want it passed. They want it passed because they represent big steel, and because the iron ore of the future must come from Labrador, not Minnesota.

2. The present St. Lawrence Seaway is the real seaway proposed by Herbert Hoover, by which ocean-going vessels could steam all the way to Duluth. The current seaway bill will take ocean-going vessels only to Lake Erie, which will take care of the Labrador ore needed by Buffalo, Cleveland and Youngstown. Going from west to Lake Erie does not interest the steel companies, since their plants are largely in the Ohio-Pennsylvania area.

Ike's Close Friends

The record of lobbying fees filed in Congress lists part of the backstage St. Lawrence Seaway battle. The private confessions of certain congressmen tell the rest.

In brief, Secretary of the Treasury George Humphrey, most potent adviser

Big Steel Backs St. Lawrence Seaway

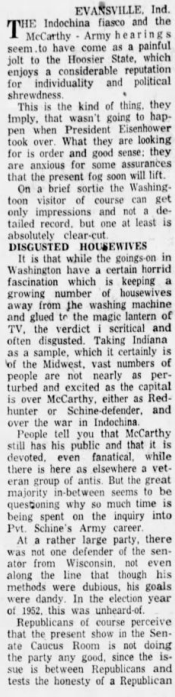
to the President, and James Black, one of Ike's closest friends, put the seaway across.

Black gets over \$100,000 a year to act as Washington representative of Republic Steel, which has been lobbying for the White House at almost any hour of the day or night.

Secretary of the Treasury Humphrey, head of the giant Hanna Company, also head of National Steel, Hooper Steel and closely associated with Wheeling Steel, is credited with being the first to force the seaway through. His ore deposits were running out and that American steel must import from Labrador. So his companies bought tremendous deposits in Labrador, along with Republic Steel, Armco and Youngstown Sheet and Tube.

For many years ago, Humphrey dominated the Great Lakes ore boats lying between Lake Erie and Lake Superior. But now with ore soon to come from Labrador, he needs to reverse this traffic and send his boats up the St. Lawrence River, and thence to Lake Erie by the proposed new St. Lawrence Seaway.

That is why the lobbying records on file with Congress show that Humphrey's Hanna Co., along with five steel groups, paid \$25,000 in lobbying fees during the first three months of this year. It's also



McCarthy Finds It Harder To Make The Headlines Now

By JAMES MARLOW

FOR the first time since the Republicans took office Sen. McCarthy is singled out in one case and can't wander around, getting into the administration's hair from different directions.

McCarthy has thrived on the headlines which he has manufactured by making one sensational charge after another over the past four years. He did not pause when the Republicans began running the government a year ago.

Right now he's not free to skip from sensation to sensation. His time is pretty fully taken up with the Senate investigation into his fight with Army officials. He has to be at the morning and afternoon sessions, and he has to be with his staff afterwards on what's happened and what lies ahead.

He has repeatedly complained about being nailed down by this. These hearings, he has protested, are not only ridiculous but interfere with his much more important work of hunting communists.

He still gets into the headlines every day, but not as he did before. Before the hearings, he was able to get a headline all to himself with a simple statement.

Now any statement he makes is only one among many made at the hearing.

It is questionable that this hearing will do the Republican party any good at the polls in this congressional election year. It is certainly a Republican family fight between McCarthy and his aides on one side and Secretary of the Army Stevens and his aides on the other.

In this public washing of dirty family linen someone is obviously being hurt. That was clear from the start. The Senate subcommittee, making the investigation may never give a verdict on who it is. Meanwhile, the newspapers and the airwaves are cluttered with political words as these come out of the hearing: lying, dishonest, blackmail, indecent, false and pressure. Many of the words are McCarthy's.

The four Republican members of the investigating committee headed by Chairman E. Bohlen and he can make a good case for his statement. It contradicts the public impression, however, for another column of questions: When will Congress get down to business?

Experience here suggests an answer, possibility, which is that the Brownell strategy for the 1954 election of putting the Harry Dexter White and maybe similar shows on the road will be successful only with the hardened partisans who have already been trained. It could well be a casualty of the present general boredom.

The Army, which is part of the hearing, has not balked at those terms. And the three Democratic senators on the subcommittee insist they want the testimony taken. Unless someone stopped, the inquiry may go on for weeks.

Even though the inquiry were to stop, the pattern he set for himself there is no reason to think he wouldn't be back in the administration's hair in a hurry. He didn't wait long after President Eisenhower took office last year. He opposed Eisenhower's nomination of Charles E. Bohlen as ambassador to Russia, even suggesting Bohlen be required to take a lie detector test.

He raked over the administration's files on the Communist and its overseas libraries. He charged there was espionage at West Point, N. J., which turned out to be the beginning of his fight with Stevens.

He aimed straight at Eisenhower and Secretary of State Dulles—at least he thought that way when they answered him—with criticism of the administration's giving aid to countries trading with the Communists.

All this, McCarthy has said, is part of his determination to root out communism no matter where it is. He has made it his job to make up by his efforts.

Before the hearing is over, McCarthy may be able to make headlines in the Army look like a hot potato. By the same token, the Army may make him look pretty hot.

No matter what the outcome, so long as he has stick to that, so long as he has to stick to that and take part in the inquiry, he won't have much time for anything else.

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