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Give Hospital Project No. 1 Rating

MAYOR VAN EVERY'S remark that time and education are prerequisites for building adequate hospital facilities for Negroes is understandable and to the point. It would be unwise and doubtless fatal to the proposition to call another bond vote before debt payments have had time to reinforce the city's credit standing.

These, however, are conditions that fit the hospital project now and they will be even more descriptive two years from now. Although the physical delay the mayor counsels seems inevitable, the time is right now to establish this project in the minds of the city government and the citizen as one deserving No. 1 priority.

As one who has long recognized the need the mayor can use his office as a classroom in beginning the job of education. The textbook is available in the form of A STUDY OF NEGRO FACILITIES AND SERVICES FOR CHARLOTTE AND MCKENLEIGH COUNTY.

After The Crisis: Smoked Fish

THE chorus of complaints about the U. S. constitution is being dealt with the office of vice president has faded to a muffled backstage whisper on Capitol Hill.

Now, it seems, official Washington couldn't care less. But only a little more than two weeks ago, Atty. Gen. Brownell was flying home from Spain to render a formal opinion on the matter, while administration officials, political pundits and constitutional lawyers gathered in worried little clumps to debate their own solutions.

It was, everybody said, a constitutional crisis. What happened then?

For one thing, doctors were most encouraging about the President's condition. They now say he may go back to work in the White House around the first of the year.

For another thing, there seemed to be a sudden—and almost simultaneous—change of heart among GOP leaders about the advisability of probing too deeply into the constitutional issue at this time. It was apparently not considered wise to toy recklessly with something that might dump a great deal of authority into the hands of Vice President Nixon, a young man regarded with some distrust and suspicion even in Republican circles.

Then, too, it was explained, the famous but far-flung Eisenhower team had hastily assembled to take charge of the nation's affairs.

But U. S. citizens who were concerned over the lack of any shred of a policy concerning the vice president when the chief executive is hors de combat will find small comfort in the administration's enormous reluctance to deal with the problem at all.

This concern is perhaps best expressed in the words of Richard H. Rovere, a particularly alert Washington observer and commentator:

The most elementary kind of prudence, it is felt, would call for the establishment—though not, of course, the immediate application—of a "stand-by" plan. It is, then, a feeling here that we may very well be facing a fairly chaotic period... a contest for control of the administration and the Republican Party.

The glow of official optimism over the President's chances of recovery warms the hearts of all Americans who are

the facilities with federal, state and local funds in the form of an addition to Memorial Hospital. It said present hospital and health facilities for Negroes are inadequate from the standpoint of size, service and location.

In the last 25 years no less than eight surveys and committees have gone into the lack of facilities. The Mecklenburg Medical Society and the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce endorsed the need for new facilities two years ago.

The fact that the problem is to provide facilities for one race bespeaks in itself a sad lack of attention. As the report points out the community's health is an individual problem and "the health needs of one race cannot be considered apart from the needs of another—practically or morally."

Maintenance of a community's health costs money, but illness costs more. The cost of illness ignored or poorly treated today raises the cost of welfare and other institutions tomorrow.

The waiting period the mayor speaks of is not to be construed as time for the dust to settle. It already has. The city fathers and community leaders ought to keep it stirred up even as they wait for the city debt to go down.

deeply concerned about Mr. Eisenhower's personal well-being. It contributes nothing, however, to a solution of the constitutional problem.

It is absurd, as several political scientists have attempted to point out, to act as if the best possible outcome to be hoped for is the certain outcome. It is probable that Mr. Eisenhower will be bedridden—or confined to some remote hideaway—for months. He may even be out of action for the remainder of his term. He certainly will not be able to shoulder the full responsibilities of his office for some time.

It is not particularly flattering to Mr. Eisenhower to say that the administration "team" can keep governmental machinery humming as well as the President himself. If that were so there might not be any need for a president. But it is not so. The administration suffers when the President is not there to strike the right note. His steady hand and authority—or someone's steady hand and authority—is badly needed in Washington. The nation must have a ruler.

Should Mr. Nixon be that ruler in the President's absence? Is Mr. Nixon already usurping presidential powers or is he falling to exercise vice presidential powers? The question is raised by the fact that Sherman Adams serve as the implement of executive power? Can the administration be held together indefinitely merely by a spirit of informal cooperation? Is a GOP triumvirate of Mr. Brownell, Mr. Hoover and Secretary of the Treasury Humphrey really running the show, as some have suggested?

A picture of a functioning administration has indeed been presented. But its constitutional foundations are strangely cloudy. A great deal is at stake—too much to risk to luck or the whims of a few Republican politicians. A clear understanding of presidential powers in such an emergency is still needed.

Unfortunately, none appears to be forthcoming. It is, in fact, more than a little ludicrous that on the day such an opinion might have been expected from Mr. Brownell, the only news to come out of the Department of Justice was an announcement of the attorney general's intention in initiating "a trade association, a union, six corporations and three individuals for conspiring to eliminate competition in the sale and distribution of smoked fish."

Ectoplasmic Eloquence On Trial

THAT faint glow on the literary horizon is from Cleveland Amory's burning bridges. He has issued a rather unfond farewell to the gentle art of ghost writing. Most particularly, he is fed up with the job of composing ectoplasmic eloquence for the former Wallis Warfield of Windsor.

"You just can't make the Duchess of Windsor into Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm," said he.

"How true, how true," murmured the good, gray Riccastron, Times-Diplomat. "The whole business of ghost writing books, articles and speeches has sprung up in fairly recent years. Nobody will know whether this or that memorable utterance originated with the person to speak it publicly, or in the brain of some obscure ink-stained wretch in a rear coach."

We share the dim view Mr. Amory and the TIMES-DIPLOMAT take of ghost writing. But what's all this nonsense about it being new? Why, it's as old as politics itself.

Nero's speeches, say scholars, were written by his tutor, Seneca. Old Aulus Hirtius is credited with turning out portions of Julius Caesar's COMMENTARIES.

Many experts say that a good portion of George Washington's FAREWELL ADDRESS was written for him by Alexander Hamilton.

Admittedly the art flowered beautifully when Franklin D. Roosevelt was in the White House. Judge Samuel Rosen-

man, playwright Robert Sherwood, brain trust Raymond Moley, poet Archibald MacLeish and press agent Charley Michelson all provided ghostly assistance to FDR.

But Warren G. Harding had the help of a young ghost, Arthur Vandenberg, then editor of the GRAND RAPIDS HERALD. Hoover and Coolidge both used ghosts.

The ghosts have never been abused. "Ghost writing has debased the intellectual currents in circulation," wrote the late Justice Jackson once in a salty dissent to a Supreme Court ruling. He called it "a type of counterfeiting which invites no defense."

It is a problem born of the tragic artificiality of our times. Cruelly, we expect so much of our great men. And we give them so little time to live up to our expectations.

Collision—What happens when two motorists go after the same pedestrian.—CARLSBAD (N. M.) CURRENT-ARGUS.

Alcohol and music are being used as adjuncts to surgery. Probably administered by a pretty nurse. A new explanation for Wine, Women and Song.—KINGS-PORT (TENN.) TIMES.

The world is becoming badly cluttered up with people. Almost everywhere we go we see gobs of them.—JACKSON (MISS.) STATE TIMES.

People's Platform Short-Changers Took Fair Customers For Ride

Charlotte

Editors, The News: TODAY I took my eight-year-old son to the Southern States Fair. In our party there were three adults and three children. The children had talked of nothing all week but rodeo—having heard it on television, radio, and seen it advertised in the local newspapers. At 1:50 p.m. (the time advertised for the rodeo to start at 2 p.m.) we bought our tickets to the grandstand and took our seats. At 1:55 p.m. the announcer started out by saying that the rodeo would start at 2 p.m. At 2:30 p.m., though the announcer was still saying that the rodeo was starting, the cowboys and ponies still were not assembled. At 2:30 p.m. with the grandstand three quarters full, principally with very impatient school children, the announcer said that the delay was due to the fact that they were waiting for the school children to get out of school. The schools were dismissed at 2 p.m. so the children could participate in City School Day at the fair. At 2:40 p.m., they were no nearer the starting point. Our children were restless and begging to leave so we left. After much haggling and an insult we were refunded the amount that we had paid to enter the grandstand.

JUMPING PRICES We ordered six soft drinks at a concession stand and handed the man one dollar. NO CHANGE! He asked how much the drinks were we were told 15 cents each. When called to his attention the 6 x 15 is 90 a dime was handed down on the counter. At another counter when ordering a snowball for 15 cents, 20 cents was handed down. NO CHANGE! The price was then 20 cents.

My son had another eight-year-old as a guest for dinner. Their conversation would have been most enlightening to whatever officials there are for the Southern States Fair. As they put it the fair was a "sinking ship" and a man a dollar to play a 25 cents game and he only gave me back 40 cents.

Certainly none of us expect much return for our money at a fair where this pleasure. That is all right but when soft drinks, games of chance, and food are labeled one price and the next day another price whether it seems slightly crooked to me.

My point is this: The Southern States Fair is dinned in our children's heads about the actual time by means of television and radio. Even the schools close early so that the children can get

to the fairsground in time for the afternoon performance. I assume the school board considers the fair educational—the exhibits are of the most interesting nature. I saw few children there. After today I can't help wondering just what facets of Indian nature we were appealing to by encouraging them to participate. I am in favor of having the fair, by all means, but I do think that the Charlotte officials should look a little more closely into the way that it is being run, particularly on the days that the school children are invited. Can't a set price be made for the different activities (and a fair price) and then that price be maintained strictly—instead of allowing them to charge what they think they can get away with by hook or crook?

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Humphrey Fitted Out By Friends As GOP Dark Horse

By MARQUIS CHILDS

WASHINGTON AS President Eisenhower slowly recovers from his latest attack those who have clung longest to the illusion that he could somehow be encouraged to resign the presidency are giving up, realizing that he cannot be expected to put his life in jeopardy. But there is the hope among leading Republicans that if any agreement can be reached early enough on the right candidate then the President's great prestige and popularity—with the theme song of peace and prosperity—will turn the trick for a substitute.

THE CATCH The catch, of course, is in agreeing on a candidate before a political free-for-all gets started. When this strategy is discussed one name recurs again and again—that of Secretary of the Treasury George M. Humphrey.

Humphrey has proved himself the ablest and the most persuasive member of the Eisenhower Cabinet. He has exerted far and wide influence on policy in the direction of cuts in taxes and defense spending.

POLITICAL INSTINCT While he has never held a public office, having spent his entire career in big industry, he has shown an intuitive instinct for policies that has impressed the professionals. This may be one reason the President himself gives top priority to Humphrey's advice both in and out of Cabinet meetings.

In many ways Humphrey fits the description of an old-fashioned conservative who sees nothing outside the virtues of free enterprise and the strenuous life. But his conservatism is tempered with geniality and goodwill, and he casts down on his side a better and a happier word with high taxes only a painful memory of the Democratic past. This is beautifully attuned to the present mood of high prosperity.

HORSE LOVER It accords, too, with the temperament of the secretary of the Treasury, a man who has per-

ceived public or private. His avocation is horse-breeding, racing and judging. He plays a good if not too competitive game of bridge. He has helped to keep him in the inner circle at the White House.

There is, however, one flaw in this endorsement. Humphrey is 62 years old, the Secretary of the Treasury is 66 months older than the President. Humphrey has missed the mark in view of the concern over health and age stimulated by the President's MISSED GOAL.

For three successive years Humphrey has missed the mark of balancing the budget. But he has not given up. He is still saying that three per cent or about \$1.7 billion can be cut out of current spending through reductions in defense and by economies in other departments.

Humphrey's close friend and ally the Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson, recently said publicly that there could be no further cuts in defense without seriously impairing the strength of the armed forces. But for the secretary of the Treasury, the only door on the kind of economies he still intends to press for. While Humphrey will not go so far as Sen. Stuart Symington (D., Mo.), who said in a speech in Chicago that \$5 billion could be pared away from the "true education" of the services, he is inclined to agree with Symington that defense funds are going for obsolete weapons which in four or five years will simply be junked.

Not long ago Humphrey and Budget Director Rowland H. Hughes asked each government department to come up with an estimate of how a three per cent economy cut would affect the Department. For veteran career servants in government this was source of ironic laughter since it seemed to indicate how little Humphrey knew of the vast federal machine. In his own Treasury, for example, the total built up is roughly \$6.9 billion and a cut of three per cent would be in the neighborhood of \$206,000,000.

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papers have been asking their government just who tipped off the two British spies, Donald MacLean and Guy Burgess, thereby letting them get away. Here's the answer: The FBI got suspicious of the two diplomats while assigned to British embassies in Washington. An FBI report on their activities was then turned over to the British, but British security was so lax the FBI report ended up right in MacLean's hands. That was why he and Burgess ducked behind the Iron Curtain.

He's Lacy—Eisenhower's best friends now say that his illness was one of the luckiest breaks he's ever had. He didn't want to run for another term, had told Republican leaders so, but was under

terrific pressure to run anyway. Now he can say "no" positively and definitely and they can't argue. He will break the news fairly early so the Republican Party will have ample time to build up new men.

Not Budging Molotov Says No—Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov has flatly rejected Secretary Dulles' plea to stop Czechoslovak arms to Egypt. British Foreign Minister MacMillan also protested to Molotov even more vigorously than Dulles. But the stony-faced old Bolshevik wouldn't budge. He insisted Czechoslovakia is an independent country, has the right to trade where it wishes, kept referring to the arms shipment as "commercial exports."

Long live the weekly newspaper, read from "river to river" and good health and a sound liver to the legman and the delivery boy. More wages to the pressman, the janitor and the copyreader. I love you all.

—D. EMIL

A Collector Wants Old Transit Tokens

Winnipeg, Manitoba Editors, The News: WOULD you please mention in your local news columns my request to your readers. I am collector of both new and outdated street car and bus tickets and tokens as a hobby. I would certainly appreciate receiving any from your good readers who can spare them and will send them along. Thanking you, your newspaper, and your readers in advance.

—RON. O'DONOVAN

Quote, Unquote

U. S. homes now have 32,000,000 TV sets — and a lot of dirty dinner dishes. — Miami Herald.



"Okay, so the American male is not a great lover, but he can fill a kitchen full of electrical appliances . . ."

Drew Pearson's Official Word Set On Margaret's Vows

YOU can look for an official announcement from Queen Elizabeth fairly soon that her sister, Princess Margaret, will marry Peter Townsend, the dashingly good-looking, divorced film producer. Anthony Eden worked out details for the announcement while visiting the Queen at Balmoral Castle. Princess Margaret, like her uncle, the Prince of Wales, will renounce all right to the throne.

Here's hoping she's happier with Captain Townsend than the Duke is with Wally Simpson today. Odds are that she'll be happy with him when they're old flame and ex-husband, Al Khan Khan. More dictators are in for trouble in Latin America. Dictator Stroessner of Paraguay, who gave refuge to Dictator Peron, may be looking for refuge soon.

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