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Deconsolidation: Shadow & Substance

DESPITE the prim denial of trustees... Manay, deconsolidation of the University of North Carolina has been seriously discussed in official circles. It is no imagined huzuboo. It is, in fact, likely to become a state-wide issue of some heat and substance within the next 24 months.

As the GREENSBORO DAILY NEWS story Sunday and the subsequent denial by the executive committee of the board of trustees already has tongues wagging. Some Tar Heel newspapers have already leaped into the dispute and taken sides. Leading citizens have been quoted on and off the record as to where their own sympathies lie.

It's The Way Adlai Says Things

CONFIDENTIAL by Adlai Stevenson's Tuesday announcement, many newspapers said firmly that it was no surprise. All right. But the announcement was surprising. GOP Chairman Leonard Hall and Rep. Francis Walter (D-Pa.) were obviously convinced Adlai couldn't face such a big audience without making a funny. When he didn't they came out against humor anyway.

Firemen Deserve A Fair Hearing

REQUESTS of Charlotte firemen for a 60-hour work week deserve the City Council's careful consideration. The indifferent manner in which the matter was brought to the municipal governing body's attention Wednesday failed to do justice to the cause. Councilmen, acting informally, in haste and "off the record," simply did not have the benefit of the facts. Before solemnizing their backstage agreement with official action, they obviously should acquaint themselves with the accurate details of the plea of Fire Dept. personnel for a reduced work week.

NOT TOO LATE TO GET WITH IT

WHEN the saints... boom, boom, boom... go marching in... boom, boom, boom... All over the world from New Orleans bistros to Tokyo night clubs and Paris concert halls, feet tap in a common union as Dixieland bands launch into the first raucous notes of that universal language called jazz.

Yes, says this American ambassador without portfolio, "I believe I could warm up them cats. They ain't so cold but what we couldn't bruise them with the happy music."

Charlotte may be known as the "Queen City" but there are only 15 Queens listed in the new telephone directory. There are 114 Kings.

Adlai Lacks Political Instinct For Accepted Banalities

By STEWART ALSOP

CHICAGO

THIS reporter's non-journalistic source brother, who invented the repellent political epithet "egghead" and who has a good deal more practical political experience than the authors of this column, developed an interesting theory during the 1952 campaign.

His theory was that the real popular appeal of any politician could be measured by his manner of saying some such meaningless phrase as "most oranges are round."

During Adlai Stevenson's press conference here on Wednesday, this theory kept coming back to mind. No one who witnessed Stevenson's performance could doubt that he has a first class intelligence. He was nervous at first and who can blame him? For the press conference, in which a man can inadvertently destroy himself with a few ill-chosen words, is surely a more cruel indignity than the rack or the thumbscrew.

But he soon relaxed, and he deftly and shrewdly avoided a number of perilous pitfalls, including a question by a correspondent from Communist Poland, and another about politics and heart attacks. And especially when he made one of his small jokes, and smiled his very smile, the human likability of the man shone through those who have been advising him to wear a mask of permanent solemnity must be secret agents of the Republicans. Yet something was lacking.



ADLAI E. STEVENSON GREETES SUPPORTERS Every Night Before Bed: 'Most Oranges Are Round'

What was lacking may be suggested by a comparison between Stevenson's press conference performance and President Eisenhower's. Stevenson expressed himself well, in grammatical sentences. The President's grammar is often totally non-existent, and he is capable of saying almost nothing at all at considerable length. Yet when the President says what he has to say, even if it is only the equivalent of "most oranges are round," he does it with a sort of explosive sincerity and earnestness when Stevenson has to say the equivalent of "most oranges are round," he does it as though he were not quite sure that most oranges are round and strictly speaking, of course, they're not.

'Say—What Have We Got In This Next Race?'



People's Platform

Till's Lynchers Must Be Found, Punished Charlotte Editors, The News: SO Emmett Louis Till, a Negro youth, was beaten and killed because he whistled at a white woman in Mississippi, USA. That he was lynched reflects the attitude of lawlessness tolerated and even condoned by the State of Mississippi and by the United States government. This was proven when his brothers were freed of the murder charge. It can happen with Justice Department sanction in Mississippi, it can happen next in Chicago, New York, in Washington, D. C. "Not" you say? But what is to prevent it? And why is it allowed in Mississippi? Four fifths of the world's people are colored people. The United States, a majority white nation, not only wants but urgently needs the support and friendship of many millions of these colored people. Without it, we shall be isolated. Our economy will fall apart. Our national security will be, not merely under peril, but under mortal indictment. And yet we persist in allowing "freedom" of race hatred and race discrimination and many forms of race segregation throughout the South and in the ghettos of the North, and lynchings go free. We shall have to choose very soon and if we don't choose soon, we shall find ourselves in the shoes of Nazi Germany, hated, scorned, and mistrusted. If we expect to be trusted in world councils, we must prove our faith in democracy and brotherhood by how we practice that faith at home for all the millions of the world's colored people and many of the whites will say, "Even as we have done it until the least of these your Brethren at home so would you do it unto us — if we let you." Let us move out of decency and not out of fear, to end all discrimination in our land, and first and foremost, to send our Justice Department into Mississippi to catch, try, convict and punish the lynchers of Emmett Till.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON BACKSTAGE political struggle between the two auto titans, General Motors and Ford, has the Republican high command snapping and snarling at each other. It could cause bitter recriminations. Three-Ring View Here is a three-ring view of the intraparty battle. Ring 1—Henry Ford II vs. General Motors Boss Harlow Curtice. Ford is a sincere and devoted likelier, hopes to keep the Eisenhower wing in power. Curtice backed the late Sen. Bob Taft, grudgingly went along with him until his heart attack. Now Curtice and his GM executives are moving mightily to put a conservative in the White House. They have gone so far as to shut off GM contributions to the GOP as long as Eisenhower men run the Republican Party in Michigan. Ring 2—Present GOP National Chairman Len Hall vs. past Chairman Art Summerfield, now postmaster general, and one of the biggest Chevrolet dealers in the USA. Summerfield is in the unique position of serving in the Eisenhower Cabinet, but siding with General Motors against the Eisenhower political team. He has boasted in GOP circles that he is still "de facto national chairman." That Hall is a firebrand and "very bright." In turn, Hall has called Summerfield a "great money-raiser but a poor politician." The feud has now reached such a point that Hall has recommended to the White House that Summerfield be fired from the Cabinet. Ring 3—Secretary of Defense Charlie Wilson vs. the man who succeeded him as GM president, Harlow Curtice. Wilson is staunchly loyal to the Eisenhower team, but has absolutely no influence over GM's political activity. Curtice, who heaved a big sigh when Charlie left GM, has housecleaned General Motors of all Wilson influence and policies. During the Army-McCarthy showdown, for example, GM vice president Harry Anderson wrote a blistering letter to Wilson because the secretary of defense was against McCarthy. This was done with Curtice's blessing. Washington Huddle Last week the battle of the motor moguls was so bitter that Chairman Hall made a last, desperate effort to clamp the lid on the tempest. He called Summerfield and Michigan GOP Chairman John Feikens to the Republican National Committee for true talks. At this meeting Feikens angrily accused General Motors of staging a "sit-down strike" against summerfield and closing the GM treasury to Republican money-raisers in Michigan. He charged that summerfield not only sided with GM, but had actually influenced GM officials to stop their contributions. This raised a firestorm of protest from general. Heatedly he fired back that Feikens was nothing but a fork "stooge."

New Strategy Eggheads Integrated

By DORIS FLEESON

CHICAGO

THERE are noticeable differences between the 1956 model Adlai Stevenson and the 1952 version. Stevenson assumed command of a very large press conference with the feeling that Stevenson, as president, he was not a man with a sort of muddled mind on that score; he wants to be nominated and elected.

PROFESSIONALS Toward that end he has put himself firmly in the hands of professional politicians. On his right sat James Finnegan, the very successful Philadelphia leader, who Stevenson introduced with flattering references to his credentials as an expert. On his left sat Hy Raskin, a Chicago veteran who worked as Steve Mitchell's deputy when Mitchell was Democratic National Chairman.

Finnegan will be Stevenson's campaign manager. Raskin is his deputy. Both men are personable and bear excellent reputations but it will be quite impossible even for GOP Chairman Leonard Hall to confuse them with an egghead. In fact, an old-time reporter was heard murmuring, "Two less eggheads I have never seen."

BUFFER STATE Raskin will also serve as a buffer state between two important Chicagoans who are not very friendly to each other. One is Jake Arvey, the Oak County leader, who Stevenson introduced with the Illinois political picture and helped elect him governor in 1948. Arvey is described as making a comeback in influence and influence.

The other is Raskin's former henchman. It is said that Mitchell bowed out of consideration for Finnegan's job because he wants Stevenson's old one, the governorship and probably knows more Democrats better in the 48 states than any other person. He also made a reputation for honest and enlightened leadership—and a hot temper.

SOFTENED CONTRAST Stevenson sought to soften the contrast between today's pros and the staff of intellectuals to whom he entrusted his affairs in 1952 by having one of the latter preside to take a low Wilson Wyatt, who ran his Springfield office. Both Wyatt and Mitchell, he said would continue to give him their invaluable assistance. Intellectuals will have plenty of avenues through which to reach Stevenson. He is seeking counsel on foreign policy from Dean Acheson; he keeps in very close touch with the scholarly Tom Finletter, formerly secretary of the Air Force.

FIRMER GRASP There are several reasons for Stevenson's conspicuously firmer grasp on his affairs. He himself has had an immensely active three years, traveling, writing and seeing people. In person and by mail they have registered an enduring confidence in him which has had its effect. Also, in 1952 Stevenson did not feel strongly about Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower. He does feel strongly that President Eisenhower has not fulfilled the hopes held out by and for him; in fact, Stevenson is quite honestly indignant about much that has been done and much more that has not been done. This means that a rather considerable body of inhibitions which he did not mention publicly but which restrained him in 1952 no longer exist today.

Absolutes

WHEN I say a thing is true, I believe that I cannot help believing it. I am stating an experience as to which there is no choice. But as there are many things that I cannot help believing that the universe can, do not venture to assume that my inhibitions in the way of thought are inabilities of the universe. I therefore define the truth as the system of my limitations, and leave absolute truth for those who are better equipped with absolute truth. I leave absolute ideals of conduct equally on one side. From 'The Mind And Faith of Justice Holmes,' edited by Max Lerner.

Political Truce

After the two men cooled down, Hall got them to agree to a political truce. The peace, however, turned out to be only temporary. The very next day, word got back to the hat that Feikens had called Summerfield was castigating both Hall and Feikens with the same old fervor.