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The Scarecrow: Verbal Hide & Seek

CHARLOTTEANS, proud of the Queen City's new look of progress, deserve to know how much longer they must put up with midtown's No. 1 eyesore: The Southern Railway passenger station. The community's patience is wearing thin. It has been strained more than a little recently by the calculated evasiveness of railroad officials whenever the matter is brought up.

—or cares so little that it does not feel compelled to provide adequate facilities for passenger comfort in one of the region's largest and most important cities. The present station is not only inadequate in appearance but also in equipment. To Charlotte-bound rail travelers, it offers the most dismal first glimpse of the Queen City imaginable.

The Sugar Bowl And Sugar Creek

G GOVERNOR MARVIN GRIFFIN had us fooled at first. We thought he was really going to live up to the Georgia "traditions and heritage" he talks so much about. But almost as soon as he proposed that Georgia Tech be kept out of the Sugar Bowl because opponent Pitt has a substitute Negro back he began to weaken.

thing went on for the longest kind of time. No wonder old Gene's son, Herman, was not going to do with Mr. Griffin's move. Herman remembers how the game goes. "Ole Marv" didn't even threaten to fire the regents.

Hidden Light

THE Mint Museum Drama Guild's performance of ANASTASIOS should have been appreciated by more Charlotteans, which is the same as saying more people should have seen it. The cast knew what it was about. It put over the play and its clashing, eternal arguments in a neat, tidy package fitted to the playwright's observation that "tragedy is clean, it is firm, it is flawless... it has nothing to do with melodrama—with wicked villains, persecuted maidens, avengers, gleams of hope and eleventh-hour reprieves."

Good tragedy sheds light and shapes perspective. We wish the Drama Guild's legend were not so well hidden by its cramped quarters. Perhaps a little melodramatic press-agentry would help.

Diplomatic Coquetry—A La Luce

LEO DISHER of Winston-Salem will become "principal speech writer" for U.S. Ambassador Clare Boothe Luce in Rome, the U.S. Information Service reported. Oh, no, it's not the same Mrs. Luce. The American taxpayer would not tolerate, nor would I, the employment of a ghost writer for the ambassador—especially, if I may say so, for an American ambassador who has had a fairly successful career as a writer.

statement the ambassador in her coyest left dancing. Mrs. Luce has had a really notable career in the arts. She was associate editor of Vogue and Vassar Fane, and wrote a newspaper column. She wrote two books—STUFFED SHIRTS, 1933; EUROPE IN THE SPRING, 1940. Her plays include ANDRÉ WITH ME, THE WOMEN, 1937; KISS THE BOYS GOODBYE, 1938; MARGIN FOR ERROR, 1939. She penned an American movie, THE BLACKBOARD JUNGLE, 1955, from the Venice Film Festival.

MOUNTAIN DIALECT

THE old Tar Heel mountain dialect is having a hard row nowadays. The consolidated school, radio and television are making heavy impact against the patois of the hills. One still can hear some folks in the hills say "ain't" for "isn't" or "aren't," "the vintner" for "the vineyard," "Thar" for "there," "saft" for "soft," "ourn" for "ours" and "gwine" for "going." But the younger, better schooled generations are gradually coming to talk more and more like the children of New York, Detroit, San Francisco and Boston. And even where the dialect lingers it is being alloyed with the argot or jargon of megapolises.

people's conversation. Her collection contains more than 50 monologues touching practically every phase of life among the families who still live in the isolated valleys and coves of the Blue Ridge, the Great Smokies and the Ozark mountains. In them one encounters many phases familiar to those who know the southern mountains and even those who do not. "Light and come in," "fowl for luck, peas for thrifl"; "sassafras root thins your blood"; "Pretty passel 'o' varbs"; "money dawl grow on trees in her patch"; "itchy foot"; "clean as a whistle"; "all swolle up like a bubble"; "looky that"; "little bitty"; "way fur back"; "proper weddin'"; "no fuider."

Yah eat poke?
Greens is made by the Good Lord!
Blection noblin is better.
Cooked along a ham bone...
Greens now.
That's sumptin' good.
Pull up a cheer.
Take a load often yer feet.
Best yar hat a mile.
Yer gotta have yuh a square meal.
What yuh madder in yer bones.
Yuh eat poke?

The state of human beings can be understood when one realizes that the average man is surprised when someone does him a favor. —LAKK MILLS (IOWA) GRAPHIC

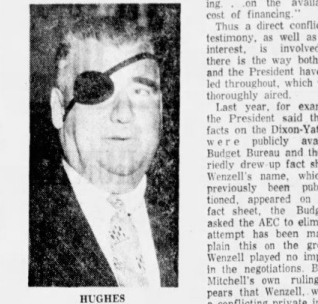
L'Affaire Dixon-Yates: New Spice In An Old Scandal

By THE ALSOPS

WASHINGTON
TWO of President Eisenhower's principal aides—Budget Director Rowland Hughes and Atomic Energy Commission Chairman Lewis Strauss—were in serious trouble. The trouble results from the AEC's ruling that the Boston banker Adolph Wenzell was guilty of "conflict of interest" when he served as a Budget Bureau consultant in the Dixon-Yates deal.



STRAUSS



WENZELL

ing... on the availability and cost of financing. It was a direct conflict of sworn testimony, as well as conflict of interest, is involved. Finally, there is the way both the public and the President have been misled throughout, which will also be thoroughly aired.

Conflict of interest in a criminal offense, indictable under federal law. But the Wenzell case involves far more than that. It also involves a flat, clear conflict of sworn testimony, as between Strauss and Wenzell—and perjury is also an indictable offense, and it further involves an attempt to hide essential facts, not from the public, but from President Eisenhower himself, which is not indictable, but is still a most serious offense in politics.

The matter was thus referred to the AEC's legal department. Hertzell Plaine, a junior AEC lawyer, studied the case and wrote a straightforward opinion—that conflict of interest was clearly involved and the contract was therefore illegal. The Plaine opinion apparently threw the AEC into something of a turmoil, and with good reason.

In this writing, the position Hughes took on the question is not known. But it is known that Wenzell continued to serve as a consultant after his talk with Hughes. Wenzell also testified under oath, last July, that he "explained" to (Strauss) what my work had been in the Bureau, and what I had done and my whole connection there." Strauss has testified that he did not know Wenzell was a Budget Bureau consultant and thought he simply "represented his firm, the First Boston Corporation, advising

'Well, Look Who Turned Out To Be The Masked Terror'



A Visible Ferment

India's Millions Are On The March

By MARQUIS CHILDS

AND the flags, and even the crude flattery spread by the Soviet team as it echoed down to the masses. POLITICAL SHOW? What does this visit and the great outpouring mean for the future? In the cynical and, from the Western perspective, hopeful view, it was merely a political show that will soon be forgotten.

smubs and slights and expressions and scorns of the past; even in India eyes, as the American past providing arms for Pakistan. You see, they seem to say, we can do it, we don't need you. TRAGEDY The danger of the moment, it seems to this observer, is that the West, and particularly America, may react in the same way. Very well then, we shall say, if you don't need us, then we don't need you. If that should happen it will be a tragedy for both India and America. No matter what difficulties of temperament or words spoken by politicians, the need to work together is as great today as it ever was, as first for one as for the other. The great and easy judgment is that this is the beginning of the end, with India on the slippery slope down to, not communism, then alliance with Russia. But that is too easy a judgment. It is an admission of defeat that we in the West cannot afford.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

LENGTHY backstage hassle has been taking place over two top Eisenhower appointments where to pay Dixon-Yates approximately \$3,500,000 for their alleged out-of-pocket expenses when the government canceled the Dixon-Yates contract.

Ike Aides Square Off Over Dixon-Yates

through even when his own AEC voted against it. However, Controller General Joseph Campbell, another Ike appointee, said no. Strauss and Campbell have been at odds for some time. But the man who handled Columbia University's finances under "Pro-Comm" Ike in New York stood pat, even though he had once voted for the Dixon-Yates contract when he was a member of the Atomic Energy Commission.

People's Platform

The Big Question

DEMOCRACY is a process from the idea of the popularity of Eisenhower among the people. Therefore, this pre-election hubbub in America is normal and serves as a safety valve for public sentiment. It leads to the reflection of big money that appears from the press that he is loved by the little people, but we may reflect upon two points: The press in this country is owned largely by the financial aristocracy, and second, it is, outside the organized parties, the most powerful force in forming political sentiment.

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American Attitude

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Sympathy For A Sick Man?

president would be nominated, if elected, would be the political creator of one man, and President of the United States. Rather than a decision at this time as to who is going to run for president it would be good to see coherency in our foreign policy and what the government is going to do relative to inflation which proceeds apace.

—HOYT EAVES

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