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Negligence Was The Proper Term

THE State Hospitals Board of Control has decided two things about the practice of hiring out Goldsboro mental hospital patients as field hands. One is that the program is justified by therapeutic value to patients. The second is that no negligence was involved in the injury of 30 of 72 patients last October when sliding collapsed on a truck carrying them to a cotton field owned by the driver of the truck. After rules and regulations are set up to assure "safety and welfare" of patients, the board concluded, the program should go forward.

Everyone will agree that meaningful physical activity is preferable to confinement and if a cotton patch is the only place the state can provide it the board's decision as to therapeutic value is sound. The right answer, as board member H. W. Kendall pointed out, is to provide facilities for meaningful activities at the hospital itself. We are glad that Board Chairman John W. Umstead Jr. agreed.

But somehow the board found obscure another equally sound point made by Mr. Kendall—that the October accident was, indeed, caused by negligence at the hospital. No one was really to check the truck before it left hospital grounds. The attendants who went along to supervise and safeguard patients sat in the cab of the truck. Other board members excused this by saying no rules for the cotton picking program, in which similar accidents occurred previously, did not strike the board majority as negligence. We can't imagine what else it could be.

Prevention of future accidents rather than reprimand, of course, is the central need. We only hope that the board in promulgating new rules and regulations to provide for the "safety and welfare" of patients can define those terms a bit more precisely than it did the word "negligence."

Lewis Strauss' Option On History

LEWIS L. STRAUSS, Atomic Energy Commission chairman, is "not worried about what history may write about me." He instituted a monitoring system to detect atomic explosions in foreign countries. He fought vigorously against opponents of development of the hydrogen bomb.

Thus Mr. Strauss turned away an accusation before a Senate subcommittee that he and other administration officials had deceived President Eisenhower on the Dixon-Yates contract. Mr. Strauss wasn't exactly evading the question at hand, having said quite frankly he wasn't going to talk about that. And, of course, it isn't unusual for men of eminence, such as Mr. Strauss, to stake out options on history, particularly when they are beset by their temporal errors. But in other testimony Mr. Strauss revealed an accomplishment that should not be obscured by his monitoring system and H-bomb advocacy.

He had, indeed, checked the security file of a young AEC attorney who participated in the legal maneuvering that led to the Dixon-Yates contract void because of a conflict of interest that the AEC for months had concealed and denied. He made the security check-out on the basis

of a story told him by a certain senator who had it from a certain corporation involved in the contract controversy. The story, he said, was a "complete fabrication." Who the senator and the corporation were, that fostered it, Mr. Strauss wouldn't say.

Here again is a graphic illustration of the "security risk" charge being tossed about with reckless abandon. And here again is a high public official, contemplating his place in history, who will name the accused innocent while shielding the pernicious accusers.

The young attorney, one assumes, would have been a red, white and blue, 101 per cent American if he had only concluded that everything was jake about the Dixon-Yates deal.

Dirty Word

ANY speculation that Davidson College Athletics will go amateur is wrong, says Tom Scott, the Presbyterian institution's athletic director.

But it is a weird state of affairs when "amateurism" means to the rah-rah set roughly what "Bolshevism" meant to Car Nicholas.

Nothing Finer Than Tobey, Carolina

AN ENGLISHMAN called upon recently to explain football to some compatriots merely shrugged and said:

"Toward of 150 men appear to be conspiring in turns to hide the ball from the public, while moving up and down the field in a series of violent spasms."

Realizing full well that sport is a delicate branch of international relations, we will resist the impulse to improve on his description.

Besides, what we want is for some American to explain a rather elusive aspect of this football business to us: Namely, the annual All-America selections.

Why is it, for instance, that they are usually made before the season has even gotten well under way and made by people who never see all the individuals they select anyway?

If memory serves, the All-America team used to be named by a knowledgeable fellow known as Walter C. Camp, Yale '89. His team had the inflexible stamp of authority to because it included such storied stalwarts as Pudge Heffelfinger, Jim Thorpe, Adolph (Germany) Schultz, Truxtun Harpe and William Heston.

You knew they were All-Americans because Camp saw them, rated them, weighed their abilities carefully with other contenders and, after the end of the season, announced his considered opinion in Harper's and later, Collier's.

Ah, but no more. Camp is gone. God rest his soul, and so is the All-America team.

Today there is not one All-America but roughly three dozen.

Some, like those in the pre-season football guides, are selected in the spring before the season opens and appear in print in August.

Some are based solely on the weight of

laudatory copy rolling out of the typewriters of an indomitable corps of professional publicists hired by the individual teams.

The record books—usually last season's color—mean something but not all. Color counts most—particularly if it comes in the form of a euphonious nickname like "Hopalong" or "Crack-Legs." As far as we are concerned, the only 1955 All-America worth bothering about is the tongue-in-cheek one selected by our own Stan Woodward. He has on his first team:

Yellorosa, Texas	I.E.
Schubeltrier, Buffalo	L.T.
Honchboller, Notre Dame	L.G.
ron Terpogbacher, Oregon	C.
De Boistromme, Syracuse	R.G.
Bredhold, Kentucky	R.T.
Yongabe, Lincoln	R.E.
Althill, UConn	O.B.
Emmiller, Louisiana	L.H.
Steeffell, Alabama	R.H.
Moona, Miami	F.B.

Our only real regret is that Tobey, Carolina, did not make the first team at left half—the theory that "Nothing could be finer than Tobey, Carolina."

And first team berths really ought to have been reserved for Kimbachtol, Virginia; Izov, Texas; Onbravold, Army; and Wadonapoda, Seawane.

As for all those other "mythical all-star eleven's," no thanks. We're not interested. We'd match Camp's Harpe, Schultz, Heffelfinger, Heston and Thorpe—with possibly Frank Hinky, Brick Muller, Wilbur Henry, Bronco Nagurski, Red Grange, Ernie Nevers and George Gipp—against any five of them.

Besides, football has acquired such deviousness since the death of Camp that you can dispense it adequately without any understanding of it whatsoever.

From The Sanford Herald

HOLLERING AT A POSSUM

OFF STARITA RD., beyond Charlotte, a possum hunter's holering upset a resident (probably a hunter) to a job in the city. He thought someone was in distress and called the Mecklenburg County Police.

"What," asks THE CHARLOTTE NEWS in expressing keen interest in this occurrence, "was the holering all about?"

Why, the holering was about possum hunting. What do you hunt possums for except to holier?

If your dogs aren't trailing you, holier to encourage them. If they strike a scent, you holier your approval. If they tree you holier to the folks with you to tell them whether it sounds like the possum's up a limb or down a hole. Also, you holier your approval.

In between real holiers, you practice holiering.

'Would You Say You Believe In Moderation In Running For The Nomination?'



Hamlet In Armor

Stevenson Vs. The World

By JOSEPH & STEWART ALSOP

WASHINGTON
IN A matter of days, if present plans hold, Adlai Stevenson is to make a bold and aggressive move. The move will be a public announcement of definite plans for entering "four or five" primary contests, thus challenging all comers—notably Sen. Estes Kefauver—to a mortal combat.

There has been much pulling and hauling in the Stevenson camp about this decision. Stevenson advisers, notably campaign manager James Finnegan, have been extremely reluctant to accept the risks involved.

Right now, so the more cautious Stevenson advisers have argued, Stevenson can count on more than 80 per cent of the delegate votes needed for a first ballot win. Why should Stevenson risk this almost unchallengeable lead if he does not have to?

The answer is that he does have to, according to a second group of Stevenson advisers, who are consistently counseled boldness. This group includes Mayor Richard Daley, of Chicago, Barry Bingham, chief of the Citizens-for-Stevenson organization, and, on most issues, assistant campaign manager Hyman Raskin.

Public pressure and the force of circumstance, this second

group has argued, will force Stevenson to enter a number of primaries—otherwise he will be accused of ducking a fight. Moreover, if public polls and private soundings mean anything at all, Stevenson has nothing to fear from any other Democrat, including Kefauver.

So Stevenson should seize the initiative and announce his primary plans, rather than wait and seem to be pushed into primaries by the opposition.

PROBABLE CHOICES
Bar a reversal, the counselors of boldness have apparently won the day with Stevenson. He has not apparently, finally decided which primaries he will choose in his concerted announcement. But it is not difficult to pick out four or five probable choices.

Stevenson is already publicly committed to enter Minnesota, of course. And he is already privately committed to enter California and so the California Democratic leaders certainly believe Oregon is not much of a problem either. Oregon National Commitmentmen Monroe Sweetland and other Oregon leaders want Stevenson to enter the primary—and Stevenson could be entered anyway, without his consent.

Pennsylvania is another probable choice. Mayor David Law-

rence, of Pittsburgh and Mayor Richardson Dilworth, of Philadelphia (who was for Kefauver in 1952) are both accounted Stevenson men, and both reportedly favor Stevenson entering their primary. New Jersey, where the leadership also favors Stevenson, is a further possibility.

Florida is a tougher problem. Holding the South, both in the convention and the election, is an essential element in the whole Stevenson strategy. Stevenson spent a couple of days recently going some effective politicking in Florida, and although he made no commitments, this led Florida Democratic leaders to assume that he meant to enter the primary.

VISIBLE JITTERS

On the other hand, Kefauver ran very strongly in Florida in 1952 against the South's favorite son, Sen. Richard Russell, of Georgia. And there is a danger which, although it is remote, causes visible jitters in the Stevenson camp. This is that another southern favorite son, Sen. Lyndon Johnson, of Texas, might be entered in Florida (where consent of the candidate is not required).

Equally tough is the problem of Wisconsin. The primary there comes less than two weeks after the Minnesota primary, which would crowd the Stevenson schedule. And there is the nightmarish memory of the fate of Wendell Wilkie, who also made a second try, and who was stopped cold in the 1944 Wisconsin primary.

SKIP WISCONSIN

The chances are that Stevenson will skip Wisconsin, and, for a variety of reasons, such other primaries as Nebraska, Montana, Ohio, South Dakota and West Virginia. There are still those in the Stevenson entourage who would like to see Stevenson challenge Kefauver in his own particular stamping ground, New Hampshire, which has the first primary.

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BOLD COLORATION

But manager Finnegan has been dead set against entering New Hampshire. He argues that it would be silly for Stevenson to risk a defeat in a state with a small minority of Democrats, virtually all of whom have shaken hands with Kefauver. There is logic in Finnegan's argument. And even without New Hampshire, the expected announcement by Stevenson will give his campaign the bold and decisive coloration it needs. The odd thing is that the announcement was not made three weeks ago, when it would have got the Stevenson candidacy off to a flying start.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON
CALIFORNIA's ebullient Gov. "Goody" Knight is one man who is frankly campaigning for the GOP primary nomination, undisturbed by reports that like will or the worst. Furthermore, he is actually trying to line up a vice presidential running mate.

McKeldin Tapped

Knight recently sent a political emissary to invite Maryland's Gov. Ted McKeldin to be his vice president. Startled, McKeldin expressed doubt as to whether the emissary really spoke for Knight. Later the Maryland governor got a

long-distance call from New York.

"The governor of New York is calling," announced the operator.

Puzzled as to why New York's Gov. Aver Harriman, a Democrat, was phoning a Republican, McKeldin picked up the phone.

"This is Goody Knight," boomed a vigorous voice. "I'm in New York. I want you to know that fellow who came to see you speaks for me," said the governor of California, confirming McKeldin's guess as to whether the emissary really spoke for Knight. Ticket.

Note — McKeldin indicated that he thought it was too early for him to line up politically for 1956, much as he appreciated the honor.

GOP Takes To TV

Gov. Chairman Len Hall has big plans for 1956. The \$2 million campaign which he mentioned at last week's Chicago Republican rally was only one-fifth of the figure which he actually discussed behind closed doors. His real plans include a staggering \$2 million to be spent on TV advertising before the campaign is over. The \$2 million figure for TV will be put up

Ike Pictured As A 'Puppet' In Dixon-Yates Controversy

By DORIS FLEESON

WASHINGTON
THE cancelled Dixon-Yates contract assumed its 1956 campaign shape on Monday when the veteran Wyoming senator, Joseph C. O'Mahoney, fixed his deep-set eyes on Atomic Energy Commission Chairman Lewis Strauss and proclaimed with deep emotion:

"You have been deceiving the President as well as the public. The AEC, the Budget Bureau, yes and Sherman Adams and Jim Hagerly, all of you have hurt the country very seriously. You should not have allowed your President to be put in the position of not knowing what went on in his own house."

TENSE HOURS

Chairman Strauss, quivering with rage, kept his voice under control as he defended his honor and his record as a public servant. But he refused to yield an inch of his claim that all his White House conversations about Dixon-Yates were "privileged" under the doctrine of separation of powers and that he need not say what he did and said there.

It was the climax of tense hours in which O'Mahoney built up the picture of a puppet President who repeatedly ordered full disclosure of all the facts about Dixon-Yates but that none seem to enforce his decision.

'OPEN BOOK'

The AEC repudiated Dixon-Yates on the ground that it was worked out in violation of the "conflict of interest" statutes. The supposed offender is Adolph Wenzel, a New York banker, who while a consultant with the Budget Bureau, conferred with Dixon on the contract financing. The terms were later handled by Wenzel's then employer, the First Boston Corporation, which declined a fee.

Stevenson recalled that the President ordered a "complete chronology" of the contract—which omitted Wenzel's name when it was released to the public. He read the President's later assurances to reporters that the picture of a puppet President you can go to the Budget Bu-

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reau and the AEC and get all the facts."

SHIELDING SECRETS

O'Mahoney said scornfully, "I suggest you go back to your office and pray over your decision."

Whatever its legal status, the "privilege" claimed by Strauss, Budget Director Hughes and the Securities and Exchange officials involved, puts them in the position of seeming to shield secrets. In their effort to protect someone—the President, Adams or whoever it may be—they are exacerbating the issue they would fervently like to bury.

INVITING INVESTIGATION

As nature abhors a vacuum so the capital secrets invite investigation. The probable result of the privilege now being claimed, if it is adhered to, will be a Senate resolution calling for a special prosecutor to unearth all the facts in the Dixon-Yates story.

Lacking all the facts, no one has yet managed to put the President in perspective on Dixon-Yates. As O'Mahoney said, to do it in his examination of Strauss. That is the way the issue will go into the campaign next year unless it is altered by events.

As yet no information about what advised the President to bring the AEC, with all its vital work, into the picture as a power broker or who persuaded him personally to order it to make the contract after a Commission majority had refused to do so.

NO REPRIMAND?

That the contract was bungled in execution is not admitted by the administration's decision to repudiate it. But there is no word that the President has reprimanded those responsible for his embarrassments in the matter, both personal and political.

The end result is to transform the contract from a private versus public power fight into, at the very least, a series of bad blunders by men who refused to do so.

THE PRESENT HEARINGS show what the Democrats are doing with it.

People's Platform

Can't Find The Car? The Line Forms Here

Charlotte

Editors: The News:
I ATTENDED the performance of Queen Elizabeth's Scots Guards last week and after the performance I went toward the parking lot to find my car. Where was it? Well, it was hard to tell exactly which row it was in.

I suggest that the parking rows be numbered or designated with letters. They don't have to be permanent markers, just so long as they are legible.

This was mentioned in an editorial not long ago and I want to back you up. I'm sure there are others who feel the way about parking at the coliseum if they would only speak up.

—MRS. D. G. LAMBERT

Eager Concert-Goers Appear Hours Early

Charlotte

Editors: The News:
On behalf of the Charlotte Music Club I want to express to you, Mr. Charles Kurlat, Miss Helen Parks, Mr. Edwin Bergamini, and the other members of the Staff of The Charlotte News our deepest and most heartfelt appreciation for all you did to make Sunday's performance of Handel's "Messiah" such an outstanding success.

I feel that the excellent and generous way in which all the publicity has been handled was the major contributing factor to the overflowing attendance.

Also, I think that the fact that

When Will Dixie Toe The Mark?

Charlotte

Editors: The News:
THE ONLY thing wrong with a Supreme Court decision on segregation in the public schools and the recent ICC order banning segregation in interstate travel is that nobody pays any real attention to them. All people do is "announce intentions" and appoint committees. When are the people of the South going to toe the mark and really obey the law? They can't stall forever.

—EDGAR T. STEVENS

Only The Coaches Are Worried?

Charlotte

Editors: The News:
ISN'T the loudest outcry over the abandonment of competitive athletics in the junior high schools come from coaches who may lose their jobs?

—IRA LEE JONES