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Anonymous Government In Raleigh: Concealing The Face Of The Age

AS CONNOISSEURS of human frailty, Raleigh newsmen were not surprised to find legislators a little embarrassed about the secrecy act so hastily passed in January. In moments of swelling magnanimity, some lawmakers were willing to waive their legal rights and "give the press a break."

So it was that the Joint Subcommittee on Appropriations warmed up a new set of ground rules for news coverage of budget sessions. Reports may be made with the 25-member group, said Chairman J. K. Doughton and J. C. Eagles Jr., but may not contain names of committee members with statements made during discussions of the state's fiscal affairs.

In other words, secret government finally gives way to anonymous government.

But the doors, legislators proudly proclaim, will be wide open.

At first sight, this may look like a dainty dish, full of all sorts of political sweetmeats, but some reporters found it not to their taste. They walked out refusing to place themselves under obligation not to use names in news stories.

THE PLAN is full of absurdities. For instance, there is nothing to prevent a stray citizen from wandering in and then hustling out to inform the newspapers what some legislator said about a budget item. He just sits in a reporter. If he's a reporter and sits in, he's officially gagged.

Nor is there anything to prevent a reporter from repeating to his lair and concocting an imaginary account of the committee in action, without violating any rules of the group. It is to demonstrate, ex-Newsmen Burke Davis pointed this imaginary scene in yesterday's GREENSBORO DAILY NEWS (none of it really happened; Mr. Davis was just noodling):

Small, surly, disheveled statesman, speaking in Down East drawl, feet on table, shouting over the din created by floorship girls and banging of bottles on table: "Whassa public gonna say? 'Bulking, birante western, rustling as if from a hangover, contemptuously: 'Public be damned. What it don't know ain't never hurt it none.'"

Vice chairman: "Don't you dammit ain't say ain't in this here now committee."

If it goes on long enough it becomes a novel. Perfectly legitimate. But quoting a statesman accurately and by name would be considered dirty pool.

Segregation: A Device & A Challenge

AVOIDING the noisy emotionalism of Deep South neighbor states, North Carolina was working calmly and coolly today to prepare for whatever new decision the Supreme Court will hand down on segregation in the public schools. A bill placing assignment and enrollment of pupils in the hands of local school boards was unanimously approved by the Senate yesterday. A public hearing was held today on a House bill that is identical.

The measures offer a sensible approach to the problem. Obviously, racial conditions vary from county to county and community to community. No single formula will solve these countless individual puzzles. By absolute necessity there must be variance in remedial methods and periods for working out adjustments to the situation. This will be possible under measures now in the legislative mill.

Action of the Senate Education Committee yesterday in approving the elimination of continuing contracts for school teachers—as part of the steps to be taken to meet the segregation issue—accents a particularly serious matter, however. The provisions would permit employment of teachers under a contract for one school year only.

Sen. Carl T. Hicks of Greene, committee chairman, released a memorandum from the attorney general's office noting that it might be "impractical to continue to employ" many of the 8,500 Negro teachers in the state if the Supreme

Court "makes it impossible" to continue the operation of segregated schools.

The situation is this: In the experience of other desegregated communities any guide, many Negro teachers will lose their jobs if racial bars come tumbling down at the public schools.

If Negroes are to go on teaching, the North will have to give them jobs. But openings for Negro teachers are the scarce about the Mason-Dixon line.

North Carolina, for instance, employs as many Negro teachers as do the seven states of New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Ohio, Michigan, California and Indiana combined.

In North Carolina, at least one out of every three teachers is a Negro. In the 31 nonsegregated northern and western states, one out of every 73 teachers is a Negro.

The job market for Negro teachers is already tight in the state. Because teaching is one of the few well-paid occupations open to educated members of the race, the supply of Negro school teachers is almost as big as the demand.

But whether public school segregation actually ends or not, North Carolina clearly must develop new employment fields for the Negro.

The Negro can become an enormous asset to the state. But unless economic opportunities are broadened, he will become an enormous burden.

People's Platform Blending The Extremes In Public Education

Charlotte Editors: The News: Henry Steinhauser which appeared in The News on March 21 ("Ivory Tower Rumpus: Progressives vs. Traditionalists"). I suppose Mr. Steinhauser grossly understates the case for the progressives and overstates the position of the traditionalists. To relegate the proponents of progressive education to the salt mines of the traditionalists is a "fun" theory is at the least unfair.

In any controversial issue there are bound to be people who go overboard both for the pro and

loving and understanding teachers. Needless to say, this is one of the most sadly overlooked areas by people in the education world who are primarily concerned with physical plants, curriculum, rigid hours, control of every kind and, last but not least, making a political football of teacher salaries.

We as Americans profess to love our children, give them every material consideration, cater to their whims and fancies and yet balk at giving them the best where it counts the most because it may either our pocketbook or our ideas of social conformity.

TURMOIL'S CAULDRON Adolescence too is not the period for intellectual disciplines. A child of 11, 12 or 13 is primarily concerned with understanding his very sudden physical and emotional growth, and that parents give him their own knowledge and understanding of this period of life, to that extent will you have a child with some insight into his own maturing or for the lack of this understanding (which unfortunately predominates) will you have a thoroughly mixed-up individual. To pour classical education into this cauldron of turmoil is to accentuate a problem already manifest.

If we keep high academic standards where they belong, in our great university schools of learning, and give our children the freedom to learn about their own little worlds, I feel that their unhibited curiosity would fare much better and carry them further into the intellectual world than "force-feeding" of knowledge in their earlier years. You might call this progressive-traditionalism.

—SY GOTTLIEB

The Spring Situation, Neatly Alphabetized Charlotte Editors: The News: YOUR EDITORIAL hypothetical case, Editor vs. Spring, really caps the stack.

In rebuttal after your "Prosecution rests," the Defense contends its case in point:

Sir, were you or were you not under the influence of a drug or inebriated upon stating your exhibits A through Z?

A. Spring fever—Is just an excuse for laziness.

B. Spring, cleaning—Why didn't you keep it clean all winter?

C. Spring colds—Didn't show sufficient judgment to prevent exposure.

D. Spring cough—Could be prevented by regular bathing of

feet and changing socks during winter.

E. Spring chills—Result from deficiency of diet.

F. Spring tonic—Is probably what you drank (97 Proof).

G. Spring mud—Keep your lawn fertilized, grass will prevail.

H. Spring flood—Proper control of erosion (dams).

I. Spring plowing—Yes (Don't let the earth smell good?)

J. Spring planting—If you don't plant a fall harvest.

K. Spring weeding—A pleasure to see clean plant beds.

L. Spring tornadoes—May quantity pile enough timber and wood in your yard to carry through summer.

M. Spring cramps—Temperature, man, take exercise gradually.

N. Spring house guests—Aren't we glad they thought enough to bring their own mattresses.

O. Spring liming—Rub out those cramps with it.

P. Spring beetles—Good for spring chickens.

Q. Spring cankerworms—Don't go barefoot 'til summer.

R. Spring rash—Take a bath and adorn clean clothes.

S. Spring catarrh—Too much oiling in nasal passages.

T. Spring rail frosts—Brake-man's fresh air excuse.

U. Spring toads—Eat spring flies.

V. Spring colic—Too many spring greens after nothing but dried beans.

W. Spring flies—Food for spring toads.

Z. Spring spaniels—Can you think of a better time of year for a spaniel, or sheep or heifer to spring?

Defense rests its case — the jury may retire.

—GRAHAM C. REICH

South Carolina Park On Tar Heel Route Charlotte Editors: The News: I ENJOYED the article on the South Carolina State Park named for Andrew Jackson.

I would have enjoyed it much more had you included in the article that the park is located on RFD 1, Waxhaw, NORTH CAROLINA. Mr. Hayes has to walk over to Lancaster, RFD 1, to get his mail while RFD 1, Waxhaw, goes right by the park.

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'Well, I Certainly Hope He Goes To A Big 4 Conference'

Well, I certainly hope he goes to a big 4 conference. The article in the News about the resignation of the first man in the state to be elected to the office of Governor, Mr. Hayes, was a most interesting one. It was a pity that the article did not mention that the park is located on RFD 1, Waxhaw, NORTH CAROLINA. Mr. Hayes has to walk over to Lancaster, RFD 1, to get his mail while RFD 1, Waxhaw, goes right by the park.

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Deer Tongue Leaf: A Happy Ending Phoenix, Ariz. Editors: The News: THE response to my request for information about deer tongue leaf was terrific. I was so surprised to see so many letters offering suggestions and information as to where it could be obtained. So many people wrote me that they had heard about it or someone they passed a letter on to them. I wrote three places and heard from each of them.

I had written me, a Mrs. Ben Graham of Valonia, Ga., and she had a friend that packed the deer tongue and would send some of last year's crop. She mailed a large box of it and paid 61 cents postage to get it here.

I think you are rather wonderful to do that for someone unknown to you.

People certainly do go out of their way to be helpful. All these people that wrote you took their time to do so and your paper was able to publish all that information for someone way out in Arizona.

I know without your interest in asking about it, none of this would have happened. I want to thank you and your paper and all the wonderful people that wrote me in helping me to get deer tongue leaf. I will be sure to keep the address and send some when the crop was in. I wish I could write each one who sent your paper a letter but there were no addresses so that is not possible.

The result of all their efforts is a very satisfied smoker. Dad is enjoying his tobacco now thanks to the good people of North Carolina. I am sure the Florida-I heard from all of them.

—CATHERINE YOUNG

Republican War Chest Fills Slowly

WASHINGTON The Republican National Committee has a current bank balance of \$156,225.70, of which \$38,574.50 is owed in bills. This leaves the committee \$117,651.20 on the good.

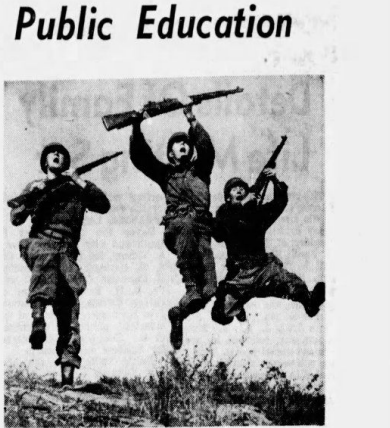
The GOP campaign committees on Capitol Hill are also in the black, but operating on one financial cylinder until next year's about financial drive. The senatorial committee, which helps elect Republican senators, has a bank balance of \$9,306.93, of which \$3,505.00 is owed. The congressional committee, which aids Republicans running for the House, has a bank balance of \$9,422.85 but owes \$4,997.64 to the bill collectors.

To spur collections, GOP Finance Chairman F. Peavy Heflinger is looking for a field man who can squeeze money out of reluctant state organizations. He has his eye on Alexis Doster, a Citizens for Eisenhower volunteer, and Rolla Mottaz, assistant to veteran GOP

money raiser Spencer, Olin of the giant Oil Industries.

Commenting on the two, the Republican Party's Comptroller Edward Bacher sent Heflinger a confidential note last week. "Regarding a memorandum mentioned in your March 14 memo about someone from the Ike volunteers serving as a field man, Mottaz was Spencer Olin's right-hand man back in the Oil Industries and is working at his regular job there. Doster has not had field experience. He was largely here in Washington of the office. I doubt whether he could be of much help in state organization work. I would prefer talking with you about this in advance of making any approach to him."

Washington Whirl Some GOP leaders called on General MacArthur last month to get his views on reorganizing the Republican Party. They belong to the I-don't-like- Ike branch



TODAY'S CITIZEN-SOLDIERS IS UMT All Wrong?

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NAIVE DISDAIN This naive disdain for the future of this country is just about as logical as the plea of the boy who murdered his parents and asked the court for mercy on the grounds that he was an orphan.

Rather than antagonistic to the idea of peace, UMT is one of our strongest deterrents against the forces which threaten it.

It seems to me these youngsters have been neglecting their history books. After the American revolution, the new union toyed with the idea of eliminating military forces altogether. In question was what freedom needed in order to survive.

Thomas Jefferson, democracy designer and noted as an early-day "isolationist," was moved to write: "We must train and classify the whole of our male citizens, and make military instruction a regular part of collegiate education. We can never be safe until this is done."

MAD SCRAMBLE The hour came when the United States standing army numbered 80 men. And, nonetheless, recurring war has repeatedly found us inadequately prepared even for defending our own soil.

The mad scramble which began in 1840 ended five years later with 12 million men under arms and gave us the nucleus of the large standing army we must maintain if we are to survive.

But legislators, yielding to the Mama vote, made it impossible for our services to retain necessary specialists or draft and train new men in adequate numbers.

YOUTH'S BURDEN This disgraceful debacle resulted in the old familiar situation when Korea exploded.

As to the continued "militarism in any form degrades human dignity," in these young Christian men realize that such a statement is little more than a sneer at the living and dead who have fought to defend their birthright.

You might find a few veterans who will tell you they were "degraded." They are the same ones who hover around the legislature every two years and petition the state of North Carolina for a bonus.

UMT contrary to a Christian concept of "human existence?" If this nation and, indeed, Christianity are to survive, they must be defended. And it is the youth of the United States — like the young college men who passed this resolution — upon whose shoulders the burden rests.

This lack of mature military thinking is, unfortunately, not confined to college students who don't want to be bothered with serving. A large segment of the public tends to ever discount the importance of the military role in the

nation's progress and prosperity, and regards national security as one of the abnormal burdens of an otherwise orderly way of life.

Who can explain this astounding contribution of the American birthright. That to some of our people, the military establishment at best a necessary evil, and military service as an extraordinary hardship rather than an inherent obligation.

(Name Withheld by Request)

Goodman Was First To Aid Handicapped Charlotte Editors: The News: THE BEHALF of the many mothers who had their handicapped children at Mr. Arthur Goodman's birthday party, we thought it was a million "thanks." It was a wonderful party and the children had a marvelous time.

It also went to thank every one that helped Mr. Goodman make this such a great party, especially our newspaper for notifying all these children, the Fire Dept., the Police Dept., the Red Cross, the entertainers that furnished the entertainment and to all the good women who assisted in serving such a wonderful lunch and to anyone else that had any part in this affair. It meant an awful lot to these children and we just wish they had more Arthur Goodmans in this city who had as much interest in their welfare as he does. Many of our mothers can never, never, forget that he was the first man in Charlotte to try to help the handicapped children and that was over 25 years ago.

—MRS. H. P. McALISTER



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FREEDOM TO EXPLORE On the other hand, the most important factor in the education of children ages 5 to 10 is not the discipline of the college level, but the freedom to explore thoroughly their own emotions and creative imagination. A cardinal prerequisite for this process to run its course under proper supervision of course is the employment of well-trained, mature

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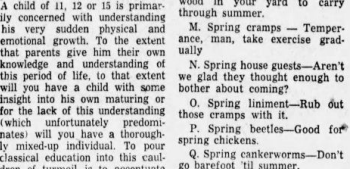
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