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Polio Perspective: No Cause For Alarm

ONE FACT is inescapable. The agonizing confusion over the new Salk anti-polio vaccine has spawned an epidemic of fearful restlessness in North Caro...

false notions. One is that North Carolina is a "polio state." This is simply not true. The "polio state" myth was punctured last Aug. 4 by the State Department of Conservation & Development...

The plain truth is that in all of North Carolina there have been 25 cases of polio since 1953 began. By this time last year, 27 cases had been reported.

Even in 1953, when there was an abnormal amount of polio in three Tar Heel counties, there were 21 other states with a greater polio case rate than North Carolina—based on the number of cases per 100,000 population.

The fact that not a single case of polio has been reported in the first shots either with a child or in a family certainly indicates the vaccine used in North Carolina is perfectly safe.

High Morton of Wilmington, chairman of the State Advertising Committee, has noted with some concern that North Carolina's tourist industry has "suffered unduly" because the public has gotten the impression that North Carolina is one of the nation's worst polio states.

This should ease some fears and quiet some rattled nerves. But, unfortunately, the Tar Heel attitude toward polio is the product of many

intelligent concern about polio and the importance of beating it to the punch is one thing, but unbridled, unreasoning fear is quite another thing. Look at the record.

Censorship: Shortage Of Wise Men

THE General Assembly has implemented a commendable desire to clean up comic books with a ridiculous law.

enforcement is rigid. A sponsor of the bill admitted as much when he introduced it.

The law sets up Tar Heel sheriffs as the wise, wisest there most. We don't think sheriffs qualify. But it is now their responsibility to prosecute the sellers of comic books...

Certainly comic book publishers have gone too far into the fields of sex, violence and suggestion. Despite their publicized efforts at self-policing, they have persisted in violation of good taste and decency to the point that censorship moves inevitably arose.

One Set Of Tailors For The Suit

CITY COUNCILMEN exhibited 20-20 civic vision when they recognized the need this week for broad revisions in the Charlotte zoning system.

The knot can be untied quite simply—by officially designating the City-County Planning Commission as the zoning agency for areas both inside and outside city limits.

But first, Council members should clear up some lingering jurisdictional confusion. There has been some question about a failure to disband formally the original Zoning Commission.

When this organizational wrinkle is ironed out, the city can get down to the major problem at hand—that of tailoring zoning classifications to the needs of a fast-growing metropolis.

From The Louisville Courier-Journal

MEC DEC—THE KENTUCKY VIEW

IN HIS famous speech urging conciliation with the American colonists, the great Edmund Burke warned his fellow-countrymen that the Americans, unlike "more simple" people, "snuff the approach of tyranny in every tainted breeze."

governor sent his own version straight to London. Exactly what the aroused milliamen signed their names to is another matter. Fire destroyed the minutes of the meeting in 1800, and the Declaration, re-written then from memory by John M. A. L...

That was more than a year before the 13 colonies issued the Declaration of Independence on July 4 in Philadelphia, and there is small wonder that North Carolina ever since 1830 proudly has been celebrating its own special Mecklenburg Independence Day—a local holiday.

To North Carolinians and to all other freedom-loving Americans it could scarcely matter less. What matters is that the citizens of Mecklenburg were quick indeed to "snuff the approach of tyranny on every tainted breeze" and to inspire their fellows and their posterity by opposing it "with our lives, our fortunes, and our most sacred honor."

For while there is historical reason to question the exact wording of the Mecklenburg Declaration, it is historic fact that the representatives of every militia company in the county did meet in dead of night on that famous May 20 and did risk hanging by declaring the citizens of Mecklenburg County "a free and independent people." The neighboring SOUTHERN CAROLINA GAZETTE reported the inflammatory fact soon afterward, and a British

We Americans can be just as odd as anyone else. For instance, we spend millions, millions and millions of dollars on education to wipe out illiteracy so that ignorant reformers and self-appointed commissioners and friends of A. T. & T. like has appointed, the others being John

The Politicians Disarm At The First Whisper Of Peace

By WALTER LIPPMANN

THE LOWER house of Congress has just done its bit in dealing with the military bills to give the tough-minded and cynical reason to say we told you so: let peace begin to dawn however faintly on the far horizon, and before you can turn around the politicians who are worrying about the election will begin to demobilize and to disarm.

did this, it is only fair to say, with the White House and the Pentagon providing listless leadership. The representatives did not mean, if anyone had asked them about it, to start demobilizing and disarming before there has even been agreement on the place where we are to talk with the Russians. They were not thinking of the Russians or the Chinese at all. They were thinking of the constituents. But the cynics are entitled to say that the House would not have taken the easy line with no serious objections from the executive if Washington, which was anxious about war in February had not become unanxious in May.

through the equivalent of a de-compression chamber. Otherwise, like the House of Representatives, they will develop a case of the bends.

No wonder that in nine quarters throughout the Western coalition there is a deep concern as to whether the military and political system, put together with such trouble, may begin to melt with the first rays of the sun. The system depends upon the continuing popular support of such unpopular things as conscription, high taxes, the presence of foreign troops, and obedience to foreign commanders. These are unpopular things have been supported by democratic legislatures because there was a powerful Red Army in the heart of Europe controlled by an aggressive, unfriendly, and inscrutable government in Moscow.

The system was put together because of the tension created from Moscow. Now Moscow and the great powers say that they wish to relax the tension. If the morale of the democracies is to be maintained, they will need to pass

There is therefore danger that the Western democratic morale, having been held up so long by fear of war, might go to pieces during a long and confusing negotiation about peace. The president is aware of the problem. At last Wednesday's press conference he said that "some years back I was struck by the fact that we were probably going to extremes in this thing. It was either black or white. You either had a war right now or peace, that was wonderful, and you would get it."

HOUSE VOTES NO In the face of this the House has now voted to reduce the standing forces. Then it has voted to lay aside the reserve program. On both issues the majority of the representatives took the cheap and easy side, they wanted to have their cake and eat it too. They

One of the facts of life in democratic societies is that public opinion tends to become extreme and absolute about war and peace: to oscillate between ap-... informed, and vigilant bargaining. A good public morale for the coming encounter with the Communist world will exist if the democracies are ready to support, however long it takes and however complex the intricate and often unpalatable bargaining. This is a lower note than the one we like to sound. But we shall win more confidence where we need to win it by not being too high and mighty in our righteousness, too pure and noble in our ideas for this all too human world, too stiff-necked to recognize the fact that a good negotiation is the search for compromises from which both parties to the bargain have as much to gain as they have to lose. For these bargains which are least likely to come unstuck.

What then ought to be the leading idea which the responsible leaders could give to the public opinion of the democracies? For the purposes of the coming negotiations there will be a poor public morale if the people are in a state of mind to accept and indeed to demand agreements at any price or if they are unwilling, like for example Sen. Know-

Chou: Was Congress Thinking Of Him Or Constituents?



"Other girls come home from college with husbands... ours comes home with an ideology..."

Slanguage

Did You Goof Or Punk Out? ENCYCLOPEDIA BRITANNICA REPORT

IF YOU try to get the better of a spritzer—even if he's a scrotebunie—you'll just be lucking out, unless you do it sometime before he punks out. At least one might gather as much from an article on "New Words and Meanings" in the 1955 Britannica Book of the Year.

pying an area... "postcard pressure," for constituents' mail to congressmen... "raw file," for unevaluated data in an investigative agency... "rifting," reduction in force for the reduction of personnel... "rolling adjustment," for a movement toward a lower level of business activity, affecting businesses successively... "white pool," a health service.

THE ENDLESS language inventions of all fields of human endeavor are the source of the annual additions to the vocabulary noted in the Encyclopaedia Britannica yearbook. The article, contributed by a committee of the American Dialect Society, is an annual guide of the principal fields of public interest, the society points out, and the words that come into prominence in the last year were principally reflected attention to science and technology, government, military advances, atomism, the world of business, and the world of jive.

ATOMS TO MOVIES Atomic science contributed "blow-out," the lateral reach of an explosion... "fall-out," particles falling from the atmosphere after an atomic blast... "hydrogenize," to destroy by hydrogen bomb... "O-Man," an overhead manipulator, a remote-control method of handling radioactive material... "seaborgium," the proposed name for element 99... and "uraniumium," one who has made a fortune from uranium.

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Random other new words included "suicide box" for the sleeping shell in a truck cab... "jiggle-bar," for a ridge in a highway intended to keep a driver from falling asleep... "smic," for fog containing ice crystals... "scifi" for science fiction and "hooter" for an author of how-to books... "statistician," for a tremendous heaving of the earth caused by frost.

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Quote, Unquote If you have a problem that is worrying you a lot, the best thing to do is turn it over to someone who seems to take care of everything—the Winder (G.A.) News.

There is a subtle control board which was defined initially soft toward the Communist film-writing in Hollywood. Ex-Congressman John S. Wood of Georgia, the Eisenhower appointee in question, also paid \$15 initiation fee to join the Ku Klux Klan, though later, he says, backing out, also hired a former Klansman, Walter LeCraw, to be counsel of the Un-American Committee. The Klan, of course, is on the list of subversive organizations which Wood as a member of the Subversive Control Board will have to pass judgment on.

Wood's record is so unusual that capital observers were flabbergasted at his appointment. One explanation is that Wood is the uncle of the golfing friend, Bobby Jones, which is a fact, though Jones has kept aloof from politics in the past.

People's Platform

Musical Festival Reports Get Director's Praise

Charlotte Charlotte EDITORS: THE NEWS: I SHOULD like to take this opportunity to thank you and the members of The Charlotte News staff for your recent coverage of the Charlotte City Schools Music Festival. This was a superlative job in every respect and was immensely helpful to us. The daily series were excellent and reflected the true spirit of what we were trying to do, and the pictures were not only cleverly done, but also informative.

No Significance In Name Of School

Charlotte Charlotte EDITORS: THE NEWS: WHILE listening to one of Mr. Arthur Godfrey's recent radio programs, I heard him

read a letter from a fan in Ordinary, Va. His first comment was some degree of amazement, was "What a name for a place—Ordinary." This incident immediately brought to my mind the yesterday in my life when I was a student at Biddle University (now Johnson C. Smith) and I had as a classmate a young man named Edward E. Drinkwater, from Cow Pasture, Va.

There exists a galaxy of outstanding Negroes from which names may be secured. —JACOB THOMPSON

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON WHILE one lady in high office has helped cause confusion in the polo crisis is planning to bow out, another lady who has done a terrific job for the American public in regard to television is being fired.

Paired Tribute

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