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The Rover Boys Track A Tornado

WHEN will the tornado hit? This week became the greatest diff- hanger question since Sheridan was 20 miles away.

Seldom has so much wild and woolly hob been raised in Charlotte or a weather forecaster's routine storm warn- ing.

Another report urged citizens to close all the doors and windows in their homes. (Fortunately, this announcer's address was not put to a test. Barometric pressure in a tornado falls very rapidly, causing houses to blow apart from the outward pressure of the air inside them.)

At 9:15 p.m. a radio disc jockey told his listeners: "The tornado will not hit Charlotte. It has turned around and headed to sea. It was never quite clear where this intriguing bit of information came from. As far as the weather bureau knows, there was never any tornado to

turn around and head anywhere. Forecasters kept repeating—rather fretfully as the evening wore on—merely that "conditions are favorable" for the development of a tornado. They admitted yesterday that a tornado could have passed over the city without touching the earth but there was no real sign of one at any altitude.

One school board expert meanwhile told his audience that, in meteorology, a tornado is exactly the same thing as a cyclone. It isn't. In meteorology, cyclone is simply the term applied to an area of relatively low pressure usually 50 to 1,000 miles in diameter with its revolving air circulate. A tornado, properly, is a small, extremely violent, twisting cloud appendage—a rotating storm which leaves devastation along a path seldom more than a few hundred yards in width and 10 to 40 miles in length. Unfortunately, the terms are often confused.

Warnings about conditions which would produce a tornado are necessary evils. But the reports should be handled safely—certainly not in a manner which might stampede the citizenry. Radio and television stations—newspapers too, for that matter—should be prepared with authoritative data. They should be equipped with reports along quickly, calmly, constructively, intelligently. Preparations for natural catastrophes—such as tornadoes and hurricanes—are fully as important as preparations for civil defense. This week's tornado scare underlined the need for some pre-disaster planning in Charlotte.

Is State Government Losing Its Grip?

THE report just issued by President Eisenhower's Commission On Intergovernmental Relations contains one section which should be required reading for Tar Heel politicians who blocked legislative redistricting last March—in defiance of the state constitution. It is entitled "Importance of Reapportionment."

North Carolina, like many other states, has failed to maintain an equitable system of representation in its General Assembly. Rural votes from the east are overwhelmingly in control of one legislative house and unfairly allotted if not dominant in another.

Thus the Twentieth Senatorial District made up solely of Mecklenburg County had a 1950 population of 197,652 but only one senator. The Second Senatorial District (seven counties), with a 1950 population of only 105,177, has two senators.

Germany: A Weather Vane At Geneva

THE toasts have been drunk, the civilities exercised. Now with consideration of issues on a four-point agenda comes the real test of the Big Four conference as an instrument of peace. The freely-spirited show-up first by the Russians is important only as an indication of whether they will carry the same attitude from the buffet table into the conference room. It is a slender reed in a forest of treasured problems.

West has succeeded in getting the German problem placed at the top of the agenda. Because opposite views on Germany have been firmly held by the East and West, talks on this subject will give a much better indication of what progress the world may expect from the summit meeting.

Russia wants Germany neutralized. The West wants her armed. Russia wants foreign troops removed from Germany. The West sees clearly that Russian troops removed from German soil could still be within an hour's march from the positions they abandoned while American and British troops would have to be rammed across an ocean. Russia wants the NATO alliance, which includes Germany, dissolved. The West has stressed NATO's defensive characteristic and said NATO will not be sacrificed.

Atom Fight Rages Around The Man With Three Hats

By DORIS FLEESON

IN ANOTHER blazing meeting last weekend behind closed doors, the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy and the Atomic Energy Commission were again at each other's throats. It seems impossible that these warring conditions which surround the most sensitive agency in government can long continue without damage to the government.

There are a far cry from the non-partisan framework of the handling of the atom which was conceived in the first awful hush of knowledge regarding it.

One major Chairman Strauss of the commission was at the center of the controversy. Once more the fact that he wears three hats—the AEC chairman, the Atomic Energy Commission's director and the President's—put him there.

DISPLAY SHIP Joint Committee Republicans had been pressing Chairman Anderson for a new committee decision on the President's proposal to build an atom-powered ship.

Anderson agreed to meet in a room in the Capitol building late Friday to see if some area of agreement could not be found to protect face internationally for the President. He speci-

fied that the commission should not be present. Anderson, who is alert and astute, realized that Republicans wanted something to throw into the scales in the House debate on the atom. Then, this page, he used to begin early this week. He also knew most committee Democrats were out to win and unavailable even for proxies.

TIME MOVED UP He left the meeting he showed up to noon. Then, via page, he was informed that executive director Allardice of the commission wanted him to know that if he hoped to use proxies at the meeting they must be specific and signed by members.

Both BAREILLS The chairman let go with both barrels. If anyone thought this was a regular meeting, he said, he would walk out and hoped Democrats Durham and Pierce would have. Anderson told Strauss he was canceling a visit to an atomic demonstration next week because he wouldn't ride in the same plane with a chairman who constantly tried to double-cross the committee.

Strouss protested that he thought he was supposed to be present. The trouble with that is that the chairman has repeatedly been disingenuous when he has been trying to do what the President wants.

To take only one example: In a public hearing last week on the subject of government inhibition in the new so-called Dixon-Yates contract, the committee directed AEC to handle the matter, as the contract was with them, and to protect the Treasury. Strauss left the members with the impression that he would of course obey.

NO MENTION When members left the hearing they started over reporters. That Attorney General Brownell had said that at the request of Strauss, Brownell would handle the cancellation liabilities Strauss had made no mention of this at all.

NOT WORKING If not working, The Congress created the joint committee precisely because it does not regard AEC as a Presidential lie. The law says it must be kept "fully and completely informed."

Strouss tipped his hand when he tried to get himself declared principal officer of the commission. He has since influenced the appointment of two pure scientists as commissioners, whose only interest is in the scientific aspects of the problem, and one Republican politician. The political appointee dropped out for reasons outside Strauss' control, the still force the commission's oldest and most ex-



EISENHOWER AND STRAUSS In the background, The Sound of Wounding

perenced member, Thomas E. Murray, a conservative Democrat. Murray favors private power, but he opposed Dixon-Yates because it brought the AEC in not as a user of the power to be controlled but as a power broker. He professed it would interfere with AEC's vital primary mission, the study of atomic energy.

People's Platform A Senior Citizen With Three Jobs Blasts A Myth

OLD AGE That is the silliest, most uncalled for phrase I have heard in my 76 years of life. Retire, Hell! I never expect to I resigned as senior food and sanitation inspector with the Charlotte Health Department in 1946 at age 67, nine years ago. And I had a fair job.

I work every day and I mean work, not play. Make a good living. You can drop me in any large town in the United States at 14 in without a nickel in my pocket and I will eat before 10 a. m. and I will not stud or beg for food. I will be working at something before the week is over. I'll have a job. I have worked since I milked cows at seven years old, all my life.

YOUNG SCALWAGS People with sense employ an elderly man for his good judgment and knowledge where they want results, not some young scawlag with his shirt unbuttoned and a cigarette in his mouth. When a young man tells me he cannot get a job, he is either lazy, will not work or watches the clock and tries to tell his boss how to operate his business. This is a man's world, a great nation. A good man can always get a job. Sure, no one will employ a playboy, pool shark, beer guzzler, snorter or card shark. Don't fool yourself by slack- ing. Work. The boss soon sees what kind of kid he has em- ployed.

TIME TO RETIRE The time for a man to retire is when God retires him. "What looks so mortal he," I want to work today, die tomorrow, and I am 76 years, two months old. Born May 11, 1879. I was never drunk in my life. I do not smoke or use tobacco. I take no vitamins. I eat the best food money will buy. And that food is loaded with vitamins.

Why waste half the front of a newspaper picture that, "Old Age — No Problem." What a waste of newspaper.

A man is as old as he permits himself to be. Believe in God, believe in yourself and you will keep going. No one can stop you. I was born independent. I will die independent. I do not ask for anyone's sympathy when I am in a hurry. Just keep out of my way or I may run into you.

WILLIAM C. MONTRE P. S. I have three jobs. I originated all three.

The Gathering Doubts Of Bogumil Swoboda

THERE must be some doubt in the mind of poor old Mr. Swoboda about this land of the free and the home of the brave. Here is a man who slipped through the iron curtain and came to America to face his future. He knows from experience about ty-

ranny and oppression and being a displaced person he somehow got to America and to Charlotte. Perhaps he thought would grow on trees or lay in the streets in America. Perhaps he imagined he could just pick up here where he left off behind the iron curtain, in some little sleepy village where life would be sustained. In this he must be mistaken. For America, so full of energy, knows no way to understanding or succoring the poor through furious direct.

And our Welfare Dept. ably headed and staffed is to be commended for shouldering, though begrudgingly, this extra load. However, let it be remembered that some months ago when the legislature was considering the advisability of curtailing help through the Welfare Dept. of illegitimate children of mothers who just kept bearing them out of wedlock, then the officials of our Welfare Dept. raised a loud lament that such a law would be punishing little children and that no restrictions should be placed against them. Accordingly the matter was dismissed and the Welfare continues to be overloaded with illegimates.

Nobody has a 14-day instance, we have 12 children, and they aren't illegimates. They were mostly born here. Their mother, naturally, is unwed, their father cannot speak our language. Their oldest son is or was in the U. S. Army. He had a good education and studied for the ministry. They are essentially foreigners in any neighborhood in which they try to live. Above all, Mr. Swoboda is a Christian, a Bible-reading son of Poland, the biggest suffering in Europe. Today's paper said something about donating them. I don't see a small gift for them, and I hope you will forward it to them.

MERCER J. BLANKENSHIP For better or worse, we have inherited the fundamental qualities in our culture from the British. For that reason we need to look to the rest of Europe, if our history, a perspective which views America from at least the period of the first two centuries and lets us see the gradual development of our common civilization, its transmission across the Atlantic and its expansion and modification as it was adapted to conditions in the Western Hemisphere. We should not overlook other influences which have affected America, the influences from France, Holland, Spain, Germany, Scandinavia and the rest of Europe, and also influences from Asia and Africa. But we must always remember that the majority of the population of British culture that it assimilated all others. That is not to say that we have been transmogrified into Englishmen, or that we are even Anglophile in sentiment. But we cannot escape an inheritance which has given us some of our sturdiest and most lasting qualities. — Louis B. Wright in "Culture on the Moving Frontier."

RANK INJUSTICE TO FAT MEN

EVERYBODY wants to do something for fat folks. Recently a United States school official announced that he didn't want any fat teachers in his little empire.

too-plumps directed to the base hospital for trimming down via the Mears diet. This is the tragic part of military life. Ordinarily a man like Col. Mears would have nobody he could inflict his pet diet upon, let alone cut off their soft drinks. But in the service, one with a desire to do things for other's good is in hog heaven if he has the necessary rank.

1-Point Program



Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

MODERN diplomacy, it's said, is sometimes a system of countering history. At any rate, the summit conference here is busily engaged in doing some of the things these same statesmen did just ten years ago.

Flashback No. 1—Took place in Stuttgart nine years ago when Jimmie Byrnes, then secretary of state, made a speech which rebuffed round the world proposing Germany be neutralized and demilitarized for 40 years.

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Flashback No. 3—Took place at Gen. Eisenhower's headquarters outside London exactly 10 years ago when, with Germany in full retreat, he lunched with one Harry Dexter White, now branded by Attorney General Brownell a traitor, and listened sympathetically to plans for dividing Germany into 190 parts.

Flashback No. 4—Took place in Berlin in 1945 when Eisenhower, along with Marshal Zhukov in a Berlin night club, watched German dancing girls and drank a toast to total, perpetual dememberment of Germany.

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Bonds Soar

After each Dulles statement, the German bond market soared only to end in one of the world's worst financial tragedies.

Unmilitaristic

For while headlines in the papers acclaimed the new volunteer military bill passed by the West German Parliament during the Geneva talks, the real fact is that all the debates in the German Parliament showed the German people are no more anxious for militarism than the average American youngster is anxious to be drafted.

Should Men Reject The Creative Plan?

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