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BY THOMAS L. STOKES
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But in between there was a let-down. He was reminded that as President, he is responsible also in domestic affairs as well as foreign affairs.
One after another, his troubles in the field of domestic matters were clocked off by reports from the sweltering world of reporters who sat before him.
Abrupt was the descent from the summit to the problems of the President's spirits obviously were affected by the inquiries about the part of his job that is plainly not pleasant to him, involving politics and personalities in domestic issues.

HIS DISTASTE became explosively vocal when he finally uttered further question about the Dixon-Yates story that still is being explored relentlessly by the persistent reporter, Sen. E. F. Butler (D., Tenn.).
Before the questions got around to Dixon-Yates, there came up the more recently instituted investigation of a top Administration official, Harold E. Talbot, secretary of the Air Force, and his connection as partner of a New York management firm, Paul Mulligan and Co.
He, himself, has told about letters he wrote on Air Force stationery and the made solid business for this firm from which he has collected \$32,000 as his share. It became secret as the secretary of the Air Force in February.

The President revealed that his concern in this episode, about which he learned the truth from Geneva, goes beyond legal matters of that ethics and of moral standards in government.
That will be uppermost in what-for he has done. He has seen Secretary Talbot's future studies all he studies all of the evidence.
Regarded as highly significant was the President's reference back to the 1952 campaign when he and other Republican campaigners were bitterly attacking the "mess in Washington" under Democratic rule, which they promised to clean up and to undertake, a new moral climate in government and in the nation.

The President's concern about the ethics of the Talbot affair does not seem to be matched in intensity, at least publicly, by concern in other matters which—those familiar with the influence that control government—appear as important in effect upon the general public interest, and also involve ethics.
IT IS TRUE that he never has been fully or accurately informed to take a glaring example in this area, of the Dixon-Yates deal and the motives behind it.
This has been demonstrated now to be the outward evidence of a budget scheme cooked up in the Budget Bureau to liquidate not only TVA but the rest of the great public resource development program.

The President was not told about the operation. He flared up at his news conference when he asked what he thought of the way somebody in the administration "doctored" the documents which he had cleared up and made public in their entirety.
Deletions were referred to Adolph Weiser, then vice president of the Boston Corp., who was brought in as a consultant to the Budget bureau and devised the plan for liquidating TVA and disposing of it to private interests.
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"We've traded here for years—George knows this butcher well enough to trade hips out when we get a tough piece of meat."

Me All Sweetness and Light, Too!



Morning Mail

Challenges To Our Legislature
"These are the times that try men's souls. This applies, I believe, to our lawmakers in Montgomery, who today face more complex problems than ever before. Problems such as segregation, reapportionment and education.
In these conditions, there are some standards that we can expect of our legislators—that they consider the interests of the majority, that they guarantee the rights and principles of our Constitution, that they attempt to mold and advance public opinion, that they have faith in the people's understanding of our democratic system.
The recent unanimous Senate vote for the "school placement" bill, whose avowed, but hidden purpose is to preserve school segregation, represents in my opinion a denial by our senators of the basic leadership placed upon them by the voters of Alabama.
Undoubtedly the bill is unconstitutional, because its crudely stated purpose is to subvert the rulings of the U. S. Supreme Court. Our senators, most of them lawyers, know this.
For confirmation, let them read the dissertation on this subject in the Alabama Law Review by Prof. J. L. Murphy of the University of Alabama Law School. One is reminded of the last Legislature which voted, also unanimously, for the textbook censorship law. It was an act of surrender to the overweening anti-Communist hysteria of the time.
Six months later, all concerned admitted that the law was unconstitutional. Is there not a similar racist hysteria emanating today from a small band of men in the Black Belt of our state?
I should like to insert a word of praise to the few in the House who valued the principle of truth more than the comfort of conformity, and opposed the bill. Among them was Rep. Charles Neal of Jefferson County.
There is a simple solution to segregation. But a positive approach can be found, just as it

By Talbot



News and Views from the Editor's Mail Box

was found last week at Geneva in considering even greater problems.
Let us draw upon our tradition of democracy, upon our Constitution, upon the findings of the Supreme Court, and upon the deepest considerations of our most responsible citizens and editors. This is the challenge that faces our governor and our legislators.
HENRY B. HOWARD, Jacksonville.

This Writer Is Concerned By Slavery Charge

I was shocked by the letter written by Mr. Horn of Tusculum, who accused us of the South being a slave state. I am a Southerner and I am proud of my heritage. I am a Southerner and I am proud of my heritage. I am a Southerner and I am proud of my heritage.
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Mulligan Might Help Make Othman Efficient

BY FREDERICK C. OTHMAN
WASHINGTON—Guess I won't be able to hire Secretary of Air Harold Talbot to fix up my own office efficiency, but I will be that his ex-partner, Paul B. Mulligan, will be available to help.
Talbot and Mulligan, as you may have read, were partners in a firm of engineers charging fees up to \$78,000 for boosting the wages of the workers in a big concern's office workers.
We measured the labor that a typist, for instance, could do and presumably saw that she did it.
So there the Senate Investigating Committee has been looking into the ethics of Talbot taking \$60,000 a year profits from the firm while he was working for his Uncle Sam.
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This Morning

BY JOHN TEMPLE GRAVES
"To you from falling hands we throw the torch. Be yours to hold it high."
Because there is immortality in love and sensibility and character and family, Warner Shook lives on in our hearts.
He will live in Anna Morrow, his dear wife, in Alfred, Theresa and Susan, his beloved children, in Paul, the young man who he loved so dearly, and in the many who he has contributed much to the community and a state.
The records will be in the news stories. But to many of us he will be remembered most for the gold of his heart and the home, the sense of family as basic to community, country, society and God.
With this quality the Shooks have carried on from generation to generation in Alabama, and before that, in Tennessee. It has made them wish to go good because they come of good people and live with good people and mean good people to all.
Warner Shook has been the presiding elder brother of it all, representing it in all their phases and pulling their hearts and the unobscuring ranks will close and proceed.
It could be that the science of psychology—or rather, of psychiatry—hasn't progressed far enough to be able to tell us why we do what we did for it at Geneva. Not just for his country but for all the "madness" of the world.
When he dies or fades away we may recover our old saw about there being no love in an indispensable man. In the meantime, there is an indispensable man—for us and the world.

A tip to Southern editors and columnists—insist on your right to talk national, international, interparty and metaphysical affairs in these days.
You can do it better than most but because of the awful race problem in the South, it's hard to do it. Go beyond your depth when you try anything else.
Actually there has never been a time when Southern editorial pages soared, soared, attracted and penetrated so in comparison with editorial pages elsewhere. Northern editorialists have had such a problem on that which sharpen their wits, cut their phantasies and pull their imaginations that the qualities are in all else they write.
A newcomer from down East agrees that Southern editors are good, all right, but says when they come to know, it falls in love with the South and writes too much. People won't read a long editorial even if it's good, he says, especially if there are some "ifs."
You think of a few like this but not many, say.

The thing about a dated milk can is that once you have one, you can't live without it. Abolish dating now and every cat-sip of milk will have a funny taste.
"If the republic is to be saved," opines Tom Waring in The Charleston News and Courier, "it is up to the South to replace it with a good test case which will save it. . . . Alabama authorities will have to be more careful of their intent of the Alabama law violates the ruling of the Supreme Court."
I know of one or two observers that Judge Parker and other federal circuit judges may have pointed a way for the South when the Supreme Court in the recent Virginia and South Carolina decisions that the Supreme Court did not order integration but even if race is back of many reasons for separation the reasons are real and the South must be prepared to accept the law as worked out by Joseph F. Johnston, requires a wide variety of factors involving the people in the pupil and the community to be considered.
Race is not mentioned.

Editor Bernd, in The Rome, Ga. News-Tribune, sees no victory for TVA in the Dixon-Yates cancellation but one, perhaps, for the public that they will be able to use the money in the recent Virginia issue.
Editor Tom Waring in The Charleston News and Courier, calls it a victory not for the South but for socialism.
He opines that "socialism is less objectionable on a local level than on a state, regional, or national" but says that "each administration has its own project in the coffin of the republic."

Health

BY GEORGE MATTHEW ADAMS
Of all our blessings, that of one health is the most prized.
Yet we pay the least for it in the care of our health. We pay the least for it in the care of our health. We pay the least for it in the care of our health.
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Rhymes of Times

NEW YORK—A 77-year-old captain who is spending his honeymoon on a cabin cruiser with his 70-year-old bride said "for folks our age a honeymoon in an 18-foot boat is just what we need."
"For folks of our age," the good captain explained, "such post-nuptials at sea can be daring. . . . But one wonderful thing which cannot be disclosed is the love and affection we're sharing."
Now, that's all very nice, and for our part we'd say
There is nothing so grand as such spooning.
But no danger exists in the waves or on the spray, it is honeymooning!

Views On The News

BY DAN KIDNEY
Secretary Dulles has made our foreign policy extremely flexible—moved from the inflexible to "mass fraternization" in three years.
I would like to point out that in all of the statements made by the Red Chinese, never have they talked about capturing the (Main and Quemoy). They have said they are going to capture Formosa.
—President Eisenhower.

SIDE GLANCES

BY GALBRAITH
MY CALLERS ALSO include citizens who have stories they think should be written and others who are unhappy about what they've already been printed.
I'm just plain inefficient, Mulligan. I like to see these people, even when they're angry. Anything to get away from the typewriter.
Across 11th Street from my window is a fire house. There stress shriek and bells clang and I always jump up to see the excitement. This is bad and what I want to know, sir, is whether I need a seat belt?
Between tea and I spend a good deal of time at the water cooler, which is a pleasant place to chat with my pals in the Lino-type department.
I also have long, scientific discussions with the managing editor about poodle dogs.
Finally, is the matter of my typewriter. The "Y" key sticks and I find myself writing tricky syllables with "Ys" in 'em, so I'll have an excuse to stop and get a little mechanical work.
I greased the machine the other day with a piece of a soap and this did not help. I mean, Mulligan, there never was such inefficiency in an office before. Drop by while there yet, is time and, if necessary, bring Secretary Talbot along. Won't antich.

By Galbraith



Let's Face the Facts

The Senate Finance Committee has scheduled a public hearing next Wednesday on the school revenue bills and the opportunity of performing an outstanding service both for our schools and for the people of Alabama.
No realistic approach to the financial problems of the schools will permit defeat of the fact that the schools must have more money.
By the same token, to assume that the people of Alabama will adopt the House approved gross income tax measure would be foolish. That the proposed constitutional amendment will carry if it clears the Senate is doubtful indeed.
Under the circumstances, if the Senate Finance Committee can develop a sounder means of school support it will earn the

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the more reason why the secretary, as a part of the administration, should have been exceptionally circumspect.
In dissolving his partnership in Mulligan & Co., in his forthright testimony, which drew praise from Chairman McClellan of the investigating committee, and otherwise, Mr. Talbot has acted wisely and prudently. But he would have done wiser and more prudent if he had not committed his "mistake" in the first place.
There remains the question of his further usefulness as Air Force Secretary. Here again his conscience, which once failed him, should come back. But he also has the question on the President's conscience—by trespassing on the impeccability Mr. Eisenhower has striven so hard to maintain in his administration.

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