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The Eden Visit: Cornerstones Confer

The Eisenhower-Eden conference in Washington comes at a good time. The number of world events requiring close consultation between the corresponding to the constitution of the constituti

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If H. L. MENCKEN was unloved by his Lontemporaries it was because he was unlovable. No U. S. writer, except possibly Eara Pound, toiled so mightly at being an irritant.

He was, suffice to say, fabulously successful. One need only to glance over a list of words and phrases that his public used to describe that success. William Marchester, his biographer, has collected some, such as "mangy ape," "dog," "weasel," "maggot," "ghoul," "jackal," "houzard," "idger," "howling hyena," "bilious buffoon," "British toady," "super-Boche of German Kultur," "cankerworm," and "radical Red."

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But if Mencken was an irritant, he was also a tonic. His imprint on American life and letters was powerful. A whole generation cut its literary teeth on him and found in his attacks—pitlless but persuasive—an intellectual audacity that was strange-ly invigorating. He was interested in almost everything, but more vehemently than most. He attacked everything, as well, but saved his Sunday punches for the nincompoops, the windbags, the stuffed shirts, the dogodores, the hypocrites, the four-flushers, the quacks and the solemn asses.

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Those literary punches, outrageously impudent, were something to behold. But Mencken aged like an athlete. He was at the peak of his form in the '20's. Then his reflexes went bad. By the mid-'30's, his grip on the imaginations of the

Earlier he had written:

One of the crying needs of the time in this incomparable republic is for a suitable burial service for the admittedly danned... What is needed, and what I bawl for politely, is a service that is free from the pious but unsupported asseverations that revolt so many of our best minds, and yet remains happly graceful doubters, full of lovely poetry, but devoid of any specific pronouncement on the subject of a future life... Such a libretto for the inescapable last act would be humane and valuable. I renew my suggestion that the poets spit upon their hands and confect if at once.

Finally, he composed what it is

If, after I depart this vale, you ever remember me and have thoughts to please my ghost, forgive some sinner and wink your eye at some homely girl.

It was, in many ways, a reasonable enough request from Mencken, the irritant, the tonic, the unlovable.

Progress And A Short Yardstick

HOW do you measure progress?

What yardstick do you place beside ten years of a city's life?
You count bricks and dollars and people, almost certainly, and you add them up one by one, year by year. That is what Thee News has done in preparation for today's Progress Edition, an edition which we hope will be a source of information and pride for Charlotte's citizens.
But there is much about a city's progress which cannot be set down in ordered columns of type.
We can tell you about but seep so the good or bad usages of all the money that passes through them, we cannot tell you about bricks, but we cannot tell we are count for them all.
We cannot chronicle such very important items of progress as the unmarked name of each of the men and women who have lived among us and given us so much.
No matter, perhaps. We have counted the hoppes his parents hold for him, or deaths—of each of the men and women who have lived among us and given us so much.

From The St. Louis Post-Dispatch

TALL SHOOTERS AND HIGH SCORERS

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HAVING been troubled for some time
by those 112-111 basketball scores,
we are glad that crusader's armor has
been put on by Hank Luisektil, the former
Stanford star who was "Mr. Basketball"
until George Mikan showed up at DeFaul,
and Tilghman R. Cloud of The PLEASANT
HILL, TIMES, Missouri's editorial pride
and joy.

After a look at Phog Allen's latest
recruit at Kansas, will the Stilt, Cloud
concludes that, if today's college basketball is a sport, so is professional wrestling, "Any young man 6-feet-10 or taller
who can dog-trot across the court without falling down is in imminent danger
of becoming the player of the year," he
says, Luisetti's more technical complaint

'Hurry! Into The Life Boat Before It's Too Late'



An International Jugular Vein

Eden Theme: Bankruptcy

By JOSEPH & STEWART ALSOP

OBSCURE INVESTOR
A single obscure individual, the
Sheikh of Kuweit, provides a
substantial proportion of all the
new capital annually available to
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EDEN AND CHURCHILL An Empire Has Weak Flanks

People's Platform

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Athletics Belong
To Student Body
Pittsbore
Gitore, The News:
D'A' THE 26th and 28th you editorialized equite to my list ing when you came out frankly and called the athletic situation, especiall' football, at Chapel Hill an 'on - campos enterprise,' and you might have adder 'remotely and 'on - campos enterprise,' and you might have adder 'remotely and 'on - campos enterprise,' and you might have adder 'remotely and on the commended for frankness when he said 'winning is everything.' Disinterested observers did not have involutary segregation; but a basic 'winning is everything.' Disinterested observers did not have in the second and unclinitian to have involutary segregation; but a basic 'winning is everything.' Disinterested observers did not have to be told that winning is segregation.

PROTEST

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Tales Of The Bodaie Boys

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WASHINGTON

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