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A Surprise For The Little Brothers

IN THE late '40s the Englishman George Orwell called a nightmare to paper. It was called 1984, and it depicted totalitarianism in full flower when Big Brother would see all, know all—even furtive thoughts—and order all that occurred.

The language in 1984 was Newspeak (good means bad), and for a mind to entertain a thought displeasing to Big Brother was a Crimethink, automatically detectable and punishable. History and human personality had been obliterated. Man had become an automaton, connected neither with the past nor the future. He existed only for the purposes of Big Brother and the state. He had no idea what even that purpose was.

Orwell's nightmare had less when it was published. Efforts of the Nazis to create a "superior" race and the "confessions" of wrong-thinking in Russia and the satellites were fresh in public minds. Then, in Korea, the full horror of brain-washing became known. It was clear that people could be made to believe, or at least to consent, that "good" meant "bad" and vice versa.

But if 1984 seemed conceivable in 1954, the revolts and unrest in the Soviet satellites pushes the nightmare almost out of sight. The Soviet actually has to swallow up Hungary, Poland and the rest and to merge their nationalities, history and heritages into the fabric of the Communist doctrine, the nightmare had to walk. It did move. Cardinal Mindszenty, newsman William Oatis and thousands of others "confessed" to assorted, uncommitted crimes. Gomulka and Nagy, now restored to power in Poland and Hungary, earlier had been guilty of Crimethinks and imprisoned for it.

Big Brother had appeared in huge statues of Stalin and pictures and posters of Lenin throughout the satellites. Youth of the satellites were taught from re-written books, farmers and factory workers were indoctrinated in the methods and systems of Big Brother Stalin.

The free world, seeing these evidences and nothing else in the newsreels, had reason to shudder and to fear that, completely cut off from free men and subjected to terror and thought control, the identities of slave nations could be changed, their pasts wiped out and their futures planned by their new masters.

The Poles and the Hungarians have now canceled that fear. Big Brother Stalin and Little Brother Khrushchev failed. They converted neither the peasants, the factory workers nor the intelligentsia to Newspeak. More important, they failed to convert youth, whose minds would seem more pliable.

George B. Besenyei, former Hungarian minister plenipotentiary, notes in a letter to the New York Times that "about 95 per cent of all escapees from Hungary are under 25 years of age (and) even a casual look at the pictures of the demonstrators of Poznan or of the defendants in the following trials shows that they belong to the same age category." Mr. Besenyei asks why this is so and answers:

"First of all, it shows that the appeal of freedom and of a democratic society is so strong that even the very young, who only had a glimpse of it, can never forget it. Secondly it shows that parents and churches continue to exercise a powerful influence on youth, in spite of all efforts of the Communists to destroy the strength of family ties and undermine the authority of the church. Thirdly, if the Communists were unable to take hold of the spirit of the young, they were equally unsuccessful in fulfilling their promises of material well-being which they have so lavishly advertised in their propaganda."

The road to freedom in the satellites will be long and bloody. Despite the revolutions against Moscow, all the satellites still have Communist rulers. But they must know by now—all the Little Brothers—that 1984 is not coming for them.

Have High-Powered Publicists Oversold Ike's Magic?

By MARQUIS CHILDS

THE point has been reached in this strange campaign when Eisenhower magic, as described by some of the President's more ardent admirers with an almost mystical fervor.

If that magic is sufficiently strong, it will pull into office for a second term in the Senate Everett McKinley Dickson, who has been one of the most consistent advocates of the Bricker amendment "cutting" the President's treaty-making powers. If it is really as potent as some of his disciples assume, then it will obscure the scandals of the Republican regime in Illinois and Gov. William Stratton also will be re-elected.

PACKAGED WITH SKILL

There is nothing really mystical about the Eisenhower magic. It is the magic of a warmly persuasive personality packaged with the great skill and energy of modern publicity and advertising techniques.

The symbol thus projected—the good and kindly man who wants all Americans to be happy, the husband, father, grandfather has been used to dominate the political horizon.

For the purposes of the campaign, it probably matters little. But as with so many high-powered packaging jobs, the content—in this instance the relationship between issues and achievements of an administration in power for four years—seems small when put alongside the fabulous claims made for it.

DISCREPANCY

With all the bling-bling of the television drama and those beautiful pictures on the box, the breakfast food seems to fall short of making a strong, self-reliant and handsome.



DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER After Bing-Bing-Blaz...

It may be because this Adlai Stevenson's home state that the discrepancy between promise and reality in the campaign, on both the Republican and the Democratic sides, should be most apparent. Only eight years ago Stevenson was little known, even in Illinois.

He was a newcomer to politics, a youngish reform candidate for governor running against a Republican regime reputed to be ridden with scandal. To almost everyone's surprise he got a majority of 270,000, the largest ever given on a candidate for governor up to that time. And at the same time, Harry Truman, running for re-election, got a scant 3,000.

So Stevenson was launched on his political career. In 1952 as the

Democratic presidential candidate, he made a profound impression on millions of Americans for the candor and good sense with which he discussed the issues. The powerful image was of a courageous leader rejecting the easy panaceas and the cheap compromises.

That image has been blurred in this campaign. The compromises may have been necessary to get the nomination and to enlist the support of hardboiled political leaders from ward and precinct up. But the best evidence that the change has not been altogether a happy one is in Stevenson himself. He obviously has not been at ease in his new role, making promises to the big blocs of farm and labor voters.

Many have looked, and still look, to Stevenson to lead the way to more imaginative, vigorous and constructive policies both at home and abroad. An example is John Nuveen, Chicago investment banker and life-long Republican.

Nuveen's experience in Europe in the Marshall Plan from 1948 to '50 convinced him that the Truman administration had no long-range policy to win and hold Europe from communism. We were putting in money to shore up the old structure, but we failed to understand the need to push a basic remodeling job.

Nuveen came back to Chicago as one of the first Eisenhower-for-President backers and later became treasurer of the Volunteers-for-Eisenhower.

At the start of this campaign he came out for Stevenson, saying in a strong statement he believed the President had defaulted on his foreign policy promises, putting old-fashioned isolationists in charge of programs in which they did not believe.

Nuveen is disappointed in Stevenson's performance this time but he hopes that if he is elected he will support the kind of direction the United States must have if the free world is to stay strong and united. You may write him off as naive, idealistic, or, as the Chicago Tribune does, as a New Dealer. Nevertheless, Nuveen represents a small but important element in the American electorate.

In his speech in Cincinnati last week Stevenson talked about foreign policy and the urgent and far-reaching needs of the hour. For many reasons this speech got little attention. But those who heard it recognized the kind of dedication Stevenson brought to his campaign four years ago.

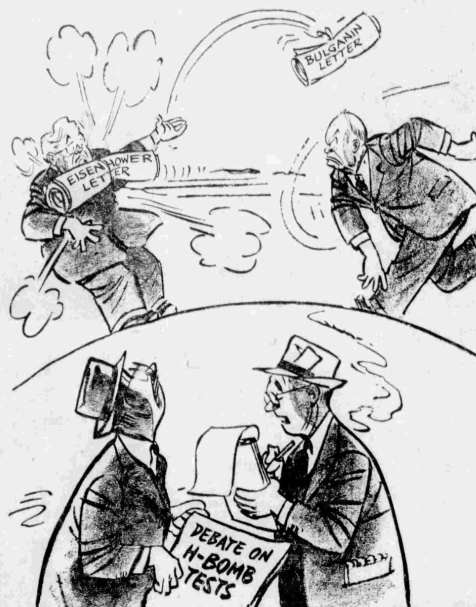
TONE HAS BEEN SET

If certain principals in the Stevenson camp have their way, this is the role that will be sounded from now until the end.

The draft and the H-bomb tests have been issues at the edge of the national consciousness of foreign policy. Now Stevenson is to go to the heart of the matter. But if this is to be a major shift in the direction of the campaign, it must be remembered that it is very late. What has gone before has set the tone.

What the President promises is not so much a promise put in words. It is an implied promise that if only you trust this great and good man, the next four years of your life will be even better than the best four years of your life. Before this smiling symbol, promises put into words seem to have little weight.

'Now, How Do You Feel About Guided Missives?'



ADLAI E. STEVENSON ... A Sharp Disappointment

Bedsheet Buffoons Appear Too Early

THE CAPACITY of some human beings to bore one another is exceeded only by their ability to make absurd asses of themselves at rather regular intervals.

Thus we have the revival of the Ku Klux Klan in North Carolina after a long, restful period of what was widely mistaken for universal enlightenment. Absurdity is still found in a variety of forms in Tarheelia. But nothing is quite as helplessly preposterous as absurdity in a bedsheet.

The civilized man who yields to the idea that Klan violence will solve anything at all is yielding to ignorance and false pretenses. He might as well believe in witchcraft or the notion that a horsehair placed in a bottle will turn into a snake.

It has been generally true in the past that the Klan's masked hoodlums are found where poverty and ignorance flourish. So it is that we are more than a little chagrined to read that the Klan's headquarters is not in some wool hat jungle but in Charlotte, the knowledgeable and reasonably sophisticated Queen City. Significantly, its convalesces are held elsewhere. But Charlotte's good name has all the same been slightly soiled by the identification.

We feel confident that few Tar Heels will be taken in by the new nightriders and their tarnished goals. Most citizens of North Carolina would not want to be associated with an organization with a record that is so blotched with violence. Aside from this rather ugly view of the Klan's nature, the thought of grown men parading around in bedsheets to burn crosses today is only a little short of being hilariously funny.

After all, Halloween is still six days away.

People's Hodges Criticized For Supporting Party Ticket

Lincolnton

I HAVE read in the columns of The News about Gov. Hodges' decision to support the party ticket in this district to vote Democratic, for the sake of voting Democratic, because they have registered with that party. Why? Is it because he is afraid the voters are beginning to reason, think a little about issues and consider the quality of "the man"?

I think that it is, that he is afraid the voter will no longer vote blindly.

Party labels do not necessarily determine the caliber of a public servant, certainly not in the case of our congressman, Charlie Jonas.

He has, in the eyes of all who know him, the Democrats, independents, and Republicans, been a representative of all the people and should, certainly, merit the support of all the people on Nov. 6.

When it gets so bad that our state office-holders, and candidates for offices of high trust, change the voting laws so as to make it difficult for a Democrat to vote for the man of his choice for congressman, and then go on even further, it is time for us to do something about it.

The most effective way is to vote a straight Republican ticket. —J. F. MULLEN

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Proverbs the 20th chapter, 1st verse. In August when the Republican Convention was going on in San Francisco there were flashed over television pictures of a banquet that went on in which intoxicating beverages were served. Champagne wine and other liquors and lobsters were served, to the extent there had to be flow by an 18,000 liquor glasses to serve the guests. When this affair was flashed over television to all parts of this country and also to foreign lands, I wondered what other parts of the world thought of this country being called a "Christian land and nation, and to see such a drinking revely, and especially among the high dignitaries of the land.

If such an affair had been held by the drunkards, bootleggers, and wine bibbers not much more could have been expected from them. When this affair was flashed from the Republican halls in the city of San Francisco, a similar affair came to my mind that happened over 2,500 years ago in the city of Babylon in the palace of King Belshazzar when he gave a feast to a thousand of his lords. Read Daniel, the 5th chapter. "Thou art weighed in the balances and found wanting. Thy kingdom is divided and given to another." That wine drinking banquet meant the end of the reign.

Hard Knocks Alumnus
 Al Smith's Old School Tie

The (New York State Assembly) session of 1911 had a moment when partisanship on both sides of the house was running high. Ed Merritt, Fred Hammond, and Jesse S. Phillips representing the Republican side and I, representing the Democratic side, were engaged in a crossfire of debate over a bill that had to do with the removal of the Commission of Jurors in Niagara County. There was considerable hard feeling on both sides of the chamber when Assemblyman Wendt from Buffalo arose in his place and asked for comment.

Mr. Wendt said, "Mr. Speaker, I have just heard that Cornell won the boat race."

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Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy; Men who possess opinions and a will; Men who have honor — men who will not lie; Men who can stand before a demagogue; And damn his treacherous flatteries without winking; Tall men, sun-crowned, who live above the fog; In public duty and in private thinking; For while the rabble, with their thumb-worn creeds, Their large professions and their little deeds,

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Charlotte Sows Some Musical Seeds

APPRECIATION of fine music, like a taste for olives, is acquired. One does not fall suddenly and happily in love with a Mozart sonata or a Bartok quartet without any preparation—especially if the listener is only so high and sees vastly more virtue in touch football.

Thousands of fortunate local youngsters are getting that preparation at children's concerts of the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra, conducted by James Christian Proff. Fully 2,500 little people packed Ovens Auditorium yesterday for each of three concerts given during the day. It was a magnificent experience in their young lives and one of which sponsors ought to be proud.

The important fact is that the community's children are growing up with more than a nodding acquaintance with a major art form. They study the works they will hear in school before the instruments of the orchestra and the sounds they make. Through these instruments they meet the masters of musical composition and enter a new land of cultural wonderment.

If they are fortunate, these children will continue to develop their artistic tastes as they grow older. As they do, they will be rewarded with the pleasures of richer, fuller life.

The seeds were sown yesterday.

From The Southern Pines Pilot

SPEECH IN THE SANDHILLS

ONE OF THE outstanding characteristics of native Sandhills speech, as shown in the following "dictionary," is a tendency to make two-syllable words and vice versa. Thus, "sea" may be spoken "hi you," while "orange" will be contracted to "urnge."

Here is our own dictionary of Sandhills subject to corrections, additions, deletions and rule comments. I pull—the fruit that keeps the doctor away.

Wow well—That portion of a building that supports the roof, and in which windows and doors are located.

Shay You—An exhibition, the movies. Example of usage of these two words: Did you gay you to the shay you last night?

Owl—The entirety, everything. By Skit Bowl—A popular winter indoor sport.

Fies You—Fast fence of flah. Bud—One of our feathered friends. Example of usage of these two words: The bud flee you to the tree.

Slow Were—Place where goods are for sale. House Spittle—Place where most bay buzz are bone.

My Youth—What we speak with and eat with.

Neigh Ue—What we smell with. E Your—What we hear with. Sea Yit—Cameels, Luckies, Chesterfields, etc.

Shiver Lay, Foad, Buke, Pone Tack—Popular makes of cows, otherwise known as automotives, sometimes abbreviated to Ow Toe. See Dan is the most preferred body type. Many now have tee you tay uue paint jobs.

Free Yute—Such agricultural products as pitches, puffs, I pulls, plooms, straw burrs, due you burrs, bilkie burrs, urtuges, lay mouns, pond I pulls, churs, gray yups, war melns and can elopes.

Dowg—Boww wow. Kite—Maww—No. Ho Warsw—No. Me Yule—Traditional for plowing on the farm.

Chun—Yaws eggs. Reu Yousier—Cock a doodle do.

The price of beef for the table goes up but cattle-growers complain they aren't getting the profits. Many a middle-man stands between the hoof and the steeking steak. — CHARLESTON NEWS & COURIER.

'Be Not Among Wine Bibbers'

Lincolnton

WHINE is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON

PART of the reported deal between the Eisenhower administration and Negro congressman Adam Clayton Powell of Harlem, Democrat, who has declined for Ike, is now leaking out.

Part of the deal was the release of Powell's secretary, Hattie Dodson, from a federal penitentiary. The records of Alderson, W. Va., Women's Federal Reformatory show that she was released on Oct. 17, one day before Congressman Powell gave his New York press conference detailing the reasons for his political switch.

Tax Evader

Mrs. Dodson was convicted of income tax evasion after paying salary kickbacks to Powell. In the case of three other congressmen exposed by this column for taking salary kickbacks, it was they who were convicted, not their secretaries.

In this case, however, Mrs. Dodson refused to testify against Congressman

Negro Congressman Rewarded By GOP

WASHINGTON

Powell. Time after time she was asked about Powell's role in taking kickbacks. But over and over again she refused to implicate Powell. Over and over she claimed the kickbacks were her own fault.

Seven-Month Sentence

Since a congressman's staff is paid out of federal funds, by all the taxpayers he is not permitted to take any part of it back for himself.

Mrs. Dodson was sentenced to jail for seven months on July 16.

'No Comment'

When Justice Department officials were queried as to how she got out Oct. 17, a ripple of consternation coupled with a tide of "no comment" surged through the department.

James Bennett, Director of the Federal Bureau of Prisons and a candidate who has held the position under both Democrats and Republicans, referred inquiries to the Federal Parole

board. Thomas O. Grover, executive officer of the parole board, also withheld comment.

Sevel Richardson, chairman of the parole board, said he could not comment, that all press inquiries must come from the press relations office of the Justice Department.

Mr. Richardson, a Negro Republican from St. Louis, has been on the verge of appointment as a U. S. District judge in St. Louis, in which case he would be the first Negro District Court judge in history. Although Justice Department officials have gone so far as to query Missouri senators as to whether there would be any objection to Richardson's appointment and seemed all set to name him, his appointment has not yet been made.

Back Passed

When Sevel Richardson was asked about this, and about the possibility that the judgeship was being dangled over his head as chairman of the pa-

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Mingle in selfish strife, lo! Freedom's banner, and waiting Justice sleeps." We are asked to vote. How do we know for whom to vote? We should be much in prayer that God will raise up a man for such a time as this. He knows the hearts of all men and of the ivy-leaved. Let us ask for wisdom and understanding, and may we pray earnestly that the man who is at the head of this great government be a man of the present time who will seek wisdom and guidance from Him, who is the giver of all good and perfect gifts.

The Bible says, "If any man lack wisdom, let him ask of God, who giveth liberally and unrepentingly not." —MRS. E. A. SHORT

Reader Enjoys News, Dislikes Strong Drink

Editors, The News: I HAVE enjoyed your paper for many years and still do, except for the strong drinks you advertise in it. I think as a customer of yours I have a right to tell you I don't buy any magazines that advertise strong drink and I won't buy your paper much longer unless you stop. I believe that most of your readers will agree with me. —MRS. B. F. PRICE

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