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Charlotte: A Bad Noise In The Alleys

ANY community satisfaction arising from arrests of two youths on 25 counts of vandalism and burglary is premature. It will be short-lived if based on any measure of conviction that commendably zealous police officers have chopped down the city's tree of delinquency.

ness of which the conduct of the two accused is only a symptom. Much has been done, of course. This is a city of active churches, organized youth activities, well-supported charity. There is a mental health clinic. There is a fine school system which tries to instill the principles of good citizenship in students. The needs of these groups and facilities should be met to the fullest so that all their opportunities for constructive work may be utilized.

Playing Politics With The Race Issue

SENSITIVE citizens—North and South—are deeply disturbed by the injection of the race issue into the Democratic Party's intramural squabbles on the West Coast. The nation cannot let excited politicians carry it to lower levels of thought and action without suffering real moral danger.

That is exactly what brought on the Civil War. It can't be done by troops or bayonets. We must proceed gradually, not upsetting habits or traditions that are older than the republic. Nevertheless, many northern Democrats think Mr. Stevenson is carrying moderation to extremes. Into the fray they leaped, elbows out and knees high.

Gas Lobby: Skirting The Tarbaby

THE select Senate committee set out to conduct a "narrow" investigation into the oil firm's rejected gift to Sen. Case.

Now that the select committee has finished its work, the Hennings group has room to work. It should proceed quickly. Legal or illegal, the massive spending of money to influence legislation has gone too far. The best remedy would be a public examination by the Senate of Case's reelection campaign.

St. Valentine Is Our Favorite St.

THE visitor's finger was long, bony and pointed at us. There was 'accuse in his voice, too. "Spot Santa Claus, will you?" he said.

We will do no such thing. There is indeed a limit to viewing with alarm, a time to point with pride. We love love; we do not do without it. I intend do. Love is our end. Whole (no pun intended) heartedly. Love is that which there is no whither. It is the place around the calendar today.

From The LaGrange (Ga.) News

THE MISSING BARTENDER

COMPREHENDING the impossible is beyond the realms of cognizance; imagining the impossible is not. This fact is probably unfortunate, since our oft-Utopian dreams cause us to reflect hopelessness upon our frailties.

blend of diplomacy and military strategy. Coming up. There, in the short time it takes for the bartender to combine the elements is the cauldron of peace. Drinking it, and realizing what he is thinking, the policy maker is drunk with success. Results: Peace and prosperity. The world is one. There never was a bartender with such powerful skill. There never will be. Sad, sad.

Asia: U. S. Debates Past While Future Crumbles

By MARQUIS CHILDS

RELATIONS between the United States and the uncommitted nations of Asia are at a low point.

At the same time the challenge of Soviet communism is being presented in a more insidious form than ever before. The masters of the Kremlin have adopted the technique of economic aid and penetration. They are offering their wares, with none of the restraints imposed in this country by Congress and public opinion.



WINSTON CHURCHILL A Quirel

and General Douglas MacArthur. But even though the volcano is not spouting molten lava and red-hot rocks its brooding presence has a paralyzing effect on American policy.

America's position on China raised opposition to his confirmation to be assistant secretary of state. That opposition subsided as a result of his answers to questions put in a hearing before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

BLAME SHARED

The record shows that on the threat of Communist aggression in Asia no one was wholly right or wholly wrong. In 1949 and '50 as the disaster of the Chiang Kai-shek forces in China was reaching its climax there was far too little understanding of what this meant to America.

DEAN ACHESON A Line Drawn

shows, the MacArthur defense perimeter clearly excluded two areas that have since been called vital to America's security. Formosa is China's last bastion and it is defended today with the help of American fighter squadrons.

'Let's Dig Up That Little Worm, Shall We?'



People's Platform

Learning Has No Royal Pathways

WHAT is the educational ideal for each individual in America? What zenith should I want to attain for myself and for all others who may aspire to a coveted place in this field?

Social Security Pleas Forwarded

With deep humility I herewith acknowledge the sincere letters you, the readers of my Forum letter of Jan. 10, wrote me. Many of them most pathetic and heartrending.

SURE-FOOTED

Finally, the Democrats are soundly convinced that the administration will spring a voting-getting tax-cut towards the end of the session. To be sure, the shrilly-demented Democrats may also have a trick or two up their sleeves. But they are obviously in danger of being backed into a corner on many issues and already it is clear that the administration has been putting on a remarkably sure-footed and sophisticated political performance, in sharp contrast to the clumsiness of the first couple of years.

GOP Strategy Widening Demos' North-South Split

By JOSEPH AND STEWART ALSOP

PARALYZED

The program is brilliantly calculated to exploit the deep divisions in the Democratic party. As a result, the Democrats, in control of both Houses, are paralyzed on a whole series of politically important domestic issues.

WORD PASSED

The Republican House leaders, Joseph Martin and Charles Halleck, passed the word to support the Powell amendment, thus almost assuring its passage—and also, of course, assuring the bill's being filibustered to death in the Senate.

THURMOND'S PROMISE

The President has announced that he means to ask Congress for legislation to establish a civil rights commission, to inquire into racial discrimination. The southern extremists immediately made it clear that they would speak on the issue while there was "breath in his body."

REVISED

President Eisenhower has proposed broadened coverage for the minimum wage. But many southern Democrats oppose this, too, and it is expected to come to nothing. The President has also

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Drew Pearson's Three Factions Keep Pressure On Ike

WASHINGTON

THE pressure on President Eisenhower, as he takes his final medical, is still continuing. The pressure to run comes from three general groups:

The Groups

The Palace Guard—The boys in the White House who want to keep their jobs. They are just as ardent as the Democrats who worked under Roosevelt and Truman and who were determined that they must run again.

in Germany; Sidney Weinberg, head of the giant Wall Street firm, Goldman Sachs; and ex-governor Tom Dewey, believe Ike is essential to save the peace and our economic way of life—plus their point of view regarding American business.

Ike Trapped

There was a good reason why Eisenhower held up his second reply to Premier Bulganin on a U. S.-Soviet friendship pact after firing the first reply back in Bulganin's teeth. He found he had fallen into a Soviet trap.

McCarthy was glowing over his shoulder. The trap Eisenhower fell into was that the Kremlin wants more than anything else to show us up as not wanting peace.

Most Important

Most important popular development in Russia today, Ambassador Bohlen has advised, is that the Russian people have come to believe the Kremlin's peace propaganda. As a result, today they could not easily be stampeded by anything.

This was the reason for Bulganin's two friendship notes, namely, to trap the United States into revealing Russian friendship so the Kremlin can reverse itself and point out that the U. S. has spurned Russian friendship, that the U. S. wants war.

This is why

This is why our Allies, well skilled U. S. diplomats, wish Eisenhower had "revised" his reply so he had called a day or two to consult with Prime Minister Eden, he could have let Eden share responsibility for his slipshodness. Or he could have waited longer to appear to give the matter more careful study.

But since the Kremlin's peace propaganda has taken hold, sudden action would be difficult.