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Charlotte: A Bad Noise In The Alleys

Playing Politics With The Race Issue

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It will be short-lived if based on any measure of conviction that commendably realous police officers have chopped down the city's tree of delinquency.

They haven! They cant!

Apparently officers have done a good pruning job. The courts can help by dealing firmly with the youths if they are proved guilty. But there is no answer for the problem in the police department or in the courts. Agencies of law enforcement by arrest and trial can prevent the lawless from setting examples of lawlessness. They cannot prove the virtue of law by a spirit of vengeance or harsh dealing.

The tap root of this problem is out of reach of police officers and judges. It branches deep throughout the community as a whole.

Rather than indulge the mistaken notion that removal of these two youths from society will remove the problem, Charlotte ought to take stock of what needs to be done to check the social ill-

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

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Clearly, here is an emotional issue. Great blocs of votes may react spiritedly to it. But for party leaders to exploit it today is an act of irresponsibility and great selfishness.

The problem is plain. Some of the nation's cannets political pundits are pointing out that the Democrats can win the presidency this year with the 16 southern and border states plus New York, California and Illinois—or with Ohio instead of Illinois. But, if it holds together, the Negro urban vote in the four northern states can be decisive in a close contest.

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

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It has succeeded too well.

The larger question of what effect an estimated \$1.5 million oil and gas lobby defined and the entire Senate is the question the committee has avoided like a fat tarbaby, and the one that has to be answered before the Senate can lay the suspicion that the lobby's influence swaggered right onto the Senate floor.

Sen. Case's integrity flared brightly in the "narrow" area in which the committee probed. So did Sen. Hennings' in his eagerness to launch an overall investi-

THE visitor's finger was long, bony and pointed at us. There was J'accuse in his voice, too.
"Spoof Santa Claus, will you?" he said.
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Gas Lobby: Skirting The Tarbaby

St. Valentine Is Our Favorite St.

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 voult 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 full-test so that all their opportunities for constructive work may be utilized. But support of organizations will not suffice. They do not touch the lives of all children. What they teach and preach does not "take" on others.

The first line of defense against anti-social conduct is the home where the most telling examples of conduct are set. That is where the rule of law is upheld or derided. It is where principles of responsibility and citizenship are instilled, or a vacuum left for infection by uncontrolled forces outside the home.

Charlotte has proved listef exceptionally adopt at raising, the bricks and stones of material progress.

But there is a terrible noise in the alleys between these handsome edifices.

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. New York's Gow. Harriman, in particular, has actively pursued a "get tough" policy—designed to embarras Mr. Stevenson and impress the Negro electorate.

In California, even Tennessee's Sen. Kefauver has been using the segregation issue to woo Negro votes from Mr. Stevenson.

issue to woo Negro votes from Mr. Stevenson.
Even if certain party chieftains win the Negro bloe by waving a red cape at the South, how can they expect to keep Dixie "solid" at the same time". Whatever their expectations, playing politics with the race issue is reprehensible.

Segregation is a matter between the southern states and the federal courts. No good will be served by fashioning it into a cheap political war cry. The mood of the South is already irritable, not to say skittish. Reckless talk of "federal troops" and "compulsion" merely rubs salt into old regional wounds.

It may appeal to the votes of some if so, it is an appeal to political immaurity. It can serve no genuinely useful pur-

gation, before the select committee

Asia: U. S. Debates Past While Future Crumbles

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

WINSTON CHURCHILL A Quarrel



People's Platform

gation, before the select committee showed him aside, none too politely. 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 the pressures brought against it as it considered the gas bill. There are 96 senators. All of them have to run campaigns. Is the Senate satisfied with the assumption that the oil lobby centered all its affection on Sen. Case's re-election campaign? The senator wasn't. We aren't either. Learning Has No Royal Pathways

Royal Pathways

Charlotte Editors, The News:

WhAT is the educational ideal for each individual in America What realith should I want to attain for myself and for all others who may aspire to a covered place in this field!

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GOP Strategy Widening Demos' North-South Split

By JOSEPH AND STEWART ALSOP

AT THIS point in the current assession of Congress, one thing is already apparent.

The Eisenhower Administration's legislative program is a masterpiece of political strategy in an election expert, and an electron of the program of



SEN. THURMOND The Last Breath

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the grounds tone ago of legislation, despite the party provisions. Thus even this favorite Democratic issue may be aborted. And if Secretary of Agriculture Erra Benson their resigns in protest—as he has indicated—it will cause remarkably little pain in the breasts of farm state Republicant.

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"You. Furthermore, you have slandered spring, hoted at hobgoblins, lampooned leap year, jeered at jacko-lanterns, libeled leprechauns, fumed at fairies and belittled blue poodles." Never in our life have we belittled blue poodles. we protested, indignantly. "No matter. Go shead." "Go ahead." It's St. Valentine's Day. Lampoon love."

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 frailities.

A dependable bartender is respected by his regular patrons. The customer asks his favorite, he gets it—the precise recipe. The right amount of this, the just-to squair of that. It is harmonious. Promote this tradesman to capacity of Chief Bartender, Democracy's Tavern, Project his skill to satisfy international customers in the political circles. To be contemporary about this thing, suppose an American foreign policy maker orders. It's a double-liquid mix: An exquisite

blend of diplomacy and military strategy.

We will do no such thing. There is indeed a limit to viewing with alarm. a time to point with pride. We love love; can't do without it; don't intend do. Love, we endorse. Whole (no pun intended) heartedly. Love is that which there is no whicher. It is the lace around the calendar to

It is the lace around day,
It is the sweet in sweetheart, the moon in June, the glint in the eye of the boy next door. It is everything warm and willing and wonderful. Furthermore, it is why St. Valentine is our favorite saint. No other could bring luster to a month like February.

blend of diplomacy and mines. 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.

Why is it that so many flowers have to be tied to a stake to keep them straight, when any old weed can stand alone with the greatest of ease?—Gastonia Gazette.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

Three Factions Keep Pressure On Ike

THE pressure on President Eisenhower.

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