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The Highest Hurdles Are Ahead

IN 1956—a fiftful year in an uneasy era—it was inevitable that Luther Hartwell Hodges should seek to remain in the governor's mansion.
The call of duty is compelling.
The years ahead offer a fascinating challenge to a man who is eager to guide North Carolina toward what he considers its milk-and-honey destiny.

On the issue of segregation in the public schools, the state's views vary widely in intensity from corner to corner but Mr. Hodges has pursued an occasionally wobbling middle course. It remains to be seen just how effective his efforts will be along these lines. If he is able to protect the public school system from those who selfishly seek to destroy it, and if he steers the state away from the arrogant extremism of several other southern states, then he will deserve North Carolina's everlasting thanks.
We would prefer to see the office of governor contested in the May 26 Democratic primary. Such contests are good for the health and vigor of democracy. We disagree heartily with well-meaning Tar Heels who, for one reason or another, don't want to have the issues of the day exposed in public debate.
If no opposition emerges, Mr. Hodges should bear the implied tribute proudly but with due appreciation of the great responsibility for sound, sensible leadership contained therein.

So Long, Tarzan; Adieu, Horatio

THE public schools, we note, are raising up a generation of "trash-free" minds. No Bobsey Twins, Hardy Boys or Horatio Alger have they. Not only do the school libraries not have the books. They militantly do not have them and do not want them because they are "trashy fiction, poorly written."
Although the indictment comes to us with something of a shock—we always thought Horatio was a manly, deserving lad—we're in no mood to argue. School books are the schools' business, and we can't see the relegation to oblivion of Tarzan, the Lone Ranger and Jack Arm-

strong as an indication they are not tending to it. Suits us if the schools toss out the Wizard of Oz if there is better-written stuff to replace him.
As to their duty to school patrons, however, we think the librarians should have a care. "Trash," indeed! That epithet tarnishes a lot of raisin, including ours and probably that of some of the librarians, too.
Send Frank Merriwell packing. Tell Tarzan to stop that thrashing about with those many old animals. But gently, please, and with a sigh. They were friends of ours.

Ladejinsky and Talbott: The Same Door

IN THE end Wolf Ladejinsky wound up in an odd company.
Fired and falsely accused of communist leanings by Agriculture Secretary Benson, defended and hired by the International Cooperation Administration, and subsequently vindicated by Benson, the land reform expert is now dismissed for trying to make a fast buck by investing in Formosan farm receiving U. S. economic aid. He goes willingly, saying he acted unwittingly but was treated properly.
The exit for Ladejinsky is the same used by two eminently successful capitalists, Harold E. Talbott, former Air Force secretary, and Peter J. Strobel, General Services Administration official, who similarly couldn't keep their fingers out of private interest pies.
All three received proper retribution although it may be that Ladejinsky's came swifter and surer. His was made,

quite commendably, without the necessity of pressure of newspaper exposes and congressional hearings that forced the unwilling Messrs. Talbott and Strobel through the door.
It is a pity that the government is deprived of the experience and skill of Talbott and Ladejinsky. President Eisenhower noted Talbott's contributions in accepting his resignation. The ICA praises Ladejinsky for "imaginative and energetic" work in Japan, Formosa and Viet Nam. Nevertheless the standards of disinterested service in government are too vital to allow compromise.
The dismissal of Ladejinsky, in a sense, offers a double measure of justice. Besides reinforcing ethical standards, it appends just the proper note of ridicule to the careless accusations of Mr. Benson last year.
His "security risk" turned out to be an investor in a capitalistic enterprise.

Fog Is Fog And Smog Is Smog

IT'S JUST fog, say the sharper critics of Charlotte's revived air pollution control program.
"It's silly trying to clean the smudged horizon. Call smog fog, live with it and save taxes."
Trouble is, it just won't work.
Example: The magnificent oaks of Sherwood Forest are dying from smog, although they flourished into tremendous growth and the lasting legend of Robin Hood through ages of English fog. The British Forestry Commission has had to send to the U. S. for red oaks and conifers to replant large parts of the forest.
There is fog, and there is smog, and the latter can level even the giant oaks of Sherwood Forest.
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OF MICE AND MEN

IN ENGLAND, under certain circumstances, it is perfectly legal for a lady to appear on the stage in her birthday suit, which is a right ladies do not enjoy in this land of the free, even in New Jersey.
The reason it is allowed in England is that the tired businessmen and women who have decided that undressed ladies are really a form of art. But they insist that it remain classified as still life, for while the rules say the ladies can appear in just their shoes if they care to, the rules also say the ladies can't move a muscle.
Just the other day a lady was standing right still in keeping with the rules when a mouse, as mice have a habit of doing, changed her plans. The mouse ran across her feet and lady ganged aft to the wings shaking with fright. This caused quite an uproar in the theater; the customers cheered the mouse and the manager bawled out the lady.
In fact, he ended up firing her for breaking her contract about standing still. Some of the customers demanded in loud voices to know whether the manager himself was man or mouse, but the manager was quite adamant about it. "She wasn't supposed to move and she didn't want the law could take away his license and that, as far as he was concerned, put an end to the matter.
Well, circumstances alter cases and in our view the manager moved too hastily.

We doubt if any English court would hold that the lady violated the law: English jurisprudence is built not only on legalisms and justice, but also on habits and mores of the English. And certainly it would recognize that all ladies, no matter how accoutred, are sisters under the skin when it comes to mice. And when mice come around, the ladies can be expected to moved mighty fast.
The officer of engineers in charge of constructing a road through a swampy section ordered a lieutenant to take 15 men and get on with the job. "Colonel," the lieutenant reported later, "the mud is so thick that I can't get through." "Nonsense!" roared the officer. "Make out a requisition slip for anything you need and I'll see that you get it." A few minutes later, the lieutenant laid this memorandum on the colonel's desk: "Need 15 men 18 feet tall to cross a swamp 15 feet deep." —MEMPHIS PRESS-SCIMITAR
Now that the United Nations membership has been raised to 76, quite a contestant better start coming up on them. —FORT MYERS (FLA.) NEWS-PRESS
On the back of a van carrying an Elgin Casket Company sign, over the left fender: "Pass Here, Your Business" Over on the right rear fender: "Pass Here, Our Business." —DALLAS MORNING NEWS

People's Platform

Snap To Attention When Band Plays 'Dixie'

WHY THE he—do you think "Dixie" is a forgotten song? I was reading yesterday the quotation from the Greensboro Daily News, which in turn was quoting from you, who seemed to be in a quandary as to the proper position of a southerner when Dixie is played.

There is only one position for true southerners. That is ATTENTION! To those of us whose families have lived in and loved the South for generations, cherish a feeling of loyalty which runs eminently deeper than would render this, as your Greensboro counterpart would have it, an academic question.

If the pro-damyankee newspapers would only study the South, its history, its culture, its traditions, in an objective manner, instead of being a "sifter" or a "don't knower," you would soon take your place in the important role of providing intelligent leadership in the encouragement of all southerners to join the

fight to retain to the states the rights guaranteed them under the Constitution.
Yes, a profound respect for the Confederate National Anthem is a noble beginning. —J. EARL

Freedom Recedes Always Unnoticed

THE twinkling of the eye and a sense of humor that frequently appear on the editorial page of The News fascinates me. Your "Muzzles Are For Kennel Dogs," appearing Wednesday, Feb. 15, is in point.

LAND TAX

Henry George's solution for the tax of man was the single land tax. Herbert Spencer's test of the good businessman was his survival in a competitive age in quest for quality as well as quantity. And Mr. Wilson's quip that what is "good for General Motors is good for the country" is a slip that is as big as an open market when the virtues of the "horse and buggy" days, as such work, thrift and economy, are abolished and not obsolete.
The modern advocacy of the theory that society is something that can be treated mechanistically and made sound and wholesome by the manipulation of social and economic forces has also been patient with the ups and down of life. Anything that succeeds without the help of the social worker and politician is not to be envied, yet, hence Wilson's appraisal of the country's needs was wrong and politically fatal and indicative of the administration's attitude to big business.

FED UP

Now, I am getting fed up on this idea that anything that has stood the test of time is to be discarded for some utopian concept that man's salvation is the day is nigh when truth, goodness and beauty will be devolved along with the advance of the manufacturing world. Deal with it! He started with the devaluation of the dollar and when it has run its course there will be nothing left of permanent and enduring value and efficiency, not even the Ten Commandments.

A DIFFERENCE?

Where do the welfare-state proponents expect to get the money with which to carry on their welfare plans if nobody takes time out to make some money and pay income taxes? I often wonder why I am wrong with the thinker of the man who wants the government to own and operate the utilities of the country. Pray tell me the difference between a civilized society or government and a Krenmlinized society or government.
Chiang's burst of aggressiveness has followed a visit to Formosa by Adm. Arthur Radford chief of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. For their part the Chinese Communists have also been acting and talking tough. A concentration of landing craft has been spotted opposite the Matsus group, and the Chinese Communist Premier Chou En-lai has threatened to "liberate" Formosa, "by war if necessary."

DILEMMA

We find now the inevitable conflict or dilemma in the farm problem. It does not lend itself to easy New Deal governmental formulae. We are now offered as a solution only more of the treatment that produced the problem in the first place, and I heard recently a tremendous blast from a U. S. senator because the administration hesitated to have the old dirt hit its victim the second and even the third time as a cure of the first bite. That's where this country's state philosophy leads you to a dead-end, at which compulsion supplants freedom. The rough and raw phases of Communism make their appearance.
Seldom does freedom disappear so suddenly, but usually it well might imperceptible degrees. Think it over: here it's too late to think effectively. —JOHN W. HESTER

Publicity Helped Oratorio Singers

Editors, The News: As publicity director of the Oratorio Singers of Charlotte, I wish to express the thanks of our organization to your newspaper for the publicity you accorded our organization during the past several weeks.
As you know, we need the efforts and support of our local newspapers to make our program heard by a larger and more arduously devoted numerous articles and pictures to our organization. We are indeed grateful. —HELEN SORTON, Publicity Director, Oratorio Singers of Charlotte

Tar Heels 'Shocked' By Student's Story

Editors, The News: I AM A CREATION that the overwhelming majority of the citizens of North Carolina were amazed and shocked at the AP news item from Asheville, N. C., on Jan. 22nd telling of a 14-year-old white girl from New York State attending the Allen High School combination morning and day school operated by the Methodist Church and being the only white girl in the 130-student Negro school.
The article brings out the following fact: The young white girl, Judy Genier, became interested in the school two years ago after hearing Allen's white principal, Miss Julia Hiss, speak at a Methodist Church center in the Adirondack Mountain hamlet, Morristown, N. Y. She was there shortly afterwards, Judy's mother said her blonde, blue-eyed daughter said she "felt as if I've wasted my life."
She said she wanted to attend Allen and "let them know what white is like to have a white sister." The story was released to the press as a result of a letter which Judy received from Mrs. Dwight D. Eisenhower telling her that she "was much to be admired for making the road toward integration a shorter one." The article states "nobody at Allen knew how Mrs. Eisenhower learned of Judy's attendance or what prompted her to write."

Ike Yields

Faced with this showdown, Eisenhower yielded—though with the face-saving provision that the Red blockade would be reviewed by the participating nations in Paris. This, however, will be just a formality.
Now, Eisenhower got a concession from Eden that Britain would stand with the United States to bar Red China from admission to the United Nations this year. Nothing was said about the following—namely, 1957, after the elections.

There's Nothing New Here, But I Just Thought I'd Drop You A Line'



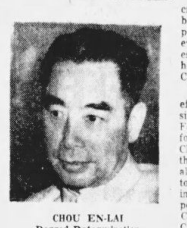
One Problem Remains

THESE LADIES

The Powder Keg In Asia

By JOSEPH & STEWART ALSOP

WASHINGTON TWO EXCHANGES which took place during the course of the Eisenhower-Eden meeting suggested what was—and was not—accomplished by the talks.
The first such exchange concerned the棘手 subject of trade with Red China. British Foreign Minister Selwyn Lloyd stated the British case for relaxing the trade restrictions, centering mostly around the economic requirements of Malaya and the Asiatic commonwealth countries. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles began to make disapproving noises, what President Eisenhower intervened.



CHOU EN-LAI Dogged Determination

SYMPATHETIC President said, in effect, why the trade restrictions should be lifted in perpetuity. The benefits gained by our friends and allies by trade with Red China should be weighed in the overall balance. And he suggested a restudy of the whole trade question in this light.
Yet the differences between the Anglo-American partners were usefully narrowed.
SOUR NOTE
The conference never did really come to grips with the kind of basic underlying differences in British and American policy which would blow the alliance right out of the water. Take the matter of the Chinese offshore islands, Quemoy and the Matsus.
Eden broached the subject, saying that his government considered the islands racially and geographically a part of the mainland; that the presence of

Nationalist troops on the islands constituted a danger to peace and that Chiang Kai-shek ought to be persuaded to withdraw them.
The President replied that Chiang had said flatly that he would never withdraw his troops and that the United States would be the last man. There was no way Chiang could be persuaded to withdraw, even if the United States wished him to do so. As for what the United States would do if the Chinese Communist attacked the islands, that would have to await a decision based on the actual situation. If and when it arose.

REAL DANGER

The subject was then tactfully dropped, and it was never returned to again. Yet there is no issue which more clearly involves the danger of an open and almost irreparable break between the American and British partners. And the danger becomes more real every day.
On the one hand, Chiang Kai-shek himself has obviously become convinced that the United States will have no choice but to support him, if serious fighting over the islands begins. Especially in the last week or so, Chiang's forces have become increasingly aggressive. They have been shelling the mainland opposite the islands. They have been patrolling the main channel between the islands and a hostile force patrolling the Chesapeake Bay.
Whether or not it is cause and effect, Chiang's burst of aggressiveness has followed a visit to Formosa by Adm. Arthur Radford chief of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. For their part the Chinese Communists have also been acting and talking tough. A concentration of landing craft has been spotted opposite the Matsus group, and the Chinese Communist Premier Chou En-lai has threatened to "liberate" Formosa, "by war if necessary."

Lobby-Go-Round

The battle over natural gas probably broke all recent records for lobbying in the nation's capital. The scars will be felt for a long time to come—especially among the Democrats. Gas lobbyists adopted all sorts of techniques, especially that of hiring lawyers close to certain senators.
When lawyer friend of Sen. Tom Hennings of Missouri approached him, he replied: "I'll be glad to read your brief and I hope you collect a big fee from your clients. But I'm going to vote against the gas bill." Hennings not only voted, but delivered one of the most effective speeches of the debate against the gas bill showing the huge profits netted by

Lecture To Dixiecrats

Louisiana's dapper Sen. Allen Ellender gave fellow Dixiecrats a short lecture on politics at a recent private luncheon given by New Mexico's Sen. Clint Anderson.
Ellender was shaking his head over the recent election results in Louisiana where the loyal Dixiecrats overwhelmed Dixiecrat-Republican forces which had previously bolted to Eisenhower.

Gas Glamor Boys Dazzled Kerr Scott

Turning to Sen. Price Daniel, a Texas Dixiecrat, Ellender reminded: "Let me tell you what happened in my state can be a warning to you, too, in South Carolina."
Then he swung around to South Carolina's Strom Thurmond, 1948 Dixiecrat candidate for President.
"Let me tell you for you, too, in South Carolina," Ellender added.

Britain Won

News breaks so fast during a big international conference that sometimes the most important news doesn't leak out until later.
In the case of the Eden-Eisenhower party, it was carefully fudged up in the official communication, but the big news was that the British won their battle to ease the trade blockade against Red China.

Eden Adomant

President Eisenhower himself got into the argument on this and made a strong pitch against Eden, but lost. The eleven members of the Defense Council following Wilson and Adm. Arthur Radford, chair-

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man of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, to bolster his argument, while John Foster Dulles brought in a 33-page report on Chinese trade, written by Assistant Secretary of State Robertson.
However, Eden was adamant. In the end he threatened to take the blockade alone. Eden argued that trade with Red China was essential for certain parts of the British Commonwealth, particularly Malaya. Their chief product, rubber, he said, was no longer a strategic war material. Furthermore the danger of communism in Malaya was less than they could ease trade barriers.

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