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People's Platform U. S. Government Has No 'Indispensable Man'

Fort Bragg, N.C.
Editors, The News:
MARCH 10 is a very anxious day for the nation as it awaits the results of the physical examination which will determine how well President Eisenhower is standing up under the terrific burden inherent in the office of a now hero.



FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT A Tradition Shattered

'Signers of the Declaration' and home of the 'Horns,' and he deteriorated to the point that we were capitulating to the hoodlums.

The editorial you have just written is the first I've seen showing the way to a solution of the problem.

Don't tell me our police, both city and county, are going to let a bunch of juvenile hoodlums 'take over.'

It is known that the trouble is mostly from outside hoodlums. Catch a few of them and string them up to a public whipping post in the square, and see how quickly the crowds will disappear.

INTERESTED GRANDFATHER Name Withheld By Request

Federal Intervention Is Not Welcome
Editors, The News:
Charlotte
IT WAS very interesting to me to read your editorial, Friday Jan. 27, in reference to health insurance. You indicated in your article, that unless private insurance companies would provide catastrophic coverage...

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Rowdism At Games Is Charlotte's Shame
Charlotte
Editors, The News:
I WANT to heartily endorse and thank you for your editorial, 'Ruffianism at School Games Must End.'

I have three grandchildren, one 16 years old on wrestling, basketball, football teams. A short time ago a ruffian snuck up in the dark, gave him a black eye and fled in the dark.

My 15-year-old granddaughter is cheerleader, and a 12-year-old is head patrolman at his school.

When my son told me last week that he had been cut out of 15 stitches because he refused to match him up, then my patience was exhausted.

My son had attended meetings of parents and school authorities and the solution was not found; it was agreed that it would be done by outsiders at hoodlums.

That left my mind in a state of chaos and with a feeling of shame that our city, the home of the

sumes part of the risk is essential to satisfactory expansion.

I should like to take exception to the above named points in your editorial for the following reasons: There are many good companies in the automobile industry that are today providing major medical expense coverage.

First, one particular plan for a man who earns \$10,000 or less as follows: That any injury or illness that occurs in his family in which the total medical expenses exceed \$250, the remaining cost would be fully paid by the insurance company up to a maximum of \$7,500 per illness or per accident.

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'Well, if I were Mamie, I wouldn't let you run for a second term...'

Eastland's Reluctance Was To Be Expected
Charlotte
Editors, The News:
THE Charlotte press gave excellent advance publicity to the meeting of the Patriots of North Carolina Inc. and their featured speaker, Sen. Eastland.

In the News, Julian Scheer reported later that Sen. Eastland gave the reporters 'a rough time' and refused to answer questions. This is the 'reward' which the press representatives should have expected.

When Eastland was chairman of the meeting in Montgomery, Ala. last month to plan his activities, he refused to allow press representatives in the meeting place. The Charlotte News had already editorialized on his 'investigation' of the New York Times and his contempt of freedom of press.

'PATRIOTS' REMAIN
The senator has come and gone. But his sponsors, the Patriots of North Carolina, still remain among us. It is this that Charlotte citizens rebuked them by staying away by the thousands from their meeting last Friday, but they will soon get over this humiliation.

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Local Vandalism Must Be Stamped Out

THIS community's bill of complaint against hoodlums, rowdies and vandals is fat and dusty. Destruction of public property at parks and playgrounds is an old story. Police blotter shows case after case of damage to private property. Lately the hoodlum taste for cheap, mobile theatrics has dropped up openly at high school athletic events.

But if the incident is so old and familiar, the statement of Parks Superintendent Marion Diehl that vandalism costs the city \$50,000 a year in park and playground property draws a red ring around the problem and marks it for action.

The sum of money involved is striking enough. It would, Mr. Diehl reports, construct and equip three new parks each year. But the sum of the lawless spirit involved in the incidents is an even greater threat.

The Clock's Hands Point To Progress

METROPOLITAN planning, as the saying goes, is a social phenomenon, like feudalism and bubble gum. Consequently, it is subject to the whims of the citizenry. Where it is widely and bitterly resisted, it does not exist.

Fortunately for the future of the community, such is not the case in Charlotte. Planning is accepted. Its benefits are well known.

Its costs are recognized more and more as long-term savings. The relative smoothness with which the new perimeter subdivision control ordinance is being whipped into shape.

Certainly, there have been objections. The Home Builders Association of Charlotte this week submitted a dozen or so suggested changes to the City-County Planning Commission. But the commission approved all but three, noting that in some instances Home Builders actually were proposing alterations that would strengthen the ordinance.

Yesterday afternoon at a public hearing conducted by the City Council, Home Builders aired their case for the three changes frowned upon by planners. The arguments were not unreasonable. Even some rather serious objections about the

The various officials concerned with a quagmire. The motives for the destruction are diffuse and senseless. The root of the problem is hard to dig out. But Mr. Diehl should not be reduced in his desperation to appealing to citizens living near parks and community centers to watch for and report hoodlums at work. The appeal is appreciated readily, but it falls far short of the city's responsibility to provide sufficient police protection to curb open defiance of law and order.

Arrests and trials ought to be the order of the day for ruffians who, spurning appeals for reason, and acts of leniency by park officials, persist in criminal acts. Their ability to persist is not only costly, it sets an example that must be erased.

The problem will grow as the city grows unless a much more determined effort is made to stamp it out now.

Reside The Point

IT is beside the point in this issue to debate the President's qualifications. Certainly the experience he has gained during the past three years, his direct hand knowledge of the national and international situation, and the respect in which he is accorded as a man of peace are qualifications that are found in few other Americans.

The whole idea that the nation must have the services of Mr. Eisenhower is, however, contrary to the fundamental spirit of the American system. Although the framers of the constitution did not specifically state that no man should hold office for more than a certain length of time, the tradition that no man should be elected to more than two terms was unbroken, during many periods of crisis, from Washington's time until 1900 when Franklin Roosevelt was elected to a third term.

But if proof be needed that there is no 'indispensable man' in American government, it is in the 22nd amendment to the constitution. Ratified only five years ago this month, the amendment states, in plain and concise terms that no person shall be president more than two terms, or more than 10 years if he should serve less than two years of the unexpired portion of a term to which another man was elected.

This amendment came about, of course, to insure that no one man could become a dictator. But, conversely, it also implies that no president is indispensable, since the Congress which proposed it and the state legislatures which ratified it were certainly aware that there might come a time when the president of the public would believe only the incumbent qualified to conduct the nation's affairs.

The basic, underlying theme of democratic government is that there will always be persons capable of leading the nation and conducting its affairs. This is the American way, and those who maintain that any man is essential to the welfare of the nation are only criticizing a system which has proved itself many times over in the past.

RICHARD F. ROPER

Oil For The Lamp Of Liberty

THE special message on immigration sent to Congress yesterday by President Eisenhower was like a fresh order of fuel for Liberty's lamp.

While falling short of the sweeping curbs prescribed by some U. S. liberals, it did offer hope to new generations of 'huddled masses yearning to breathe free.'

Present immigration laws are riddled with inequities. These conspicuous flaws actually have hampered America's efforts to rally men to the Western cause.

The Eisenhower plan would ease the way for 220,000 people to come to this nation as permanent residents each year. It would permit the enrichment of the population with persons of special skills and cultural or technical qualifications—the kind of preferred stock that has made America great.

Most of Mr. Eisenhower's program is aimed directly at the unfair McCarran-Walter Act, passed in 1952 over former President Truman's veto. It is this act, with its outdated quotas, which has injected so many discriminatory principles into the nation's basic immigration law. Significantly, the President has urged that the quota program at least be brought up to date—recommending that it be based on the 1950 census rather than the 1920 census as is now the case.

Mr. Eisenhower has called for minimum improvements in U. S. immigration policy. His recommendations deserve the immediate—and favorable—attention of Congress. It is simply a matter of reaffirming that the great tradition of sanctuary lives on in America.

A Riddle Of Rabbits And Reason

UNTIL yesterday when we read a letter he had written to the Raleigh News & Observer we had never heard of M. R. Herring of Lumberton. But we are going to remember him for a long time. He is a man of wisdom.

Mr. Herring wrote the N & O:

I am tired of the words brink and communion and I want to change the subject. I want to ask the boys who love to set and attend to rabbit boxes if they ever caught a female rabbit in a box. I am a 79-year-old boy and love to catch rabbits as well as ever. I have caught 14 rabbits this winter and every one of them were bucks. I can't believe it, just happened.

Bulls-eye! Mr. Herring's mind is set

on reason. There must be a reason why a female rabbit won't enter his trap. Admittedly, it is a tangled proposition, perhaps as difficult to solve as the question of why horses chew fence posts. But Mr. Herring can't believe 'it just happened' and he is calling on the 'boys' who know about such things to help him find the answer.

Some people prefer to wobble about like the vagaries of diplomats and the multiplying problems of communism. But that group need not include a 79-year-old 'boy' who has caught 14 possibly non-multiplying rabbits this winter and found himself face to face with one of the most pleasing riddles to land in the public prints for some time.

A PUMPKIN PRINCESS?

SO GRACE KELLY is going to marry a prince? She's not the first Hollywood beauty to acquire a title somewhat more solid than 'movie queen.'

Gloria Swanson's third husband, picked up back in the Twenties, was a marquis with the elegant name of Henri de la Falaise de la Courdey. She didn't keep him very long.

Pola Negri married and divorced two titled gents—Count Mombasa and Prince Serge Midvani. Mac Murray—remember her beaming lips on the silent screen?—was briefly the bride of Serge's brother, David. (They were called the marrying Midvians.)

Outstanding among Hollywood-royalty deals was Rita Hayworth's tryout with Prince Aly Khan. They hit it off for several years.

Will Miss Kelly's marriage to Prince Rainier III of Monaco be of similar comic-opera character? The principality consists of a gambling district on the French Riviera. The Prince at 32 has wealth but

not much responsibility. Maybe it's her work.

Both Rainier and Miss Kelly are Catholics and by training do not believe in divorce. And it should take more than a title to put stars in the girl's eyes; she was born to social position, is used to money, and easily established herself as a superior actress. The prince, meanwhile, appears to be a handsome and stable fellow who has had sense enough to steer clear of the svelte fortune-seekers who have been throwing themselves at him for a dozen years.

Maybe, we say. For the odds are still great that Her Grace is off for a ride in a Monaco coach that's really only a pumpkin.

An unmasked white man, described as having a large cherry-tipped nose, robbed a Charlotte ABC liquor store. Surprisingly, he carried away money only—ASHVILLE CITIZEN.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round Death Of Patterson Upset Eisenhower

WASHINGTON
TWO tragic deaths in the past few days have given cause to those concerned with picking the next president of the United States.

One was the death of Randolph Paul, one of the nation's greatest attorneys and former counsel of the Treasury Department.

Cardiac Case
Paul probably had written more toxic law than any other single man. Patrioticly, he gave his time to Senate committees long after he left the government. A few years ago he had suffered from a heart attack, and this week while testifying before a congressional committee on atomic matters, suddenly slumped forward from a second attack and died within a period of seconds.

Paul was 65 years old, exactly the same age as the President.

The second tragic death was that of Oregon's popular Paul Patterson, Republican, who also had been nursing a heart condition, but who had finally been persuaded to run for the Senate against Wayne Morse, Democrat.

Patterson had not wanted to run. Neither he nor his wife, Georgia, had been very well during the past year. But political pressure mounted. Republicans were determined to get rid of Morse, who not only had rebelled against the Eisenhower administration but helped elect the first Oregon Democrat, Eugene Gumbel, their magnate and behind-the-scenes bigwig of the Oregon GOP, plus Paul B. McKee, president of Pacific Power & Light.

Hated Of Morse
Among those who applied the heat to Patterson were John C. F. Higgins, ex-law partner of John Foster Dulles, Ted Gumbel, their magnate and behind-the-scenes bigwig of the Oregon GOP, plus Paul B. McKee, president of Pacific Power & Light.

A few close friends of frail Gov. Patterson tried to protect him, warned he would have difficulty withstanding a campaign against the horse-back-riding, hard-driving Sen. Morse. One of them was Hugh Barze. Patterson's legal adviser, but, obsessed with a hatred of Morse, Oregon political leaders would not listen. With them was Secretary of the Interior Doug McKay.

Finally, to clinch matters, GOP leaders got President Eisenhower, who did not realize Patterson's frail health, to make a personal plea. At this point the governor accepted.

Forty-eight hours after accepting he was dead—a heart attack. Friends of the President say he was more upset over this than any other recent event.

Have A Care
It doesn't pay to express your views against the Benson farm program if you want to keep a job with the government. This is what Lloyd Bohlike of Prosser, Wash., has just discovered after he ap-

peared on a television program. 'Questions Before the House.'

Bohlike had been trying to operate an 80-acre potato farm near Prosser, but couldn't make both ends meet and had to quit. He knew the truth of what Secretary Benson had said about the difficulty of small one-man farming. But he got a job with the Kennewick Irrigation District near Yakima on Jan. 2. The job paid \$7,500. On Jan. 3, however, Bohlike made the mistake of appearing with Miss Virginia Burnside on her television program and spoke out frankly about the difficult program against small farmer faces today. He also wasn't too complimentary to Benson policies.

Fired For Talking
Shortly thereafter, Bohlike was fired by Reclamation Bureau officials working for Secretary of the Interior McKay. They replaced him with Van E. Nutley at \$10,000 annually.

Note—Bohlike was former master of the Ratlesnake Garage, had been a farmer for years, belonged to no left-wing groups.



HERB LOCK

After Child's Letter, A Note Of Dissent

Editors, The News:
THE 11-year-old child who recently wrote to People's Platform saying, 'There is no difference between Negro and the White,' sure has a lot to learn.

He would like to know what part of 'vanquish' he has missed from.

D. R. ROBERTSON

Quote, Unquote

Universities are full of knowledge; the freshman bring in a little and the seniors take none away and knowledge accumulates.—A. L. Lewis.

I would define the true courage to be a perfect sensibility of the measure of danger, and a mental willingness to endure it.—W. T. Sherman.