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Luther Hodges: 'Luke-Warm' Governor

TOM SAWYER has a liking for sound and fury. The Charlotte advertising salesman is red hot on the race issue and Luther Hodges being only "luke-warm," he has challenged the governor in the Democratic primary.
The "luke-warm" label fits Luther Hodges well. The governor, as Mr. Sawyer truthfully states, has not attempted to match the vehemence, throats, and vitriol of Georgia's Marvin Griffin whose temperament Sawyer evidently admires.
But perhaps there is good reason for Luther Hodges' gentlemanly conduct. The only real issue Mr. Sawyer sees in North Carolina is segregated schools. But it is not that simple for the governor. He thinks the state has more than one problem, and he worries about them.
There is, first of all, the problem of keeping the schools open. The peace and order has recognized the tremendous investment in tax and human resources the state has made in the public school system. He has pledged himself to save that system, if only for the future opportunity of all North Carolina youth.
Then he has recognized that the Supreme Court, however distasteful its decision, is a cornerstone of the nation's system of constitutional government, that while its decision may be overturned and even overturned by Congress, and the states, it cannot be chased away by angry shouts. Nor does Luther Hodges think the South's problem is explained to the rest of the nation and sympathy engendered by bombast and defiance.
Gov. Hodges is concerned, too, by the

Secrecy, Survival And The Atom

THE stupefying effect of secrecy upon scientific progress was brilliantly described in Charlotte this week by Dr. Ralph E. Lapp, a young atomic scientist who is obviously a man of the world as well as a man of the laboratory.
"The atom is the center of our time," he said. "The fate of the world hangs on it. The people need to know what is happening atomically."
That need is more desperate than the people themselves realize. Their lives may depend on how it is answered.
The problem is this: How can we keep secret the military information which could harm us if it fell into hostile hands and, at the same time, disseminate the information they require in order to exercise their civic responsibilities wisely and conduct their affairs?
Some secrecy is necessary for the purposes of security. We can, however, strengthen our security by limiting secrecy to a small but truly sensitive area of technology.
Heretofore, the United States government has followed a different course of action. In striving toward the impossible goal of security by secrecy on a whole broad front of scientific endeavor in most atomic energy matters it is losing the true security that comes from vigorous and continuing achievement.
It is important for Americans to wake up to the fact that Soviet Russia has the scientific and industrial potential to equal and surpass the free world in any of a number of technical fields should our progress slow down even momentarily. This is our idea. It is the considered opinion of some of the nation's leading scientists. It is a generally accepted premise among U. S. scientists that our technological lead over the Russians will decline unless we have vigorous and imaginative research and development and, to a much lesser extent, by safeguarding secrets.
Unnecessary secrecy means only technological delays—the kind only the West cannot afford.
It is the opinion of Lloyd Berkner that technological delays resulting from secrecy deprived us of many World War II victories. He is explained by the fact that the discovery of radar in 1930 Berkner added, in an address at Ann Arbor:
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On this concept is based the discovery of nuclear energy. Yet today, any intelligent military organization, operating under the rules and concepts, would certainly classify the equivalent of Planck's work so that it would be denied to the potential enemy.
Berkner asked whether scientists could not demonstrate that in suppressing seemingly isolated bits of information of direct military value, we at the same time prevent the germination of scientific ideas of much greater scientific, social and military significance. Can we not show that such really great concepts, injected into our industrial complex, can provide far greater security through technological supremacy than we could ever hope to achieve through the secrecy of "technological information"?
This is not an abstract argument of science but a hard fact of the struggle with communism. The government's current absorption with secrecy must not be permitted to discourage the production and critical evaluation of new ideas, methods and concepts which may be weapons in the free world's struggle for survival.

March Makes A Gurgling Sound

WHEN March came along people closed clock drawers and kitchen cupboards on the brisk efficiency of winter.
They went to the window with that "Oh, the wonder of you!" look they were giddy and unreasonable.
They remembered March's face as a golden sun, her hair as pale green leaves and her movements as a ballet among flowers, yellow and white, burst from

From The Richmond News Leader

SEVEN, MAGIC NUMBER

SCIENTISTS are always going around spouting things for us ordinary folks. Nothing is sacred to them; they would just as soon transmit upon a superstation as not. Now a Harvard psychologist, one of the worst kinds, has done his best to spoil one of our favorite haunts.
Man, says this psychologist, has a limit to his memory. His brain is so organized that he can remember only so much at a time. After that, he gets confused. The outside number is seven.
So all right. But that isn't enough. This Harvard psychologist has to go one step further, and declare that man may be the reason why the number seven appears in so much of man's history. There are, for example, the seven days of the week, the seven phases of the moon, the seventh year (seventy), the seven deadly sins, the seven gates, the seven Churches of Asia, the seven ages of Greece, the seven senses of ancient teachers, the seven spirits before the throne of the Lord, the seven

Dulles Should Stop Talking, Start Deciding

SECRETARY DULLES is in a Muddle. His views and his own in regard to the Supreme Court decision of May 17, 1954, are diametrically opposed, evidently. Let I, too, am having my doubts about moderation and the moderate. More than that, I am becoming more and more uneasy about the many patiently insistent pleas for moderation. It seems to me that the segregation issue, therefore, are actually rather effective in arousing the strongest, most violent emotions from both sides of the segregation issue. Therefore, strictly so. Mr. Cherry hits the bells when he read Judge Collins speech — and I did, too.

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HERB LOCKER FOR THE LAMBERT POST

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON. THE British Secret Service has launched an agent investigation of the British Embassy staff in Cairo in an effort to track down a Russian agent believed to have been collaborating with one of the top British spies, Boris MacLean, who's now behind the Iron Curtain.

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