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Stadium Racing Died A Natural Death

THE public outcry against stock car racing in Memorial Stadium was not "staged" by the press. It was the result of deep conviction, earnest indignation and informed opinion. Armed with the facts, some private citizens simply raised a little hob, that was all there was to it. We, therefore, decline to be the villain in the piece. Our determination to air the facts in this and any other issue is open, clear, intentional and unabashed. We will continue to do so as honestly and conscientiously as we know how. When Ernest J. Sifford, chairman of the Park & Recreation Commission, uttered his rather sweeping indictment of "the newspapers" yesterday he paid us an unintended compliment. If we are enlightening the people so well about the people's business we are performing our function. Undeniably, the people have the right to know. Confronted by so much public indignation about auto racing in the stadium, Mr. Sifford was wise to withdraw his request for contract approval. If the proposal is resurrected at some later date, he should arm himself better with facts in his hands. It is, however, no discredit to Mr. Sifford that he championed such a bold plan to raise additional revenue. He is an earnest, hard-working civic leader who is genuinely dedicated to the betterment of Charlotte's park and recreation program. But all such proposals must be hearty enough to withstand debate, discussion and the clash of opinion. It is in this way that citizens learn about their problems and develop an ability to judge public policy intelligently. The racing plan flunked its acid test. That should be that.

Mr. Hawkins' Insurrection Is Over

GOOD manners, it appears, got the best of Wilton Hawkins. The Graham High School teacher has, at any rate, apologized for asking his history students to specify whether the Graham City Council was composed of "idiots, ignoramuses, ne'er-do-wells or you-call-it-young-ot." Council couldn't win on a question like that, of course, and neither could Hawkins unless he was prepared to take up a new career as a goad and a gadfly. He wasn't so prepared and is now back to Columbus, 1492, and the prospect of three hot's a day. If Mr. Hawkins' apology was sincere we trust all of Graham will be forgiving and permit his return to the placidity of conforming. We had rather hoped, however, that Mr. Hawkins was ready to pile impertinence upon audacity and be off from Graham to take up the mantle of Mencken or Nathan. Unfair as his question seemed, his disregard had a delicious frankness all too rare in the foggy semantics of pedagogical discourse. There is some value in verbal tom-foolery, even if it is no more than compelling attention to be paid.

License Fees For Hook-And-Liners

CONCERNING the common sense of a move to tax Tar Heel hook and line fishermen the GREENSBORO DAILY NEWS proceeds to the funeral rites. It concludes the 1957 General Assembly will defeat the proposal because of the "appal of the little fellow, the lad who trudges down to creek-bank with a pole, a hook which may be a bent pin and a can of worms, the creek-bank tribe of one-gally fellows." Such tender sentiment is wasted because the \$1.10 license would be required only of barefoot boys over 16, and the census of those, even in Guilford County, is low. The heart of the matter is that North Carolina—exceeded in inland water area only by Florida, Minnesota and, inevitably, Texas—ranks 25th among the states in receipt of federal funds for conservation education and game and fish restoration. Federal reimbursement of a 10 per cent excise tax on fishing tackle at the rate of \$3 for each \$1 spent by the state is hinged largely on the number of fishing licenses sold in each state. With Tar Heels using worms, minnows or other natural bait to fish in their home counties exempted from license fees, North Carolina gets less than two per cent of available federal aid for improvement of fishing. The Universal Fishing License Bill, alias the Fishing Worm Bill, makes good sense. The hook-and-liners as well as the fly-rod types benefit from the conservation and propagation work of the State Wildlife Resources Commission. A \$1.10 license won't dissolve the "creek-bank tribe of one-gally fellows." More likely, it'll improve their catch.

At 35, Youth Has To Be Compared

TODAY'S poser is simply this: Just how young is young? Gov. Luther Hodges made us stop and think this week. He called William Friday, acting UNC president, a "comparatively young man." Mr. Friday is 35. Is 35 just young—or is it comparatively young? Certainly the Governor was thinking of Mr. Friday as "comparatively young" in comparison with other college presidents. In the field of academics, this is comparatively young.

From The Milwaukee Journal

WRAP IT UP, COMRADE

A CALIFORNIA real estate man, member of a trade that has no mean capacity for gilding the lily, is coming to the conclusion that for thinking up gimmicks for publicity the Russians are far from slouches. Last October a delegation of Soviet builders toured the country and visited San Francisco. There Andres F. Oddstad Jr. showed them a model home he was promoting. The Russians were intrigued. After inspecting the home they seemed equally intrigued by the bery of news-men and photographers who awaited them outside. Blossoming under attention, I. K. Kozuliza, Soviet minister of urban and rural construction, asked Oddstad what he would charge for the house. The answer: \$13,750. Kozuliza said he'd take it. He wanted it furnished—a matter of \$4,000 more. He wanted it sent to Moscow for exhibition outside the Kremlin to show Soviet citizens how American families live. Adding shipping costs, it was decided the whole deal would come to \$40,000. They shook hands on it.

As a matter of fact, Mr. Hawkins might have made out a case against the Graham city fathers of 1851. That's when they passed an ordinance forbidding a railroad line within a mile of the courthouse and thus laid the foundations of busy Burlington, five times larger than Graham, three miles west. Nor has Graham been without its rebels before. There were so many in Graham and Alamance County in 1870 that Gov. William Holden declared the whole county a state of insurrection, and asked the President to suspend the writ of habeas corpus. The short insurrection of Wilton Hawkins is ended, however. Impertinence is not a part for a teacher to take, nor for anyone really interested in three hot's a day.

Object Lesson

MEMORIAL DAY is the first holiday of the season that starts traffic fatality figures rocketing. To demonstrate how it is done, we celebrate by whirling a bunch of racing cars around a dead 500-mile course.

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Ever since Oddstad has been trying to find out who is going to pay for the house and what the shipping instructions are. No Soviet office in this country or Russia would know anything about it. He gets no word from Kozuliza. The house remains on his hands, and he doesn't like to sell it to anyone else because he and Kozuliza made a "deal"—and the "closing" ceremony was publicized in the country. Oddstad is young, ready to give up, though. He's just about decided that the whole thing was a publicity stunt to show the Russians in a friendly light. Good trick, too, he thinks. But a little hard on a salesman. A boy and his teenage girl friend were out driving one fine summer evening. They came to a quiet spot on a country lane and the car suddenly stopped. "Out of gas," said the boy. The girl nonchalantly opened her purse and pulled out a flask. "Swell!" exclaimed the boy. "Lotta gas left or bourbon?" "Gas," replied the girl—CARLEBAE CURBERT-ARGUS.

People's Platform 'A Heart As Big As A Bus'

Editors, The News: Charlotte NOW that the primary is over I would like to say a kind word about Rep. Jack Love, against whom the Republicans and Republicans ganged up last Saturday. One of the local newspapers which led the assault on him established the idea that political action, which made such great campaigns in our state, is not healthy, but the long deep desire, especially where it involves Democrats. The paper said that Mr. Love "seized" the party, but it failed to complete the sentence. It failed to say "from whom" the party was "seized." That would make interesting reading if it were ever attempted.

As regards Jack Love, no one ever hinted that he had any ulterior motive or was looking for something for himself. It was claimed that he spent a lot of his advertising, but he fought his fight on political grounds. He refused to "advertise" the fact that every organization, charity, and orphanage have had his support over the years and that there are hundreds of little people who are as simple as the anonymous contributor would have it. As a matter of fact, a heart as big as a bus.

There will be a reaction from all this propaganda in the People's Platform. (May 25), expressing preference for candidates running for Superior Court judge, presumption and naively asked, "I would vote for whom the Savior would vote were He to show up... at a polling booth... or simple as the anonymous contributor would have it." Such supposition exemplifies to what lengths of absurdity religious zealots will go. It attempts to make a case for a personal prejudice. The problem of choice however was not nearly so simple as the anonymous propagandist presumes. In the first place "the Savior" appearing at a polling booth could not cast a ballot as he would not qualify as a citizen of voting privilege. Secondly, it is scarcely reasonable that anyone would be as unfamiliar with present day politics as Jesus of the Gospels would be, and in which choice would have been... bewildered. Christ had so little influence in His own time—assuming historicity for sake of convenience—and since for that matter, that there is no reason to think that He would make any greater impression on the social-political world of today. And certainly if He attempted to counteract petty graft, political chicanery and all the other things which would bring tribulation He would encounter the

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REP. JACK LOVE No Utterior Motive

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anti-white law to be enforced by its Negro sponsor, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, to remain it will then be the beginning of the decline and fall of the United States of America which the Eurasian Communists desire to accomplish! Therefore, the NAACP is perhaps unwittingly, but surely, extending a helping hand to the Reds, because it is actually aiding them to create a great division in the American nation, by introducing the black supremacy policy which it advocates! The white Americans must now beware! As one of the chief causes for the decline and fall of the mighty Roman empire, was when the white Roman citizens began to socially consort with ancient Italy's Ethiopian slaves. ... Today, the average American Negro is a most ungrateful individual because he most boldly and arrogantly proclaims that the white man is no longer his superior. That because he has been misled to believe in the popular fallacy that "all men are created equal" no greater falsehood has ever uttered as such an idea places an idiot into the same category with a Gato, Caesar, Aristotle, Marc Antony, Cicero, Cardinal Richelieu, Fenelon, Rabelais, Michelangelo, Copernicus, Dante, Gutenberg, Galileo, Mozart, Gounod, Napoleon, Blucher, and the Duke of Wellington. —G. J. De BOURBON

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Time Not Ripe For Another Conference At The 'Summit'

By WALTER LIPPMAN

NEW YORK THERE is much embarrassment in Washington over the invitations which are coming in from Moscow. It would have looked silly indeed if we had refused to let Gen. Twining go to Moscow to air a case for the Soviet Air Force. Yet we hesitated. What is worrying the administration is that as one thing is supposed to lead to another, we shall end up—as Sen. Knowland put it the other day—with Khrushchev and Bulganin coming to Washington "to sleep in Lincoln's bed."

All his arises from a certain confusion, from a failure of distinction between a meeting of the heads of government and a meeting of subordinate officers and officials. It does not follow at all that visits of the chiefs of staff, defense officials and the like, must lead to a visit by Khrushchev and Bulganin. A meeting of the heads of government may not be as desirable at all. It seems to me it is not now desirable. But that does not mean that we ought not to welcome exchanges of communications between the Soviet Union and the United States. SUMMIT—AND BELOW

The essential difference between meeting at the summit and meeting at lower levels is that the men at the top have the power to negotiate and to take decisions. The lower ranking men can only report, explore, and follow instructions. To hold a meeting at the summit is always an act of high policy in that it announces a hope that decisions will be taken. Because of this, a meeting among adversaries at the summit, as distinct from a meeting among allies, should not be held until there is virtual certainty that they have reached an agreement. At the first Geneva meeting there was every reason to believe that they had reached an agreement on the impossibility of thermonuclear war.

A meeting at the summit ought not to be held unless it is sure to succeed. This means that the parties to it must already have negotiated successfully through diplomatic channels before they meet. If they have not done this, they run the risk not only of disagreeing more spectacularly than ever but of stalling themselves into positions from which they cannot then negotiate.

There needs to be no embarrassment in saying frankly that we do not favor a meeting at the summit until there have been successful negotiations through diplomatic channels. Once this is our known policy, we need not shrink from, indeed we can encourage, the exchange of visits. This does not spare the hullabaloo of publicity, of false hopes and dashed hopes, of rumors and suspicion, that attend a visit to Washington by Khrushchev and Bulganin.

It can be said that they went to Moscow for nothing spectacular happened, and that the conference was a failure. But given his enthusiasm for face to face diplomacy will probably stop short of enthusiasm for a face to face meeting in Washington between the President and the Soviet leaders. But given his enthusiasm for personal diplomacy, he will find it harder to explain his lack of enthusiasm for a Bulganin and Khrushchev visit.

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JOHN FOSTER DULLES Diplomacy By Airplane

idental talks were useful. The fact of the matter is that a visit to Washington would be a quite different affair. It would be a meeting at the summit in the sense that the London meeting was not. For the President has a kind of decisive power within the Western alliance which gives him tremendous responsibility in talking with the Russians. He is responsible to his allies. In a personal negotiation at the summit he may not be able to consult them adequately. If he makes concessions in order to reach agreements, he may be accused of letting down his allies and of partitioning the world between the two great powers. If he makes no concessions, he may be more inflexible than his allies wish to be. No such dilemma exists as long as the President deals with the Soviet Union through diplomatic channels. For then he can consult his allies at every step on the way.

FACE TO FACE

All this I must admit, hard to square with the enthusiasm of Secretary Dulles for traveling personal diplomacy. "It is silly," he has said in television, "to go it in the old-fashioned way of exchanging notes, which take a month perhaps before you get a good understanding," when "by overnight flight" and "talking a few minutes face to face," the secretary of state can get a good understanding.

Is Mr. Dulles right in thinking that a month is too long to take to get a good understanding? And is it right that when men get off an overnight plane and talk face to face for a few minutes that they always know what they are talking about? Mr. Dulles has traveled 310,000 miles, and it can be said that the globe is studded with good understandings? In any event, his enthusiasm for face to face diplomacy will probably stop short of enthusiasm for a face to face meeting in Washington between the President and the Soviet leaders. But given his enthusiasm for personal diplomacy, he will find it harder to explain his lack of enthusiasm for a Bulganin and Khrushchev visit.

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