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Hot Words Won't Ease Racial Taboos

CONSTRUCTIVE thinking and action rather than public wrangling will solve the question of Negro membership in the North Carolina Dental Society.

An example of peaceful relations in common pursuit of scientific knowledge has already been set by the Mecklenburg County Medical Society. Dentists of both races might benefit from the experiences of local physicians.

If there are real or imagined technical barriers to the professional association of white and Negro dentists, surely they can be discussed and settled to the mutual benefit of all. The dental profession can be depended upon to act fairly, in accordance with its dedication to the advancement of science.

It seems reasonable to believe that dentists, as well as physicians, can benefit from professional association with each other. These benefits need not be limited by race.

But these facts were obscured by yesterday's long-distance contention. In such cases, calm face-to-face discussion is the proper procedure.

Quick! Civic Tailors To The Rescue

THE Mint Museum, Charlotte's red-headed stepchild of the arts, belongs back under the City Council's protective wing.

If by transferring title from the Park & Recreation Commission, the institute can win sympathetic attention to its needs, action should be taken post-haste.

The Mint needs funds immediately if it is to continue to be the home of Charlotte's artistic treasures. Unless repairs and adjustments can be made the building will be virtually useless as an art museum.

The Park & Recreation Commission has had little time or money to look

Ben-Gurion Finds Danger Tasty
The Old Testament Leader

By JOSEPH ALSO

JERUSALEM

THE FACE is strong featured and almost square, bright crimson from hard work under the Negev sun, and noddily framed by two high-standing wings of silver hair. The massive head is far too big for the short sturdy body. The arms are also very short and muscular, and they are often worn to the fingertips, to emphasize a point.

From these details of the outward appearance of David Ben-Gurion, you might suppose that the Prime Minister of Israel cut a ridiculous figure. But you would be wrong. Even though he is strongly reminiscent of a large, elderly baby, Sir Winston Churchill somehow conveys an overwhelming impression of personal grandeur. And this mysterious trait of the old Englishman who saved his nation is rather conspicuously shared by the old Jew who made his nation.

As Ben-Gurion talks, now with harsh practicality, now with nostalgic recollection of his past struggles, you keep thinking of Israel's judges (particularly the longer coat of Pishgah) and the old Bible times.

Ben-Gurion, the sharp, sometimes unscrupulous politician, is there too. So is Ben-Gurion, the leader of such rabbinic solemnity, who was the only man ready to sacrifice the simple Arab peasantry of Palestine in order to create the Israeli state. But Nehemiah, for example, was also

something of a politician. And Nehemiah was certainly fierce enough toward the "Arabians and the Ammonites and the Ashdodites" when they tried to stop him rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem after the Babylonian captivity.

TESTAMENT STUDY

In these days, the Old Testament is hardly news. Yet every Western polemicist and every Arab leader ought to study it reverentially, for there is no other way to understand the spirit of David Ben-Gurion, which is also in large measure the spirit of his people. That spirit is a cardinal fact of the Middle East.

If you do not take it as a rule, you are bound to make the vilest misjudgments and mishandle the most delicate issues.

It explains, in the first place, why Ben-Gurion and most of the other Israeli leaders are not at all averse to living in a state of siege almost indefinitely. The Arab boogymen of Israeli track, the ever present tension on the borders, the constant menace of attack, would cause most western statesmen to suffer a nervous collapse within a month. But Ben-Gurion plainly finds danger invigorating, and considers that a state of siege has positive advantages.

A NATION BORN

We have gathered in our tribes from all over the earth," he says. "From them we must make our nation. Those who never held a plough must learn to till the soil. Those who were always humble must learn to be



BEN-GURION Made A Nation
WINSTON CHURCHILL Saved A Nation

Give Us A Little Three-Way Monopoly

A MONOPOLY hearing has a congressional committee trying to determine if CBS, NBC and ABC have a "stranglehold" on the television industry.

For all we know the networks may indeed have the viewers in Santa Fe, N.M., or Birch Run, Mich. in monopolistic clutches, but the villain in Charlotte is one of Congress' own creatures.

We mean the Federal Communications Commission which after eight years still has not decided which of three applicants should have the right to activate Channel 9 and provide this area with a competitive television medium of entertainment and advertising.

The arguments before the investigating committee are detailed and deep. Sen Bricker talks about a "stranglehold" by three networks squeezing competition out of the industry. CBS President Frank Stanton replies by asserting that the viewer, not the network executive, is the television industry's monitor in chief.

'Who — Me?'



Tito's Text

MARSHAL TITO'S explanation of why he likes both East and West may be as funny as Benešley's Texasian's Report but it is at least as hilarious as Tito telling us about democracy.

"Democracy is not an end in itself. To suggest some have that this is so, and to appeal for increased democracy now, would actually serve only to retard the democratic development Yugoslavia has undertaken."

Any questions?

People's Platform

Life-Long Democrat Leaves Her Party

Grand Rapids, Mich. Editors, The News:

THEY SAY I have freedom of speech and freedom of the press. So, for my first time I want to voice my feelings to you.

I have been a Democrat all my life. You know, just for the party all the way. But for the good of my country I am bound to change my vote. I did not think the Democratic Party would ever get so desperate and low in principle just to win the votes.

If things turn out the way they are beginning to show up I'm afraid there are thousands of others who will change their vote also.

If they get a Catholic man on the ticket for vice president, I could not with a good conscience vote for him. Because of history that I learned in a public school and because of present situations in Catholic controlled countries.

I feel it would be the beginning of religious conflict. Don't say it will never happen here. Anything can happen.

Remember this "If democracy ever falls it will be from within." Some of you don't like what the Supreme Court handed down but don't forget they were first voted into public office.

Know the man you are voting for at least a little bit.

If you read the June 12 issue of Look Magazine you will learn a lot I feel.

Oh, by the way, I'm a native of North Carolina. In fact, Charlotte.

—MYRTLE PORTER

Community Should Tend Own Problems

Charlotte Editors, The News:

TRULY now it gladdens me to see our county fathers so concerned about our welfare, and that of our neighboring states as well.

Some of you, and some there might be who would be thinking now, that we had our hands full, what with a creek called Sugar but not smelling it, our late literature but scarcely contained now, and our smoke abatement program more smoke than fire. But not we, we have advised our governor to say something new to the governor of South Carolina.

Somehow more in the line of the temperance times in which we know we now live.

—R. F. BASS

Individual Rights Defended By Court

TAKING careful aim, the United States Supreme Court struck a blow for sanity this week in the government's vast and chaotic security system.

It held that summary suspension and reversible dismissal of federal employees as security risks could apply only to those in sensitive jobs and not indiscriminately to any or all employees of the government.

Without doubt, it was one of the most important decisions of the 1955-56 term. It reduced what has been accurately described as an abundance of stupidity in the handling of security matters and insisted that a little common sense be employed.

What the ruling means is that an employee having nothing to do with the national security cannot be fired under existing security risk procedures. The specific case under consideration involved a food and drug inspector.

It must be remembered that about half of the "risks" dismissed under the administration's program held non-sensitive positions. Even so, they were not safe from the system's flailing arms and serious damage to employment status, reputation and personal life.

In rendering its decision, the court has once again risen in support of individual rights against unreasonable extensions of government.

FROM BACH TO BOP

BACK in the days when Hollywood was still Hollywood, and anything on celluloid would do, there was a kind of standard plot for movies about jazz musicians. There would be the young student of the French horn who was schooled in the classics, but who stole out at night to play hot trumpet. His parents and the old professor who was his teacher heartily disapproved, but his true love understood, and the happy ending came when the big jazz concert at Carnegie Hall or somewhere there convinced his folks and the old maestro that jazz music was here to stay.

Hollywood can seldom get away with so backwaded a plot these days in order to feature jazz musicians on film, but now comes a man who may be able to mix the two kinds of music for them and not be silly in the doing. He is Frederick Guila, a young Austrian pianist who since 1950 has been well received in this country as a specialist in Beethoven.

It turns out that Mr. Guila is a jazz devotee. Not only that, but he is evidently a very good jazz pianist when he plays jazz on the piano. He does not sound like a classical musician being inquired and a versatile musician being a jazz pianist.

He will make his American debut as a jazz pianist at Firdland in New York in two months, playing with a sextet consisting of tenor and alto saxophone, bass trumpet or trombone, bass, fiddle, drums, and piano. Later in the summer he will take part in the four-day jazz festival at Newport, R. I.

Mr. Guila has been playing jazz in public for some years, in his native Austria, but never before in this country. His jazz piano style is said to be "hard to describe—very warm, simple, yet advanced. Nobody else plays jazz remotely like him."

Hitherto in American musical circles, jazz and the classics have seldom mixed. Benny Goodman is perhaps the only top-flight jazz artist who also has done first-class classical work, his Mozart clarinet recordings were well received.

There have been various attempts to produce jazz music in symphonic form, but except for Gershwin's, whose music runs only so deep, they have failed. Jazz seems for better or worse to be a form of its own. What a New Orleans jazz band plays Rachmaninoff, what comes out is all jazz and no Rachmaninoff. New Orleans jazz, as well played as approaching a classical form in its own right, and is becoming further and further removed from the juke box sphere. There is about as much similarity between Turk Murphy's recent version of the MEMPHIS Blues and a rock 'n' roll rendition of YOU MAY BE SO LONELY, BARE as there is between the FEUZELER SONATA and the ROCK 'N' ROLL WALTZ.

If other forms of popular music ever attain the status of classical music, it will probably have to be done the way good New Orleans jazz has begun to do it—on its own terms, realizing the classical dimensions of its own form. Meanwhile pianists such as Mr. Guila, gifted though they may be, must play either jazz or classical music, but not both at the same time.

Merry-Go-Round GOP Decided Instantly Ike Must Run

WASHINGTON

AFTER about 24 hours of hectic indecision immediately after Eisenhower's election, the Republican high command has decided on a united and vigorous front that he can and must run again.

Party Decided

Hardly was he out from under the influence of the word was passed down to the party faithful. Unofficially there were serious misgivings, but officially they are over. The President himself didn't have a word to say about it, nor did his wife and son.

George Parham, who was adopted despite the fact that Gen. Eisenhower himself has been quite frank about his health and his own power over it. He is about the only man who has been frank.

The Record

Here is the record of what Eisenhower has said, both in public and in private:

1. At a stag dinner in the winter of 1954 he told Chairman Len Hall, Attorney General Brownell, and other close advisers that the Republican high command should depend on one man, that they should start to build up new men to take his place, and he named some who should be groomed.
2. In May, 1955, Eisenhower told Sen. George Parham of Ohio that if he ran he would be the only President to reach the age of 70 in the White House. And he spoke—alot, not only to the President, but to make sure his views were known publicly he asked Jim Hagerty to see to it that this view was expressed to the press.
3. In September, 1955, as Republican state leaders gathered in Denver, their faces grew long as the President told them in brief, that they could not pin their future on one man, that they must be developing other candidates. This was just three weeks prior to Eisenhower's tragic heart attack.
4. When he came back from that heart attack, Eisenhower told newsmen at Key West, Fla., that it would be wrong for him to run again unless he had a good chance of serving out his term, because "it is a very critical thing to change governments in this country at a time when it's unprecedented."
5. At his first White House press conference after the heart attack he warned: "It would be idle to pretend that my health can be wholly restored to the excellent state in which the doctors believed it to be in mid-September. . . . My future life must be prettily regulated to avoid excessive fatigue."

BEN-GURION Made A Nation

troubled, and is being troubled to, by constant pinpricks along her borders. With or without the approval of the Arab governments, border crossers steal the harvest here, make off with the irritable pigs or animals or other livestock, or open fire on an exposed road or even commit a murder somewhere else. The Israelis always have been waiting just so long and line to order one of those major military operations which have caused so many thousands of tension in the last eight years. That is all the little wordies argue that if all the soldiers' numbers went unpushed, their numbers would increase and they would grow progressively more serious "until our

Crude Coppers Getting Polish As Bully Boy Tradition Ends

By ROBERT C. RUARK

PALAMOS, Spain

BY EASY degrees we seem to be creeping toward the development of our policemen into something more approximating the FBI boys than a bunch of police who do not turn their hats up in front, stick press cards in the bandana, and dash about waving gin bottles and yelling "Scopis!" "Hold the press!"

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Late Comer

Modern Man And Nature

By E. B. WHITE

In "The Second Tree From The Corner"

AN ARRESTING quality in modern man is his attitude toward his natural surroundings, a quality likely to get him in trouble and even shorten his stay on earth. He commonly thinks of himself as having been here since the beginning—older than the hills—and he also likes to think he's destined to stay to the bitter end.

As a younger reporter, I heard that some cops who would listen to an argument, some cops who would not lie in court, accept graft, or push the alleged offer of a bribe before he had a word with his mouthpiece.

But I have also known an awful lot of history-bullying cops, a quality likely to get him in trouble, some cops who would listen to an argument, some cops who would not lie in court, accept graft, or push the alleged offer of a bribe before he had a word with his mouthpiece.

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Shrewd Strategy

However, he reckoned without the leaders of his party—some of the shrewdest leaders the party has had in many years. Chairman Hall, the top mastermind, went to Gettysburg; came out to announce that he was confident Ike would win. Sen. Conrad of California, who called on the President the same day, came out just with the opposite opinion.

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