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State Should Follow Charlotte's Lead

FACED with a clear moral obligation to provide detention facilities for juvenile offenders who cannot be accommodated at state training schools, Charlotte has acted swiftly and properly. Mayor Phil Van Every, Welfare Supt. Wallace Kuralt and other key officials deserve commendation for the diligence with which they are attacking the problem.

tempt to build and operate a training school. Charlotte needs a fairly small minimum security detention home, not a large juvenile penal colony. The idea is to fill a tragic gap in the handling of youthful offenders under the supervision of the juvenile court. It is not to shoulder the state's entire responsibility for meeting all the detention needs of this end of the state.

Disarm The Paddle-Packing Pedagogue

The kids a hundred years ago were taught their tasks by rote. "We lick 'em and learn 'em" was the motto of the school. The dreary path to knowledge for young 'uns, smart or dumb. Was emphasized at either end of their curriculum.

never do it again. But at the same time he may learn to loathe the subject, the teacher and the school. As a matter of fact some experts declare that spanking is bad as an educational device because the child cannot always link up the logic of a situation with a sudden assault on his person.

Reckless Eager-Beaverism

FOR some time past before the President went to the hospital there was talk in Washington of a rivalry between the State Department and some members of the White House staff who deal with foreign affairs. The President was said to be not listening exclusively to Mr. Dulles, and this was why there was occasionally, as for example in regard to the neutrals, such a big difference between the President and the secretary of state. Some observers even went so far as to say that there had begun to exist — as in Wilson's day with Col. House and Roosevelt with Harry Hopkins — a second Foreign Office in the White House itself.

Besides, we like the wording of an unchanging decree handed down by the New York State Education Department: "Such punishment is the expression of an unchanging authoritarian system and is peculiarly distasteful to our modern democratic approach to education." How's that for a spot in Junior's Declaration of Independence? Meanwhile, let those superintendents be disarmed of paddles, sticks and switches forthwith.

When Was That Good Old Summertime?

ONLY mad dogs, Englishmen and the Italian News and Review editors go out in the mid-day sun. The Japanese don't care to, as Noel Coward put it, and the Chinese wouldn't dare to. But our Raleigh contemporaries are out there where there are no shadows, wandering about in a "flow of precious memories the mere thought of the old song evokes."

gers, dogs and small children bite. But the beach bedded on lake bottoms don't. Picnics are the last resorts of desperate people driven by summer heat into the hurtful clutches of big red ants, poison ivy and interperate wasps. Potato salad turns out to be the world's largest source of food poisoning.

People's Platform

Letters should be brief. The writer's name and address must be given, but may be withheld from publication in the discretion of the editors. The News reserves the right to condense.

Watermelon's good but the inevitable old head insists "it ain't good 'less you push your face down in it," and that's awfully sticky. Lemonade comes in eight different flavor combinations—including grape and fig.

Application Of Zoning Is Commission's Job

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — A splendid editorial on the manner in which the City Council is destroying the basic principle and intent of the zoning law.

Good old summertime? People steal and abscond in the winter, but they hack each other up in the summer. Farmers beat mules in the summer, and mules run away early in the morning. Chickens do nothing but sit in nests of dust. Cows eat bitternweed. You hear a pretty little humming noise, and know you'll have to shout "TIMBER!" before the termites are through.

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Humphrey Favored

Inside the White House it has been admitted that if Ike did not run again he would urge his close friend, Secretary of the Treasury George Humphrey, to run instead. Humphrey has repeatedly argued that he is too old.

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'Ezra, You Got Any Storage Bins You're Not Using?'

The Battle Of The Pentagon Is Just A Cookie-Jar Scrap

By ROBERT C. RUARK



I SHALL continue to yawn and sigh over the armed forces scrap, because I know exactly what is going to happen by way of change. Answer? Nothing. The intramural warfare will just go underground.

Sometimes I think the worst thing we ever did was to create a separate Air Force, because it just added another unscrupulous liddle with itchy fingers, fighting for the cookie jar.

The Army and the Navy used to fight each other to a standstill. But now we have the triangle, and it sure isn't any proper design for arms.

FREE-FOR-ALL There never was a family without a dog, more or less, they were ripping the keels off carriers, as useless weapons. The week before, they were sinking all the battleships. The tactical air-laddies fight the strategics.

On Guam—in the last major loss, Curt LeMay and Chester Nimitz got into a most horrid hassle over Japan. LeMay wanted it burned flat from above, but Admiral Nimitz still wanted to take it by surface. You could have skated to Tokyo on the hostilely.

NOBLE REVOLUTION The admirals rebelled in the Pacific, and Admiral Arthur Haddad came to power. If it had happened to an enlisted man, they would have shot him for mutiny. But the Fletcher Christians won over the Captain Blighs, and now everybody agrees it was a noble revolution.

As I remember, in the Korean thing, Gen. Douglas MacArthur got a bad rap by Mr. Truman for trying to win a war, this being a lifelong habit of the general, but an ex-captain of infantry cried him down. This never made any real sense, but practically nothing the military ever does makes any

civilian sense. When World War II ended, the Navy had a project. It was going to sink the Army and the Air Force, because it had its own jargon and also its own infantry in the Marines.

A rear admiral, Min Miller, was ordered from on high to organize a task force to sink the Pentagon. He had more full rank commanders than a flotilla of cruisers, and a whole wing of the Navy building on Constitution Ave. He had charts and plots and plans and lieutenants and ensigns.

But, at the time, the Navy failed to recall that it didn't mention the sinking of the cruiser Indianapolis, in which 800 men were lost. This was because somebody neglected to wonder where a cruiser, with a complement of 1,198 men, might be when the journey between Guam and Leyte takes only 72 hours and the ship was equipped for five days while what was left of the crew went swimming.

JUST STOOGING This was a boat. The survivors were discovered by a Marine plane which was just stoojing around. After the chap that sank the Indianapolis was imported to testify at the court martial — mere months after the war ended — against Gen. MacArthur, the skipper? The Navy couldn't find the cruiser, but was smart enough to announce the sinking, in small print, on "V-J Day."

That was what really called the plot to sink the Army. The last day of a Forrestal and the chiefs were in trouble enough. A stern word got handed down for the saboteurs to knock off.

You could go on all day. But, like I say, it is just fancy business that goes to ride the bicycle and to matter what Fina Eisenhower says, the bad little kids will keep on bruising each other.

I suppose it happens to the Russians, too, because all the military I ever met was basically children in its jealousy of the other tots.

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By taking his freedom for six months just as a means to demonstrate, it doesn't sound like justice to me. If a person is guilty of any crime he should be punished but the facts of this case are under doubt in my mind that justice has been done.

Understand that I am not knocking your paper and am not knocking your courts but an acquainted with the boy in several years and it is my belief that a mistake has been made concerning all the details of the case. —JOHN H. EASON

CHARLOTTE. The News' CONGRATULATIONS on a splendid editorial on the manner in which the City Council is destroying the basic principle and intent of the zoning law.

The application and administration of this essential law should be left to the commission which makes its recommendations based on fact, community who has chalked up a fine record as governor and has potent labor support.

Dulles As A Propagandist

By WALTER LIPPMANN

away from the State Department, and under his own personal supervision. This separation preserves the desirable distinction between foreign policy and propaganda. For the secretary of state cannot afford to be regarded as a propagandist. To be an effective secretary of state he must have the confidence of the foreign ministers and the prime ministers with whom he negotiates. He must be known as a man of his word, as one who just wards precisely what he means genuinely what he says. Now, there is no use pretending that this is the moral standard in psychological warfare. Words are used by the propagandist not to convey the whole truth.

It all the propaganda were to be treated as genuine foreign policy, international business would be a total muddle. Tacitly and by common consent, the governments have adopted a kind of agreement that they will not take at face value the propaganda of the professional propagandists, that they will not treat it as the serious intention and policy of the government. They will regard Philip Sober as the enemy of Philip Drunk with his propaganda.

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