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Security, The Senate And Mr. Wilson

MOST peculiar judgment we've seen on the Senate's probe of U. S. air power... But the burden of whatever measure of proof can be had in the hearings rests on Mr. Wilson. The Senate has no responsibility to prove the U. S. is endangered by possibly insufficient Air Force spending.

Despite the mutual bitterness between the secretary and the senators, the controversy actually lies between Mr. Wilson and key military and research officials of the Air Force. From them came the information with which senators are prodding the secretary.

Age Of Anxiety Lives On—And On

IT HAS BEEN brought to our attention by a chronic alarmist we know that all is really lost this time. It seems that a large cigarette manufacturer has launched a new series of advertisements, all keyed to one triumphant theme.

Anapurna and Everest and in the green hell of Brazilian jungles. Delightedly, we have shared the terrors of snow and sliding rock, local citizens armed with hand-made blow guns and unsoaring fish with funny-looking tails.

Russia's Big Change 'The Erosion Of Despotism'

LAST WEEK the Washington Security Council, the American government's highest policy-making body, discussed at length and in detail the meaning of the recent events which have shaken the Soviet empire.

The foreign Communist center, by contrast, had had relatively little direct contact with the terrible realities of Soviet life under Stalin. They were also, to a considerable extent, prisoners of their own Stalinist propaganda.

Charlotte's Thirsty Suburban Nevergreen

WHO'S drinking all that water? Every day or so there's a story about Charlotte's water consumption breaking a new record. There are more of us this summer, to be sure, and the Kool Aid set is swigging endlessly, but more than whistles are being wet by the flood of water pouring through the city's mains every day.

During the last few days we've noted a change for the better in our four plants. They are turning a much deeper brown, and some of the needles are falling among the rocks and straw that are keeping the roots cool.

People's Platform Presleyites Rush To Rock 'N' Roller's Rescue

Hickory Presleyites Rush To Rock 'N' Roller's Rescue. I will agree that rock 'n' roll is merely a craze that will pass on in time. What I do not agree with is the opinion that anyone who likes Elvis Presley and his type of music is the lowest type of individual.

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I am a teenager myself and I like Elvis Presley. It doesn't mean, however, that other types of music don't appeal to me. I can relax with Beethoven or jump with Elvis. I can consider a base individual and neither are my friends who feel the same as I.

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'Maybe We'd Better Fasten Our Seat Belts'



Presley's 'Motions' Pure Rock 'N' Roll

Editors, The News: THIS IS in regard to the Platform letters regarding Elvis Presley. Elvis does wear his clothes when he performs and the motions he goes through are really part of rock 'n' roll.

Expert's Qualifications Challenged By Reader

Editors, The News: JACK KISER, News sports pundit, evidently trying to heal wounds inflicted by the barbs of criticism recently directed by yours truly at the ill-directed casting contest sponsored by the Charlotte Parks and Recreation Commission, alleges (July 4) that 'some local Xish experts are not qualified to judge the contest'.

Unkind Statements Are Unappreciated

Editors, The News: AFTER reading the many unkind statements about Elvis Presley, I feel it necessary to write you and tell you if these people really do not like Elvis why don't they leave him and his many fans alone? I have also found that most people who do not like him are jealous of him in one way or another and I truly feel sorry for these kind of people.

Listening To Presley Like Madhouse Visit

Editors, The News: I READ the People's Platform letter about the policeman at the Elvis Presley show ('Bad Tempered Cop' June 29). I am sure there is not one city policeman who would harm a boy or girl who were trained right at home. If they had the right kind of upbringing they would not be rowdy in public.

Aid Home Folks Before Foreigners

Editors, The News: ONCE AGAIN the time is near for another two great political parties to assemble for the purpose of nominating candidates for the presidency and drawing up platforms.

Some Teenagers Act 'Worse Than Animals'

Editors, The News: I HAVE just read a letter in the People's Platform a boy in a 'bad tempered cop' at the Elvis Presley show. In my opinion, it's about time someone sued a teenager for some of these acts. Teenagers, I think it's the limit when performers can't come to a town without people tearing their clothes off and trying to kiss them.

Look At Tito cutting Moscow

I feel, as do others, that our government should remember and consider our people here at home as well as overseas. And in November the people should remember these men and vote men into office who are dedicated to the welfare of our people at home first and our friends second.

Russia's Big Change

'The Erosion Of Despotism'

By JOSEPH & STEWART ALSOP

WASHINGTON LAST WEEK the American Security Council, the American government's highest policy-making body, discussed at length and in detail the meaning of the recent events which have shaken the Soviet empire.

When French Foreign Minister Christian Pineau visited Moscow recently, Khrushchev told him, with violent earnestness, that he would rather cut off both his arms than see his country again ruled by the secret police. Within limits, he no doubt meant what he said, and the downgrading of the secret police has been perfectly real.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

Congressman Calls Pearson A Skunk'

At this point Rep. Walter Judd (R-Mich.) spoke up angrily: 'Well, I've got to disagree with you. I know something about Pearson's family. The father and mother and the rest of the family were worst people, but I can't say the same for Drew Pearson. He's a skunk.'

It is hoped, instead, that the newly emerging Soviet bureaucratic upper class will increasingly dominate the system; and that the first interest of the regime will be decreasingly doctrinal, and increasingly concentrated on practical internal problems. It is hoped, in fact, that the 'erosion of despotism,' a process forecast some years ago by Soviet experts has begun within the Soviet political structure.

From The Raleigh News & Observer

OLD TIME RELIGION

MODERN politics, a disgruntled old man told us, has about as much 'gizzum' as a croquet match. Even if one is charitable and concedes that public speakers are more pertinently revealing, one doubts they could grab a fish-fry by the seat of the pants and make it dance and sing. No. An essential ingredient is appallingly absent: The earth-quaking voice. The bugle has been replaced by the piccolo, the silver-throated hound by the turtle dove. Once, the spume tingled and now the britches itch. The old man added that radio and TV can be blamed for this unimpaired mud puddle. The hypnotic voice is nurtured by waves of open air and land breezes. It requires a wind-soaked grook by a clucking, lickity-split creek, —with food and drink and big bass drum oratory. Leave dialecticism in the studio. Hark back to the open spaces and an impassioned advocate with martial music pouring lava-like from his throat.

It is one of the most secretive committees in Congress, and as a result, its members speak freely. They figure that what they say will not leak to the press, and it seldom does. However, here is what happened at a recent closed-door meeting when the secretary ban was higher than ever—because the subject under discussion was the press. Novel Idea Democratic Rep. Wayne Hays of Ohio proposed a novel idea to his colleagues in the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

Prospects Named

Committee members mentioned the names of Walter Lippman and one or two other commentators, when someone said: 'How about Drew Pearson? We couldn't overlook him.'

Hays' Opinion

'Well, I don't think that would be a bad idea,' Hays replied. 'We could do worse than Drew Pearson. He has traveled widely and has ideas for peace balloons, for instance, was a very good one and should have been followed up more by the government.'

Heavy Drinker Fired

President Eisenhower sent a friendly letter to R. B. McLesish, the ousted Farmers Home administrator, thanking him for his 'valuable assistance' and wishing him 'health and happiness.'

Extending A Prejudice

Referring to the fact that Judd has an M.D. degree, Hays continued: 'The trouble with you doctors is that you can't abide medical opinions from outsiders. Maybe, Doc, now that you are a member of Congress, you are extending these prejudices to the political arena.'

Campaign Promise

'This we will not only drive wrongdoers and their cronies out of the government,' said candidate Eisenhower, 'we will make sure that they do not get into the government in the first place.'