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Words Are Elastic But Facts Remain

"The question is," said Alice, "whether you can make words mean so many different things."
"The question is," said Humpty Dumpty, "to which is master—the words or the things?"

of half-day sessions, makeshift facilities or grossly overcrowded conditions.
In North Carolina alone, 7,200 children are going to school in double shifts and another 3,700 are housed in temporary quarters not owned by local boards of education and located away from the campus. This rather sad picture is duplicated, state by state, across the nation.

A Gratifying Display Of Legislative Teeth

ROBESON County's Sen. Cutlar Moore is just as right now on the subject of highway safety as he was in 1955.
And, early of the blessing, he brought his earthly eloquence with him yesterday when he came over to the side of a little constabulary stealth in catching speeders.

human nature will public interest in highway safety ever overcome public apathy.
And if legislators await public demand before shaping safety laws into effective, commonsensical weapons against organized insanity on the highways, those laws will become about as pertinent as house rules against polygamy in bachelors' quarters.

New Chapter In A Distinguished History

JOHN Rood Cunningham has been a distinguished president of Davidson College. His resignation, effective Sept. 1, will deprive the 120-year-old institution of the services of one of its truly outstanding leaders.
But Dr. Cunningham's new assignment as executive director of the Presbyterian Foundation offers a fresh and challenging opportunity for service.

terian Seminary, 1930 to 1936; Davidson, since 1940. He was elected president of the Association of American Colleges in 1953, after serving as treasurer and vice president. He has also served as president of the Association of Church Related Colleges in North Carolina.

Stassen's Politic Silence On Politics

SOME moratoriums a man can declare. Others are declared against him. That's how it is with Harold Stassen. The one-time boy wonder of Minnesota politics came to town urging Americans to have confidence in a President elected three months ago by the greatest popular majority in American history. Beyond that wholesome exhortation, Mr. Stassen had nary a word to say about politics.

Christian Herter, had come out for Nixon? Perhaps so because as a politician Mr. Stassen has always been long on hope. He was a presidential hopeful in 1948 and 1952 but he couldn't beat Tom Dewey who, in turn, couldn't beat the Democrats—in direct combat, that is.

WINTER REVERIE

LONG about this time of year when it seems the slush and cold and damp bleakness of winter will never end, there sometimes comes a strange enchantment. Out of the gray pall of a short, overcast day a magical, golden glow seemingly may appear and through it in happy array there pass the ghosts of past summers.

higher and higher to vantage points where the green-covered mountains fade away in the mists. There are headlines about baseball and heat waves with no relief in sight.
There is the gathering crescendo of bird songs before most folks are awake visits to a hidden spring in a glen at the foot of a shady hillside, bustling trips to the railroad station with children loaded with tennis racquets, canoe paddles, fishing rods and bags of gear. There are excursion trips by boat around Manhattan Island, and perhaps a cool morning's cruise to some not-too-far island with its tangy air and scrubbed-looking houses and low, snug cottages where the snow shingles have weathered to silver.

People's Platform

The Tardy Bus

REALIZING that my voice may be that of one crying in the wilderness and appreciating the fact that this may not appear in print, I am nevertheless expressing my views on the atrocious service which has been furnished us by the Charlotte City Coach Lines.

Recently, without exaggerating I waited for the bus for exactly one-half hour, by my watch, which may or may not be correct.

Then there is this to consider. When one bus comes along, there is always another waiting behind like a lost sheep. You can get on only one bus at the time.

Now I shall say with the hero of "Lady The Lake" (I forget his name): "Come one, come all, and this firm rock shall fly, from its firm base, as soon as I."

-VICTOR R. ALLISON



GOV. LUTHER HODGES NEED WINGS FOR FLYING?

Council's Pay Boost Was A Gross Error

WHEN the news session of the General Assembly, by pure political expediency, contained not one element of social morality or political probity, voted a 20 per cent increase in pay of the members of the Council of State, it committed an act that can't be tolerated by a self-respecting, free people.

Every member of the General Assembly participating in the act, and every member of the council should be impeached which would be done in a government of the people, better it would never have been attempted had there been a strong opposition party in this regard.

Prophetic Words

Russia And America

By ALEXIS DE TOQUEVILLE "Democracy in America," 1835
THERE are at the present time two great nations in the world, which started from different points, but seem to tend towards the same end. I allude to the Russians and the Americans.

All other nations seem to have nearly reached their natural limits, and they have only to maintain their power; but these are still in the act of growth. All the others have stopped, or continued to advance with extreme difficulty; these alone are proceeding with ease and celerity along a path to which no limit can be perceived.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

ON top of the embarrassing resignation of Robert Tripp Ross as assistant secretary of defense because of a conflict of interest, another conflict has cropped up in the Pentagon. This is the eighth conflict of interest in the Eisenhower administration.

No Resignation

Biography

Truman & The Senate

I suggest that the teachers and students employ the best lobbyists available and stay with this General Assembly until the autumn leaves begin to fall and frost is upon the pumpkins in the fields or this fact, is corrected by giving the less able servants of the state the job for which the top state officials... voted themselves.

- JOHN W. HESTER

Peace May Require Some World Laws

Editors The News: Zircionia
A reader attempts to ridicule a legislator said to advocate world government.

I do not see how we can obtain world peace without world law, and that without some form of world federal government.

In this atomic age the world is no longer bigger than a community and it is as dangerous to live in a world without law as it is in any community without law.

-MRS. R. H. LINSEY

Crown Of Thorns Is Pure Legend

Editors The News:
R. G. Herbert Spangh, applauding the book "The Crown Tree" alludes to the legend of the "thorn tree growing in the garden of the Cross, Antonio," and boldly asserts that from this tree "the crown of thorns placed on the head of Jesus was taken."

Davis Bible Dictionary maintains that the crown of thorns was based entirely on "tradition," i.e. hearsay. Peloubet states that the idea is purely "supposition."

Ultimately there is not a shred of trustworthy evidence to support the contention that Jesus was crowned with thorns.

Blackmail Being Readied

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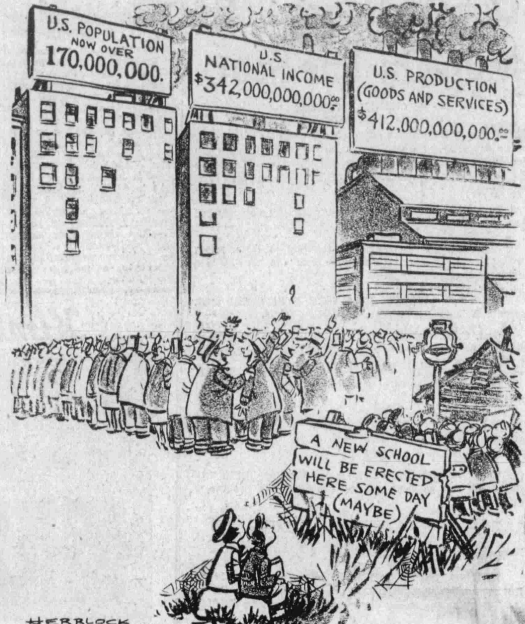
By MARQUIS CHILDS

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THE position of extraordinary power held by President Gamal Abdel Nasser can no longer be ignored by the government in Washington. Not even the most wishful thinkers can any longer cling to the hope that in the end he will be a good boy and do what the West wants him to do.

Two Goals

By so doing he achieves two ends that have been the basic objectives of Soviet foreign policy since 1946. The economic effect on Western Europe is serious, but even more important, the strain on the alliance is increasingly grave as the United States appears helpless to bring Nasser around to reason.

What must also be faced up to is that Nasser's capacity for making further trouble between the Western allies has only just begun. Reports from Cairo tell of his adding up the bill for reparations assistance to keep the Egyptian economy going. So long as he is sustained, so long will he use his strategic position to cripple the West and spread the discord that is so destructive to Western unity.



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Beyond Capabilities

But beyond this was the Israeli demand for some indication that their ships could pass through the Suez Canal when it is reopened. The United States cannot give such an assurance even to Britain and France, it is obvious that that request is quite beyond the capabilities of the American government.

Blackmail

One word for this is blackmail. Nasser has very great resources in this field. Moscow is apparently providing just enough economic assistance to keep the Egyptian economy going. So long as he is sustained, so long will he use his strategic position to cripple the West and spread the discord that is so destructive to Western unity.

Moonbeam Resolution

During the closed-door debate on President Eisenhower's Middle East proposal, Georgia's statute, Sen. Dick Russell tied a tag on the Eisenhower Doctrine. He called it the "moonbeam resolution."

No Information

I have wrestled with Mr. Dulles' Secretary of State. I have wrestled with Admiral Radford (chairman of the Joint Chiefs), Russell continued. "But I can't get any information. The underlings know how the aid money is to be spent, King Saud and his underlings went out to Saudi Arabia. They know what the money will be used for. But I can't get any information about any thing from anyone. It's a moonbeam. I can't get hold of it."

The Hint

Taking his cue from Egyptian dictator Nasser, Nasser's dynamic President Ernesto de la Guardia is making moves toward taking over the Panama Canal. He has sounded out American officials privately about nationalizing the canal. It is now owned by the United States, which pays Panama \$1,930,000 annually for the right of way.

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