



Some Looks At Books

By LOCKIE PARKER

THE POLITICAL BREAKTHROUGH (Harper, \$1.45), latest book of Chester Bowles, has a picture of the author on the cover. Mr. Bowles is shown smiling, a real grin of amusement on his face. Is that the way this author-congressman looks now when he glances down at that title? Or is his expression perhaps less serene and carefree? It could be, for he must recognize that, according to at least a few political prognosticators of considerable wisdom, he, Chester Bowles, may be the one attempting the breakthrough.

This is an intensely interesting book and a most impressive one. Interesting in the clarity with which it traces the history of the two parties, Democratic and Republican; with which it analyzes national problems and world issues; fascinatingly interesting in its revelation of the author's theory of political growth; the succeeding crises through which this nation passed, the mountain peaks of creative effort and attainment, with, in between, the plains. Here the pace slowed as the great achievements of the peaks were consolidated, stabilized, finally becoming stagnant marshes where progress ceased until the next great mountain loomed ahead, calling once more for men of vision and courage to scale the heights.

Most impressive is this book in its revelation of the author's character and personality.

Mr. Bowles takes some words of Emerson as a starting point: "The two parties which divide the state, the party of Conservatism and that of Innovation, are very old. Now one, now the other wins the day, and still the fight renews itself as if for the first time. It is the opposition of Past and Future, of Memory and Hope."

And Bowles tells us that Emerson believed that "the most meaningful differences in American life have occurred when the advocates of a Party of Hope clashed with those of a Party of Memory."

Bowles describes the rhythm that he feels in United States political history; the plains between the peaks, when each party appeared content to slide along with its memories and its traditional

attitudes, till, on the coming of a crisis in the affairs of the nation, one or the other came to life, seized the initiative, broke through "in a surge of political creativity" to become the Party of Hope that led America back onto the road to greatness.

The coming election, Bowles believes, is such a crisis and presents a mighty challenge to the Democratic Party to break through the apathy, the complacency, the inertia into which the nation has been lulled and assume the leadership of the Party of Hope.

One by one he takes up the great questions of the day, domestic questions and questions of foreign policy. He describes each one and then goes right on to say what he thinks should be done about it. And somehow he manages to do it quietly yet clearly, straight from the shoulder yet with not the slightest hint of arrogance or superiority. Sometimes it is almost text-book writing, so carefully, so explicitly are the facts marshalled and the explanations made, then follows a paragraph or just a sentence so compelling that the reader is swept by the conviction: "This man knows what he's talking about."

This is a very American book, this book of Representative Bowles. He uses few words to say what he wants to say; he says it with directness, with conviction; he finishes up one subject and then he strides on to tackle the next one. There's no waste motion, there's no fuzzy thinking, there's no shying away from the hard ones. There's no eloquence either except that which inevitably accompanies any well-chosen words spoken by a man of high intelligence on a subject he knows a lot about and cares a lot about and uttered with a sense of deepest urgency.

This is a book that's very worth reading because of what it says and because of the man who says it and his position in the recent history of the nation; even more, because of his possible position in its future.

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Thursday, February 11, Niagara-Lakeview Route—C. F. Wicker, 9:25-9:30; J. D. Lewis, 9:40-9:45; Philip Narso, 9:50-10; Mrs. Ray Hensley, 10:05-10:45; Mrs. E. W. Marble, 11-11:10; C. G. Priest, 11:50-12; Bud Crockett, 12:05-12:15; O. L. Darnell, 12:25-12:35.
Friday, February 12, White Hill Route—W. E. Horne, 9:25-9:40; J. L. Danley, 9:45-10; W. F. Smith, 10:10-10:15; Mrs. M. D. McIver, 10:30-10:40; Arthur Gaines, 10:50-11; Wesley Thomas, 11:15-11:20; Dan Clark, 11:30-11:40; Miss Irene Nicholson, 11:50-12.

Vladimir Nabokov fled with his family at the time of the Revolution. He was educated at Cambridge and for twenty years he taught English at Cornell. Although English is not his native language, he writes far better English than we are accustomed to reading. In fact his choice of words is sometimes so erudite that one needs a dictionary at hand.

He is best known, of course, for his best-seller, "Invitation," whose theme has shocked many. These stories, each different from the other, contain nothing to shock us, simply interest and delight. My favorite ones are the autobiographical ones, "Mademoiselle O" and "First Love." The first is a memorable description of the French governess who came to them in Russia when he was six years old and stayed for seven years. The second tells of a trip from St. Petersburg to Paris by the glamorous Nord Express and then on to Biarritz where he played with a little French girl called Colette.

There are several bizarre pieces, rather difficult to understand. One, perhaps the most important of all, "Conversation Piece," is a bitter tale of a German spy in New York in 1945. Nabokov is required reading for anyone interested in the literature of today.

—JANE H. TOWNE

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Sticking To It
Lesson for February 7, 1960
PEOPLE get the strangest ideas about what it was like, nineteen centuries ago. When a thing has been a success for that length of time, people forget that it ever trembled on the brink of failure. Names that have been honored for nineteen centuries, we think must have been held in high honor from the start. When the most we know about a place long ago is the names of some very good people who lived there, we suppose everybody was cut from the same cloth.

The plain fact is, Christianity had to fight for a toe-hold in the world in which it was born. It was not an irreligious world, the place was swarming with religions. It was not a world that felt "hungry for the gospel." It was not a world where the "higher values" were much sought after. In short, it was a pretty discouraging place to start.

Corinth, Cross-Roads Capital
This was specially true at Corinth. Paul started the Christian church going in that city. He has been known so long as an apostle that it is easy to over-rate his reputation at the time of his peak years. If you had got one citizen of Corinth, any citizen at all, by the corner of his toga and told him the Paul the Apostle, yes sir a real apostle, think of that, was coming to the city and intending to start a Christian church, the Corinthian citizen would have said something like—

"Apostle—what's that? Paul—who's he? Never heard of one or the other. Oh, a religionist is he? We've more than enough of that kind here. I hope he's not from the east? He is? From Jerusalem?—Oh—a Jew... Well, outside of being a superstitious lot, those people are rioters by nature. Mark my words, there'll be rioting in the synagogue before that man's been here long. You can have him."

That wouldn't exaggerate a bit the scornful reception Paul might expect in Corinth—and he knew it. He wrote some years afterward that he came to Corinth in weakness (probably ill health), and in much fear and trembling—in modern slang, he was all shook up.

Paul the Dauntless
Nevertheless Paul was determined to start a Christian church going in that big booming indifferent city of Corinth. Not only were there all the difficulties of making a dent on a large commercial city, but Paul himself had good reason for not feeling at his best. He had just come from Athens, where (to be blunt about it) he had been a flop. Indeed he had been chased out of more cities than he had been invited back to. He had not stayed anywhere long, he had to battle for the chance to be heard. Would he do any better at Corinth? No Corinthians would bet on it.

As a matter of fact, in spite of the riot that did occur, just as you might have expected, in spite of being ignored, slandered, opposed, threatened, ridiculed, he stuck to it... and won. When he left that city he left behind him a Christian church which for all its faults had enough Christians to keep the church on its way all their lifetime.

In Spite of Everything
What kept Paul sticking to it? It was partly his own stubborn temperament, partly having friends who believed in him. But the main reason was that he was convinced he was doing God's work. People who get discouraged about the church ought to read about Paul again. In spite of ill health, active and bitter opposition, riots and threats of riots, in spite of the great difficulty he found in getting members from the "better class," in spite of the coarse materialism of a city like Corinth, the poverty of the church and its many problems, Paul did what he believed the Lord wanted him to do—stay with it till the job was done.

God surely wants his church to succeed, today as at any time in the past. But it is likely to succeed, in city or in country, wherever it is, only if the people who are responsible for it share, as Paul did, had something of the persistence of God.

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Dr. J. F. Davis, 75, Former Moore Co. Resident, Dies
Dr. Joseph Franklin Davis, 75, died at a Greensboro hospital Monday. He had been seriously ill one month.

A native of Moore County, he had lived at Greensboro since 1941. He had practiced in Robbins and Highfalls before moving to Greensboro and was a former member of the Moore County Board of Education. Dr. Davis is survived by his wife; one brother, Charles D. Davis of Carthage; and six sisters, Mrs. D. M. Phillips and Mrs. F. H. Underwood, both of Carthage, Mrs. O. T. Parks Sr. of Parkwood, Mrs. C. R. Butler of Lynchburg, Va., Mrs. M. F. Suttis of Seagrove and Mrs. Zeb V. Fowler of Bogalusa, La. Funeral services were conducted at 3 p. m. Wednesday at the Cool Springs Methodist Church.

VACATION EVENTS
A bulletin listing over 100 annual vacation events in North Carolina has just been published by the State Travel Bureau, Raleigh, and is available free on request. Descriptions and 1960 dates of major festivals at every season in the Variety Vacationland State appear in the bulletin, which also features a 12-months calendar of annual sports events, garden tours, flower shows, and fairs.

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A man does have to look after his brother... especially when that brother is weak. But there are moments, too, when even the strongest man may need a brother!

In the eyes of the Church, all men are brothers, just as all men are equally beloved. As long as there is a church near you, you are not alone. You have only to open the door and walk in and you will be at one with your fellow man... and at home with your brothers.

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Day	Book	Chapter	Verses
Sunday	1 John	2	9-12
Monday	1 John	4	20-21
Tuesday	Romans	12	9-10
Wednesday	Proverbs	17	17
Thursday	1 Corinthians	16	13-14
Friday	John	10	9-10
Saturday	Psalms	65	15-14

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
New York Ave. at South Ashe St.
Maynard Mangum, Minister
Bible School, 9:45 a.m. Worship 11 a.m.
Training Union, 6:30 p.m. Evening Worship, 7:30 p.m.
Youth Fellowship, 8:30 p.m.
Scout Troop 224, Monday, 7:30 p.m.; mid-week worship, Wednesday 7:30 p.m.; choir practice Wednesday 8:15 p.m.
Missionary meeting, first and third Tuesdays, 8 p.m. Church and family suppers, second Thursday, 7 p.m.

METHODIST CHURCH
Midland Road
Robert C. Mooney, Jr., Minister
Church School 9:45 A. M.
Worship Service 11:00 A. M.
Youth Fellowship 6:30 P. M.
Junior Fellowship 6:30 P. M.
WSSC meets each third Monday at 8 P. M.
Methodist Men meet each third Thursday at 6:30 P. M.
Choir Rehearsal each Wednesday at 7:30 P. M.

THE CHURCH OF WIDE FELLOWSHIP (Congregational)
Cor. Bennett and New Hampshire
Carl E. Wallace, Minister
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service, 11 a.m.
Sunday, 6:30 p.m., Pilgrim Fellowship (Young People), 8 a.m., The Forum.
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BROWNSON MEMORIAL CHURCH (Presbyterian)
Charles E. Ligon, Minister
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship service, 11 a.m. Women of the Church meeting, 8 p.m. Monday following third Sunday. The Youth Fellowships meet at 7 o'clock each Sunday evening.
Mid-week service, Wednesday, 7:15 p.m.

EMMANUEL CHURCH (Episcopal)
East Massachusetts Ave.
Martin Caldwell, Rector
Holy Communion, 8 a.m. (First Sunday and Holy Days, 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.)
Family Service, 9:30 a.m.
Church School, 10 a.m.
Morning Service, 11 a.m.
Young Peoples' Service League, 6 p.m.
Holy Communion, Wednesdays and Holy Days, 10 a.m. and Friday, 9:30. Saturday—6 p.m. Penance.

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Wednesday Service, 8 p.m.
Reading Room in Church Building open Wednesday, 2-4 p.m.

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Men's Club Meetings: 1st & 3rd Fridays 8 p.m.
Women's Club meetings: 1st Monday, 8 p.m.
Boy Scout Troop No. 878, Tuesday evening 7:30 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal, Wednesday, 8:15 p.m. Men of the Church meeting, 8 p.m. fourth Wednesday.

MANLY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Rev. Malcolm Anderson, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship Service 11 a.m. Women of the Church meeting, 8 p.m., second Tues. Mid-week service on Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Wednesday, 8:15 p.m. Men of the Church meeting, 8 p.m. fourth Wednesday.

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