

THE PILOT

Southern Pines North Carolina
"In taking over The Pilot no changes are contemplated. We will try to keep this a good paper. We will try to make a little money for all concerned. Wherever there seems to be an occasion to use our influence for the public good we will try to do it. And we will treat everybody alike."—James Boyd, May 23, 1941.

Fine Addition to the Community

The Pilot extends its hand, along with many others, in welcome to the Proctor-Silex Corporation which, it was announced last week will build a big plant here, to employ between 500 and 600 persons. This area is just beginning to wake up, it seems, to what this industry will mean to the community in stimulation of the economy, in boosting business morale, in helping attract other industry and—an often-overlooked point—in making available additional human energy and talent in civic service: in government, cultural endeavors or other projects.

Southern Pines is doing well to welcome growth and a balancing of its resort-residential character with industry and

business. And the town can be thankful that its Industrial Committee has helped to bring here, in recent years and now again with Proctor-Silex, companies whose personnel and characteristics complement the community.

The Pilot salutes the Industrial Committee and all who worked through and along with that group for a task well done in dealing with Proctor-Silex on behalf of Southern Pines, Moore County and North Carolina.

Again we repeat a sentence we have written sometimes under less inspiring circumstances: Our optimism about the future of Southern Pines and the Sandhills remains strong.

Running up a Dead-end Street

What can the Republican party hope to accomplish by moving farther to the Right—becoming more conservative—as evidenced in Governor Rockefeller's speech that was such a disappointment to his supporters in the so-called liberal wing of the party—not to mention the accolades extended to Senator Goldwater from large groups of the party's faithful?

An article on this page, quoting various Republicans' misgivings about the meaning and destiny of their own party, shows that some GOP members at least are questioning, if only half-heartedly, the doctrine that is announced as guiding the party in its efforts for the nation and against the Democrats.

This striving to project an "image," Walter Lippmann points out, can never be successful so long as the Republicans continue to wall themselves off from the needs and desires of a large proportion of a growing population and a changing world.

Mr. Lippmann bluntly describes as "silly" the constantly voiced Republican theory that progressivism (all the social legislation from the income tax down through Social Security and welfare aid to aid to education) leads to socialism and socialism to communism.

There is not the slightest evidence that the United States is headed for communism and there is a world of evidence that social legislation of the kind denounced

by Republicans for half a century has been a mighty bulwark both to the nation's economy and to the health and strength of democracy and freedom.

Republicans are always trying to scare the daylight out of people by telling them that the United States is "spending" its way out of freedom into socialism and communism—yet Mr. Lippmann refutes this "central illusion" of GOP doctrine by citing figures to show that this nation's public spending (28.3 per cent of gross national product in 1959) was less than that of other advanced, industrialized, Western countries, notably Canada, France and the United Kingdom, and only slightly more than that of West Germany in that year.

Likewise, the seven per cent of gross national product that the United States spent for social services (social security, veterans' benefits, government interest and cash subsidies) in 1959 was less than the percentage spent for these purposes by any of the nations named above and by Belgium also. Compared to these other nations, the ratio of U. S. public spending is conservative, Mr. Lippmann points out.

These patently absurd basic dogmas of Republicanism today should be enough to alienate large masses of the voters whose common sense, even without the figures cited by Mr. Lippmann, tells them that the GOP is running up a dead-end street under the impression that it is the highway to the future.

Welcome Back, Chester Bowles!

It is welcome news that Chester Bowles is back in Washington. And, best of all, he is back with a stirringly optimistic report of his journeys through North-East Africa and parts of Asia.

But to those who are inclined to look down their noses at optimism these days, especially when it comes from one of "those liberals," it should be said that this Bowles report is tempered with plenty of hard facts not all of them cheerful by a long shot.

Designated in a semi-official way as one of the Administration's ambassadors at large, Bowles was, it will be recalled, dispatched to foreign parts when he had his desk chair slid out from under him as assistant Secretary of State several months ago. There was a certain unseemly haste in the move, and the to-be-expected explanation that he was too valuable a man to be tied down in Washington did not fool many. As an idea man of courage, energy, and strong convictions, Bowles was obviously getting into the hair of the Department. His abrupt departure for what many felt might be parts unknown, with no termination date set to his roving, caused supporters of the liberal policies of the Kennedy regime to shake their heads. Now he is back with a bluebird flash of optimism into the Washington picture. According to reports, his "air of quiet confidence" is impressive.

The people of this nation were given a chance to know about Chester Bowles, both from his outstanding record as Ambassador to India, and later, and fully, from his book, "Political Breakthrough." The book won wide acclaim and showed a man who was a thinker and a student of international affairs, especially of the problems of those nations he has been covering in this recent trip.

The book reflected, also, the pattern of thought and convictions of not only the student and the ambassador with his practical experience in foreign diplomacy, but also the courageous attack and efficiency of Bowles' original success in the world of business as co-founder of the famous advertising firm now known as B.B.D.&O.

This would seem to be a rather rare and valuable combination. It is to be greatly hoped that the Administration will take full advantage of the report that this able public servant is now bringing back to headquarters. In his speech to the National Press Club, some of the angles of the report were covered: Bowles described the more hopeful attitude he

had found in many of the countries visited, towards their own problems and also their relationship with the United States and the West. He felt the people were coming round to a better understanding of what the West is trying to do and also of the falsity of the Communist doctrine and "friendship," so-called. He spoke of the worsening of the Moscow-Peking entente and of Communist China's growth of population in view of its vast food shortages. But Bowles also cautioned his audience that such optimism should not be interpreted as the conclusion that "the Communists are throwing in the sponge!"

The return of Bowles to Washington is welcome because it will bring the firsthand information of a close student of foreign affairs and a man schooled to judge the reactions of people to the council table. But without doubt Ambassador-at-large Bowles will be on his way again and this will be a good thing. If there is anything that Washington needs to know and know accurately it is what people everywhere are thinking, doing, hoping.

Clean-up Time Again

Cooperation of all property owners is asked by town officials and by the Southern Pines Garden Club in cleaning up private yards, parkways and vacant lots in preparation for the hundreds of visitors who will be here for the club's House and Garden Tour on April 11.

Town officials have, as in former years, agreed to make town trucks available for extra hauling of trash and rakings next week, picking up piles placed on parkways without the normally necessary request by a property owner to the town office. Town crews will also clean up along streets. State Highway officials have been asked to clean up State-controlled streets in town, like Connecticut and Indiana Avenues.

Vacant lots that need mowing and raking offer one of the unsightliest characteristics of the town's residential sections, a number of them located on the streets through Weymouth Heights that will be on the route of this year's tour. We urge that lot owners clean them up next week.

Although this annual appeal is made on a basis of pleasing visitors, residents of Southern Pines should be proud enough of their community to keep it clean throughout the year, in both residential and business sections.

"May I Be Of Service Madam?"



'A DEAL THAT MUST BE MADE'

Settlement on Berlin Imminent?

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With an East German delegation arriving in Geneva and a West German delegation reported not far behind, it is obvious, in spite of official silence, that East and West are once more on the brink of a settlement of the Berlin problem.

Whether they will manage to step over this brink remains to be seen, but that they tentatively are considering the leap to what might be a lower plateau of some stability in Central Europe can scarcely be doubted.

Since it could happen—and fairly soon—the West might as well face up to what it would mean for the two sides.

For both, the leap would be risky. Both would have to part company with positions of long duration which have acquired strong emotional overtones. Broad patterns of policies would be affected.

Essential Features
To grasp what it would mean to the two sides, take first the two essential features of a settlement. It must, in order to be acceptable to the West, recognize the security and the survival of West Berlin as a community belonging to the West and entitled to undisturbed commercial communications with the West. To be acceptable to the East it must involve recognition by the West of East Germany as a country and a government.

Such a deal—and there can be no settlement without such a deal—will do quite as much violence to the existing body of Soviet policy and to Communist doctrine as it would do to the existing body of Western policy and Western doctrine.

Moscow's reach for West Berlin goes to the very heart of the issue which today is putting such strain on the Soviet-Chinese Communist relationship. Moscow cannot renounce the reach for West Berlin without conceding by the action that it is breaking from the Chinese concept of Communist dynamism. It would be an admission, indeed a trumpeted declaration, that accommodation with the capitalist West is better than conflict with the West.

Break With China
More than that, for Moscow to renounce the reach for West Berlin would give substance to the Chinese contention that Moscow has renounced Communist revolution in order to become a European state. It is difficult to see how Moscow could take this step unless it already has concluded in its own secret councils that the break with China is already inevitable. It could and probably would be the event which would precipitate the open and avowed recognition of the break.

For the West, the deal would destroy the last vestige of the old concept of rolling back the Iron Curtain. It, of course, also would

mean abandoning for visible time the idea of reclaiming East Germany by Western manipulation.

Within visible time the deal would put East Germany in the same category with Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, and the rest. It would become one more state recognized by everyone as a state with fixed boundaries and entitled to trade and do diplomatic business with anyone choosing to do such business with it. It would cease being treated as a non-existent pariah.

So great is the violence which

the deal would do to vested political interests in both Moscow and the West and so radical is the project for both sides that one is almost tempted to say that it cannot happen.

But it is also a deal which must be made if the danger of a nuclear war arising out of Berlin is to be exorcised. It is also a prerequisite to a useful summit conference, to disarmament, and to any lasting improvement in East-West relations. The price would be very high, but the rewards also could be substantial to both sides.

HAVING 'IMAGE' TROUBLES

Confusion Noted Within GOP

In a recent nationally syndicated column, Walter Lippmann points out that "in recent years Republican doctrine has been shaped by theorists who are out of touch with the modern world. Indeed," Mr. Lippmann wrote, "it would not be an exaggeration to say that it has been shaped by theorists who do not know what they are talking about."

Several points of the "doctrine" to which Mr. Lippmann refers are discussed in an editorial on this page. The "Democrat," a publication of the Democratic National Committee, reprints the Lippmann column in full in its current issue and accompanies it with further comment on the "GOP's frantic preoccupation with images"—the impressions the party is trying to make on the nation: what the party wants the nation to think it is. To illustrate the confusions and dissatisfactions within the Republican party, the "Democrat" continues as follows:

The Public Speaking

Area's Medical Service Is Called Outstanding

To the Editor:
While a patient at St. Joseph's Hospital, I greatly appreciated the excellent service and the devoted care of the Sisters.

I was greatly impressed by the small brochure from St. Joseph's, which I received recently. The facts and figures were very enlightening. The growth of this institution has been phenomenal and the information given clearly demonstrated the need in this community of a second hospital.

The county is indeed fortunate in having both St. Joseph's Hospital and Moore Memorial Hospital, each of which render the best of patient care. I doubt if any community of this size can boast such an outstanding group of doctors or better medical service.

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Grains of Sand

Redecorating Costs: Sky High

When the authorities of an old church in England decided recently to repair the interior furnishings, they employed a local artist to touch up an old oil painting. In due course, the artist presented his bill, but the authorities refused payment until full details of the work had been given. So the bill came back, as follows, (translated into US currency):

To embellishing Pontius Pilate and putting new ribbons on his hat	\$1.50
Replumbing and re-gilding left wing of Guardian Angel	4.98
Washing High Priest's servants	2.75
Cleaning out St. David's ears	.20
Renewing Heaven, adjusting the stars and cleaning up the moon	2.75
Erightening up the flames of Hell, putting a new tail on the Devil, mending his hoof and doing several odd jobs for the damned	5.10
Touching up Purgatory and restoring lost souls	1.00
Mending the shirt of Prodigal son	.50
Touching up Pharaoh's daughter	.75
Total	\$19.53

Nuclear Heebie-jeebies

It gives us the creeps to read that the next nuclear tests to be undertaken by the United States will be from, or over, Christmas Island.

When you add to that wretched combination the fact that the basing point in Britain of our polaris missile submarine is in the Holy Loch you—well, to say the least: it's a curious coincidence.

Look Out!

In the discussion about the fact that machines are replacing men right and left, the suggestion is made that the thing to do, first, is to make a study of the situation.

And how would the study be made?

By the use of machines, of course.

Frankenstein is coming closer!

Miss Hurst and The Permissive Parent

"Permissive" is a word of praise in the language of child psychiatry. It is applied to those parents either too dumb, or to infatuated with or too exhausted by their offspring to try to control them. They'd rather let them drive everybody crazy than pronounce those un-child-psychiatric words: "Quit!" or "Hush!"

John G. Fuller, editing "Trade Winds" in a recent Saturday Review, tells of the lengths to which Fannie Hurst, the writer, was finally driven to save her reason.

Miss Hurst, flying overseas not long ago, had the misfortune to have as two of her companions a permissive mother and a horrible little boy. The latter charged up and down the aisle, bothering everybody while his mother sat like a statue apparently immune to all.

Looking out at the clouds drifting by, Miss Hurst, a normally gentle and law-abiding lady, put up with the bouncing and the shouting for several hours and still the mother made no effort to control her son.

Finally, when the boy yanked off her bracelet and went for a bauble on her new hat, she could control herself no longer.

"Little boy," she said in a tired voice, but loud enough for the unperturbed mother to hear, "why don't you go outside and play?"

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