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Glass House Occupants

Says Lynn Nisbet in his well-read Capitol Square column.

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During the past few days there has even been heard comment about the governor and high-ranking personnel of the highway department accepting entertainment and gifts of brief cases from the people of Fayetteville.

Mr. Nisbet, a very astute and thoroughly reliable reporter and observer of State affairs, expresses belief that no doubt some of the criticism and the talk have been grossly exaggerated. No doubt he is right.

"The difference between a free trip to Europe or a vacation in a swank Florida hotel and a weekend at the beach or a fishing trip on the coast is in degree rather than in kind," points out Mr. Nisbet.

Then, he points out that Governor Scott is a man who has talked very glibly about cleaning up petty graft, and recalls the old adage that people who live in glass houses should not throw stones and reverses it to read: "People who throw stones should not live in glass houses."

We haven't too much quarrel with our Haw River governor for taking a fishing trip with a friend, or accepting a little hospitality now and then even if those acts do throw a shadow of suspicion about the governor.

What we do resent is such utter disregard for the way he spends the taxpayers money.

Such as: that underpass built across the highway so cattle can travel from his farm to his brother's farm without crossing the highway, the way he used the State's automobile and gas last year to try to ram down the throats of the voters a candidate they didn't want and couldn't stomach, the extra expense he's added to the governor's office, etc., etc. (We could go on for pages.)

We have noticed particularly that when the governor makes a trip to some conference that he now takes both of his secretaries and sometimes their wives. (He even took two highway patrolmen as chaffeurs on a trip to Colorado.)

It seems the governor could get along on these trips—which really amount to vacations—with just one secretary. And one of his secretaries manages to keep him in hot water so consistently that it looks like His Excellency would be happy indeed to find a good excuse for leaving him at home.

But that would be too practical and too economical.

\$40 Door Costs \$594

Down in Lexington, Tennessee, a newspaper has uncovered the acknowledged fact that the General Services Administration (whatever that might be) paid \$594 to install two doors for the government which retailed at \$40.

But, before you go jumping at harsh conclusions, let us remind you that H. E. Harman, Jr., southeastern director of GSA (the title sounds like a \$12,000-a-year-man), says there was nothing out-of-line about that expenditure.

Harman said the job was advertised according to law and that the lowest bid was accepted.

That may have made the expenditure legal, according to law, but it seems to us only common sense and practical that the government has the right to reject a bid for anything at 10 times the normal price low bid or high bid, or no bid at all.

In our way of thinking, the \$454 difference ought to come out of the salary of the stupid officials who let a thing like that happen. And as soon as the \$454 is deducted, his salary ought to be terminated and he also ought to be denied unemployment insurance!

W. B. BAPTIST LADIES TO MEET
The Ladies' Auxiliary of Long Branch E. W. B. Church is sponsoring an "Orphanage Benefit Sing" at the Dunn Free-Will Baptist

Orphanage on Sunday, November 11, at 1:30 p. m.
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These Days



By **Sokolsky**

THE DEED IS DONE

Admiral Charles Maynard Cooke was in charge of the "Pennsylvania" at Pearl Harbor; he had been chief of staff to Admiral King during World War II. He was in command of the Seventh Fleet from 1946 to 1948. He was in command of all American combat forces in China after General Wedemeyer left that country.

In view of this record, the McCarran Committee therefore summoned him to come to Washington from Formosa where he is now engaged in a commercial enterprise, having retired from the Navy. In his testimony before the McCarran Committee, he filled in a number of gaps in our information concerning the American relations with China, which are now of tremendous importance to us because it is an account of our errors in that country that we are fighting in Korea with at least 100,000 casualties. The following is extremely pertinent:

"Senator Ferguson. Do you know anything about the supply of ammunition to the Nationalist troops?"
"Mr. Cooke. Yes. After (Wedemeyer) left, around the 1st of August, 1946, the supply was cut off."
"Senator Ferguson. Why?"
"Mr. Cooke. Well, I didn't do it, and I can't say why."

"Senator Ferguson. Did General Marshall ever discuss that with you?"
"Mr. Cooke. He discussed it in general without making too much comment except that he made the observation to me that we, meaning the United States, had armed the Chinese, and now we were disarming them. In other words, we had undertaken to equip 30-odd Chinese divisions, equip them with guns and things of that kind, and then we stopped the flow of ammunition and made a complete embargo, so we didn't supply it or wouldn't let them buy it for a period of about ten months, I believe. He just made that observation to me, that is all. He wasn't called on to do it, but he did do it."

"Senator Ferguson. It amounted to disarming them because they were not getting the ammunition for the weapons we had supplied them?"
"Mr. Cooke. That is right."
"Senator Ferguson. What effect would the arming of the Nationalists have had as far as the Communists were concerned?"
"Mr. Cooke. Of course, the Communists were being very well supplied in Manchuria by the Russians from arsenals and from captured Japanese guns and ammunition. The Chinese Communists in Korea. And for a number of years, our State Department issued propaganda to the effect that the Chinese Communists were buying American arms from corrupt Nationalists."

The State Department has also made many statements of sending supplies to Chiang Kai-shek which were wanted. I have from time to time stated that there was an embargo against the Nationalists while the Communists were being supplied. Here is Admiral Cooke's sworn testimony on the subject:

"Mr. Morris. What was the nature of the embargo, Admiral Cooke?"
"Mr. Cooke. The United States would supply no combat equipment of any kind, including ammunition, and they wouldn't allow the Chinese to buy any in the United States. Eventually I think they bought some spare parts and maybe some transport planes, no combat planes but transport planes like C-47's and C-46's."
"Mr. Morris. Will you tell us when this embargo went into effect?"
"Mr. Cooke. I can't tell you exactly, but it was about the 1st of August, 1946."
"Mr. Morris. How long did that stay in force?"
"Mr. Cooke. Until the following May."
"Mr. Cooke. May, 1947?"
"Mr. Cooke. Yes."
"Mr. Morris. During the time that was in force was the Chinese government able to buy any equip-



"Trick or treat!"



MEN AND MAIDS, AND STUFF

Mrs. Al Johnson, who came on for the Carnegie Hall tribute to him, had her blue mink coat stolen from the upper box in which she was seated, during the show. In line with this column's campaign, "Night of Stars" will pay performers Nov. 19th. Charlie Trippi, Chicago Cardinal quarterback, served notice on professional football coaches that hereafter, if a coach relays signals to his quarterback, the coach will have to take the blame for faulty judgment. Trippi, after the Washington Redskins upset, blasted Coach Curly Lambeau who had tried to make Trippi the goat. New Jersey State Fire Fighters Mike Smith replaces John P. Crane as vp of the Nat'l. Association. Next indictment by DA Frank Hogan will explode political bombshells!

Monsignor Cornelius J. Drew's campaign to build a Harlem school and community center spurred by Charles Buchanan's pledge to raise \$10,000, plus the Savoy owner's personal check for \$1,000. Ray Robinson, Jackie Robinson and Joe Louis all pitching in on this Harlem project for kids. TV excited over the teaming of Vivian Blaine and Pinky Lee. Nov. 10th last day to apply for Marine Officers' candidate class. If you're 20 to 27, contact Major Lettner, REotor 2-8000, ext. 362. Outside the Paramount stage door, bobby soxers wearing buttons: "Frankie Laine or President!" Sir Shane Leslie stopping Fifth Ave. traffic in his Scotch kilts. Ray Barber calls it Hollywood.

HONOLULU MAYOR JOHN H. WILSON, commenting on a letter in this column from a mother whose GI son is buried in Punchbowl Cemetery, explains: "I understand all U. S. military cemeteries have replaced crosses and Stars of David markers with slabs, so there's no reason why Hawaii should be an exception to the rule. A very great many of those buried in Punchbowl Cemetery are Buddhists and for some reason, the Federal government refused the request that the Buddhist four square emblem be placed over their graves, so you can understand the feelings of their relatives. American mothers can rest assured that the honored dead are being treated with the greatest reverence."

Suspended sentences predicted for those college basketball stars who cooperated with police. Kansas City Star backing Eisenhower for the Presidency? Leo Durocher discussing a picture deal. Paul Ames and Harriet Ansheber started their second honeymoon at El Morocco. Top racket guys laughing at police reports that Willie Moretti was broke. Colette Marchand, French star of "Two on the Aisle" delayed her surgery until a successor is found. Brazil's Tony Veiga planning here to wed show girl Pat Gaston. Judy Garland now doing a 15 minute afterpiece at the Palace. They won't let her off. Mrs. Harry Ruby ailing. Gene Fowler's son going into TV production on the Coast. They ought to change the name of Churchill Downs to Churchill Upset, wires Dennis James.

Premier Mossadegh of Iran really in trouble: having chased the British oil experts and technicians out of Iran, the country is threatened with economic ruin; if he reconciles with the British, there's a good chance of assassination. MacArthur hasn't revealed any political plans, even to his most intimate friends. Rocky Marciano and his pretty wife, mobbed for autographs at Tavern-on-the-Green. The Freddie Stewart's expect a small crooner. John L. Lewis to blast President Truman as a prelude to the '52 campaign. Joy Hodges and ex. Paul Dudley won't reconcile. Carl Brisson clicking at the Persian Room. Donald Bloomingdale planned from Paris to see his seriously ailing mother. Shortest movie marquee signs: "M" and "S", double-featured in neighborhood houses.

Dunn Woman Is Model Winner

Raleigh, N. C. — An Official of the North Carolina Motor Carriers Association announced the winners of the scale model trucks displayed in the association's new "County Fair Caravan" safety exhibit. The executive secretary of the Association, J. T. Outlaw, stated that the fifty-four trucks were mailed today to the different winners throughout North Carolina. "The County Fair Caravan," Outlaw said, "has just completed a six weeks tour of North Carolina Fairs at Shelby, Rocky Mount, Charlotte, Wilson, Raleigh and Carthage."

"The fifty-four winners," Outlaw continued, "were part of over 100,000 troops who learned of the association's traffic safety and courtesy programs while visiting the mobile truck safety exhibit." Winners included Mrs. Thomas Britt of Dunn.

cent assign any reason for not giving it to the Chinese Nationalists in the way you proposed?"
"Mr. Cooke. He just indicated it was undesirable to do so."

Frederick OTHMAN

WASHINGTON. — Sometimes the press can interview a man and learn a lot; sometimes — as the Democrats' new boss discovered — it's vice versa. Maybe this is all to the good.

Frank E. McKinney of Indianapolis, Ind., in any event, had been Chairman of the Democratic National Committee for an hour and a half by the clock when he called his first press conference. Plump, wavy-haired and well pressed in a blue pin-stripe suit, he strode briskly to his desk and took a seat beneath an almost life-size photograph of Harry Truman in technical.

The desk was a whopper. Upon its glass-covered walnut expanse were two pencils, a pristine scratch pad, and a large or politician-size ash tray. With a solid gold cigarette lighter McKinney ignited a fat cigar and looked expectantly at his audience. He didn't have long to wait; there were almost as many newspaper reporters jammed in his office as had ganged up for a look at Princess Elizabeth the night before. This time they were primed with questions.

McKinney apologized for being a little late; he'd been held up a little at a conference with Mr. Truman.

"He say he was going to run again next year?" demanded a reporter.

The chairman almost swallowed his cigar. Then he made a quick recovery and said this wasn't discussed. He said it was his own opinion that if Mr. T. were interested, he'd be a sure winner.

He said he'd suggested to the President that he take out of politics Collectors of Internal Revenue — several of whom lately were fired for fiscal trickery — and put 'em under Civil Service. Mr. Truman agreed this was a good idea.

"How serious a threat (to a Democratic victory) do you think this internal revenue situation is?" inquired one of the chairman's new friends.

"I don't think it's serious," he said. "There's been an inference that there's dirt under the carpet." "Inference!" exclaimed his inquisitor. "They've been indicted, haven't they?"

McKinney took a deep puff on his cheroot. Then he changed the subject. He said he did not seek his new job. "When I first read about it in the newspapers back home," he added, "I thought somebody was pulling a big joke on me."

"Maybe they were," suggested a correspondent.

The chairman blinked. Another questioner wondered whether he believed the Democratic leadership over the years had gotten away from the people. That was an easy one: McKinney snapped: "I do not."

"Well, do you think the people have gotten away from the leadership?" asked another inquisitor.

McKinney said if they had, he'd try to do something about it. He also said that he intended first to reorganize his committee staff and then study some of the hot political problems.

"What hot problems?" he was asked.

The chairman said he didn't know

Dunn Hospital Patients

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COLORED
Beatrice Balcom, Rt. 1, Godwin; Ida Bell Watson, Rt. 1, Four Oaks; Lee Hagans, Newton Grove.

GO SHOPPING
Mrs. Silas Whittington and Mrs. Wade Ferrell spent yesterday in Raleigh shopping.

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JITTERY — Question has been raised in some quarters about the propriety of the governor of North Carolina going on a fishing trip as guest of a man who sells a lot of sand and gravel to the State. Also there has been some criticism of the governor accepting hospitality of owners of private airplanes for trips over the country. During the past few days there has even been heard comment about the governor and high ranking personnel of the highway department accepting entertainment and gifts of brief cases from the people of Fayetteville. Not a single person with whom your reporter has talked thinks there is anything wrong in these matters. The adverse comment is regarded as evidence that some people are simply suffering from a bad case of jitters because of rumors and developments of monkey-business among high ranking officials in Washington.

BASELESS — There is no real justification for these jitters, but there is some excuse. The difference between a free trip to Europe or a vacation in a swank Florida hotel and a week-end at the beach or a fishing trip off the coast, is in degree rather than in kind. There is an old adage to the effect that people who live in glass houses should not throw stones. That might be referred to read that people who throw stones should not live in glass houses. Stated another way, the head man in an administration which has made big capital out of proposals to clean up "petty graft" among State employees, must need be more than normally careful in accepting completely honest and innocent favors.

HELPFUL — That idea should not be carried to the extreme point that a man must associate himself from all his friends just because he happens to hold public office. One of the main troubles with public officials is they do not keep enough contacts with the run-of-mind citizenship they serve. The governor and the highway commissioners and the other officials can do a much better job if they take time out from official duties to consort with contractors and bankers and cotton mill workers and truck drivers and mechanics and reporters. All this stuff about the governor being seduced by a fishing trip on a rich man's boat or a dinner given by reporters who cover his office is a lot of fish-tosh and bunk. Fact is, if governors and presidents and other big shots did that kind of thing more often they'd be better officials.

TAGGED — Here's a cute little human interest story from Greensboro. A business man there took a bunch of magazines to the Masonic home and was recognized by one of the "guests" from several previous visits. The guest, an elderly woman, spoke to him and said: "You are not a Mason, are you? The man sort of shame-facedly admitted he was not. "I was sure you were not," said the woman, because no Mason ever brings us anything." That's a true story yet. The questioners then led him through a discussion of why he'd refused to accept the \$35,000 salary of his new office and how he'd divested himself of most of his business interests. "I'm only retaining my banking, radio, and real estate interests," he said.

"That all?" inquired one of the writers.

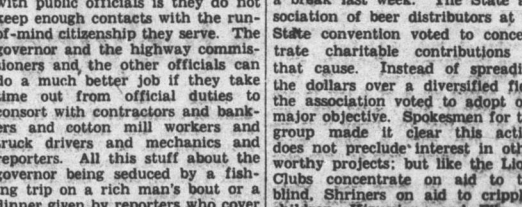
The chairman sighed. And I must report in all honesty that he acquitted himself well at one of the most difficult ordeals — the press conference — that the top men here must undergo.

NICKELS — As a result of Saturday's election among purchasers of commercial feeds and fertilizer, the agricultural research program in North Carolina will get enough extra nickels next year and each year thereafter to add between \$150,000 and \$200,000 annually to the fund available for such use. Leaders in the movement are both happy and disappointed. They are happy at the preponderant majority rung up for the plan of adding five cents a ton to the purchase price of feed and fertilizer. The vote was approximately twelve to one. They are not at all happy over the fact that only about 700,000 eligible voters took the trouble to express an opinion. Advance information was that approximately half a million persons could vote.

CONCENTRATION — Children suffering from cerebral palsy got a break last week. The State association of beer distributors at its State convention voted to concentrate charitable contributions to that cause. Instead of spreading the dollars over a diversified field the association voted to adopt one major objective. Spokesmen for the group made it clear this action does not preclude interest in other worthy projects; but like the Lions Clubs concentrate on aid to the blind, Shriners on aid to crippled children, Kiwanians and Ysks on generally under-privileged youngsters, the beer distributors will paramount assistance to victims of cerebral palsy. Estimates of dollar amounts varied all the way from two thousand to forty thousand dollars a year, with most commonly accepted figures between five and ten thousand, to be made available for the overall project in this State for helping kids who are commonly known as "spastics."

JOKE — Whether it was deliberate or inadvertent, whether it was serious or a joke, and who the joke was on, are still unanswered questions. Anyway, a lot of folks are still chuckling about one item in Governor Scott's speech to the recent State CIO-PAC convention. The governor was talking about conservation of water resources through federal development of multi-purpose projects on State streams. He used, to support his contention, several quotations from statements made many years ago by William Howard Taft, who served the nation well as president and chief justice of the United States supreme court. The last president was father of Senator Robert A. Taft, co-author of the Taft-Hartley act, whose name is anathema in any labor union group.

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