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## A New Face In 1953

The first thing you'll notice about the new year's Daily Tar Heel is its new look.

We're proud of our new printer in Hillsboro. New equipment installed at the plant of The News Inc. will insure students of having a daily newspaper for the remainder of the year.

While you were prepping for exams right before Christmas, the Publications Board was facing a crisis—no printer and a financial problem. Colonial Press, our old printer, was unable to continue publication. The board was fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Ed Hamlin, a former Daily Tar Heel staffer himself. Working with the new printer is J. B. Holland, a topnotch mechanical superintendent, who has spent three years in handling the mechanical operation of your newspaper.

The printing problem was solved but the financial one was not. The Daily Tar Heel had a difficult first quarter financially. If you'll remember, we changed in September from a tabloid to a seven-column newspaper, which we are still maintaining. But that costs money, a lot more than the tabloid. And student fees have not increased since 1948. They've decreased substantially. To have the kind of daily newspaper that students deserve, the Student Legislature must give more funds to The Daily Tar Heel or the newspaper will have to stop serving students in the way it does now.

The new Daily Tar Heel will print daily except for Saturdays and Mondays. That's a decrease from six to five days a week. But it's a decrease in number not in size. And we want to continue giving you all the news that is possible.

## Hazard In 1953, Too

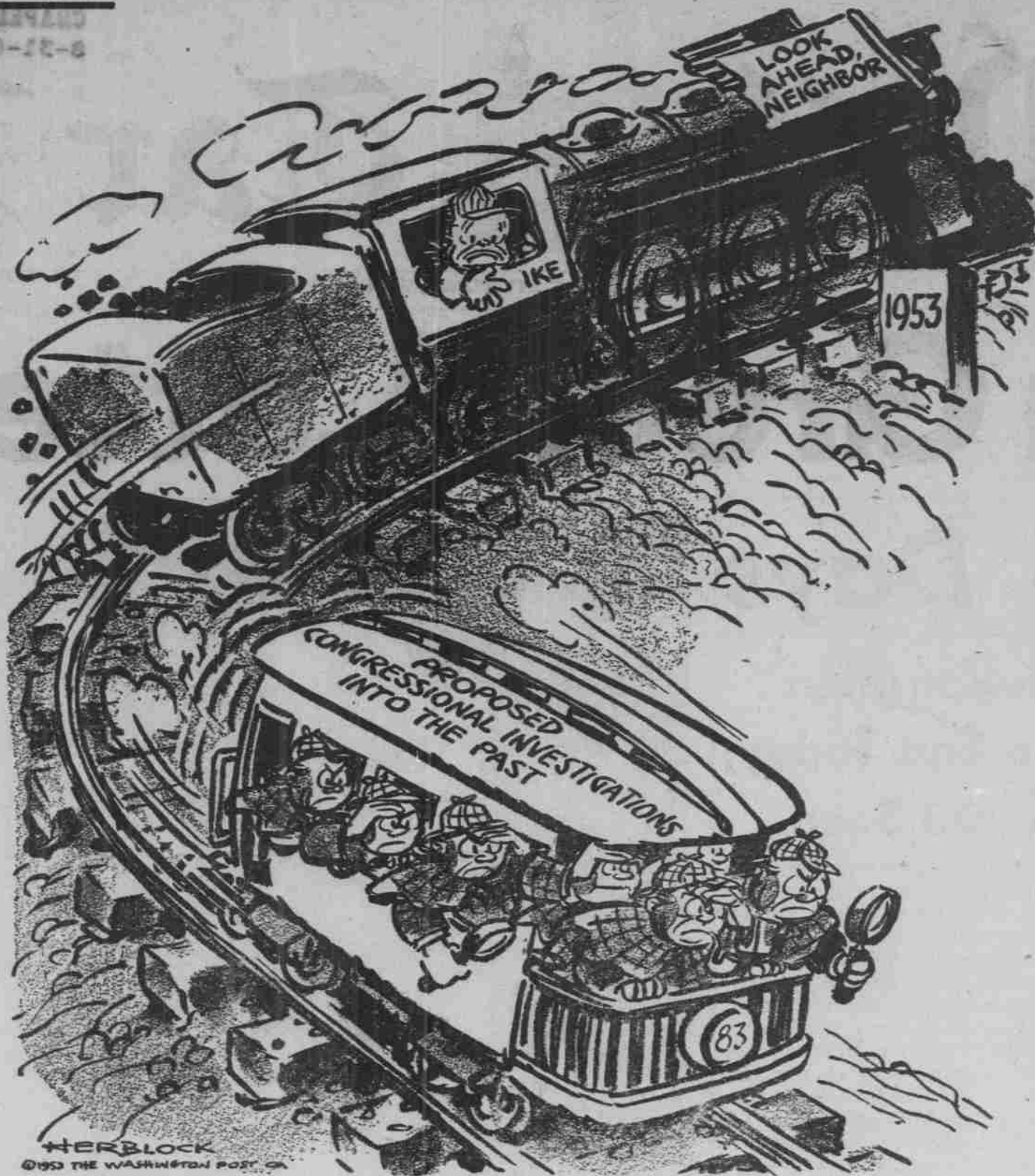
"CONDEMNED" is not a pleasant greeting for either Christmas or the New Year. Usually we think of condemnation as a sentence for punishment. "Condemned to die, condemned to prison," are common expressions.

But when men and women of 35 out of 36 fraternity and sorority houses see the large typed "CONDEMNED" sign posted on the front door and look at the smaller type, they find that their houses are unfit. In the eyes of the state law, their campus homes are unlivable.

The law is the law and as the presidents of the Greek organizations meet with Dean Roy Holsten today, we are sure that adequate programs will be launched to put the houses in shape to conform with fire regulations. The 90 days allowed for compliance with the building regulations should give the fraternities some time to improve their houses.

An aroused parent of a student made the inquiry on houses. The parent thought that the houses were fire hazards. We don't understand why the University and the town government takes action now when they were hazards for so many years, under the law.

We are happy to see that the University and the town are concerned with any fire hazards in the community. Yet some dormitories need fire extinguishers. They have none. Shouldn't the fire regulations extend to the dormitories, too?



DREW PEARSON

## The Washington Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON—British sources close to Winston Churchill say that while his initial reason for coming to see Eisenhower was the dynamite-laden situation in Iran, the prime minister has become equally steamed up over reports of Eisenhower's proposed strategy in Korea.

This strategy, as relayed to London by British observers, follows:

1. Send two divisions of Chiang Kai-Shek's troops to Korea from Formosa.
2. Blockade the China ports.
3. Turn over a certain number of American naval vessels to South Korea and the Chinese Nationalists in order to form Korean and Chinese navies, which in turn would harass the coast of China.
4. Lift the present ban against Chiang Kai-Shek's sending military expeditions to the Chinese mainland.
5. Possible use of atomic weapons in Korea.
6. Send three U.S. divisions to Japan, presumably to prepare for a Korean offensive next Spring.

The first five of these cut square across British policy in the past—not only the policy of the Labor government, but the Conservatives. In fact, Ex-Prime Minister Clement Attlee rushed across the Atlantic on a somewhat similar mission when President Truman dropped an off-the-cuff remark about using the A-Bomb in Korea.

Churchill is reported by friends to be particularly upset over Ike's reported plan to blockade the China coast. The British have long argued that Chiang Kai-Shek is completely discredited, that he can never stage a comeback, and that using his troops either in Korea or on the Chinese mainland would be like a red flag to the Chinese. It might, they argue, prolong the war indefinitely.

The British also claim that any blockade of the China coast would be tantamount to an act of war. If U.S. warships should blockade Russian-held Dairen, for instance, it might easily provoke war.

Churchill's advisers say that since he and Eisenhower are old comrades from World War II during which they enjoyed an extremely close relationship, Winston may tactfully suggest that the new president should not move merely for the sake of movement, but that his moves be carefully thought out so as not to alienate this country's allies.

Note—it's interesting that while Eisenhower was aboard the U.S.S. Helena some of his advisers hashed over the prospect that Churchill might use his old friendship with Ike to influence policy. Churchill's hurry-up trip to New York had not been announced at that time. But even

then, Ike-men worried over the intimate relationship between the two, and persuasive influence of the prime minister.

Note 2—It was British hesitancy over Roosevelt's proposed naval blockade or "quarantine" in the Far East in 1936 which finally upset his attempt to stop Japanese aggression. It was also the lobbying of British and American oil companies which helped break up the League of Nations sanctions imposed on Mussolini when he invaded Ethiopia in 1935. Each postponement of a showdown, however, built up for a greater and more tragic eventual showdown with the Axis.

President Truman had a farewell luncheon with Democratic Senators right after New Year's Day. There were moments of sadness and also moments of mirth as he said good-bye to colleagues with whom he had served and with whom he had some times differed.

Sen. Ernest McFarland, retiring not only as Democratic leader but as Senator from Arizona, made a speech which touched his colleagues. Referring to the fact that he had been mentioned as ambassador to Mexico, McFarland said:

"I don't think the Republicans owe me anything, and I don't expect anything. I've battled them as hard as I could and have done

the best job I know how. I'm going down with the team.

"When the team comes up again, I'll be there playing right guard—if they want me to."

President Truman also spoke, and got a laugh when he chided new Sen. Stuart Symington of Missouri, whom Truman tried to have defeated in the Democratic primary there.

"I want to warn you, Stu," said the president, "that about 20 days from now I'll be one of your constituents. And you'd better watch out. I'm quite a letter-writer and I'm going to write you some letters."

The president also told about the Missouri Senatorial race in which Symington defeated Republican Sen. James Kem, and the picture of a cow which Kem had circulated indicating that he understood farm problems.

"Kem doesn't know how to milk a cow," said the president. "The only thing he knows how to milk is corporation."

One piece of "unfinished business" Harry Truman may tackle after leaving the White House concerns Joe Stalin. While president of the United States, Truman cannot tee off on the Soviet dictator for Stalin's betrayal of the Potsdam agreement.

But as ex-president he is more free. And Harry is thinking seriously of taking off the protocol

## ROLFE NEILL The Livespike

Every now and then you read where some writer is sick of this and sick of that. I'd like to go on record.

My gripe is about a number of our entertainment stars who risk their life and press agent to go to Korea, ostensibly to "do my bit for our boys." Now I'm all for our better entertainers doing their bit in Korea, and from press reports, the soldiers enjoy it. But what I'm irked about are the ones who come back and capitalize on their visits.

They never miss a radio opportunity to tell about when "I was in Korea." They don't seem to be able to pass up any chance to grab a newspaper headline with a personal account of Korea.

Naturally, there are many who entertain our troops in Korea and expect no publicity reward. It would be a good thing for this spirit to infect their darling cohorts.

Ever wondered where the historical markers along N. C. highways and in its towns come from? It all goes back to 1935. In that year the Legislature began the state's historical marker program and since then 676 have been erected throughout Tar Heelia. The markers cost about \$85 each and are manufactured under a state competitive bidding contract. The 1951 Legislature made \$5,000 a year available for markers—or about 60 a year. Of this 60, about 20 percent are replacements.

Selecting a personage to be honored by a marker is done by a committee of historians from Davidson, State, Wake Forest, UNC and Duke. Of the state's 100 counties, only Hoke, Pamlico and Alexander lack at least one of the black and silver signs. Wake has 42 markers and Hanover is second with 22.

Edwin A. Miles, archives and history researcher, says the his-

gloves and telling the world in general and Stalin in particular what he really thinks of him.

In a recent chat with his close friend, Joseph Keenan of the American Federation of Labor, Truman said he planned to "take it easy" for six months after leaving the White House, devote part of the vacation to a trip around the world; also promote the Truman Memorial library in Independence.

After that, he told Keenan: "I'm going to do some writing. I don't know how it will work out because writing isn't my long suit, but the American public hasn't been given a fair appraisal of my administration—there's still some confusion about certain matters, foreign and domestic—and I would like to get the record straight for future historians."

The president didn't elaborate, but in talks with advisers he has strongly indicated that, among other things, he would like to tell the whole, unvarnished story of the controversial Potsdam conference and Stalin's betrayal of trust.

torical committee is attempting to get away from emphasizing political and military leaders. "We're trying to put more emphasis on social, cultural, educational and religious leaders," he said.

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