

Editorial And Opinion

U. S. The Shorn Lamb

There may be some question as to whether we are giving our foreign friends "the shirt off our back." But there's no doubt we are handing over our coat-and-pants, our "woolies," our blankets, and sundry other woolen items that are sorely needed to fend the chill of low-wage, low-tariff imports from the body-politic. The loss of the Carrboro Mills operation, though of most seriousness to this area, is but one cost of this generous policy.

In ten years, under the made-in-Geneva GATT arrangements to distribute American dollars more equitably over the rest of the world, half of our woolen and worsted mills machinery has been halted and removed from idle mills. Fifty percent of the industry's work-force has lost its jobs. Production of woolen and worsted fabrics of all types has been cut 40 percent. Woolen industry profits, that stood at nearly \$83 million in 1948, disappeared long ago. By 1951 they had shrunk to less than \$33 million and the red-ink figures began in 1952. By 1954 (the last year for which income tax figures are available) losses had reached \$30 million.

Clearly, it is time to call for a change. Wherefor, the various segments of the wool industry—growers, processors, spinners, weavers, knitters, felters and finishers—have joined hands in an organization called "Woolens and Worsteds of America" to enhance public appreciation of American-made wool products.

Naturally the wage differential is the root of the problem.

The best example of what this means is a tabulation of the wage-cost of a yard of rigidly specified 16-ounce Army serge. Allowing three-quarters of a manhour per yard, the U. S. labor cost is \$1.20; in Britain, 38 cents; France, 34 cents; Italy, 22 cents; and Japan 10 cents!

And in this connection it is interesting to note that before World War II, both Japan and Italy were unsuccessful in competing with US mills, wherefor our Government provided modern, efficient machinery and sent technicians to teach them the American know-how! Now, these very countries with their fantastic wage advantage are wiping out what the Congress ruled some years ago is a vital defense industry. (While ragged, shivering, frost-bitten soldiers survived Valley Forge and won through to victory, we might not be so lucky again.)

As for the myth that foreign woolens are superior, it is exactly that. Grade standards are international, the same the world over. Our manufacturing skills equal or surpass the foreigners, and the artistry of our designers in textures, colors and patterns leads the world. American-grown, American-made woolen need no favors. But they must, in the national interest, have justice.

The Fuse Burns Short

In what has been termed by some to be a strong policy statement, Secretary of State John Foster Dulles has said with the President's approval that the massive US forces whose gun muzzles point at Red China will take "timely and effective" action if and when President Eisenhower decides this is necessary for the defense of Formosa.

This, of course, has been the U. S. position and the U. S. responsibility since the signing of the Mutual Defense Treaty with Chiang ai-shek in 1955. Since then U. S. spokesmen have remained coy on the subject of whether or not the Administration regarded Quemoy and the Matsus as part of Chiang's domain, and hence "Free China." Mr. Dulles' latest contribution appears to admit that they are. He says: "In this connection, we have recognized that the securing and protecting of Quemoy and Matsu have increasingly become related to the defense of Taiwan (Formosa). This is indeed also recognized by the Chinese Communists. Military dispositions have been made by the United States so that a Presidential determination, if made, would be followed by action both timely and effective."

A U. S. spokesman has interpreted the Dulles statement to mean that "a Presidential determination" has not yet been made; that the Secretary and the President hope Red China will no make an all-out effort to take Formosa and the offshore islands which the Reds speciously claim belong to them; that Chiang may be able to handle the situation with the logistic support he is already receiving from us and without "shooting" help. Further, this unnamed "high American official" assumes that the U. S. will not withhold military assistance until the situation gets out of hand; and that, if action is ordered, the China shore will be no Yaloo River and American bombers will strafe China mainland airfields from which the Nationalists are attacked.

We hope that this spokesman knows whereof he speaks, and that the Reds' intelligence is good enough to comprehend the still growing assault capabilities of the mighty forces arrayed against them, and the attitude of top U. S. military leaders who are still burning over the Korea fiasco. In this case the Chinese Communists just may, as Mr. Dulles hopes "stop short of defying the will of mankind for peace."

'We Can Hide Back Here A While Longer'



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demanded the guard.

SIGN . . . Sign on a State employee's desk: "Looking for Someone With a Little Authority? I Have As Little As Anyone."

NOTES . . . Reports we get from Washington, D. C., since adjournment of Congress is that Sen. John Kennedy added very little to his chances of Democratic Presidential nomination . . . and there seems to be more talk about Adlai Stevenson being the nominee again.

Surprise: More than one-half of all Federal weed tax collections come from North Carolina—or rather Through North Carolina—because of our huge tobacco industry . . . In fiscal year 1956-57—latest year for which figures are available—the U. S. take from N. C. was a cool \$934,791,000

North Carolina's long list of county fairs began last week with the one in Reidsville . . . The State Fair this time comes on Oct. 14-18 . . . the ninety-first.

In most of the football predictions for this season, both Clemson and Carolina are being placed in the top 20 teams of the Nation . . . and they meet at Clemson on September 27.

Although we don't have as many people going to games as we did ten years ago, we have more cars at the games—and that means you should try to be there 30 minutes before the kickoff—unless you want a long walk. Most games this fall will begin at 2 o'clock sharp.

Our North Carolina coroner "system" is under attack by various newspapers and State officials . . . and something may be in the air for the next session of the General Assembly.

The 10th annual Southern Consumers Credit Clinic will be held in Charlotte . . . at the Hotel Charlotte . . . on September 16-17 . . . with a special dinner honoring its founder and chief pusher, likeable and efficient Charles C. Dudley, head man of the Charlotte Merchants Association and a brother-in-law of LeGettie Blythe, the book-writer . . . Edwin Gill has just returned from the hospital . . . an old foot trouble . . . and Attorney General Seawell talks more like a candidate all the time.

GEMS OF THOUGHT

"SOLITUDE IS SWEET"
My sense of nature's rich glooms is, that loneliness lacks but one charm to make it half divine—a friend, with whom to whisper. "Solitude is sweet."—Mary Baker Eddy

Solitude is as needful to the imagination as society is wholesome for the character.—James What sweet delights a quiet life affords.—Henry Drummond

I have often said that all the misfortunes of men spring from their not knowing how to live quietly at home, in their own rooms.—Blaise Pascal

A wise man is never less alone



David Lloyd for The News



By CARL HELM

To see grass growing in cracks of sidewalks probably pains tidier souls. But I walked so many miles on so many hard, unyielding pavements of so many great cities! A sidewalk with a scraggle of grass in an occasional crack, then, delights my heart: it is Nature, triumphant.

Once, in New York, my window in a skyscraper looked out on a lone little tree, bravely battling for existence in the stony, gaseous heart of Manhattan. It withered and died in a year. So now, in the deeply shaded streets of my hometown, I like it somehow when a determined old elm or maple pushes up the sidewalk with its roots. Nature ain't licked yet. I say to myself, by man's "civilized" contrivances!

A friend sent me this verse:
"The happiest heart that ever beat,
"Was in some tranquil breast,
"That found the common daylight sweet,
"And left to God the rest!"

Then he PS'd: "Have you read the 103rd Psalm lately?" I hadn't, but I did—and I recommend it to you!

than when he is alone.—Jonathan Swift

Conversation enriches the understanding, but solitude is the school of genius.—Edward Gibbon

Senator Jordan Reports

Foreign Policy Dissatisfaction

By SEN. B. EVERETT JORDAN

In travelling over North Carolina since Congress adjourned, I have found that there is, a great deal of concern over the position of the United States in world affairs.

The very grave situation that erupted over Formosa and Red China gives every American citizen reason to be deeply disturbed. Almost everywhere I go I find that people are disgruntled and dissatisfied with our foreign policy.

The dissatisfaction did not start with the China emergency. It is hard to tell when it did start, but the backwash of the Middle East situation and the second thoughts over our sending troops to Lebanon are causing the public to ask a great many questions.

Russia has managed to maneuver us into the position where the Communists can stick a needle into our prestige at any number of places throughout the world. Once a problem is under control in the Middle East, trouble pops up in the Orient. Today, tomorrow, or a month from now, it may be Europe.

The unrest in the Middle East and the Orient seems to be the obvious and unavoidable results of the Eisenhower-Dulles foreign policy.

Many people have asked me why Congress doesn't exert more control over the manner in which the President conducts foreign policy. In both Formosa and the Middle East Congress has given blank-check authority to the President to act as he sees fit. This

authority was given almost two years ago in the case of Formosa when the Chinese Reds threatened to attack the Chinese Nationalists. In the case of the Middle East, it was given earlier this year to offset the threats of Nasser.

We are now seeing the complicated problems that can come from giving such blank-check authority.

It seems that every time an emergency arises, the President thinks that all he has to do to scare the Communists is to get a resolution passed in Congress giving him authority to use troops if necessary.

Rightly or wrongly, such an approach gives the impression that we are ready to act first and talk later.

Bully Role

It has put us in the roll of a bully looking for trouble with Russia standing back and encouraging emergencies whenever she sees fit.

This approach also has put us in the position of pushing our chips out on the table without knowing where the cards lie.

Because we have been jumping from one crisis to another and because our prestige is growing steadily worse in many areas of the world, it is only natural for all of us to be concerned about the hows and whys and future course of our present foreign policy. Consequently, foreign policy will certainly be a key issue in this year's elections.

It would be unfortunate for foreign policy to become a political football, but there is a very real need to have a full and frank discussion of where we stand and let the people in on what is going on and shaping up.

Tar Heel

PEOPLE & ISSUES

By Cliff Blue

MULE DAY IN BENSON

Benson's annual "Mule Day" celebration will be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 12, 13, 14. Congressman Harold D. Cooley will be the main speaker and no doubt it will be a big occasion with Hardrock Simpson racing a mule 30 miles across Johnston County—but nevertheless a great man most appropriate for a "Mule Day" celebration will be missing—W. Kerr Scott, who just ten years ago had emerged at the center of public life and the political stage in North Carolina.

FRANK GRAHAM

Ten years ago Frank Graham was the president of the Greater University of North Carolina. He was and is a noted liberal, and was a controversial figure while heading the University system. It was Kerr Scott who appointed him to the Senate in early 1949 upon the death of Senator J. M. Broughton. In a never-to-be-forgotten primary campaign, Graham was defeated by Willis Smith in 1950 in the second primary after having led by 50,000 votes in the first. Since leaving the Senate Graham has been working for the United Nations. Now we note that Editor Henry Belk of the Goldsboro Argus quotes a friend as proposing an endowment for Frank P. Graham that would bring him back to North Carolina. No doubt Graham's absence from the University and the State has softened some of his critics and the whole State would welcome him back. We have never thought that it would be possible for Frank Graham to enjoy life in New York and the United Nations as he enjoyed his days at Chapel Hill and the University.

J. BAYARD CLARK

In 1948 J. Bayard Clark declined to seek renomination as congressman from the 7th North Carolina District, returning to Fayetteville to be with his family. Recently we note that he has started writing a column, "The Crossing," in The Bladen Journal under the pen-name "M. R. Bide," recalling incidents and people in Bladen a long time ago. The former congressman is a native of Elizabethtown in Bladen County.

DEANE

Another former Tar Heel Congressman, C. B. Deane of Rockingham made an address before a Baptist Assembly in Richmond, Virginia last week in which he called upon the people of the South to apply the teachings of the Church if they expect to solve the integration problem. Deane was defeated for renomination to Congress in 1956 because he declined to sign the "Southern Manifesto" sponsored by Dixie Senators and Congressmen.

SPEAKERSHIP

You can expect a goodly number of Tar Heel legislators at the YDC breakfast meeting in Greensboro on Saturday, October 4 due to the interest in the Speaker's contest between Addison Hewlett and Carl Venters. Hewlett announced one more commitment last week to bring his claim to 60. Last publicized claim by Venters supporters gave him 56.

BURKE DAVIS

Burke Davis, author and Greensboro Daily News columnist is regarded as a strong booster for Venters in the latter's race for Speaker.

TOM WOLFE

ing to note the number of newspaper writings. In the August issue of the News and Observer a most interesting article by Rev. Norman C. Daniel, tired Episcopal minister of Raleigh but who was in the city before Wolfe died, took up almost no space. On the same page appeared a couple of the Charlotte Observer's Wolfe and his sister, Mrs. Wolfe when Wolfe was a book of "Tom Wolfe" Mrs. Wheaton. "I won't thing up or tear anything Tom died in September born in October seasonal season for Wolfe

TOM MCKNIGHT

McKnight, publisher of the Moore'sville Tribune, Dorothy Brown who was famous as "Long Sam" months ago, his weekly "Uncle Dan From Dan" likewise became popular non-daily newspapers at nation subscribing. It is to a discussion of the day in a strictly and barnyard philosophy

DEMOCRATS

Democratic party bosses in have decided to cling to established custom of strict rallies over the attended principally by holders and party leaders the counties of the nothing better appears been proposed.

Jack Gilmore's

Garden Gossip

Last week Mr. and Mrs. Walker invited me over their night blooming bloom. I asked "Mr. Walker when he told me that many blossoms, he expected forty some buds I don't believe it. However, I went over about 7:30 Cereus was tightly buds as if jealousy beauty as long as we went back home to an hour of enchantment. Walker said, would be When we returned at we found the scene changed. People were awe before beauty that the imagination. A heavy announced the "blooming" we could actually see some, and there they were 40 of these tremendous on the plant. The were held tilted so the holder could see into where it took only a imagination to see the Child in the Manger. I'll be grateful to Mr. and Mrs. for letting me share the

The night blooming a strange looking plant ing to the cactus family tall and unwieldy and blooms is rather Mrs. Walker says that very easily from leaf she has several young in bloom on the night there. I have heard that had to be several years blossom, however, Mrs. had a plant not yet a with one huge flower large as the plant itself. Jill was thrilled when given one of the lovely which kept for several refrigerator. If left on the blossom is gone the night of its flowering, well worth waiting even with the care of and to smell their heavenly fume.

DUCKS ON THE

These days inflation actually everything. Latest is the 1959 model Duck Federal waterfowl (license) which will cost pared with \$2 this year only 10 years ago.



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Chapel Hill News Leader

ABC - All Ballots Count

Orange County's Board of Commissioners has wisely decided to put it up to a majority of the voters whether there shall be ABC stores selling liquor in the County. Sooner than they may think, it will be up to the people to go to the polls and say. If they don't go to the polls, they can't say, whatever they think. And there lies a peril that a proposal that The News Leader believes, would be of much practical benefit to the County might lose.

Two weirdly assorted groups will oppose bringing in the stores. One of them consists of folks who are against liquor on devoted principle and want none of it in any shape or form. We differ with them on the present question, believing that since liquor is legal in the State, the County can properly profit by its sale, but respect them. The other group that dislikes the idea of ABC stores here is the bootleggers. They'll fight, as for their lives, for their livelihoods, and urge their patrons and friends to do the same. Thus, for the highest of motives, and for the lowest in

a desire to keep on profiting by low-breaking, two sets of voters will go to the polls in force.

Others may not have such strong convictions, so much drive to get out and cast their ballots. Yet they should, by all means. They should, if they think that the County ought to get the ABC-store share that it's losing now, to help finance necessary projects, especially school construction. They should, if they want their taxes to stay down, for money must come from somewhere.

The County's merchants have a stake in the opening of the stores. Customers now drive to Durham County or Wake County to buy liquor, and, while they're there, frequently make purchases of other kinds. Lack of ABC stores in Orange County not only deprives it of revenue, but also takes trade away from its merchants.

It's anything but too soon to begin thinking the proposal over, and planning to get to the polls on referendum day, Feb. 7, and cast a ballot.

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