

Classification Confusion

Part of the unnecessary confusion arising from the announced plan of pay increases for State employees is to be ascribed to the vague use of certain terms, particularly "classification" and "selective pay."

Maintenance employees on the campus here and elsewhere have a right to know whether these terms mean they are to be frozen in their present pay or scaled downward.

Employees of the Chapel Hill police and fire departments are classified and have the advantage of knowing where they stand and what to expect as regards pay.

to \$3587 a year. Under the present plan they would draw an increase of \$360. (These figures are from a table published by the Raleigh News & Observer.)

But employees drawing above \$8,000 a year would enjoy a raise of \$720.

It is true that the percentage of increase for the former class looks better than that for the latter, but justice does not go by percentages and there can be something very deceptive about classifying human beings in such terms.

The State Personnel Department and the supporting Governor must make it clear that vague and undefined terms do not conceal discrimination or injustice. Otherwise there will be a justified suspicion that the lower ranks of State employees get the bones while the higher ranks get the gravy.

Ruinous Brainwashing

"Americans have brainwashed themselves about Russia," said U. S. Supreme Court Justice W. O. Douglas before a Duke University audience. He added: "The people of that country have progressed far ahead of what we have imagined... their engineers, physicists and chemists are very talented."

He pointed out that the Russian people likewise get a distorted view of life in the U. S. because "a Russian censor sits astride every news story."

There is no government control of news in the U. S.—China news excepted—but we have seen many other forces operating to raise such a dust and clamor about Russia that we cannot see through the curtain thus dropped before our own eyes.

Meantime, with these twin engines of misrepresentation existing on both sides, we see two powerful nations, which are just now the first and second powers in the world, hurrying down the greased track to a point in the

distance where there will be a crash and an overwhelming explosion.

It is possible that in such a crash the Russian institutions of today will be wiped out and a totally new order will arise. But we shouldn't fool ourselves: the U. S. that survives will be radically changed also.

Such financial and political centers as New York and Washington will do well to escape obliteration; and the great industrial centers of the Middle West will certainly be attacked by nuclear bombs, which even if they miss their economic targets will destroy whole civilian populations—men, women and children. Meantime the country's economy will be drastically changed.

Thus there will be not just one ruined country, but two.

On the world horizon we see no leadership, no statesman, laboring to avert such chaos. Meantime the distortion and the military race continue. Is one the fruit of the other?

Clouds Over Jordan

Despite the loud trumpeting about King Hussein's coup in Hashemite Jordan against anti-American and anti-British members of his entourage, there is no means of knowing just yet whether the Reds have lost a skirmish or whether the U. S. has not merely added another customer to its lengthening payroll.

The Jordan king would doubtless be willing to cut off a few political heads in order to make a favorable impression on Rep. Richardson of S.C., who is touring the Middle East to see who next gets a good dip in the U. S. treasury, but at the same time he drops plain hints that he is not cutting himself off from Egypt or Saudi Arabia or other Arab connections.

The only thing that seems clear is that Great Britain is passing the Middle East

umbrella over to the U. S. and is stepping out from under it.

Jordan has recently separated itself from the British payroll and is supposed to be relying on support from its stronger Arab neighbors. But if that source proves to be scanty, prudence would suggest a richer financial connection.

The only thing that seems definite at this Middle Eastern stage is that the U. S. oil companies are steadily gaining ground from the British, Dutch, and French companies which once tried to bar them out and in these efforts to gain supremacy is getting the material support of the U. S. government.

If Jordan can help it will get on the payroll; if it fails to do its part, it will get off. That might be a fair summary of a situation that the headlines do not fully describe.

Season Of Renewal

It is Spring. New grass, fresh leaves, buds becoming blooms affirm the fact. Drab brown-grey yields to brilliant, variegated green as a background to the creamy purity of dogwood blossoms and the vividness of redbud and the rest of Nature's bright palette.

It is Spring. Flocks and herds increase. Calves and lambs first falter and then frisk beside their mothers. Birds rejoice with song and busy themselves with nests for their broods.

It is Spring, and man's heart knows and warms as weather turns gentler, invites him to the work that will bring the pleasant gain

of harvest in due time.

Yet all these signs are of the earth earthly, having to do, for all their pledge of renewal, only with such as the grass that withers and the beasts that must perish. For man, they concern only his animal part.

Into this, yesterday, came the higher message. The Easter story was told, with its promise that every Spring brings not merely fresh bounty of Earth's produce and of flesh, but of the spirit.

Truly, it is Spring, for tree, plant, animal, man's body and, Easter-betokened, for the soul.

Dixie As Seen By Yankee Writer . . .

Something Away Down South

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We are thinking of setting up a special fund to send Oscar-winning, super-realist Director Elia Kazan on a complete tour of all the territory east of Texas and south of Pennsylvania. This burst of altruism rushed into flower as we were reading the Theater Section of the New York Times, where a prominent critic made a few enlightening remarks about the current controversy over the new Kazan film, "Baby Doll." Mr. Kazan was quoted as saying that he made the picture "to get on film what I feel in the South." This beautifully unequivocal explanation shook us so severely that we

fell against a rotting Ionic column, spilled our julep into the jasmine and kicked the hound dog down the stairs.

To fill in the uniformed, "Baby Doll" is set in a decayed Southern mansion, inhabited by a loud-mouthed, middle-aged husband and his addle-pated child-wife. Award-winning local color is supplied by close-ups of gawking Negroes, squealing pigs and lazy dogs. Of course, everyone sweats a great deal and shouts a lot and there is the inevitable seduction scene.

Now we must admit that we were quite taken with the Tennessee Williams—Elia Kazan treatment of "Streetcar Named Desire"—a compassionate handling

of a sordid situation—but, after "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" appeared, followed by "Baby Doll," we began to get a bit nervous about our environment. Had we been living in a fool's paradise? Could it be that we weren't talking loud enough or sweating enough? Should we exchange our French poodle for a coon dog? Should we walk around the house, more often, in nothing but an old slip? Great balls of fire, how could we have been so un-Southern! Looking around, we've decided that most of our friends are as appallingly un-Southern as we. Practically none of them are carrying on with the hired man. Relatively few are locked in the bedroom, basting

Keep North Carolina 'Green'



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Spring Has Sprung

Editorial in The Smithfield Herald Local conditions notwithstanding, spring has yet to grasp all states in its gentle but firmly quantizing hold.

Yet it's surely on the way. Evidence—three widely scattered cases of mental lapses beneficial to sharp, daring, and perhaps spring-driven lawbreakers.

First inning, Chicago. Yegg was unable to open a safe late at night, called a locksmith, and, peeing as store's owner, got him to take off the door. Two policemen came by, chatted as the man continued his ruse. When the locksmith took the door to his shop to fix it, man made off with \$3,800.

Second inning, Hickory, N. C.

Man in sports car sped through Highway Patrol whammy, clocked at 97 m.p.h. Questioned validity of reading, said his car simply wouldn't go that fast. To check it, went back up the road a ways, got up head of steam, burst through cables at 110 and kept going. Cops, without license number and sitting still, scratched heads.

Third inning, Los Angeles. Young man walked into loan office, went behind counter during business hours, asked one clerk to pardon him as he nudged his way to cash drawer, dipped in and walked out with \$16,000.

Summary: no runs, no hits, three errors, and everybody left. And Southpaw Spring hasn't started throwing curves yet.

The Shortest Route

Another glance at the map will reveal a geographical circumstance that has probably not es-

their egos with straight gin.

Something is awry, amiss. What is to be done about you—the vast army of so-called Southerners who insist on leading lives of repugnant uprightness? Have you no sense of the dramatic, no taste for the classic purity of unbridled violence? If you persist in this foolish adherence to decency you will never catch the beady, talented eye of Mr. Williams or Mr. Kazan. You will go down, unheralded in vramatic annals! Off with your crinolines and knee breeches! Get in there and fight! Sweat a little! Put some guts in your dialogue! Breathe heavier! Leer a little! Live a little! Get with it, baby doll!

escaped the attention of the oil-strategy planners. North-East of Egyptian territory, beyond Sinai, lies the shortest route from the Red Sea to the Eastern Mediterranean. It runs up through the Gulf of Aqaba and across the comparatively narrow neck of the desert from Eilat to a point near Ashkelon, all through Israel territory. A small-bore pipeline for domestic use is now being laid from Eilat to Beersheba. The route has been surveyed and obviously presents no insuperable difficulties in view of the progress being made in laying the Israel pipeline.

Peace with Israel is thus a factor which, however politically unpalatable it must appear to them at this time, the Baghdad Pact countries and the oil-producing states of the Persian Gulf must inescapably take into considera-



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Letters to the Editor

To The Editor:

I am interested in the report of Raymond Adams on his archaeological research in Chapel Hill. One deduction I believe, is wrong.

In reporting on his discovery of the site of the University's ancient standpipe, which was erected, I believe, in the 1890's, he writes: "Melted tar on the ground shows how it was sealed and protected from rust."

I believe there is another explanation for the "tar." In 1933 or 1934, thanks mainly to George Lawrence, the State Emergency Relief Administration approved a street paving program in Chapel Hill, using emergency relief labor.

A large quantity of "tar" for the project was temporarily stored in the old standpipe.

Roy M. Brown

tion for the effective solution of their economic predicament. It must be stated for the record that Persia, Kuwait and Bahrain are not members of the Arab League and were never officially at war with Israel. Turkey, one of the Baghdad Pact countries, was in the process of fostering amicable ties with Israel before its rulers bowed to Iraqi pressure and desisted, though not unapologetically.

Israel speaks

Trash Can Affair

(Stanley News & Press)

A dispatch from Washington dated Sunday reported the good news that the State Department has scoured the world, slashed red tape and found a waste basket that sells for less than \$27.

Testimony before the House appropriations subcommittee released on Sunday shows that the department has discovered "executive" waste baskets could be purchased somewhere for only \$10.

The subcommittee is reported to have cast a questioning eye on the expenditure of \$27 per basket for State Department waste baskets last year.

A check with an Albermarle office supply company this week revealed that they sell waste baskets, with the top price for a good "executive" waste basket being \$7.50.

The expenditure of \$27 each for waste baskets by departments of the federal government is the sort of thing which necessitates big budget increases.

We would suggest that the State Department officials might do a better job of maintaining our foreign relations—and internal relations too—if they concentrated more on affairs of state instead of \$27 waste baskets.

The Dead Sea Script

By SIDNEY SWAIM ROBINS

(Special For The News Leader)

Some months ago, after reading Millar Barrow's translation of the Dead Sea finds, we wrote that there was in them no anticipation of the Sermon on the Mount; rather these Qumran people were the kind against whom the great teachings of Jesus were aimed.

Again at the University Library, we have been reading another scholar's rendering of these same documents together with a few extra fragments. In his preface, Theodor H. Gastner says that he intends to let the texts speak for themselves and not to enter into current controversies about them. However he does not succeed too completely in confining himself to the role of translator. He has a preface, a long and important introduction, and a weight of different kinds of footnotes.

He asks for a sympathetic approach to these "Essenes," and even finds in them a kinship with the great mystics of later ages.

There are some fine passages in the Thanksgiving Hymns in Mr. Gastner's translation, which constantly recall our Book of Psalms: "Blessed art Thou, O Lord, creator of all things, mighty in deed,

by whom all things are wrought. Behold Thou has granted mercy to Thy servant

and shed upon him in Thy grace Thine ever-compassionate spirit and the splendor of Thy glory."

But on the whole, these hymns are dominated pretty thoroughly by two characteristic old-Jewish ideas: the utter separation of God and man, or divine and human; and a clear-cut, moralistic, division between saints and sinners. A sense of the visitation of God's grace in, or upon, the life of those who retire to concentrate upon his law, is there too, as it is in the Psalms. But it is a feeling which contradicts the doctrine.

One has never met predestination more clearly taught than in these hymns: God from his height has settled everything we are to do or say, and whether we be saint or sinner. Here is truly a doctrine of chosen group, if not chosen race. It is by God's grace that any man does righteousness, and God is archetype of absolute monarchism. He has picked some people to represent goodness.

Mr. Gastner says that these writings exhibit "a wonderful al-

chemy of inner quietude outer fanaticism." He says their inward feeling "eternal truths" outwards fanaticism. In ion comes up the ques aris about many a Fu ist sect of earh. Who deep concentration and zeal based upon curi and rites, we often vo the balance of good a it ever possible that and the making religio of rigid mores and con helps people to stand, desolate times? There mental drill, like mi

But our original these are the kind of p was preaching against Sermon seems confirm

There are important in this new translation Whereas Millar Barro ing says that if an ox dit h on the Sabbath let him lie, and if a r they are not to go t ladder; this new trans about the ox but in the man says they er help. Clearly this is a un-ert(n text or a missing word.

But it is clear tha based its religion up of Moses in plenty details. Religion was matter of sacrifices. Koshier food regulatio in front. The rule of levites was a fixture.

We read that if the feeble-minded, they him under lock and is needed for a omony. Condemnation aimed at those who right in their own e that to levites or lav

The word "neighb mean a brother of There is a command children of darkness vites are to curse w gations" of men who and to extend the c dren's children, say, art thou beyond al mercy; mayest thou the gloom (?) of fire

We must look to contemporary source, be, for upgrading and sinners, for the, all hatred, for wide the reduction or sim Moses to love of God

Free Wheeling . . .

IBM On Wreck Repe

By BILL CROWELL

Reporting From Raleigh

FIGURE JUGGLING . . . In a moment of idleness sometime, try to imagine how many auto accidents occurred last year involv-

ing, say, a two-door sedan and a panel truck on a rain-soaked highway at 6 p.m. with one drinking driver at the wheel. Impossible, you say? Not on your life for such facts and figures are obtained in the Motor Vehicles Department's statistical section with mechanical ease using the electric brains of a battery of IBM machines.

According to legend, the Army used them once during World War II to find the only one-armed basketball player among the 11 million men and women in uniform at the time.

Considering there were over 49,000 auto mishaps last year, pin pointing such diverse factors as weather, driver's condition, makes and models, road conditions, time, location and so on for each would seem equally perplexing. As a matter of fact, however, workers in the unit routinely isolate such accidents when needed for re-

search or study.

The process begins with a written accident report, filed by motorists and investigating officers. A permanent file record of the mishap is made and the report goes to the coding section. Here the report is reduced to a set of selected codes by a key punch machine. Or more simply, the various factors involved in the accident are punched into the familiar IBM cards and identified with code numbers.

Thousands of such cards are prepared each month under the overall direction of Wallace Hyde, chief of the statistical section. Once the cards are coded, and when needed, they are fed into the big, gray-painted IBM machines which flip rapidly (400 cards per minute) through the vast collection. At the touch of a button, they automatically will extract any predetermined type of accident for inspection.

From this information—clerks compile the monthly and annual

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