MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1946

It's Time For An Investigation

ATHOUGH they have denied individually and collectively that they are engaging in a fend, the charges and counterbarges flyes and collected Blanch and forth amons City Solicitor Blanch Cannon of the State Water of the City Police Parament have progressed far beyond the bounds of polic conversation. Until Saturday's round of statements, the discussion blooked more like a political federations of the sate of the conversation.

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Until Saturday's round of statements, the discussion looked more like a political sequable than anything else, involving nothing more serious than professional jealousy and perhaps personal differences between SBI Chief Anderson, who headed Charlotte's police force until recently and Chief Littlejohn. The original basis of the argument was the devision of the lottery and the state's divorce mill case, with both Mr. Cannon and Solicitor White-ner protesting that the divorce mill case, with both Mr. Cannon and Solicitor White-ner protesting that the divorce mill had priority, and Mr. Cannon and Solicitor White-ner protesting that the divorce mill had priority, and Mr. Cannon and deliga charge that Chief Anderson instructed his men to keep away from Littlejohn." All of this, of course, is somewhat irrelevant, since both City and State obtained convictions.

However, Solicitor Biankenship's latest statement also causes questions for the future. He points out that, while the lottery reacket has flourished in Charlotte for the only after the had called in an outside agency to gather evidence. Moreover, when

the racket sprang up again immediately after the trials in Recorder's Court. Mr. Blankenship again felt it necessary to ask the SBI and the State Patrol to make the raid that brought in two alleged operators and a bundle of lottery tickets. His conclusion: The \$3,000-a-000 ylottery tacket in Charlotte can be broken up "only with the loyal and undivided co-operation of the responsible heads of the Police Department."

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This, then, is the City Solicitor's ex-planation of why he chose to bypass the City Police Department and call in out-side assistance when Carl Yann, a dis-serior man and the control of the case in his lap. Naturally I talledon to case in the story, and Chief Littlejohn to the head of the considered it important enough

far has not considered it important enough to answer.

It seems to us 'the matter needs a thorough airing. The City Solicitor is, after all, a high-placed public official and the metallic charge that the local distribution of the metallic charge that the local control of the metallic charge that the local charge of the metallic charge that the City's chief prosecutor is at odds with the agency he represents in court, and law enforcement is bound to suffer as a result. This seems to us sufficient basis for an investigation by City Council and/or the Civil Service Commission into the root causes of this public controversy.

How Many Republicans Are Too Many?

WHEN we listen for long to the full-minations of B. Carrol Reece, we are inclined to agree with Governor Cherry that North Carolina has too many Republicans. Certainly the figure quote the Governor mint—50000—5 impressive. Dut, of course, it overlooks the fact that the poor beauliered creatures are herded together on their reservation in the hills, fenced in by a gerrymander as impenetrable as the great wall of China.

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Those ding-dong battles the Governor
says the Democrats can expect here and
there in the November general election
are, we fear, a figment of a loyal Democrat's imagination. We suspect that vast
population center "west of Asheville" will
be safe enough even if the good Governor
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If we seem to be chiding the Governor, let it be noted that it is gentle. Loyalty is the first attribute of a successful politician, and we would be the last to expect a good Democrat to come out in favor of a system that would end his Party's fron-clad control of the state. We even have to concede that the Governor we have to concede that the Governor have to concede the think of the high support of high support of the high support of high support of high support of hi

are impressive only when placed along-side the record of other one-party states like South Carolina and Georgia.

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Bi-partisan politics is no panacea that will cure our ills overnisht. There are many factors involved in progress, but certainly even the most loyal Democrat must admit that an informed and alert electorate is a major one. It has been the experience of the great majority of the United States over a period of many years that, the best safeguard against apathy is the continuing conflict between active political parties. And experience in North Carolina is the year 1946, it seems to us, provides abundant proof that the one-party system prevents a coherent public debate of essential Issues, and forces the people to make their choice of public officials on the somewhat inadequate basis of personality.

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As Hoyt H. Eaves points out in a letter published elsewhere on this page, the absence of partisan conflict has certainly done much to reduce the South to the status of a political colony. Our effort to maintain, a political colony. Our effort to maintain, a political colony of solitical colony in the United States is a form of Isolation-lam, and we pay a high price for its they may receive, those who pay the highest price, personally, are the professional Democratic politicals. Some day, for instance, we'd like to see a North Carolinian elected President of the United States, a native son cut along the general lines of the Honorable Orege Cherry. But that, of course, is an idle dream; when Governor Cherry finally reaches the United States Senate he's at the end of the road.

The Boom Has Only Been Postponed

WHAT with shortages and Federal re-WHAT with shortages and Federal restrictions on building there are few
concrete signs now of the great industrial
boom confidently predicted for the South
in the post-war era. There are, however,
figures that indicate that the boom has
not evaporated, but has only been postponed. J. A Daly has made a highly encouraging, if incomplet, survey, which appears elsewhere in Tars New 96.400 square
feet of additional industrial floor space has
been occupied or contracted for in eight
Southern states, Mr. Daly's spot check reveals. Some 51 major plants, new or exveals. Some 51 major plants, new or ex-

veals. Some 51 major plants, new or ex-panded, are involved and the total conpanded, are involved and the total con-struction cost runs into the millions. They will provide a grand total of 6,375 new jobs for Southern workers. Although this industrial construction is in textiles or allied fields, there is never-theless an encouraging inducation of in-creasing diversification—sewing plants in-

terspersed with weaving, knitting and spin-ning mills in accordance with the new trend toward integration of the manufacturing process from raw cotton to finished gar-ment.

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The figures also provide encouragement for North Carolina, now actively competing in the industrial field with the other Southern states. Twenty-four of the Si plants listed are being erected in North Carolina, with Georgia the runner-up accounting for only eight.

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There is no way of estimatine how much additional construction is still in the planning stage. But certainly, if these 51 corporations are willing to go ahead in the worst building season in history, there must be many more waiting only for more propilious conditions. Barring an early depression, the next few years should take the South a long way toward her goal of balancing her agricultural economy with thriving and diversified industry.

Another Voice

District 50 At Buckingham?

BUCKINGHAM PALACE, the home of Britain's monarchs, is now unionized from intrnace man to upstairs maid. This intelligence, which comes from a publication of, the Civil Service Union in England by way of the New York Heald Tribune, carries an account of how the 200 palace employees bargained collectively with the Labor Ministry and received wage increases of \$4 a week.

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While no one in England seems particularly surprised by the unionization of the Royal household and the triumph of the Royal Navy at contract negotiation, it may seem passing strange to some Americans. Even King George's valet has a union card. If they are so disposed, or only just stady to the seem of the seem of the seem of the seems of the seems

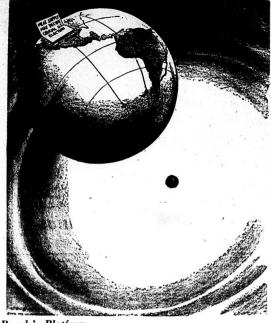
dic-down strike and constitute themselves as a labor disputes case. Somewhere behind all this, we suspect, there is an inspiration which comes from receives at 7 obn L. Lewis's ubiquitous Disputed to can sign up dairy maids, what would prevent it from reaching out for the palace guard? The Herald Tribune

suggests "with some seriousness" that royalty itself now might as well apply for union cards, shorter hours and more pay. Under, perhaps, the Wagna Charta?—Asheville Citizen.

No sooner is it relieved of the Nazi thumb than worried Stockholm begins to experience the Russian elbow. It gives one a wholly new conception of the Swedish

The swift darkening of the world outlook gives rise to fears for several of our cosmic columnists, now off on vacations—heaven knows where—and all unfortified.

Though not one of the glories that were Greece, the King is recalled from exile. About George's past, we remember only that as monarchs go, he went.



Revolving Around A Meat Ball

People's Platform

We Vote For Labels

Harrore Says that political solidarity has been the tags of Southern Democratic statesmanship since the days of Cathoun. Calhoun is dead, but Southern Democrate still dream the uneasy dream that played the days—the tags of the southern states must hold together as a political unit in order to protect themselves against oppression of the American three shammans of sectionalism, and gold domination by that class, means location. And isolation, in these shammans of sectionalism, and gold domination by that class, means location. And isolation, in this case, inesorably damms the South to un-participation in the full political life of the control of the control of the south of the country to people outside of the South. And if that is true, isolation will remain while the South vote its prejudices instead of its principal cannot control the Republican Party. The inevitable result is that they control nothing except their own local offices and political affairs, ancreate Democratic administrations their control of these will not long amount to much. Illustrative of the effects of isolation it may be observed that continued accorpance by the Southern Northern leaders has not got them a candidate for President during the past three generations. In addition it is plain to all that one party voting and has not only nullified their just weight in the Government, but has brought the South to the lowest in the eyes of the rest of the American people. Beyond that what is the effect upon the mass?

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Southerners without free minds, or who are time been needed into one party until voting with them has become a congenital trait. Any suggestion to his type of people that they use their judgment and make their instincts

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against his own Democratic Administration; and with Republicans?
But since, according to the formula of solidarity, opposition to the Democratic Party in the South must be destroyed, the sentiment of Republicans of that the street of the American Senate through the voice of a Senator elected as a Democrat and voting as a Republican, and that may be implied in the type of statesmanship that keeps a Southern Republican out of the Senator elected as a Democrat and voting as a Republican, and that may be implied in the type of statesmanship that keeps a Southern Republican out of the In conclusion: it seems to this writer that there is nothing to Southern democracy except the name based upon the abstract leds of a politically Solid South, Would not the ultimate loss of sectional North; a solid Pacific Coast? Would it not be inevitable that certain of these sections would combine with each other and make colonies out of the rest? The control whole becomes a colony, Can any party, or any individual, Southerner or Northerner, approve a policy which produces such — HOYT H. EAVES.

Good Old Days

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CHARLOTTE

LIFE UNDER THE NEW DEAL IN 1846:

"Mother, what is bacon?" "Bacon, my child, is what we used to eat 'at breakfast ... when Mr. Hoover was President.

"Rober was President." "Bacot Beef. my child, is what we used to eat at lunch time ... when Mr. Hoover was President." "Rober Beef. my child, is what we used to eat at lunch time ... when Mr. Hoover was President." "As all the my child, is what we used to eat at lunch time ... when my child, is something that you could buy in any meat market and make a wonderful meal from ... when Mr. Hoover was "Mother, what is that golden looking colored stuff that we saw in the grocery store at \$115 a pound?" "That, my child, they call butter and you all could do when Mr. Hoover was President." She was all could do when Mr. Hoover was President.

Editor. The News:

WE think the articles were splendid (NOTE: The
series on air transportation by Pete McKnight—
series on air transportation by Pete McKnight—
ward improving air service in Chariotte. We particularly appreciate he article which supports our application to serve Chariotte.

New York Peters (NOTE) HAMMACK.

Vice-President,
Pennsylvania Central Airlines.

CHARLOTTE

BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

Editors, The News:

WISH to correct an error I made in a letter in The Platform on Oct. 7. I was a member of the ClO in 1937, which I still regret.

-L. L. CHILDRESS.

The People's Platform is available to any reader who cares to mount it. Communications should be less than 300 words, typerutien if possible and on only one side of the paper. Libet and obscently will be deleted—otherwise anything goes Each letter must be signed although, in exceptional cases and upon requestive will withhold the writer's name.—Editors. This News.

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What is more, the probable what is majority in November will make him a formidable contender for the Presidential nomination two years hence. Republicans who distruct Bricker do not find that as all palatable. But it is a fact nevertheless.

Harold Ickes

Baruch's Profession

BERNARD M. BARUCH has created a new profession which he practices to perfection, that of good citizenhalip. And he is as unostentatious about it as he is as-

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Bernard M. Baruch Chairman of a Committee of Three to charf are Committee of Three to chart sec-course of the country with respect to rubber, At once a calm of cou-didence traptized by Baruch's pub-lic services and his known abilities and integrity of character and over the country. The rubber crisis was at an end, slithough we con-tinued for a long time to be handi-capped seriously by Jesse Jones gross mishangling of the rubber program.

Drew Pearson's: Truman Tries To Get More Capable Men Merry-Go-Round:

WASHINGTON

HARRY TRUMAN has received a lot of criticism for not House. One resson of course is that Truman is genuinely the season of course is that Truman is genuinely assistippians who are around him.

On the other hand, few except those on the inside know how hard Truman has tried to get others to join his staff. He begged Franklin D. Roosevel Jr., to become Assistant Truster for the War Production Board to become an economic adviser.

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One of his most significant talks was with Isador Lubin, a White House secretary under Roosevelt. The talk Indicates that Trumain at times feels a sense of grounds benchiness gave as his excuse, when the President first Invited him to return. 'My daughter is growing up and my expenses are increasing. I sat can't live on a Government salary.' Out of the control of the co

und here."
"You mean," suggested the President, "tnat you miss
osevelt?"
"Yes," replied Lubin.

"Well, I miss him too," said Truman. From the tone of his voice you could tell that he very much meant it.

War Plants For A Song

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THE big boys operate so smoothly in Washington that the
public selfont knows what's going on until it is called on
to foot the bill. One operation that ought to be watched is
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DOVETAILING with this policy, Republic Steel has offered to buy the Governments South Chicago sete plant for \$30,000,000, about one-third its original cost, Payments would be made over twenty years at \$15,000,000 a year. No interest of the control of the contro

num than from Republic.

It was to make more money from the Market in the sale will be in the influence of the following from t

day or night.

On the other hand, trust-busting Attorney Genéral Tom Clark is charged with discouraging monopoly in the sale of war plants. So it will be interesting to see whether George Allen's friend, Tom Girdler, or the Attorney General wins out.