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A Question With Implications

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News today.

Prior to the Recorder's Court trial of Messrs. Smith and Ferguson, alleged kingpins of the local lottery racket, we had some disparaging remarks for the great roundup of numbers peddlers. Later, when stiff sentences followed their conviction, we guite cheerfully ate our words. Now we feel the first faint symptoms of regurgitation.

bation.

As of this writing, the odds are long that the trial will turn out to be only another of those spectacular but meanindess lead akimishes that stud the history of the lottery racket in Charlotte. The case is on appeal to Superior Court, and in the absence of key witness Carl Vann, who disappeared immediately after the Recorder's Court hearing, the State's chances of sustaining the lower court conviction are thin indeed. There is even a possibility that Solicitor Whitener won't take the case into court in the absence of Vann, since the only other competent witness available can testify against only one of

files of the Clerk of Court.

Although there is no proof that any official. City or State, it guilty of anything worse than excessive buck passing, Mr. McKnichth has discovered disturbing evidence of lack of co-operation among the various species concerned. The lottery racket is primarily a matter of local correct to the control of co-operation between Chief of Police Littlejohn and Solicitor Blankenship, indeed, has attained the proportions of an open feud.

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There is not, as yet, any real justification for name-calling and finger-pointing, or perhaps even for any high degree of public disgust. But if this case, the first concerted attack on the lottery racket in many years, gets lost somewhere in passage from one court to another a variety of deep, dark suspicions will use the state of the concentration of the control of the

A Porterhouse On Every Plate

THE number of official and semi-official r use number or official and semi-official opinions on the meat shortage is most impressive, and if a man looks long enough he can sometimes even tind two that agree. But, by and large, they all add up to the same dismal prophecy—no meat this side of December.

of December.

The reasons advanced for this shortage are truly wonderful. There is apparently a body of Democratic opinion, spearheaded by Chester Bowles, which holds that the shortage is the product of a deliberate conspiracy on the part of Republican cattlemen to embarrass the Administration on the eve of the Congressional elections. This invokes picture of a group of outsiders prompting set of the product of the production of the product

men, and we'll turn the rascals out."

The Republican have a little beauty of their own. The Democratic bureaucrate, who appear to be sly schemers and starry-eyed dreamers at the same time, are denying the honest cattlemen a fair price of, say, two dollars a pound, for their meat in order to woo the Communistic GIO. According to Republican Chairman Recee this diabolical piol saginat free enterprise is somehow tied in with Henry Wallace's slaughter of the little pigs in 1934.

Mr. Truman, who might be presumed to

be above this sort of quibbling, has displayed his usual ineptitude. Various members of his Administration have issued bers of his Administration have issued conflicting statements, most of which the President has endorsed, ranging from a promise to remove meat ceilings to a promise to keep them on. At last accounts the President was instructing a press conference in the difference between a famine and a shortage, explaining that this is the basis of the apparent discrepancies in the various Administration pronouncements.

Jim Berryman of The Washington Star Jim Berryman of The Washington Star turned up the other day with a cartoon depicting a huddle of Republican leaders mapping campaign strategy. The famous old Hoover slogan, "Two Chickens In Every Pot," had been crossed out and re-placed with "A-Porterhouse—On—Every-Plate." This, we would say, is an apt sum-grary. The meat issue is plunged deep into partisan politics, and the bewildered av-erage citizen is no more likely to obtain a clear understanding of the shortage than he is to purchase a pork chop.

We might sa well make up our might?

ne is to purchase a pork chop.

We might as well make up our minds
that we are a race of vegetarians until
after the November elections. There should
be plenty of meat then — and, you can
bet your bottom dollar, plenty of prices
to go with it.

The Meatball Was A Harbinger

IN ALL probability Benny Gamson, known to a wide circle of acquaintances and the police of fourteen states as The Meathall, could not have been classed as a useful citizen. In death, however, The Meathall was cast in a new role, and the manner of his passing in Bollywood this week should bring cheer to millions. The Meathall, without question, was a harbinger of that normalcy for which we all thirst.

thirst. Consider the warm and familiar pre-war ferms that turned up in one four-paragraph Associated Press story. The Meat-ball lived in a Luxurious Hollywood Apartment. His death came as The Climax of a Long-Standing Gangland Feud. His body was Riddied With Builets. He Ran Screaming from the apartment house and Fell Dead On The Sidewalk.

He had been previously Arrested and Questioned after one Pauley Gibbons was Siain On The Street by bullets from a Passing Automobile. Later he reported

South is the "goat," according to spokes-en from several Southern cities who are desting against discrimination in the

allocation of routes to Latin America in favor of Northern and Western cities and the bigger air lines.

Another Voice

to police that he himself had been fired on by Unidentified Occupants of a Black Limousine.

Limousine.

Note the complete absence of those familiar war-time crime story specialities—Suspected Foreign Agents, Sinister Connections Hinted, Intelligence Officers Interested. The Meatball is the first citteen in five years to be Siain On The Streets without arousing the suspicion that he was a Cog in a Vast Explonage Network.

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We wait now only for the continuing
details of The Meatball's funeral before
celebrating the end of the duration and
the return of the bad old days. Surely the
coffin will be Banked With Flowers bearing the cards of Prominent Underworld
Rivals. Certainly there will be nineteen
limousines with Bulletproof Glass driven
by Pale Men in Derbies. And somewhere
beyond the open grave. Standing Against
A Rain-Siteaded Sky, there will be a Mysterious Woman In Black.
R.F., Meatball Sky.

Discrimination In The Air?

N THE air, as in rail transportation, the tional commercial importance much great-

'Surprise! They're Not Flower Pots At All!'



People's Platform

Implications Of Nuernberg

and they can at once—without waiting for these activities to fruitly into an actual overt act of aggressive war—be stopped.

We have a supervised the supervised of the supervised waiting the community knew activities of my note blantan sort going on within the German state. The international community knew that they were designed to violate the peace. But the international community considered itself powerless no overt act of aggressive war. Now, however, in the light of the decision which has been rendered by the court at Nuernberg, such goings on as were taking into the court at Nuernberg, acts goings on as were taking into the court at the supervised such as the court at the court a

will be mipped and agreement and the started.

Charlotte is proud that it has had two of its citizens participating in the Nuernberg trial and decision. Judge John J. Parker has been one of the judges on the court, and Major Robert Sizewart has the court, and also robbert sizewart has tended to the court, and also robbert sizewart has tedious task of analyzing and segregating the rele-

vant from the Irrelevant evidence. In this connection, I would also like to say that I think that North Corolina has been honored by having Judge Don Corolina has been honored by having Judge Don trials of this sort. Such trials will certainly develop and carry forward the principles established by the decision which has been handed down. I suppland thim hope that I may be permitted to say that I for one see nothing wrong in any sarreement that may have been made to restore to him his North Carolina been made to restore to him his North Carolina has been discharged.

The greatest peace-opersying Instrumentality

Editors, The News:

J HAVE just finished reading your editorial "The Precedents of Nuernberg" and want to say bravo!

For some time I have been thinking that the Allied we recall what happened to our Armies in the Pacific at the beginning of this last war, we can be said that the Japanese dight have the opinion that the United States believed in a victors right to condemn the wangulabet.

demn the vanquished.

Had they have been of this opinion, it is quite possible that many if not all of our officers that were acquired would have been exceeded for leading men acquired would have been exceeded for leading men considered, of course, a misinterpretation of the precedent of punishing war crimes. Surely we have taken a new interpretation of previous policies of the procedent of punishing war crimes. Surely we have taken a new interpretation of previous policies of the procedent of previous policies of the procedent of the procedent

-CLYDE T. TANDY JR.

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

Quote, Unquote

Marquis Childs

Peep Through Curtain

information.

One impression brought back by recently returned visitors is that of the mounting tensies and grant pears to have been a noticement pears to have been a noticement because since last Spring. This pears to have been a noticement because the support of security regulations, which were already like airon vise on the existence of every individual.

SECRET 'SPORTS PARADE'

would be taken into custody and deported at one directors of collective farms is being prosecuted lective farms is being prosecuted. The purse of the collective farms is being prosecuted. These are farms on which individual farmers work on assigned tracts, using collective equipment. To the collective equipment of the collective equipment of the production quota. Above that quota, he could keep produce and sell it on the open market, which is the could keep produce and sell it on the open market, which is ket run by the Government. In open-market shops, fentantic prices are charged, a pound of sausage coats 200 roubles or more. Peasant women could take part of a lost

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Samuel Grafton

The Nuernberg Law

NEW YORK

ONE of the charges on which a
Onumber of the Nuemberg defendants will hang is that they
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Drew Pearson's: Wall Street Wants Margin-Trading Again Merry-Go-Round

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La Guardia Sees Stalin

WHEN UNRRA Director La Guardia and aldes visited
Moscow on their recent tour of Europe, his entire party
was eager to see Stalin. The Kremlin invitation, however,
only permitted La Guardia and two other UNRRA officials to
call on the top Soviet leader.

Lally, that he divert the rest of the party by taking them to
Lenin's tomb, where the body of the Pather of the Russian
Revolution is still perfectly preserved.

Late that night, the party reissembled, and Lilly eagerly
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Mexican Meat Ban

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So MUCH friction has been kicked up by the U. S. embargo
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personal letter to the President of Mexico about II. In his
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Truman told the Mexico Chief Executive that he believed the ban was entirely ju-lifed as a precautionary measure against the threat of ju-of-and-mouth disease, adding
ment's Animal Husbandry Division were satisfied no danger
exists.

that it wouse or resources that it would be resourced to the more at a final Husbandry Division were satisfied no canger and a final that the resource of the

The Mexicans placed a second order for 32 annihumation.

On June 4 of this year, while that second shipment was en route to Sacrificios, the Agriculture Department banned all Mexican cattle from entering the United States. Agriculture of the Agriculture of the Original buils from Brail showed symptoms of being hoof-and-mouth disease carriers. In Theoretically, the second lot of 327 has been held from the state of the Agriculture of the Agricultur

land.
These are the facts which led the Agriculture Department to continue its embargo, with President Truman's official opproval, in the fact of vigorous protests from both Mexican and Brazilian cattle interests, as well as some official operations of the control of the cont

oy U. S. ranchers—has always sold north of the border in iarge quantities in the past.

Admiral Halsey Gets Bored
Admiral Hulliam 'BULL' 'HALSEY is beginning to Admiral Hulliam 'BULL' 'HALSEY is beginning to Admiral Hulliam 'Bulliam 'Halsey Gets Board of five-star Army-Navy Officers.

Since his semi-diplomatic massion countries, Halsey has had little to do. Privately, the tough little shipper hankers to take that fob as vice-president of Pan-American Airways, which is still open to him. West Coast operations, Halsey would double his present income, which is about airoom a very decreased to the control of the extra money. His sparkplus temperament craves action, in or out of the Navy, And lite is becoming very dull in his second of the extra money. His sparkplus temperament craves action, in or out of the Navy, And lite is becoming very dull in his second of the control of the co

the bigger air lines.

There is a tendency, more or less natural, to favor the larger metropolitan centers in the allocation of air routes. The air transport industry being young and not yet fully developed, routings are worked out with the view of obtaining a maximum volume of butiness along the routes. The smaller cities, it is doubtless felt, cannot ofter as much as the larger ones, either in domestic or international traffic.

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The point which, in our opinion, is frequently overlooked by outsiders is that many Southern cities and towns have a sommercial importance far out of proportion to their census population. Winstonialem is one of those cities. As the world smiter of tobacco marketing and manufacture, is the seventh port of entry in the state of the complete the fact that it is a sading hosiery, textile, furniture manufacturing city of the area in addition to a lectacomy city of the area in a lectacomy

er than that of some cities in other parts of the country having a considerably larger population.

The same thing might be said of Char-lotte, which is a distribution center for the two Carolinas, Gastonia, which is the cen-ter of the textile industry of the United States, High Point, furniture capital of the South, and a number of other towns and cities in this region.

cities in this region.

By discriminating scalarst the cities of the Southeast in the allocation of air transportates in the allocation of air transportates and goods the CAB would not only prevent the proper development of the cities and region, but would also deprive the air lines of a large volume of business which otherwise would be obtained by them. It is distinctly to the interests of the air lines to fight for routes and stops at strategic Southeastern cities, and the equities demand that the CAB grant such routes and stops. But from the way it looks now, the Southeast may have to fight all over again in the air, as it were, the war it has waged for decades with respect to, freight rate discrimination.—Twin City Sentinel.

d Fiorello: "I got as much out of Stalin as you did out of Lenin."