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The Baptists And The Races

OUTHERN traditionalists, and even some gradualists would, we suppose, have branded as radical the sweeping resolutions on racial relations that emerged from the North Carolina Baptist Convention in Asheville on Tuesday, Certainly the principles set forth (and adopted unanimously) the present of the resolution of the control of the state of the control of the contr

Amerule on Tuessay. Certainty ince principles set forth (and adopted unanimously) were far-reaching; they stand, or stood, as the most incompromising statement on a mistor religious group in the South.

In at least two instances the Bapitist rushed in where politicians, if not angels, fear to tread. They gave full and unequivo-cal support to Federal antilynching legislation. And they further called for "equal wages and equal treatment for Negro employees, and the passage of such legislation, both state and national, as would assure fair treatment." This, understandably, was interpreted as an endorsement of the Federal Fair Employment Practices Act, which Southern Congressmen, and Southern businessmen, have fought with every weapon at their command, up to and including the fillibuster. weapon at their comm

custing the fillbuster.
The anti-hunding provision was allowed to stand when the Baptists were beset by second thoughts yesterday. But the economic section was watered down to remove any suspicion of support for FEPC, and on leven more controversial section on religious equality was rescinded. As originally adopted, it read:

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"If there is an equality of all men by writtee of their relationship to an impartial forestor, and an equality of all believers are relationship to an impartial forestor, and are relative to the control of the con

There was immediate disagreement over city, the Baptist messengers in-o The High Point Enterprise this meant that "in churches which e recommendations of the Con-

ventioq, there will be an occasional Negro in the pews." To The Winston-Salem Journal it "certainly cannot mean a merger of white and Negro Baptist churches," but "merely constitutes . . . a strong invitation to closer unity among all Christians regardless of race, and a coming together in community Christian meetings to promote the common good."

Rescission of the final sentence makes it clear that the Convention was not prepared to accept the broader interpretation, which made of their words a declaration that the narrow, traditional doctrines of white supremacy are incompatible with the teachings of Christ. They believe still that men of all races should worship the same God, but that it is better if they do so separately.

In any event no Baptist Congregation is

separately.

In any event no Baplist Congregation is bound by the actions of the Convention. The messengers, in one of their own favorite phrases, can only "state the sense of the membership," for theirs is not a governing body. Perhaps their second interpretation of the "sense" of North Carolina Baplists is more exact than the first. Certainly it was not the original intention of the Convention to precipitate a revolution in facial relations in North Carolina, and there must have been many among the messengers who feared (wrongly, among the messengers who feared (wrongly, among the messengers who feared (wrongly,

tion of the convention to precipitate a revolution in racial relations in North Carolina, and there must have been many members of the convention of the con

John Lewis: Labor's Worst Enemy

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By the time this appears in print, John L. Lewis may be in jail, still sitting in solitary majesty. In the UKW office, or funct improbable graciously announcing a store in his piched-haltis scalinal the Government of the United States. Settlement, the Hoperman of the States of the principle of the States of the principle of the States. Settlement of the United States settlement on the Indigentary parabolic and eventually, even acute hardship.

But whatever form that settlement may finally take—and it socks now like capitulation to the great John L. Lewis strong man act has brought labor's temple tumbling down. Leaders of both the Ap of L and the CIO have now allied themselves with him, as perhaps they had to do, and the Quarrel between organized labor and the United States has now become a quarrel between organized labor and the United States has now become a quarrel between organized labor and the United States has now become a quarrel between organized labor and the United States has now become a quarrel between organized labor and the United States has now become a quarrel between organized labor and the United States has now become a quarrel between organized labor and the GIO have now allied themselves with him, as perhaps they had to do, and the GIO have now allied themselves with him as perhaps they had to do, and the GIO have now allied themselves with him and the quarrel between John Lewis and the GIO have now all the GIO hav

The legal test now underway involves the validity of injunctions against labor unjons. For many years the law permitted Pederal and State judges the widest latitude in enjoining strikers, and the injunction became a prime anti-labor weapon. It was public reaction against these court
orders that "forced men to work against
their will" that led, in the Hower Administration it should be remembered, to the
passage of the Norris-La Guardia Act,

which greatly restricted court action against unions. Many labor leaders regard this piece of legislation as far more of a "Magna Carta" than the Wagner Act, which also incorporated its anti-injunction that the state of the st

who certainly must recognize the folly of his course, feel they are bound, in the name of labor solidarity, to help their own worst enemy wreck the legal structure they have cherished.

Don't Forget Number Two

THE County Commissioners' formal proposal for a joint City-County survey of
merger possibilities is on the Council
agenda for Tuesday. It is, unhappily, in
number two spot, just behind further, and
perhaps final consideration, of the crosstown boulevard. We say unhappily, because
there is reason to wonder if the Fathers
will have much energy left after they have
another fling at getting their hottest potato
off their hands.

There is, however, every reason to be-lieve that the County proposal will be ac-cepted without arousing the ire of any Councilman or interested citizen. Mayor Baxter has siready endorsed consolidation "in principle," and no Councilman has thus far expressed opposition. The survey pro-posed by the Commission is a necessary

first step in obtaining adequate and accurate information concerning the overlapping of local agencies.

As a matter of fact, the survey question should be a fairly restful issue, for a change. Nobody objects to surveys, so long as tifty don't cost much money. It is when the recommendations of the experts are translated into action that the inevitable opposition to change of any sort takes also per and form.

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Any positive action on City-County consolidation is months, and perhaps years
away. But this is the time to begin the
lengthy process that should lead eventually
to greater municipal efficiency. We hope
the Council will have wind enough left
Tuesday night to give the County Commissioners' proposal a hearty "aye."

Another Voice Idle Dreamer Of The GOP

its, in a small way, is a preachment of its-revolution. If fulfilled, it would a that half the Democratic fathful lounge in chairs before congressional acors or patrol the corridors or pound ariters—the palace guard, in short—

PATRONAGE is what the Republican
Party will control when it organizes
Congress in January. That means jobs,
most of all in the Capital where Demorratic placeholders have sat for 14 long and
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it has meant from time immemorial, that
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It is something of a political shock
therefore, to hear the patronage prosition of Senator Raibje Z. Planders, Vermont Republican: T suggest that we fire
half of them, and fill those jobs with Republicans. Then the majority party could
fill any vacancies as they developed, Never
agala ought we to have a full patronage
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Removed from the shadow of the gallow the ineffable Rudy Heas suddenly regals his memory. And then what has he got?



People's Platform

Problems Of Planning

Editor, The News:

[FROM time to time, over the past several months. I

Thave noticed a number of articles appearing in

The News classing with various phases of city planning as it directly concerns Charlotte, whether it be

boulevards, underground parking areas or soning

the local attuation in Charlotte. If there is a Planing Commission with or without the services of a

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the development of, such ideas may have on other,

more important development processes? My un
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have considered to make a processor of the control cuttern whenever the term 'city planning' is men-tioned, Actually, the development of a comprehen-size, the plan and, vaning ordinance is, as highly technical Job, usuary become of a two-plan of the public education and entiple terminal which is brought public education and entiple terminal which is brought tions have become well defined or alternate solu-tions have become well defined.

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(NOTE: Charlette has an able Planning Board, equipped with expert consultants. The two present instead—the consultants. The two present instead—the crossown boulevard and monitor—exert the result of years of hard work and coherent planning. Both have been fully publicated, maps have been beld, opinions of interested organizations have been beld, opinions of interested organizations have been beld, opinions of interested organizations have been plan of the Planning Board. In short, very conditions of the Planning Board. In short, very condition of the Planning Board. In short, very conditional price and the planning board. In short, were more plan of the Planning Board. In short, were you had not been also b

SOUTHERN PINES pressed by expert advice unless it happens to jibe with his own preconceived notions.—Eds., THE NEWS).

route to the constructions are sections. I would suggest that the City have someone to go to Reading, Pa., and see how easy it is to get to roads going to other places and away from the business.

Build a road all around the city so that people going to other places do not have to cut through

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-A. J. BYNUM.

The People's Platform is available to any reader who cares to mount it. Communications should be less than 300 words, typewritten if possible, and on only one side of the paper. Libel and obscently will be deleted—otherwise anything goes. Each letter must be signed, al-

Another Route

CHARLOTTE

Editors, The News:

NOTING in Saturday's paper the map of proposed highway route and the new proposal from Oresecution of the control of the

(NOTE: According to State Highway Department surveys more than 85 per cent of all traffic originates or stops somewhere in the downtown business distormed to the control of the control o

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Search For Peace

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Drew Pearson's: John L. Once Paid Owner To Close Mine Merry-Go-Round

(Ed. Note—Today Drew Pearson gives another of his penetrating columns on the little-known background of John L. Lewis).

John L. Lewish:

O'He of the amazing things about John L. Lewis is the coad miners' current loyally despite Lewis, Lewis is the coad miners' current loyally despite Lewis, the Lewis is the coad despite the fact that he has waged bitter, reientless war against mine, groups which dared question his authority. One case was his ouster of John L. Lawson, hero of the Coursdo miners, as described in an earlier column. More stream, as described in an earlier column. However, the control of the control of the column that the control of the column that the color of th

Lewis's Rawest Deal
THOSE who know Lewis consider his use of union dues to
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The reason Levis wanted to close Mine B was to throw his hated rivals, the Frogressive Miners, out of work, Around 500 minors had been employed by Elainoff and when the National Labor Relations Board held an election, the vote was 404 to 25 against joining Lewis union.

Following this overwhelming defeat, Lewis get Mine B of the Company of the Compa

prosecution were dropped.

How Lewis Won Supremacy
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THIS is only one page in one of the L. virtually telling the
Justice Department what to do. Scene of the battle was the
Illinois coal fields, right in Lewis's own ballipiet. Perhaps it
was personal pride which made him determine to come out
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Dapplie this, the duly elected District officials refused to step down. A bitter struggle followed, with the courts finally ruling that Lewis had no right to interfere in the affairs of District 12. Finally, in 1922, Lewis negotiated a new con-cept of the control of the control of the control of the ever, miners did not accept Lewis dictation without now ever, miners did not accept Lewis dictation without now ever, miners did not accept Lewis dictation with the tion. They voted on their contract. And, in this case her yoted Lewis and his new contract down, in the case of ballots, stored all hight at the Hidgely Parmers State and were taken out by two Lewis henchmen and destoyed. The henchmen allibled that they had been robbed.

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