The Supreme Court's Narrow View

THE Supreme Court, taking a narrow view of the Constitutional prohibition "rise of the Constitutional prohibition against "unnecessary expenditures" by municipalities, has reversed the favorable decision of Judge Bobbit in the Charlotte sant case, and in so doing has dealt as heavy blow to the hopes of every city in the state. A great deal more was involved than a simple decision concerning a \$10.000 appropriation for parts and playerounds in this city's budget, as Associate Justice Seawell recognized when he wrote: when the Constitution provides how orderly progress may be fortered and advirging the second of the propersitive of the people of the constitution provides how orderly progress may be fortered and advirging the second of the propersitive of the people facility of the propersitive of the people facility of the volvers in Kroth Carolina municipalities. Liberally and flexibility? The Supreme Court decision means that a majority of the volvers in Kroth Carolina municipalities the volvers in Kroth Carolina municipalities courthouses, severe, water lines and a few other services arbitrarily defined by the Court (not the Constitution) as necessary. All other municipal specunds, libraries, auditoriums, etc.—being rounds, libraries, auditoriums, etc.—being rounds, libraries, auditoriums, etc.—being rounds, libraries, auditoriums, etc.—being rounds, libraries, auditoriums, etc.—being recounds, libraries, auditoriums, etc.—being recounds.

other municipal projects—parks, play-nds, libraries, auditoriums, etc.—being rded by the Court as "unnecessary," be authorized only by a vote against

registration.

The vote against registration has the effect of counting ballots that were never east, and counting them against the project

under consideration. A registered voter too indifferent to participate in the election cancellout the vote of one who goes to the vote of one who goes to the vote of one who goes to the vote of the vote of one who goes to the vote of the vote of

The Differential Is Still With Us

NEGOTIATION by the Textile Workers Vulnon of America of a new contract covering \$0,000 textile workers in New England provides another reminder that neither the advance of unionization, the establishment of Federal minimum wages establishment of Federal minimum vage establishment and the old North-South wage differential. The New England contract guarantees a minimum wage of 85 cents an hour for a 46-hour week. The TWUA contracts in effect hereabouts call for a 73-cent minimum wage of 60 hours. And the differential is even more marked when average weekly straight-time earnings are compared. Under the New England contract, while in Southern mills, union and non-union, the average is only 87 cents an hour. One of the stated objectives of the union drive-in the South is to wipe out the differential, and TWUA President Emille Rieve alled attention to it again in amounting the new binshed does not jill be with our liquids, which show that, while wages in recently years, the percentage agreed between them remains about the amplies. NEGOTIATION by the Textile Workers

particularly to do with unionization or the lack of it. The differential was established in the very beginning of the cotton textile industry in the South, when cheap labor was one of the principal lures that brought about the great migration from New England. It has survived over the years and certainly must be regarded by liberals and conservatives, alike as one of our major economic handicaps.

In a business as competitive as textiles it is obvious that the wage differential cannot be wiped out overnight without causing swere economic dislocation, and in that sense it makes little difference whether the great change is brought about by a voluntary decision on management's part, by pressure from labor unions, or by Pederal or State legislation.

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man in Massachusetts should earn \$40.50 a week for running a loom while a man in North Carolina earns \$34.50 at the same job. Those figures stand as one of the prime symbols of the South's status as an economic colony. And the traged is not so much that it remains, but that nobody—with the possible exception of labor unions coming in from the outside—seems to be typing to do anything about it.

Reformed Radical From Vermont

WHEN we ran across an editorial in The Renderoullie Times. Neese entitled Tromthenic Radical Professes Conversion," we expected to find that Earl Flowder, or at least Harry Bridges, had reduced and loned the Nilsiana Association to the professional consetting the Nilsiana Association to the gentleman so referred to was George Alken, Republican (naturally Senato from that radical stronghold, Vermont. What Senator Alken had done that so warmed The Times-News' heart was to observe, appropries John L. Lewis, that "the power of any one man, group, corporation or association to hold up the presents conserved to the control of the presents of of

From Vermont

For the Senator, if you'll pardon the expression, is a boiler who defied Party lines to you requirely with the New Deal. The president was a superior of the language of the lan

Another Voice

Martyr In A Peanut Wagon

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ALONG about 1916, at the campus of a great Midwestern university, there was a peanut vendor who for years had parked his wagon at the "main gate" and sold peanuts and popcorn to students and faculty as they warmed out of laboratory and classroom. This vendor had done pretty well—as peanut retailers go. He had seluciated his child ren, and now could think of retiring.

At the same university was a popular and respected teacher. He had served many rears, held the rank of professor, and he, too, was looking toward retirement. But on his academic salary he had not done so well. Row to lay by enough to live on wheal he should leave his active work contingued a perplexing and unavled problem.

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'Maybe If You Took An Interest In Them-'



In The Gutter

How To Fight Fascists

AFTERTHOUGHTS on Columbians. Inc.

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A There are always those who say the best policy is a "mish-hush" policy.

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That sort of publicity won't help them a bit. Not

thrive on viewing with alarm. That is

They thrive on viewing and slicity.

But not on an attack. That isn't publicity.

FOR example, it is well to know that the high school classmates of Emory Burke recall that he was even in those days a fierce admirer of old Benito the Bunk, who was running Italy on a perilicultary basis. All the second of the second bunk o

ENOUGH of Homer Loomis' record got around to cause him to get up in meeting and try to explain. Here was a boy who had the benefit of

set six in ced in a dark room and read a mystery of the hospmon night. She scammed right out of there, as they say, and left Honger, and the same an

Quote, Unquote

ONTINUED demand for farm products here abroad during 1947 should keep farm ear h, but after that a national downward rea not in farm earning is likely.—E. C. Johnson, dit Administration official.

Search For Mexico

Samuel Grafton

Harold Ickes

No Time To Laugh

Drew Pearson's: Trumans Miffed As Harriman Snubs Party Merry-Go-Round

railroad caar father weened him on ritsy Long Island so-ciety, was expected to feel right at home in the While House and help make other feel at home to.

Anerell, however, did not show up. Furthermore, what was the state of the state of the state of the state of the found to be dining with New York Times buresu chief Arthur Krock. And to add insult to injury, Mr. Krock, a newsman who was expected to attend the While House re-ception for the press, himself spurned the Trumsan. Instead, the "Dancing Class"—an organization of Washington cliff-dwellers which turns up its nose at most White House in-cumbents, especially if they be Democrata.

NOTE—It is hard to say whom the Trumsan are most liked at-a-weed Hartiman or Athur Krock.

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Dan Tobin Got Tough
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