

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1946

The Passing Of A Paradox

MY attempt to assay the political career of Josiah Bailey begins and ends in paradox. There was a life long Baptist churchman and a past president of the Anti-Saloon League who defied the inflamed prohibition prejudices of North Carolina voters...

He voted for the Tennessee Valley Authority and against the Rankin control bill as "raw socialism." He was for social safety and against Supreme Court reorganization. He believed in soil conservation and was one of the first Democrats to try to create the modern system...

The Issue Is Bigger Than Bilbo

SENATOR THEODORE BILBO'S slipshod statement that he "didn't get a damn dollar" of the donations by Mississippi war contractors that passed through his hands is, of course, the basis of his legal defense against the charges of graft brought before the Senate War Contractors committee.

This is standard and familiar, and in this case necessary because the Committee seems to have an interesting collection of canceled four-figure checks bearing the Man's endorsement. Since he can't really deny that the money was paid, Bilbo will seek, and perhaps find, refuge behind the allegation that the donations went to support the Poplarville Baptist Church, or the unsuccessful Senatorial campaign of Tall Deery.

The GI Democrats Gain Sature

AFTER all their tactical blunders of the past, the GI Democrats came out of their week-end session in Charlotte equipped with a legislative program and the best press they have ever enjoyed. The leads, it appears, are learning. They got the necessary political backing for the program, and then invited one and all to attend an open session which was marked by just the right amount of harmony.

Another Voice

THE oddest news of the Thanksgiving season came from San Francisco, whose board of education is said to be threatened with lawsuits because kindergarten pupils were taught to sing: We thank thee, God, for food we eat, For family ties that bind us near, For books we read and songs we sing. We thank thee, God, for everything.

group of conservative Senators of both parties in the issuance of "An Address To The People of The United States" in which he called for a balanced budget and a return to "the American system of free enterprise." But, in 1946, when the political tide was clearly running the other way, he introduced a bill calling for Federal encouragement of new industries in the South, a measure many believed to be the most progressive Federal legislation ever aimed at the region.

Yet there is a thread of consistency in all this. Senator Bailey regarded himself as a Jeffersonian and he ardently hated and feared the encroachment of government upon individual rights. But, because he had a logical mind and no gift for self-deception, he could see that in many ways, a measure of freedom in industrial civilization consists primarily of the right to starve to death. Two forces shaped his inconsistent voting record: his own not always successful efforts to meet the demands of a free economy without compromising his principles, and the highly paradoxical one-party political system that produced him.

It is noteworthy in this record is there any evidence that he ever based a decision solely on political considerations. There is, instead, abundant evidence to the contrary; he turned up on the unpopular side so often that one would have suspected that he was a deliberate non-conformist. The historians may write down Josiah Bailey as a man of limited vision, but they will also have to recognize him as a man who had the courage and integrity North Carolina and the nation are poorer for his passing.

People's Platform

working in factories around the borough will be interested in the following findings of the Queensboro Chamber of Commerce sent to the community... A factory employing 150 will support from 1,000 to 2,000 persons and cause 300 hours of unemployment. It will fill a 22-room schoolhouse using 18 teachers. In normal times this factory will put 320 professional people and 300 clerks a year and establish a fund of \$500,000. It will enable 24 amateur people, priests, rabbis, ministers, doctors, dentists, lawyers, teachers, musicians and others to live in the community... Further, it will pay off \$33,000 annually in mortgages and buy the products of 6,800 acres of land which involves the farmer's output. And it will provide a payroll of between \$19,000 and \$20,000 a year and establish a fund of \$2,300,000... No wonder we want to keep our factories and little industries and our businessmen... From The Long Island Star-Examiner.

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Differentials

YOUR editorial "The Differential Is Brilling With Us" dealing with the difference in prevailing wages in New England and the South... looks the fact that it costs more to live in New England... so lacking in natural resources (excepting, perhaps, their labor)... and our ability to compete is lessened by adverse freight rates.

What It Means

THE organization of our hold is still in embryo, and the Democrats hold no bloc of seats in the Legislature... The GI Democrats have a long way to go before they become a power in the state, and the odds are long that they will be absorbed by the regular organizations... But they cannot be safely ignored any longer, as most of the old guardmen have recognized by criticizing them.

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What are you kicking about? You've gone up too.

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Mexican Philosophy

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Pity The Poor...

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Three Disgusted Sailors.

The reason we are sending this is because we boys work in the Navy Post Office over here, and it seems like everyone else is getting mad but us. It sure gets disgusting at times, we would sure like to receive from some girls in your city some beautiful Christmas cards... We promise to answer all letters promptly. We thank you very much and hope you will publish our names.—THREE DISGUSTED SAILORS.

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SOME YELLOW TRAVELERS... Recent polls in the House of Commons, there were a few fellow travelers. Wallace and Britain

CONTRAST SHARP... In Britain's powerful Labor Party, there are men like Wallace who are not in office and not on the ballot.

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