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Is It Ignorance Or Contempt?

PROCK BARKLEY, a member of the City School Board, has lodged a formal complaint against the City Police Department's practice of holding prisoners charged with drunkenness incommunicado, and without bond. Protesting the processing of the processing the processi the refusal of the Police to release a City School janitor after his superior had appeared at Headquarters and of had appeared at Headquarters and or-fered to post bond. Mr. Barkley said.
"The City Police Department has no right to hold any man arrested on any charge this side of first degree murder or other capital felony if he can post bond. . . Such practice 'e contrary to every principle of ording y justice."

In the course of his efforts to release the janitor, Mr. Barkley said, he ob-tained from Solicitor Mercer J. Blankentamed from Solector server 3. Branket-ship a statement explaining that it is the Police Department's rule to "hold for four hours without bond or visitor any person arrested on a charge of being drunk."

The arbitrary four-hour sobering-up period is we presume, undertaken as a service to the prisoner. The police can argue that any man drunk enough to warrant arrest is in no condition to

The matter of holding prisoners The matter of holding prisoners in-communicado is, of course, indefensible. If serves to block any defense a prisoner mucht make when finally brought to triall if he claims he was falsely ar-rested he can produce no witness who saw him within four hours after he was locked away in a cell and the ques-tion of his drunkenness becomes a mat-ter of his word against that of the police. His right to protest his innocence, and bring in his friends, or his wwyer, at the moment he is booked, is guaran-teed by the Constitution.

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The fact that such a practice is condened in a formal Police Department ruling demonstrates a shocking ignorance of the law, or an equally shocking contempt for it. The blast of publicity attendant to Mr. Barkley's complaint may bring about an immediate correction; if it deesn't the next move is up to City Council.

Old 42 Moves Up To 14th

NORTH CAROLINA customarily winds up down around 42nd place on the list of states contributing cash money to any given national cause, which is natural enough considering the per natural enough considering the per capita income average of the state. But in the 1945 campaign of the American Cancer Society, North Carolina turned up in 14th place, contributing \$103,-374.84 to the total of \$4.046,043.42 col-lected in the 48 states.

We can be reasonably proud of rank-ing near the top of the list of Southern States (\$125,866 raised in Georgia, \$73.-430 in Virginia, \$85,000 in Tennessee, \$5,868 in South Carolina). And we have every right to be astonished at finding ourselves leading Illinois, which turned in only \$102,336.44.

A little more than half of North Carolina's contribution will be spent in the state. It will go to provide special cancer instruction for general practitioners, to support clinics, and to assist indigent cancer patients. All of this is part of a rear-guard action against the dread disease, designed to provide early treatment with new methods that now save about 30,000, lives a year. The scope of the task ahead is indicated by the Cancer Society's estimate that about 50,000 persons are dying needlessly each year because of failure to detect the dis-ease in its early stages.

. The remainder of the money will be spent nationally by the Cancer Society, Here again there are a variety of pur-poses to be served, but the most vital one is the continuing research program, which will account for about a million dollars. It is here, as Eric Johnston, chairman of the Society's board of directors, has said, that there is hope "of establishing a beachhead for an all-out attack on caneer." Already the Society has been able to assist key caneer research centers to enter the sharp competition for first-rate research specialists as they are released from the Army and Navy and Irom wartime scientific projects. one is the continuing research program

In research, of course, lies the final hope of routing the "most dreadful, de-vastating enemy." Enough trained men working long enough are certain to solve the mystery of cancer and evolve a cure. Until they do, we shall have to depend largely upon a program of public educa-

The raising of almost five times as much money as had ever been raised before indicates, as Mr. Johnston said, "a wide-scale awakening on the part of the American public." That can be alas important as any other single result of the campaign; and it is gratifying to note that North Carolina ranks with those states that are particularly alert to the menace of cancer

Two Handy Little Journals

A modern Rip Van Winkle, attempting to reorient himself as to current political trends after a long sleep, would we fear, be painfully puzzled. Examining The Congressional Record he would find little, if any relation, between the vote of an incumbent and the parenthetical (R) or (D) that follows his name. He would find a large bloc of Democrats voting with the Republicans against every measure proposed by a Demo-cratic President, and he would also find a respectable bloc of Republicans going down the line regularly for that same President.

We would like to think that the issues of the day are so towering they trans-cend Party lines, but we fear the explanation is too pat. The trouble, appar-ently, lies in the Party lines themselves: they have become so flexible in the last decade they now embrace citizens of every shade of political thought.

Of course there is still official Party polity, and we will, we suppose be hear-ing a preat deal more of it as we ap-proach the next Presidential election. A handy preview is currently being pro-vided by two new tableids—The Demo-crat, published in Washington by the National Democratic Committee and The Republican News, the publication of Republican headquarters

The latest issues are at hand, identi-The latest issues are at hand, identical in size but varying considerably in content. For instance The Democrat's headline is "Let the Rich Rule Is GOP Cry", while The News is adorned with a front-page editorial entitled "Leftward. Ho." The News also proclaims. "America Turns to Honest Abo", and has a none-too, subtle reference, to "Jolly George and Olly Ed".

To The Democrat, the vital issue of To The Democrat. the vital issue of the day is between "arch-conservatism and human progress." numan progress, of course, being the exclusive property of the Democratic Party But The Neura defines the issue in a slightly different manner: "Radicalism, regimentation, all-powerful bureaucraye, class exploitation, deficit spending and machine politics, as against our belief in American freedom for the individual under just laws, fairly administered for all, preservation of local home rule, efficiency and pay-sa-you-go economy on Government and the protection of the American way of life against either Fascist or Communist trends."

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It would seem from a hasty perusal of these two organs, that Party orthodoxy has been preserved at Headquarters, no matter how strange the gyrations of individual Party members on the Hill. The Republican Nezes is stunnishy conservative. The Democrat is violently liberal. But it is significant that their orthodoxy is confined to a statement of principle; neither journal utters a neep concernie. neither journal utters a peep concern-ing a concrete program to achieve the peace and prosperity each promises.

According to The Democrat, the Republican Party has no program. According to The News, the Democratic Party has no program. Perhaps these two Parhas no program. Perhaps these two Par-ty organs have innocently provided a joint explanation of the strange voting record of the 79th Congress. In the record of the 19th Congress. In the Atomic Ace for the Century of the Con-mon Man: a statesman needs a little more equipment than a dedication to conservative or libral, principles. He's got to know where he wants to go and how he intends to get there, and it's quite clear that neither Party now has the faintest idea.

Never, according to a census estimate, were there so many bables in the American population. Posterity, it seems, is just around the corner.

It now appears we were committed to turning the Kuriles over to the Russian chum. It says so here, on the back of a Yalta Menu.

Snowballs in all sizes are rolled up by the wind for many miles around Sara-toga. Now would be the time, if Burgoyne wants a return fight.

With the traffic in men's wear at a standstill, the liquid stocking interests might put their ingenious minds to a painted-on shirt.



People's Platform

Defense Of Catholicism

IN your Thursday's People's Platform I read Mr. McIlwaine's bitter anti-Catholic letter.

The Catholic Church has withstood the attacks of individual dissenters and entire nations for over one thousand years. That helps to prove her perpetuity. When someone says Catholicism is "totalitariam' and 'hates democracy' he is merely making an estentious display of his ignorance. Americas is the most reading that the properties of the properties of the participate in the Government of America, but religious is not a determining factor, ability is. Catholics have never and will never undermine American Government; they cherish it.

Worshiping Christ is one thing, and Government is another. Church and state don't mix, so please don't try to mix them.

-FRANK E. LYSTON

IN answer to Mr. McIlwaine:

I have just read your letter, which is busting our all over not with June, roses and perfume, but with frustration and hate which is borne of despera-

with Institution and made which is borne of obsperation. How pittiful, You seem to know so much about
other people's religion to be able to do a lot of griping about it, but not enough of your own to live by it.
I sure would like to meet you and compare with you
all the Catholic men and boys who fought and died
all over the world by the thousands against totalitarian foes. That in itself answers all your charges.
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'Hearty Appreciation . . .'
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happreciate your thought and influence. Your attitude will go far in creating a better city and state and
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—Beaker T. Nedford.

Draft For Davis?

CHARLOTTE

Do I just imagine that your editorials are getting better all the time, or were they always so good and I didn't notice?

But If we now get legal liquor stores on top of a clean place in which to have our meat slaughtered, accms to me somebody in your organization should be

nominated for Governor and help run the country. Many thanks-—Grave J. Deskau (NOTE: We have passed the nomination along to Hon-est Burke Davis, who is known around the office as The People's Platform's Choice.—Eds., The News).

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BURKE DAVIS' article on the ABC Liquor Stores is very interesting. I must say I agree with it 100 per cent. However, I don't think we have to worry about iocal bootleggers making a lot of money. They are getting lazy, Most of their Cadillacs now have a special speed of the car increases the volume of the radio automatically increases. The antenna also works in the same manner—push a button and it will go up or down without any other manual operation. Chis You are doing the County a great service by pointing out the advantages of having liquor stores. If you keep it up maybe the people will wake up and veet the County with bring out: You mentioned how much money the County would make, but you didn't mention how it would improve local business. It will not only bring in business from other countles, but out of the mine dollars saved on each fifth purchased, focal stores. It runs into money any way you look at it. You keep up the good work and I'll start my own private campaien. Wishing you the best of luck—and don't be the wet volera down.

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Quote, Unquote

THE first paragraph in the Bill of Rights in the Con-ditution of the United States guarantees the free-dom of the press. So long as that guarantee survives the American people will be free—Parkersburg. W. Va., Sentinel.

I will do my best to lead the nation (Japan) back to self-respect and the way of righteousness, and I hope I receive the support of all right-minded Japanese.— Baron Kijuro Shidehara, new Jap Premier.

If we have a duty to save this present world, we have a right to determine, more than others, how it shall be

Marquis Childs

Action by the House comes at a time when labor leaders are beaction by the noise comes at a time when labor leaders are behaving in such an arbitrary fashion that the public, which has shown phenomenal patience, must be near the end of the road. New strikes threaten—in New York's transportation system and on the telephone lines of the entire country.

LIBERALS JOIN

What was most striking in the
House was that liberal Congressmen on both sides of the slate
joined with those who have long
been demanding restraints on the
power of organized labor. That is
proof of how far the revolt has
gone. When the roll was called.

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only 43 House members, whose
against the measure. Representative Chel Hollfield of
California, out of sincere conviction,
has followed the liberal-New Deal
line. His voting record, even by
the most rigid standard, adds up
to a perfect score for New Deal
measures. Yet in the course of the
debate in the House, he said:

"Labor unions must respect the

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Petrillo's Reward

without cause or excuse.

"Labor unions must purge the remaining racketeer leaders and become democratic organizations.

"Labor unions must render an accounting of their collections of dues and expenditures to their members.

members.

"Unless the rank and file of labor unions participate in the control of the policy of their unions, this program of responsibility and maturity, yee and democracy, will not prevail." networks.

Petrillo is the perfect example of what can happen when a labor leader abuses his powers and, through the years, converts his union into an instrument of personal dictation. The American Federation of Musicians is a tipli little monopoly owned body and soul by Petrillo.

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such a showdown.

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Samuel Grafton

The Road Back

NEW YORK
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An Apology For Smiling George Allen Drew Pearson's • Merry-Go-Round •

WASHINGTON

ON Feb. 22, this column published certain facts regarding George Allen, newly appointed director of the RFC, and his insurance company connections which did Mr. Allen an insurance company connections.

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Injustice.

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Apologies To George

FURTHER facts in the case have now developed. And we applospe for this unintentional injustice done Mr. Allen. It is now learned that Mr. Allen not merely became vice-president of the Home Insurance Co. but also vice-president of the Home Insurance Co. but also vice-president of the World Mr. Allen was also vice-president of the World Mr. Allen was also vice-president of the National Liberty Insurance Co. of America, the Franklin National Insurance Co. and the City of New York Justice Co.—all of them particles and wide-president and Jecretary during the significant year. All the above except conviction, though many people considered the insurance executives who bribed Pendergast just as guilty as the man who accepted the bribe.

The column takes, this apportunity to recutly its previous like and vice-presidence and directorships—now a glirector of the RPG.

NOTE—The RPC has loaned millions to insurance com-panies in the past, also to railroads and other companies which? if they had failed, would have loopardized the financial posi-tion of insurance companies. Allen frankly admits that he will try to serve two master—that he will keep some of his corporate directorships while also serving as director of the RPC.

Pork And Children

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WHEN Henry Wallace stated that the school children of
Washington, D. C., were worse fed than the hogs of Iowa.
he probably didn't know about an unpublicated pork barrel
maneuver which took place at the last session of Congress. by
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maneuver which took place at the last session of Congress. by which school lunchs were put to one side in favor of a new, Federal building in Nashville. Tenn.

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there is at a thousand other places in the United States."
Taber declared.
Another member of the House Committee was even more explicit. "I like my pork cooked." he declared, "not raw."

Increased Meat Prices

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Some people are wandering whether the Fact-Finding Board for the mest packing industry took the trouble to read the read that the season of the property of the trouble to read the read that the housestfe bear the main burden of the cost of increased wages in the meat packing industry.

The Fact-Finding Board, which included Dr. Edwin E. Wilte of Wlesonshi University, Chief Justice Raymond w Starr of the Michigan Supreme Court, and Chark Kerr, former continuous means of the season of the seaso

passed on to the consumer or the Government. Their repowas 11ed Feb. 7:

However, early in December, long before the Fact-Finding Board was appointed, a number of smaller meal packing plants of the state of the st