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Dear Ed Finally Saw The Light

DEAR Ed." wrote President Truman as he accepted his man Pauley's request that his name be withdrawn from momination as Undersecretary of the Navy, Your honor, integrity, fidelity to duty and capacity for public service have been com-pletely established."

And so they had, to Mr. Truman's com-plete satisfaction, but to almost nobody size's. Also established were the President's loyalty to his old political pals, his stub-borness in clinging to them to his own detriment, and his innocent belief that ap-solution and the student of the student of the on a basis of mutual back-scratching just as they used to be in Kansas City.

Even if it is true, as Mr. Pauley claims and the President believes, that all the specific charges hurled against the nominee were proved false simply by Mr. Pauley's unsupported denial, these facts still ain: (1) Ed Pauley is a big oil operator. (2) Ed Pauley earned a national reputa-tion as collector of Democratic campaign Sands, a position which placed him under biligation to many a well-heeled contribu-ber. (3) As Undersecretary of the Navy.

have had virtual control over public oil resources, in which he and some of those he had solicited for party funds had an obvious personal interest. These considerations alone should have persuaded the President against his appointment, regardless of the question of his personal interrity, and certainly they justify the Senate Committee's rejection of the nomination.

But the President continued to com-pound his initial error even as he accept-ed Ed Pauley's withdrawal. Pointedly he spoke of "misrepresentation", and of "the spoke of misrepresentation, and of the nomination had been defeated by some evil. carefully-planned plot. Harold Ickes, and that considerable group of Democrats who share his views, will not miss the President's implication.

At any rate, the incident is closed now, At any rate, the incident is closed now, and Mr. Pauley will presumably return quietly to his oil wells. But we would feel better if the President had given some indication that he had noticed the contrast between the hue and cry that arose over the Pauley nomination, and the calm that surrounded, the speedy Senatorial acceptance of O. Max Gardner and Julius Krug as Cabinet members.

Making A Strike A Crusade

SEVENTEEN more veterans are due to be homeless in Rock Hill very shortly. They are, or almost were, employees of Industrial Cotton Mill, who came out of the service to find themselves caught in the middle of a long, hitter strike. Be-cause they refused to cross the Textile Workers Union's picket line they now face eviction from the company-owned houses assigned to them when they agreed to go to work as soon as the mill reopened.

The evictions will, of course, be con-The evictions will, of course, he con-bested, but there is little reason to doubt that the Industrial Mill's legal position is sound. The doors of the mill were opened on March 5, and although only four non-maintenance workers ensered, the failure of the veterans for report for work seems a clear breach of contract. We doubt if company aftorneys will have to carry the case to the United States Supreme Court, as they have announced they will do if

As a matter of fact, it occurs to us that company attorneys might make out a fair legal case for the eviction of all 500 striking employees of the mill. The company-owned houses, after all, are provided for the housing of workers, and the strikers have not worked for more than seven months. Wholesale eviction would. seven months. Wholesale eviction would, of course, be strike-breaking, but there is no reason to believe the management would object to that.

The trouble is that eviction is as futile as most punitive action taken by management against organized labor. At best it would guarantee continuation of the strike and would leave a residue of bitterness long after it ends: at worst it would result in the dispersal of the mill's labor force, requiring the management to recruit 500 skilled, but non-union workers.

The Industrial Mill, in emptying seven-The Industrial Mill, in emptying seven-teen houses it has no use for at the mom-ent, may be on sound moral, as well as legal ground, but it is difficult to see what practical advantage is gained. Unless one accepts the theory that the strikers are feeble-minded dupes of commiving organiz-ers, it must be assumed that they sincerely believe in the strike they have supported at considerable personal sacrifice for seven months. And it is always dangerous to hand a sincere man a ready-made cause for anger. for anger.

On March 5, when the mill reopened, reporters on the scene noted no signs of bit-terness among the pickets. Yet, because one of the main bones of contention is the management's refusal to agree to checking union dues off payrolls, most of the strikers are convinced that they are faced with an open attempt to break their union. The eviction of the veterans who have sided with them will only strengthen that conviction.

What started out as an effort to obtain higher wages and a vacation with pay is rapidly being converted into a crusade. And, whatever the relative legal merits of the labor-management argument, doubt if that's good business practice.

A Footnote For Mr. Kipling

IN the Carolinas, where mayhem is as a commonplace as cotton-picking, little stdention would normally be paid to the action of two citizens of Lake View, S. C., who chopped off a friend's arm in the neutre of an argument in a filling station. There was a routine trial for assault and hastery, but an account of it would never lawe been dignified by transmission over the wires of the Associated Press had it mot been for the unique weapon they employed. The friend's arm, we are informed, was severed by a 22-inch Japanese sword.

anese sword.

This gives the incident an extra fillip, and entitled it to 50 words on the telefipe, but we find ourselves wishing the AP had seen fit to fill in more detail. We are not, however, accusing the news service of dereliction. There was an obvious mechanical problem involved—on this day, as every day. Carolinians were disposing of friends, enemies and casual acquaintances at their usual rate and with their usual spectacular ingenuity, and it is the AP's bounden duty to report on all sudden death.

Still, there would be great satisfaction

Another Voice

in knowing the full history of the sword that turned up in Lake View. Perhaps it was a phony, one of those remarkably ship blades contrived from an old jeep spring by an enterprising Marine for sale to the indefatigable souvenir-hunters of the rear echelons. But it could have been a true symbol of Bushido. a flashing weapon borne by a feudal aristocrat at the head of a burnari charge and wrested from his failing hands by a lean, rednecked South Carolinian with a cud of chewing tobacco in his cheek and the Stars and Bars tattooed on his forearm. That this weapon should have found.

That this weapon should have found That this weapon should have lound its way across the centuries, and a broad ocean, to be finally employed in casual assault and battery in a South Carolina filling station, where a jack handle would have been far more appropriate, strikes us as one of the marvels of our time.

That's all we have to say about it—
it's marvelous. We draw no conclusion,
point no moral. The incident proves
nothing, except possibly that the twain
finally met behind the gas pumps in a
filling station in Lake View, S. C., on
March 7th in the Year of Our Lord, 1946.

Confession Of An Editor

PUBLISHER Weimar Jones of The Franklin Press winds himself up editorially and lets go with this:

In the course of a number of years' newspapering I have rend a great many editorials that said exactly nothing, and said it at great length.

When I came to The Franklin Press, I made up my mind to try to have an editorial solumn that said something, or to have mone at all I believe that was a sensible resolve, and I propose to stick to it.

This week I have nothing to say edi-

Such candor, we suspect, is its own re-mand, for never have we read anything shows nothing so well put in a half-stick of type. Pintarch tells us that Euripides was went to say. "Slience is an answer to a use man." The readers of The Franklin-ries will please take a bow.

what goes on in Macon? Has the

first breath of Spring by-passed the editorial sanctum? Are the fires of controversy so well banked that the metal pot grows cold? Does the editor realize, finally, that he is assaulting the canons of a craft that has a regular void to fill, if only with nothingness?

With bated breath we wait for a sign from Franklin that the editorial chair has not left off rocking.—The Asheville Citizen.

Dora thinks it a shame that all that energy is unharnessed. Now that he's no longer in, surely Mr. Ickes could be made Secretary of the Exterior.

Unprecedented problems have arisen, it appears, with the scarcity of shirts. "How." an answers man is asked, "can I remove an ink stain from a coffee stain?"

'Sieg Heill'

People's Platform

"Broad Screen Of Truth...

CHARLOTTE

I have been waiting for some amart Catholic to answer Mr. Mclawane but it looks as though I will have log so to the husdings myself.

First may I child your good paper for publishing the article. The right of free speech is involate, and should be. But as the late Mr. Justice Holmes once remarked 'it does not encompase the right to stand in a crowded theatre and cry fire when this too had best remain unpublished. They can only stir up unnecessary ill feeling that should remain quiescent.

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minded tolerance. In these troubled days, I think that every Christian should pray for tolerance. However, I am afraid that should this be done by Mr. McIlwaine his prayer would be. "Give me tolerance, oh God, but not so far as the Catholic Church is concerned."

-SIGNATURE WITHHELD

NOTE: Whether or not there is a fire in the theatre is a matter of opinion. Many Protestant sects, including the Baptists, have detected at least a glowing ember, and have publicly condemned the practice of treating with the Vatican on the temporal level as a violation of America's traditional doctrine of separation of tenurch and state. Mr. Mc-Ilwaine's communication struck us as intemperate and bigoted, but it seems to us his right to express his views is as valid as that of Patiter Coughlin, whose "happy faculty of these sheri was" it about equal to Mr. McIlwaine's.—Eds., The News.)

The British Loan

WHY loan four billions to Britain? The reasons are obvious, we all agree, but even a school boy has the brains to understand that loans aren't being made these days where good credit or collaieral are lacking.

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Loans to we Americans, by banks or other agenter requirements of the subminished credit, or collateral to back it up, so why not the same business basis but loans to nations?

If there is "honor smong nations" as we have been led to believe, then Britsin and the other nations do brele and believe, then Britsin and the other nations of the brele same but only dishonored themselves. If private American industry depends upon that loan to Britain, why should they not be the ones to finance it? If our Government is being administered on a business basis, then under no circumstances another than the same proportion that other American loans are protected.

And if our Government dates to make such a And if our Government dates to make such a And if our Government dates to make such a And if our Government dates to make such a date in the same proportion that other American loans are protected.

Beginning the date of the same proportion that other American loans are protected. Beginning the date in the same proportion that other American loans are protected. Beginning the done about it, and we can certainly speak our minds on election day. Besides that, if you feel as I do, just send this article to your favorite Congressman, and he'll know what your men.

—RAMON W. HETZLER

Note, I am going to vote Dry and don't you toget II.

But I hate decelt. I think it can do a lot of harm. I am referring to this fellow who made out to his wife like he would be ashamed to be seen at a boolteggers. I have seen that bird a donen times over at .doc's, and he didn't seem a bit ashamed when I saw him. He seemed ab it product if snivthing as we must be seemed a bir product if snivthing as we must be seemed a bir product if snivthing as we must be seemed ab it product if snivthing as we must be seemed ab it product if snivthing as the snive is the snive in the snive is the snive is the snive is the snive is the snive in the snive is the

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Samuel Grafton

Case Against War

NEW YORK.

It is hard to believe there will be war with Russia, for three reasons: the United States is demobilized, the British American included the Residual to the American included the Residual to the want to fight. The excitables who are predelicing war will have to get around all three reasons, and to dispose of any one would make a contract of the three streat powers. British is the world's largest question mark, because her future is the most uncertainties galvanize here toward tanns in the world's largest question mark, because her future is the most uncertainties galvanize here toward tanns in the world's largest question mark because her future is the most uncertainties galvanize here toward tanns in the properties of the stream of the stream of a British-American military alliance. As for the United States, we are hardly likely to large a war, first, because they have modified to a stream of the Russians likely to launch a major war, first, because they have modified to that world opinion is heading left, especially in colonial and backward countries, and that time is on their side: and third, because by taking offersive action colonial and backward countries, and that propaganda weapon, which is the argument that capitalism makes wars.

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There are several alternate roads which events may take in the next few months or years, besides that of war, and some of these may perhaps be listed;

1. The British may decide to use democratic socialism as a weapon on the world scene. A group-still small, within the Labor Parport of the second still small, within the Labor Parport of socialism to India, to Burnas, to Western Europe, as a countrie to itotalization commission: it proposes to defend the Empire, not by bacomotics, but by profice if this trend wins, the United Nations may be apilit up into an extreme left, or communist wing, and a conseguation wing of particular control of the profice of the control of the profice of the

turn up on the world parlia protagonists in a long and cate period of struggle by me short of war. BRITISH POLICY

than the first to bring about accomplete American-British allisance.

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3. The Russians might leave the United Nations, plunging the world into a kind of twilight period. They may be suffered to the suffered to

Drew Pearson's : The 'Mighty Missouri's' Trip To Turkey

THERE was some highly significant back-stage argument behind a relatively insignificant recent news item that the body of the late Turkish Ambasador, Mehmet Munir Ertegun, would be sent back to Turkey on the battleship

the body of the late to the frequency of the late to the frequency would be sent back to Turkey on the tendency Missouri.

Real fact is that the return of the Ambassador's body was merely incidental. He had been dead two years, had been in a sealed vault in Arilington, and there was in reason his remains could not have remained there longer.

Real reason for the return of his remains at this time. Recal reason for the return of his remains at this time. Real reason for the return of his remains at the time. The remains are the season for the return of his remains at the state of the return of the time. The season for the return of the time and the season for the return of the season for the return of the season for the purpose of having American Ships in the Eastern Mediterranean when Russia is expected to crack down on Turkey.

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At the rate Russian troops have been massing on the Turkish border. This crackdown may come at any moment, the British have secretly promised the two was the secretly promised the was urged to have a healthy force of American naval vessels near Turkey as an indication of this country's interest in preventing aggression. The State Department, however, ruled against sending any large forces of American vessels into the Eastern Mediterranean. So a compromise was finally arranged whereby

the mighty Missouri will sail to Turkey with the body of the late Ambassador aboard, as a token of American-Turkish friendship. The battleship will be accompanied by one destinated by one of the companied by one destinated by the companies of t

to be eeen.

NOTE—The Russians are now in a position to put a three-way squeeze on Turkey. They have over a quarter of a million men on the Eastern Turkish border in Iran wider 300,000 men in Bulgaria on the other side of Turkey the third Russian attack could come from the Black Sea

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EDDER statesman Robert F. Wagner, author of labor's
magna charta. Is expected to resign from the Senate
next month. He has been ill for some time. A Republican
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