

By All Means, Look At The Facts

SUGGESTING that a State Commission be established to study the workings of the ABC System in North Carolina. The High Point Enterprise remarks: We observe an opinion regarding the ABC system that the liquor problem...

a few of the considerations The News & Observer overlooked in leaping so airily to its foregone conclusion. As to the ABC system, it is a vast, and as yet unmeasured increase in population in the wet counties during the period. War industries and military establishments more than doubled the population of some counties.

Guaranteeing Collective Insecurity

W. AVERELL HARRIMAN, former ambassador to Russia, declaring himself in favor of getting tough with the Soviet, remarks: "We agree that Russia is entitled to security. But in gaining this security I still hope that the chief hope of the world is in collective security through the United Nations Organization."

not even the Russians. The three major commands outlined in the blue print, are operational, not training organizations. And the Continental Defense Command comes last on the list, while the strategic force, to be made up of 40 B-29 bombers...

The Patience Of James E. Dewey

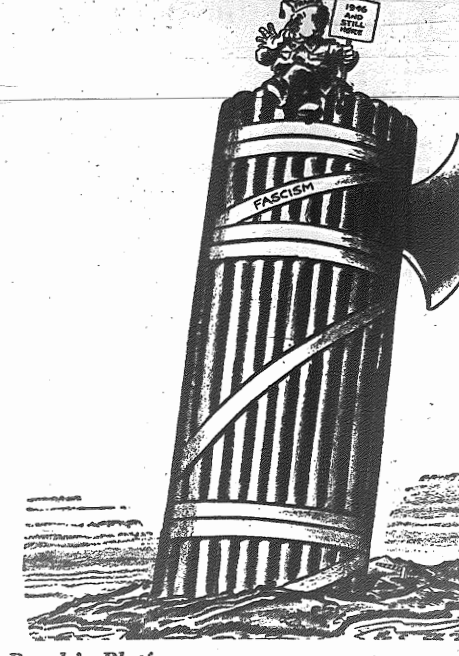
SOMEbody, we think, should strike off a special medal for James E. Dewey, citizen him for extraordinary patience above and beyond the call of duty. Mr. Dewey is the Federal mediator who has somehow restrained himself from turning over the conference table and stalking out after weeks of trying to make sense out of the downright eunuchness of General Motors and the United Auto Workers.

wouldn't like to override their union leaders and come back to work for 18-1/2 cents an hour. This is nothing more nor less than an effort to shoot Walter Reuther's horse out from under him. The long strike, now past its 100th day, has been costly to everyone concerned—workers, company and public. Wage losses are now in excess of \$107,000,000. GM's loss in unfilled orders alone is over \$500,000,000.

Another Voice

We have the Greensboro Daily News to thank for the following information: In North Carolina during the five year period 1939-44 juvenile delinquency decreased 8 per cent from the period 1934-39. However, while delinquency cases rose 6.4 per cent while Negro cases dropped 20 per cent.

been on the upswing. Is it a new sense of responsibility among parents of the minority race who appreciate the fact that the American Negro, too often the heaviest contributor to crime statistics, needs to demonstrate his own good citizenship if he is to share more widely in the progress of the community?



People's Platform

Senator Hoy and Ed Pauley

WILMINGTON I'M about to blow up. We have a Senator from this state, who represents us in Washington, and thinks FOR us. I have two letters lately received from Senator Hoy, to whom I first wrote an expression of opinion, asking that he vote down Ed Pauley. His earlier letter was the amazing response to this.

middle of the state. He has had extensive experience in agriculture, commerce and finance. With the above stated, let me share in nomination Edwin Pauley, of Lenoir County, Scotland County, as candidate for our next Governor, and all who second this nomination come out and let it be known.

All In Favor . . .

THERE is no doubt that a responsive chord would vibrate in the minds of a large majority of the voters of North Carolina. If a successful business man, entirely free from political and personal influence would be named as a candidate for election to the chief executive office of North Carolina in the coming primary, for with the solution of the momentous problems that will face the Nation and the State during the next biennial the service of a man of true character and ability will be sorely needed.

The Gutter Level

EDITORIALS like the enclosed (NOTE: "Race Riots Require Two Races"—Eds. The News) and other codding of the Negro by such lame-brained fools like Douglas, who has earned Charlotte the reputation of having the worst Negro element in the South. I travel a good many states, but this section is out of control in regard to the Negro. They hog the buses, crowd you on the streets, and have forgotten the word courtesy.

Drew Pearson's: Hoover Didn't Want To Stop Fishing

WASHINGTON SECRETARY of Agriculture Clinton Anderson had a hard time at first persuading Herbert Hoover to come to Washington for the food conference. Anderson caught the ex-President at Key West, Fla. where he was fishing. "I've promised my family for seven years to take them fishing," Hoover told the Secretary of Agriculture, "and now at last here I am."

No White Spaghetti

SOME of the strongest opposition to the President's "dark bread" order is coming from an unexpected quarter—spaghetti manufacturers. Spaghetti, macaroni and noodles are made from semolina a gritty flour made from durum wheat. Semolina millers, as well as spaghetti makers, are up in arms about the "dark bread" order, declaring it will drive them out of business. Already a number of the millers in the Minneapolis area have filed an exception to the order.

WASHINGTON ON lonely beaches scattered across the Pacific, hundreds of thousands of American servicemen feel themselves cut off from the main stream of world events. They sit in Europe, where the evidence of profound change can be seen everywhere. They have a sense of isolation which is not shared by the little news they get in capsule form not reassuring. The growth of political forces seems to be one of dissension and disintegration.

Our Russian Policy

NEW YORK NOTES ON THE IMBROGLIO: 1. Mr. Byrnes' speech, following the Soviet speech, means that opinion is shaping up in both parties and in the administration toward calling a halt to expansion of Russian influence. Both men ask us to be firm, to be definite, to be moral, to be hard. That they are worried men is in evidence. The degree of concern they show in public is probably a minor fraction of the emotion they reveal to their military and their friends. Their alarm is genuine. They fear for the future of the democratic-capitalist way of life: their concern comes up from the very marrow of their feet, and it is barren, and schematic political comment to describe them merely as plotters against the Soviet Union in the light of present-day facts.

Reds' Secret Weapon

IF the Russians are attacking democracy, they are attacking it in Germany. And if we are defending it, we are defending it where it isn't. If the Russians were to try to conquer a country, the issue would be solidly joined; but it is the Russian secret weapon that they are imposing their system, however unilaterally, not on democracies but on desperately reactionary, even medieval, regimes. The great danger, then, is that a "defense of democracy" against the Russian becomes a "defense of discriminating defense of the status quo. Into that fight there pours a