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By All Means, Look At The Facts

DUOGESTING that a State Commission be established to study the workings of the ABC System in North Carolina. The High Point Enterprise remarks: "We havent an opinion satisfactory even to ourselves about the liquor problem. Most of the people who talk and write most about the liquor problem twist such facts as they have to suit their purposes and make no effort to get the whole picture."

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To The Raleigh News & Observer, which long ago made up its mind that ABC stands for Atcohol Brutalizes Consumers, the plea for facis on liquor consumption in Nerth Carolina is only another attempt to postpone a prohibition referendum.

"No commission could wipe out the compelling argument against ABC. when the people reflect that the present mongrel system has produced this increase in guzzeling:

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1938 the sales of intoxicants by ABC
stores in one-fourth of the counties in
North Carolina amounted to \$8,339,845,85.

And by 1945 the volume of sales had
unped up to \$23,079,847,53, an increase
in seven years of over 21 million dollars."

These figures, to The News & Observer,
tell the whole story of how "the consumption of intoxicants in 25 counties has increased." We can think of no better
argument for fact-finding in the liquor
business than this typical distortion of

business than this typical distortion of cold facts.

It seems to us that even the most biased statistician would hesitate to measure the increase of liquor consumption by compar-ing the increase in gross receipts from liquor sales. Here, for instance, are just

a few of the considerations The News & Observer overlooked in leaping so airly to its foregone conclusion:

(1) There was 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.

counties,
(2) The retail price of liquor has almost
doubled during the period, primarily because of a heavy increase in Federal tases.
(3) Ten of the 25 counties adopted ABC
in 1938, and, after all, it takes a will
to divert the liquor trade into legal

to divert the liquor trade into legal channels.

Admittedly, the application of these factors to the basic figures would bring them mare in line with our own prejudiced view. We are convinced that ABC brings about far more control than it does bring that the wet counties. We regard it as highly probable that there has been a per capita increase in drinking in the 25 ABC counties, just as there has been in every other section of the country, including dry Mecklenburg, just as there usually is durking lenburg, just as there usually is during periods of boom. But we submit that the figures, as employed by the News & Observer to prove its point, prove nothing

at all.
"Should Face The Facts." the Neues &
Observer heads its editorial, and with that
statement we are in hearty accord. But,
since our distinguished colleague didn't
bother to specify who should face them, we
feel at liberty to point out that the admonition applies on both sides of the ABG
controversy.

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 se-curity I still hope that Russia will accept, as we have, that the chief hope of the world is in collective security through the

United Nations Organization."

But in one august journal, which is already delirous with joy at the prospect of getting tough with Russia, Mr. Harriman's statement was published hard by another news story which began. "The completed blueprints for the postwar Army Air Forces were reported today to provide for creation of three major operating commands and for some 14,000 planes, including reserves." This article went on to detail General Spaatz 'plan for providing adequate strategic, tactical and defensive air power for a nation that, only one column over to the left, had accepted the UNO as the agency for providing collective security for the world.

The Air Forces isn't kidding anybody,

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 groups "upon which the Army currently places reliance for long-range striking power," is num-,

No matter how eloquent our spokesmen may be in proclaiming American faith in collective security, their glowing words run

collective security, their glowing words run head-on into the concrete acts of the Army, the Navy, and the Air Forces, now busy with preparations for a postwar world in which each nation will take care of its own military problems.

National security and international security are contradictory terms: neither we nor the Russians can have both. And it seems foolish to expect the naturally nervous Russians to accept at face value Mr. Harriman's protestations that he believes "the chief hope of the world is in collective security through the United Nations Organization" when General Spaatz obviously doesn't.

The Patience Of James E. Dewey

Somebody, we think, should strike off as special medal for James E. Dewey, eiting him for extraordinary patience above and beyond the call of duty. Mr. Dewey is the Federal medalator 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 cussedness of General Motors and the United Auto Workers.

The one cent difference between hourly rate demanded and hourly rate offered has long since ceased to be the Issue in the GM strike, as Mr. Dewey very well knows. He is caught between a union that is hell-bent on punishing General Motors by making the company arree to a higher wage than that paid by its competitors, and a corporation that is hell-bent on discrediting the UAW's leadership with trank and file.

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The company, rejecting the union's phony arbitration offer. countered with an ab-surd proposal for a secret ballot to de-termine whether or not the workers

We don't know which of the two spoiled children would give in first if the Federal wet nurse withdrew, and we can't see that it makes any particular difference in an ergument that has long since gone beyond the bounds of reason. It seems quite clear that there aren't soing to be any General Motors automobiles on the market until the company or the union, or both, are exhausted, and in the meantime we might at least save the wear and tear on Mr. Dewey's remarkable nerves.

Another Voice

Contrast In Black And White

"North Carolina's Negro parents are to be congratulated for the considerable debe congratulated for the considerable de-crease in juvenile delinquency in their risco." remarks the Datly News, and we heartily second that sentiment. We would like to know also the reason for the de-cline, which redounts to the credit of the State in over-all statistics during a time when juvenile delinquency elsewhere has

We have the Greensboro Daily News to thank for the following information:
In North Carolina during the five-year period 1939-46 juvenile delinquency decreased 8 per cent from the period 1934-98. However, white delinquency cases rose 6.4 However, white delinquency cases for per cent while Negro cases dropped 20 per cent. ocen on the upswing. Is it as new sense of responsibility among parents of the minor-ity 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?

If so, this is another star in the crown of North Carolina's exemplary race relations

—The Asheville Citizen.

Stockings of spun steel, now in the ex-perimental stage, should fill a long-felt need unless nature comes up with a car-borundum mosquito.



The Leaning Tower Of Madrid

People's Platform

Senator Hoey And Ed Pauley

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If M about to blow up. We have a Senator from this
state, who represents us in Washington, and thinks
FOR Us.

M about to show up. We have a constor from this restate, who represents us in Washington, and thinks POI. have two letters lately received from Senator Boen, to whom I first wrote an expression of opinion, asking that he vote down Ed Pauloy, His cariller letter was the amazing response to that:

"I know Mr. Pauley very well, and I have the unset confidence in him. I think you will find that everybody who knows him, believes he will be honest, and unpight. The late President Roosevelt had already decided to appoint Pauley to this position before his death.

already decided to appoint Pauley to this position before in death; and the position before in death; and the position between the position between the decided and the languages of the languages of the languages of the second one too, only he gets more amazing with each letter:
"I do not agree with you as to the duty of a Sentator, My conception of a Sentator is that he is elected and the second of the se

continuation and hope that we will be able to con-firm him."

This time he tells me that a Senator is supposed to think for his constituents, doing for them what he thinks best. Oh, the poor American people, who are incapable of forming proper opinions. Someone cought of corresponding to the control of the scheme of the control of the control of the scheme of the control of the control of the The Senator tells me that he will vote for Pauley regardless of what any majority might think. No man who is supposed to represent me can tell me to go jump in the lake, and get my vote. Well, not again, any and the control of the control of the control of the Add to Mr. Tom Mexicol of the control of the control of the Add to Mr. Tom Mexicol of the control of the control of the control of the Add to Mr. Tom Mexicol of the control of the control of the control of the Add to Mr. Tom Mexicol of the control of the control

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Child. Her's another noseholder who can tell you that, orchid notwithstanding, it's not safe to let go of your nose. Boy, what an odor. The only way to stop it is to let the man know for whom he is working.

—LEE G. BOIKO.

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 executives office of North Carolina in momentous problems that will face the Nation and momentous problems that will face the Nation and mementous problems that will face the Nation and the several States during the next biennial the service of a man of true character and ability will be sorely need has not so, for, been suggested.

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

-J. E. McLAUCHLIN

One Veteran's View

It does me good to see the Charlotts News take it upon itself to get down to brass tacks about this whistey question here in Charlotte. Ever alnee I can remember, there has always been plenty of whistey in Charlotte. Its seems a pity that as long as it's here, the people shouldn't benefit by its profits.

I know that I had a long time while overseas to think this thing over and I'm sure there are thousands of other veterans here in the city who will agree that the best thing that could happen to this city is for it to be wet.

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Twe visited a lot of towns, cities and states in the last three years. Wet ones, and I've yet to see the disorder and street scenes I've seen here. As long as we have got it—and we have—let's put: a handle on it and steer it the way it will do us some good. I say yes! Let's have a wet vote. This city could use some the seen and the see

A Leftist Republican?

WE now have a Republican congressman who return the Administration's emergency housing program as the Administration's emergency housing program as the Administration's emergency housing program as the Administration of the Administration of

-ALTON E. BASSETT

The Gutter Level . CHARLOTTE

EDITORIALS like the enclosed 'NOTE: 'Race Rious Require Two Races'—Eds. The News and Editorial Register Rious Research Robert Ro

The People's Platform is available to any reader who cares to mount it. Communications should be tast than 300 words, typewritten it possible, find the standard of the standa

Marquis Childs

A Soldier Speaks

can be seen every a sense of isolation.

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story at home and abroad seems
to be one of dissension and disinte-

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this war but they now weaken our stand in the UNG on two counts.

If the place, it shows such a semplete lack of trust in UNO, Perhaps they should be built up as military bases for the supposed protection of the world but, if so, only under UNO appervision. We should strengthen UNOs military power in other parts of the "More important, however, is the fact that, without making claims on these islands, we cannot stand up to other nations and object to their colonial policies. The grad-

ual increase in freedom and the decrease in the number of dependent nations throughout the world seems to me to be a prime requisite for permanent world peace, and the steps being taken to the property of the property of the property of the property of the mainly in the opposite direction. HINDERING-PRECEDENTS—"Proceedings are being established which will tend to linider the growth of world government for years for come, and we are power-loss to stand up against Hussia and Britain because we are plasming to dening the property of the pr

may be parental pride which s me to quote at such length, e the letter came from our teen-year-old son. Yet par-l pride to one side, I think it es good sense.

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Our position has been and commakes good sense.

Our position has been and commake should be the sense we the creative insignation, the driving force, that would help to transform the old imperialism of transform the old imperialism. In the Middle East, for example, and living.

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RED IMPERIALISM

Il could not survive if only because of the new imperialism which may indeed result president which may indeed result president processing the contract of the

direction.

Political liberties? Desperately poor people will settle for a little more bread. That is why our preachment about democracy sounds empty unless we're prepared to help make it mean something more than words.

Samuel Grafton

Our Russian Policy

NEW YORK

NOTES ON THE IMBROGLIO:

1. Mr. Byrnes' speech, following Mr. Vandenberg's speech, following Mr. Vandenberg's speech, means that opinion is shaping up in both parties and in the administration invaries and in the administration for Register of the speech of

REDS' SECRET WEAPON

If the Russians are attacking de-mocracy, they are attacking it where it isn't, and if we are defending it, we "are defending it where it isn't. If the Russians were to try to imthe area outenoing it where it, isn't. If the Russians were to it's to impose their system on a clearly demorate country, the issue would be solidly joined; but R is the Russians' secret weapon that they are imposing their system, however the statement of the statement of the statement of the result of the statement of reactionary, even medieval, regimes.

motley crowd of Johnny-come-late-by crusaders, including men who come to the common common common com-defending democracy, or the status quo, when Hitter was on the war-path against both. It is among men who still think the war against the most active prosmosticators of war against Russia: and some of the most better denunciation of Russia for violating international better days, utter sour warnings to the United Nations against dar-ing to set up offices in America. NO CRUSADE

to the United Nations against daring to set up offices in America.

NO CRUSADE
The result is not a crusade, but a convulsive tangle, in which men of unity of outlook, whose complaints against Russia are based on their desire for world order, find themselves to the second of the second of the second of the second of the suspect characters from the Balters abroad.

4. Can then then, be no affirmacy, in competition with Russian moves? Of course there can and must be. Our State Department's current pressure against Francois overriment in Spain is precisely so overriment in Spain is precisely and our case before the world with the second our case before the world with the second our case before the world are gathered, could bring about results far more decisive than anything that is happening on the Soviet Iringe.

WERE CONFUSED
But when the crussde takes these
turns, we shall see the Johnniescome-lately of morality bandoning it. The loss will be a small one,
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who can defend democracy, and
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and fascism and feuclaism and
colonialism. If should be a security
and shows up in all single-mindedmational contests, that is because
she shows up in all single-mindedmeas, with a rifle loaded for moose,
while we have been turning up
carrying lacrosse bats, hockey
latileted, uncertain of what or
whose game we are—playing, and
of where the goals are.

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

WASHINGTON

CECRETARY of Agriculture Clinion Anderson, had a sand time at Irist persuading Herbert Hoover see him a land-ington for the food conternee. Anderson caught the ex-President at Key West, Fia., where he was fishing. The promised my family for seven years to take them fishing." Hoover told the Secretary of Agriculture, "and now at last here I am."

Anderson, however, emphasized the urgency of the food crisis.

crisis.

"We need your experience and advice, Mr. President," he said.

"You can go back to your fishing immediately afterward. But this is a time when your country needs you."

ward. But this is a time when your country needs you."
Hoover finally consended to come.
It was Secretary Anderson who also sold President Truman on the idea of having Hoover go to Europe and study been saked for advice last Fail by the Belgian and Dutch-Governments, and had told them:
"Estimate your grain needs now and buy Canadian wheat the contract of the contr

Wisecracks Stopped Douglas THERE was some unique maneuvering behind the plan to put Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas in Harold Ickes' place as Secretary of the Interior. It began at a cocktail

marty given by Congressman Lyndon Johnson of Texas in homor of his Texas friend Alvin Wirtz.

Toward the end of the party, Speaker Sam, Rayburn, also of Texas, got together with Justice Douglas, Secretary of the Treasury Vinson, Tom Corcoran, Johnson and Wirtz. They proceeded to put the bee on Douglas to take Ickes Place.

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company for three years.

In the end, he declined the job.

NOTE—Another factor was Chief Justice Stone who raised cain about the fact that the Supreme Court was

No White Spaghetti

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SoME of the strongest opposition to the President's "dark bread" owder is coming from an unexpected quarter—spagnetti manufacturers.

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