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Touch of Irony For Jackson Day

No more plaintive a message has been addressed to the Democratic Party of this Commonwealth than that received this week by W. P. Horton, head of the North Carolina Jackson Day Dinner Committee Worte Democratic Challyman North Carolina Jackson Day Dinner Com-mittee. Wrote Democratic Chairman Robert E. Hannegan: "The Party must prepare now an Intensive campaign nevery precinct of the nation to retain the Party's majorities in Congress."

Mr. Hannegan referred, we presume, to he official tally, which lists 47 more Democrats than Republicans in the House and a majority of 18 Democrats in the Senate. He seems to find some comfort in the fact that the Congressional roster es more parenthetical (D)s than it (R)s, and would have it continue

that way.

We are confident that North Carolina will do nothing to disturb that meaning-less paper balance in the forthcoming Congressional elections; twelve theoretical Democrats now represent us in the House and if a few of them fail to return to Washington it seems a foregone conclusion that their successors will also write (D) after their names.

(D) after their names. But nobody knows better than Bob Hannegan, at the end of a bruising week in which it was impossible to tell a Republican from a Southern Democrat on the floor of the House, that the loyalty the North Carolina delegation feels for Andrew Jackson does not extend to Harry S. Tru-

man. The (D) still appeared siter their names on the roster of votes against housing subsidies, but it was bracketed by the (R)'s who control the coalition most of them have now joined. (There apparently was not a complete unanimity among the North Carolinians on all points in the housing bill: in the vote to strike out the provision for ceilings on existing dwellings, only eight of the twelve showed as a settless members of the coalition. up as active members of the coalition— Reps. Kerr. Barden. Cooley, Durham, Doughton, Ervin, Bulwinkle, and Weaver.)

Reps. Kerr. Barden. Cooley. Durham, Doughton, Ervin, Bulwinkle, and Weaver.) The spectacle of Mr. Hannegan brooding over the success of the Democratic Party in North Carolina is touching. Only in the Southern states can he count on the soild, if theoretical Democratic vote necessary to maintain his paper majority in Congress, yet it is quite clear that re-lection of the present stable of Southern Congressmen. will. In. fact, guarantee a large Republican majority. It is necessary for Mr. Hannegan to maintain the fiction that the party of Jackson. Cleveland, Roosevell and Truman is also the party of the present side of the present samilar name in North Carolina, and to cheer it on to a victory that means certain defeat for the Truman Administration.

This adds up to tragic irony for Bob Hannegan personally, and for the Democratic Party. And we have an idea this bitter fruit of the one-party system will utilimately prove to be a tragedy for the nation.

Back-Handed Boost For Jimmy We concluded our original remarks on

WE noted here the other day that James Roosevelt, once considered by a good many nervous citizens the heir apparent of the Roosevelt Dynasty, had eiged into politics by becoming the director of. the Political Action Committee of the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions. We remarked at the time that what we knew of the PACICCASP could be put in your eye, but we have since been enlightened.

A great authority on Americanism, Representative John Rankin of Mississippi, has revealed in Congress that the PACICCASP is "one of the rankest Communist front organizations of the whole country." Mankin was prompted to this revelation by Jimmy Roosevelt's anagouncement that his organization would bid for the support of Werell Summy." said the scholarity Mr.

iberals.

"Poor Jimmy," said the scholarly Mr.
Rankin, "he may not know it, but he is no
longer in a position to speak for the Dem-ocratic Party. He has now joined the Communists." The Congress apparently accepted the news rather quietly, although Representative Outland did arise to remark that, as usual, "everyone who disagrees with Mr. Rankin is a Communist." Jimmy's career with the prediction that an organization with as many initials as his new Committee isn't likely to do any poli-tician any harm. Now, we're not so sure, for Representative Rankin's condemnation, for Representative Rankin's condemnation, certain to be regarded as an accolade by anybody familiar with the Rankin record, gives it the stamp of respectability. The struggling PACICCASP has been given a place alongside the CIO's PAC, the Civil Liberties Union, The Lawyer's Guild, the Newspaper Guild, and all those other long-tablished exemplations, that have first belief exemplations, that have first places. established organizations that have felt the lash of Mr. Rankin's tongue. It appears now that Jimmy may yet be accorded the honor of a summons to an inquisition by the Un-American Committee which Mr. Rankin dominates.

If he can arrange to be denounced in the Senate by Theodore Bilbo, it may be that Jimmy Roosevelt has a bright political future after all. And, whatever names these gentlemen select to hurl at him, he always has the comfort of remembering that they will never be able to find one they had not previously applied to his father, the most successful politician in American history.

Incorrect Facts, Correct Conclusion

TT becomes our painful duty to correct a colleague who, in the course of argu-ing eloquently in defense of the ABC system, became badly tangled in his facts. We refer to The Elizabeth City Advocate. which stated our own position when it which stated our own position when he said: "Assuredly this newspaper presents no brief for liquor, or the use of it, but it believes from the record, that controlled distribution of liquor is the lesser of two

This statement of policy occurs near the end of an editorial entitled "The Greater Evil." Also in that general vicinity is an antedote of local application:

And in this connection it might be interesting, and possibly profitable to recall that if was the late J. P. Galdwell, the founder Charlotte's great morning newspaper, himself note-ottable, who observed at a banquet in 1908: "Liquor? I'll tell you what's wrong with liquor? It makes such damned fools of them who don't drink it."

Tools of them who don't drink it."

But, however delightful we may find The Advocate's long memory, we are constrained to note that the incident which served as a springboard for the editorial is badly garbled. "Last week in Charlotte," The Advocate begins, "a member of the police force was convicted of murder and sentenced to a long term in prison. It was in evidence that the accused went to a garage and demanded of the manager, who appeared also to have been engaged

in the bootleg liquor business in a rather large way, a substantial share of the man's profits in exchange for the law's indul-

gence."
The fact is that the convicted murderer was not a member of the Charlotte Police Department, but a hotel detective, and he could not have been peddiling "the law's indulgence," although the State proved to the jury's satisfaction that he was trying to cut himself in on bootleg profits. Although there was some rather peculiar testimony from Police Chief Anderson by which the defense tried to prove that the accused was serving in a semi-official capacity at the time, the weight of the evidence indicated that the fatal shootling occurred outside the law, where the bootleg business, of necessity, is carried on. The Advocate's incurrent version of the affair may provide a neater illustration of its point that the murder "presents a gruesome contrast to the orderly, if deplorable, the production of the interest of the same continuing that the murder "presents a gruesome contrast to the orderly, if deplorable, the production of the interest of the same conclusion. And it is of particular importance to keep the record straight in the discussion of liquor control; for the vast majority of the words tossed around so freely in the continuing debate are so patently unrelated to the facts. ed to the facts.

Another Voice

Prohibiting Tax Collection

PROHIBITION—statewide, countywide or nationwide—does not prohibit. It does not prevent the sale of liquor, but only its legal sale. It prohibits only the collection of taxes on liquor.

In Kansas, which is still a dry state legally, Thomas J. O'Donnell, of the Baltimore Sun reports, the purchase of liquor presents no particular problem to a stranger and none at all to the native. Kansas bootleggers have a good supply of Sootch, Canadian and bonded American whilakies, whereas the surrounding wet estates are left with only lowgrade hootch—the result of Kansas' bootleg buying.

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Liquor is sold at night clubs and dance
joints just outside the city limits: it can
be bought within three blocks of the state
capitol, without even asking for it. The
only requirement is that in the night
clubs and dance joints you keep your
bottle under the table and mix your own
drinks.

The local option bill in the General As-

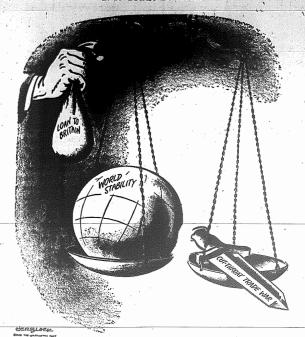
fore be rejected. It will not decrease the consumption of alcoholic beverages in South Carolina. Dry-voting Greenville drinks more whisky than wet-voting Richland and if local option were granted Greenville would vote dry and then simply go to the nearest wet county to get its Ilquor or find bootleggers to get it.—The Columbia Record.

Science is wonderful. It works up leak-proof tanks for things like airplane gas, and carries an atomic bomb secret around in a sieve.

Radar may be the answer to that vicissitude of life during Spring housecleaning, when one enters the darkened room and throws himself down heavily where the davenport was.

The Blue Book of Argentina is to all intents a police record, complete with identifications—evidently from finger-prints found on democracy's throat.

1946 Trade Balance



People's Platform

Shortage Of Houses And Tempers

THE housing shorted isn't getting any shorter. But the patience of a lot of people is, also their complaints. The may be of ominous portent, but it doesn't seem to worry our Congressmen and Senators. At any rate, as indicated by their actions, they do not regard the emergency sufficiently grave to do anything constructions and give free-wheeling, free enterprise a chance to operate, and in a short while there will be plenty of houses for those who can afford them."

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I having to live indefinitely with their out-laws or vice versa. This comminging and close communion will result, no doubt, in these folks coming to know and appreciate one another—and so decrease feuding in the surface of the GIs and others who cannot afford the high-priced houses that some day may be built. Soon there will be available for them two and on-half room the surface of the GIs and others who cannot afford the high-priced houses that some day may be built. Soon there will be available for them two and on-half room cannot afford the high-priced houses that some day may be built. Soon there will be available for them two and on-half room are all closets.

Building these "houses" should appeal to house-wive; there is plenty of closet space—in fact, the rooms are all closets.

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frisk. Perhaps the legislators sponsored by the building industry are where than we know. What's the use of worrying about housing. If soon, we are the use of worrying about housing, if soon, we are the stable homes may be in abandoned mines deep in the bowels of the earth.

FLASH—Congress—has passed the emisculated housing bill.

-LEWIS AYER SMITH.

Look Down, Look Down

MONROE days ago, I noticed in Lynn Nisbet's column, quite a bit of criticism from Gov. Cherry directed at Grady Cole, Charlotte radio announcer, in regards to his comments about county roads in Mecklenburg County.

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Things of this nature can route tourists through North Carolina or divert the trade from it. -LOUIS G. CLARKE.

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THE syndicated column, "Mirror of Your Mind," in
the issue of March is repeal out of its field and
made a big mitsike, Let us hope the author knows.

He states that "flumbsucking is harminess" and
that "even the dentists don't take it as seriously as
they used to."

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opposed to thumbsucking are the young men who
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than over a period of years.

A correction should be published and this letter
forwarded to the author of the column.

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N. C. DENTAL SOCIETY.

Practical Approach

A BOUT the ABC slores—Here's how I feel. Every AB one that knows me knows I drink, so what's the use hiding it. We can! serve two masters with the world know I take a ddink. But please don't call me a hypocrite. All they can say is that he drinks. And I'd rather drink in a safe place and come out whole.

-E. T. OSTROM

The People's Platform is available to any reader who cares to mount it. Communications should be less than 300 words, typewritten if possible, and on only one side of the paper. Libel and obscently will be deleted—otherwise anything goes. Each letter must be signed, dithough, mesceptional cases and upon request, we will withhold the writer's name.—Editors, Tun News.

Army Vs. Scientists

Marquis Childs

That is the conflict between American actentiats and the Amy officearch to supervise military recent to the conflict of the co

at the core of some gress.
You can hardly blame the scientists themselves for taking well-paid Jobs in industry. Many of them feel they were not given a fair deal during the war.
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a hundred and one devices that contributed so overwheiming; to victory.

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Samuel Grafton

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The point is even clearer in the
case of Mr. Churchill; and again
it is not necessary to impugn motives; it can be admitted out of
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WINSTON CHURCHILL'S magnetic voice coming over the miscences on the part of insidera who had ask with Churchill and the part of insidera who had ask with Churchill and the commiscences pertained to how Churchill's Anglo-American alliance worked out when he was at the head of the British Empire and in a position to make it work. Here are some of the reminiscences:

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discovered that no one had remembered to meet Chiang
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Churchill On Second Front

AT Casablanca in 1943, the question of a cross-channel A invasion of France was discussed by Roosevelt and Churchill. The U. S. General Starf vanted it. The British didn't. Finally, Churchill said that if a second front was undertaken, the British Afray could supply only 30 per cent of the invasion force, saddling the American Army with 70 per cent of the burden.

"We cannot squander the seed of the Empire," Churchill argued.

The man who must vigorously opposed the Prime Minister segardings this was Core. Al Wedemeyer, then head of the General Staff's war plans division. He maintained that a 50-70 troop ratio would mean that no second front could be started for at least one year and that the war would be started for at least one year and that the war would be reproduced uncessarily. It would take at least a family reproduced the required breast he British already had a stable sary in England which could be used for a second front if they would go in on a ratio of 50-50.

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Churchill, however, stood pat.

He was very Irate with Gen. Wedemeyer, however, and later suggested to FDR that Lord Louis Mountbatten needed an expert American lisison officer for his campaign in India. He specifically asked that Wedemeyer be atteched to Mountbatten. Wedemeyer had spent several years in Germany, knew German tactics, die houte to India. Despite that, Churchill got him trained to India.

The second front was started a year and a half later with a ratio of 70 per cent American troops to 30 per cent British.

Churchill At Ottawa

After Ottawa of the Ottawa of the Ottawa of the Ottawa conference between Churchill and FDR. Gen. Marshall clashed with Sig Alan Brooks, British Chief of Sigf, reparding Fac British in the India-Burma themselved most impatient over British in the India-Burma theater, was most impatient over British delays. Sir Alan Brooks and Sir Churchill accompanied Rôosevelt back to Washington, camped in the White House and artirolly supersed to FDR that, in the White House and artirolly supersed to FDR that in an of Gen. Marshalls stature as Allied commander.

commander. Of course, as European commander, Marshall would have nothing further to say about the India-Burma theater or any other part of the war-eave Europe, At first FDR consented. But when this leaked to the gress, the furore was so critical that the decision was reversed.

when William Phillips, special ambassador to India, gave Rooseveit, an urgent warning that trouble was due in India unless the British promised dominion status imme-

AT Casabianca. Churchill got a promise from Roosevelt that the Mediterranean theater was to be British-dominated. Churchill then went to Turkey and made a public statement to that effect.

statement to that effect.

After that all lelegrams from American personnel to other American personnel in the Eastern Mediterranean had to be sent over British radio channels, in British codes and scrutinized by British officials. All American personnel flying into Greece had to travel on British planes and be cleared by the British. All American lend-deem end of the American labels earstched off and be re-labeled with "British and American labels earstched off and be re-labeled with "British and the re-labeled with "Brit

wrung from FDR by Church and the soft-hand promise conclusion of one old Roosevelt adviser who reministed over Churchill's speech: "wintson's offer of an Anglo-American Bilance reminds me of his offer to France to form a British alliance in 1960. In 1950, when the first property of the Robinson of the State of the Robinson of the State of the Robinson of the Robin

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NORTH CAROLINA'S Chairman Bob Doughton o N House Ways & Means Committee not only believe people should continue paying the wartime excess-tax on incurries such as furs, but also that children should intuine paying the wartime tax on movie telests. "After says Doughton, "Xi."