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Note On Federal Morality

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T was an exceedingly timely and doubleedged moral lesson that the Federal Government taught in the U. A Zimmerman
case, For a while—for a good long while,
in fact—there was every sign that the Internal Revenue Bureau was up to its old
trick of taking the cash, and letting the
discredit go. It was in October 1894 that
agents moved in and filed lens for \$441\$513.4. It was becember, 1948 before the
criminal indictment against Zimmerman
was returned.

To the ordinary critien who pays the full
measured his income taxes, strousing ever
the size of them, of course, and perhaps
guiltly everestimating by a few deliars the
amount he dropped into the collection
plate during the fiscal year, a professional
tax defrauder is a dual menace. In the first
place, the Government is given a short
accounting, and therefore in the second
place the honest taxpayart saxes—are increased. Add to this the further cucumstance that the tax trand here charged
had continued undeterred by any patriotic
acruple through Pearl Harbor on past D-

Day, and you had what looked to be an utterly venal crime against a country looked in mortal combat with its enemies. It was so confessed in Federal Court this week.

Still there was an element of grave risk that an agency of the Government likely would be willing to settle for the cash, letting the moral crime so unlessoned. Defense attorneys asked for lenlency, as was their right, on the cround that their clinch made restitution of the greater part of the taxes and penalties assessed against him. But Judge Johnson Hayes, sitting in the case, entertained no such notion. He would "sooner resign from the bench," he declared, than to fall to impose a prison sentence.

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We are sure that all houses taxpayers will concur in Judge Hayes' regard for and exposition of the principle that a man who detrauds his Government is by no means less quity of a crime than a man who derands a private individual, and we hope that the Internal Revenue Bureau, which in the past has exhibited a shameful indifference to this principle, was listening and concurring.

There's Only One Question Now

T appears now that President Truman will be handed the Concress version of price central legislation this week too late to permit the exercise of his veto power to permit the exercise of, his voto power without insuring the removal of even the semblance of control the books-trapped measure still centains. Poliurally, it has been a skillid performance all around, for the compromise measure, with a few of the more conspicuously obmixious amendments removed, will be much more difficult for Mr. Truman to handle than would either of the original measures. And the net retail, of course, will be the same—the relaxing of controls at a steadily accelerating tempo.

Essentially the vote on OPA was a vote of no confidence in the Administration, and more particularly in Chester Bowles. The Congress will lake over, through the establishment of a "decontrol" board, the establishment of a "decontrol" board, the removal of controls, leaving OPA only the dubous task of enforcing the few remaining restrictions.

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Even The New York Times, one of OPA's most consistent cities, doubts the wisdom of the Congressional approach. It would have been much better, The Times noted that the Congressional approach. It would have been much better, The Times noted of decentrol and required the existing OPA organization to follow them, rather than establishing a whole new set of machinery. But this, we think, is quibbling. A marrity of the Congress clearly had made up its mind to end price pontrols, for better or worse, at the earliest possible moment. The considerations that shaped the final compromise were political, not economic. The price control structure was wrecked by vaciliation, uncertain and delay long before the matter of extension was taken up formally for Congressional consideration. The only question left to now is this: Schearte Bowles right when he predicts, with the backing of the Government's economists, a period of boom and bust? Within the next twelve months we shall have the answer. And a very expensive piece of information it may turn out to be.

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The Man's Call To Arms

In a burst of patriotism during the war the State of Mississippi enacted a law exempting all veterans. Negroes as well as whites, from the payment of poll tases. A few days ago a Neero veteran attempted to exercise his franchise by registering for the Democratic Primary in that state: he was, according to his uncontested story, not only refused but beaten.

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The incident has served as the spring-board for one of the most remarkable statements yet to come out of a political campaign distinguished for its demagogy. Senator Theodore Bilbo has called on "every red-blooded Anglo-Saxon man in Misstaspip to resort to any means to keep hundreds of Negroes from the polic in the July 2 primary. "If you don't know what that means you are lust not up on your persuasive measures," The Senator's statement was broadcast.

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There is nothing musual in this. The man has a notable record for indecency, complete political irresponsibility, and uter disregard for the law, even the laws of his native state. There was no reason to expect him to bestate before inciting his fellow Mississippians to riot. The shed-

ding of blood means as little to The Manas the Constitution he has sworn to uphold and defend.

Reaction to The Man's call to arms will not be entirely tavorable in Missistappi. The newspapers of that state are campitally dependently agrouped and the state of the state are campitally also as the state of decent wissessippians have long since turned away in disputs. But, as The Jackson Daily News sadly notes: "When Theodore G. Bilbo runs for office we have more damphools to the square inch within our population than any spot on earth outside of an institution for the insune and idiols."

We wish The Man's cry for help were a measure of his desperation, but unfortunately it isn't. The Negro vote is not assue in Mississappi polities; it is simply another demagocic device used by Theodore Bilbo delude the while voters of the state. It has worked before, and the chances are that it will work again in this season of political anathy. We can only thank God that Gene Talmadee, playing the same game in Georgia, is having much toucher going. There is reason to hope that Theodore Bilbo will be the last of his despetable breed to disgrace the South.

The Careless, Heedless Killers

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various public and private organizations in the continuum campain to educate the public in the ways of hichway safety. This is a task as slow as it is commendable, for, as Mr Abernethy reconsizes. "the lessons must be repeated over and over until each and every divier makes the practice of hichway safety a part of his data life."

The record of slaughter on the highways as is familiar to the public as the casually record of World War II, which it equals, Yel drivers remain unimpressed, assuming, we suppose, that it always happens to someone else. Somehow the lesson must be bounded to the same and the same and

Another Voice

The Land Of Opportunity?

PETER F. DRUCKER who writes for Hurper's. Saturday Exeming Post, and ther magazines, expresses the opinion after a tour of the South that ambitious are tour of the South that ambitious activity.

er a tour of the South That ambitious young men anxious to establish themselves to business would be wise to examine the possibilities of this region, which in his opinion has become in recent years the nation's "industrial frontier".

Mr. Drucker avers that the South has always produced plenty of metals and is gradually expanding industries which will turn them 'into finished tools and machines. This trend is not revolutionary but has been going on for years, it became par-

Simple Simon Went Afishing, For To Catch A Whale; All The Water He Could Find Was In His Mother's Pail



People's Platform

Hurrah For The Customers

termed it. a "Consumers' Rebellon."

It happens that my lob involves traveling extensively ever that portion of the United States state and the control of t

ported. Today, one of the New York papers commented on the marked drop in attendance at sports events.

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More On Brandeis BLACKSBURG, 8 C.

majority of the people like—the fault is not in the writer but in the people.

It is true that you do have to consider what has the strongest appeal to the most people and too liver has been a paper shortage but the part I can't underhas been a paper shortage but the part I can't underhas been a paper shortage but the part I can't underhas been a paper shortage but the part I can't under notant things. I don't mean to be selfish but when I notice the pages in the Saturday edition that are given to worldy amusements I just wonder if you couldn't find one little corner, one-fourth of a page for the one-time sermon carried there. Think of the non-time sermon carried there. Think of the the Sabbath message. My family and I have reed The Naws the past keepity-five or thirty-parts—thas been a great Joy in our home.

Will be gratefulf if Mr. Brandes is put back in his rightful place.

—MRS. D. A. THOMPSON.

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I. too, would rather have Brandels "Looking At
Life" than Earl Wilson's leering at H.

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G. S. SMITH.

WILMINGTON

By all means let's have Brandeis back. And don't lose the lettist Mr. Grafton in the process. Now that he is finally at the "Walling Wall" his daily screams of anguist, are amusing and gratifying to readers of a conservative (rend. -KEITH L. BEARDEN. CHARLOTTE

Here's another vote for Eric Brandels. I like his refreshing column. It's always full of human interest.—L. R. M.

Dark Suspicion

Editors. Tox News:

We now have had three disastrous hotel explosions of and free-Lassille. Confried and now the Baker in Dallac all started at the Unjow dispension emisses of the building.

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—T. F. MAGGIRE.

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Marquis Childs

Booby Prize Winner

WASHINGTON
THE BOOBY PRIZE of this Congress goes to Kentucky's Andrew Jackson May, who happens by virtue of seniority to be chairman of the House Military Affaira Committee. A share of the prize should go to those submissive members of the committee who follow May's

lead.

What they are doing is to brandish the atomic bomb as a military weapon at the very moment when the control of the south that the south that sour intentions are peaceful and honorable. The timing could have scarcely been more disastrous.

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problem of atomic energy. But they are powerless in the face of May's aßmorller factics. Blittlely, the chairman wisecracks about isotopes and neutrons and auch long-naired stuff."

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Samuel Grafton Two Atomic Plans

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Drew Pearson's : Murray Offered Truman No-Strike Pledge Merry-Go-Round :

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Friendly Kivals

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was meant to be. Evat is the best needler in the United
Nations. And, surprising as I may seem, Gromyke doesn'
mind it. Nothing delights Gromyke more than to outsmark
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At the UN Security Gouncil meeting the other day.

Gromyke and Evat crossed folls again. Later, Evat goodnaturely complained to the French Delegate Paroti that
Gromyko was the touglest customer he had come up satisst
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in the whole United States.

"That's nothing, "Growko shot back, "you're the toughest guy I've met in the whole world, and I've met a lot of
tough ones."

The Evatt-Gromyko battle of wits has developed some
of the shrewdest manipulating any perent international conference has seen. Gromyko is sly as a fox. At meetings,
Evatt never take his eves off him. The Australian is now
chairman of the Atomic Commission, and the other dax,
Arrardy Sobotov, the Hussian Assistant Secretary GeneralArrardy Sobotov, the Hussian Assistant Secretary GeneralGromyko as the first speaker at next day's Atomic Commission meet.

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"But!," protested Sobolov, "Gromyko wrote you a letter
asking to be recognized first, and the rules provide that theman who asks first be called first."

"Oh no." Evait shot back, "the rules provide that the niegates who naises his hand first on the floor be called first. Besides, I want to show old Gromyko he's not the only one who has the veto power. Yesterday he vetoed our desison on Franco. So tomorrow I think I'll vieto him when he asks to speak first."

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