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or other interruptions of work in plants in the possession of the United States.

The Congress over-rode his Smith-Connally veto, and ismored his draft susgestion, which curiously enough brought merat outery from labor leaders. In 1944 President Roosevelt tried again, recommending in his annual message "a national service law which, for the duration of the war, will prevent strikes..." After Congression of the request, he renewed it again in 1945, and national service bills actually passed both houses, only to be shelved before they became law.

A labor draft is, of course, Indefensible except in a time of war emergency, and if

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There is any difference at all between the Fruman and Goosevelt proposals it lies in the parting of the ways when he demanded of Congress a stringent temporary anti-strike law. That demand, according to the Society of Second-Guessers, officially interred the New Deal, which has been gradually withering ever since Harry Truman toke office. The final straw was the President's recommendation that striking workers in essential industries be drafted into the Army. Yet it doesn't require a very lone or sharp memory to recall that the man whose ideals Harry Truman is supposed to have sold short asked three times for authority to draft shrikers. Three years ago. Franklin Roosevelt vetoed the Smith-Conally anti-strike bill, arguing (correctly as it turned out) that the measure would cause more strikes than it would preven. In his veto message he said:

I recommend that the Sciective Service Act be amended so that persons may be inducted into encombant military service up to the age of 65 years. This will reable for the science of the service of th their timing. The normaley boys in Washington, who are trying to throw off all emergency reconversion controls, have apparently convinced themselves that the war is over. They are, then, in character when they oppose Mr. Truman's request, But the great majority of Americans, we believe, share the President's opinion that the war hasn't quite ended yet. The need for maximum production is just as great now as it was in 1943, 1944, and 1945 when Franklin Roosevelt used it as an excuss for abrideing the rights he had won for labor. Harry Truman was still following the pattern set by his prodecessor when he requested authority to draft strikers, but unlike Mr. Roosevelt he asked for it too late after he had left himself without an alternative if he failed to get it. And long before he got around to forwarding his request to Congress he had permitted, indeed led, the stampede back to normaley which he now ignores. He started tossing off, or amending war-time controls before the shootine had died away in the Pacific, falling to reconcise that he could not maintain part of his structure of controls without maintaining all of it. It has been said receatedly that Harry Truman suffered then from an overdose of faith in the American people, that he believed they would, if he but asked them, make the voluntary ascrifices that an orderly reconverson demanded, Perhaps it is in this simple faith that the real difference between Presidents Roosevelt and Truman is to be sion demanded. Pernaps it is in this Min-line faith that the real difference between Presidents Roosevelt and Truman is to be cound: Mr. Roosevelt was a realist who un-deratood that even a free people—perhaps particularly a free people—require the highest order of leadership to protect themselves from themselves.

Governor Arnall Points The Way

W/E have not envied the commencement speakers their task this graduation W speakers their fask this graduation season. The fine rounded platitudes of a simpler day have fallen into disfavor. An orator bidding the young 'some of whom were recent residents of Iwo Jima and Bastone's to enter the gree world with confidence and rood cheer may well evoke the half the season of the half with confidence and rood cheer may well evoke the half the season of the half the season of the half with the season of the half with the footnote of the

did as Weil as any, and occur than most, we thought. The Governor dealt in general-ties, but they were touch ceneralities. But they were touch ceneralities. He make it, that each of them bears a fixed responsibility, made creater by the formal education conferred upon her by the State of South Carolina. But the Governor did tass at least one fact into his philosophical discourse. Expressing his conviction that "education is the hope of the world, of the United States, of the South, of our respective communities." Governor Arnall explained what his state is doing in the field. In the past three years Georgia has increased teach-

ers' pay by 125 per cent; in that same period Georgia's educational rating rose on some scales from 47th place to third.

If the young ladies forget everything else the Governor said and remember only that the public generally gets the sort of education it pays for, Governor Arnall's visit to Winthrop will have been worthwhile. For many years Southern leeislatures have kept teachers' pay scales far below that of any comparable profession. They still, in some cases, pay the janitors of state buildings higher annual waces than they provide for public school teachers. And always teachers salaries are the first of selt the pinch of economy, and the last to feel the pinch of economy, and the last to be elevated when public income mounts

Low educational standards and low teach-Low edicational standards and low teach-ers' salaries are inseparable, as Governor Arnall's figures demonstrate so granhically. Yet the same politicians who publicly share his faith in education as the shining hope of the future fail to recognize that keep-lies wases for teachers at the unskilled teach-ive is bound to produce unskilled teach-ine.

Governor Arnall directed his words at a South Carolina audience, but his gospel has a timely application in all the South-

The Eviction Of Charlie Jett

Down near Thomasville, Georgia, old Charlie Jett and his wife and four children have been livine in a converted filling station on R. L. Ballard's farm. Ballard fold them they would have to move, that he needed the building. They refused. Ballard started tearing the structure down around them. By the time he not the root ripped off the Jetts went into court and obtained an order from Judge James C. Davis restraining him from further destruction. It's not very comfortable any more, but the Jetts are still in the roofiess building. Ballard is still restrained pending the hearing of a \$2.500 damage case.

It's a capsule version of the problem of our time, howing human rights, property rights, moral rights and legal rights. The

rights, moral rights and legal rights. The participants have been well photographed: Old Charile Jett and his brood forlorn among the ruins. Ballard angrily ripping timbers off the roof. Anyone, we suspect, will feel a pang of sympathy for old Charlie, and a spurt of anger at his hardhearted landlord. But if you gaze at the picture long enough doubts come creeping.

Lev's Ballard, after all, being required to shoulder a responsibility that least properly his? If the Government or suppose, and provided oft Chartle Left, anjace on co. would Ballard ever have been reduced to rippine his own property agant with his bare hands? Does his Christian oblication as his brother's keener require that Ballard accept as a brother any smutter who takes root on his property? If the court can force him to keen his tenants against his will, why should it not also order other handlerds to open the doors of empty buildings to the homeles? If somebody's rights must be abridged, why should it not laso order other handlerds to open the doors of empty buildings to the homeles? If somebody's rights must be abridged, why should it not Ballard, the farmer, rather than Charlie Jett, the penuliess rolling stone?

The eveition of Charlie Jett is speciacular, and the destruction of his dwelling by his landlord has made an interesting newsphoto. But the questions raised in Thomaswile, Georgia, go far beyond this single case. Ballard is only one of many private property-owners who are paying a personal penalty for the continuing public failure to meet the needs of the homeless.

Another Voice

Unemployment And The Labor Shortage

THERE is a critical labor shortage in this area right now. As proof we point to the fact that some 100 citizens of the Bahamas are going to be brought from Flo-rida to help harvest the peach crop.

There is a major unemployment prob-lem in this area. As proof we point to the fact that over 1.100 veterans are currently registered at the local USES as wanting jobs. There is a critical labor shortage in the

There is a critical labor shortage in this area. As proof we point to the fact that only 17 boys and girls registered on Tuesday at the County Agent's office seeking work in the peach orchards.

There is a major unemployment problem in this area. More than 2,000 non-veterans are registered at the USES as wanting tobs.

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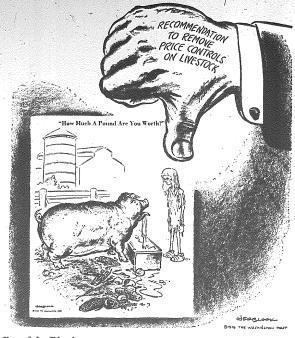
Aner is a critical labor shortage in this area. As proof we submit the fact that not in 6 months has anyone, viewing the uncut hedge and the long grass in the editor's Yard, knocked at the door and said, "How about letting me cut your grass?"

Obviously, something is wrong somewhere. Is it a mass movement away from "hard" jobs to so-called "soft" jobs? Is it dissatisfaction with the prevailing wage scale for ordinary labor? Is it love of "rockin" chair money"? Is it a part of the major unryst that is sweeping the world as an aftermath of the war? Perhaps all of these have something to do with the prob-lem.

. All we know is that there is something , All we know is that there is something wrong in a society where workers must be imported for ordinary labor from distant places while more than 3,000 men and women certify to a "Government agency in that same community that they don't have a job and want one. Nor is this a local problem only. It is happening all over the country. We cite the facts in Spartanburg because we know them better.

Of course we could solve the problem tomorrow by passing a draft act to force the unemployed to take available work. Yet no one seriously would suggest such a procedure. And so, what to do?—Sparlanburg Journal.

The Senate Banking Committee Votes For The Pig



People's Platform

On The Voting Record

Editors. The News:

[BELIEVE It would be a great help for the votes of the city if they could see just how their Representatives and Senators on Capitol Hill voted on important Jeglistion. I read the paper every day, now foreign policy, housing, Army & Navy, and offer moder just what Senators Balley, Howy, Representative Erwin are doing to influence this news. It faith and with their most considerate Judgmont, but it's just that I belove that Congressmen should represent the people or be willing to show why they do not. A Congressman is a stakesman to a degree, he misst also represent the voters.

I would be very grateful if you could tabulate the easy or nays of our Congressmen on important bills, some place in your paper, preferable in the Senators and Representatives to air their views on such legislation from time to time it would be safety and the congressmen, possible on the part of Tize News, but it would be a tremendous thing if the voters have you can at least show how the people are voted. Thank you for your consideration.

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More Bonds

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In a nation-wide campaign, June 8th (D-Day)
through July 4th, it is our sim to bring forcibly
public attention the wisdom of putting away every
possible dollar in U. S. Savings Bondes. This is not
the continuing peacetime promotion.

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-BURTON DAVIS.
Chief Press Section
U. S. Savings Bonds Division.

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Last Saturday Mr. McKnight spoke of "Carmen",

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Mrat more could you want, and yet he said the whole

thing was terrible. Miss Stevens' voice is not throaty

on records. I know to be a fact that this album has

been very highly recommended by some of the fines.

of musicians.

I think if he must continue to write the column, he should learn to tell good music when he hears it, and stop criticizing the grandest Carmen to have sung at the Metropolitan since the great Mary Garden.

—AN EX-MCKNIGHT READER.

—AN EA-MORNIGHT READER.

(NOTE: Well at least he signs his name when he expresses his opinion of the greatest Carmen, etc.—Eds., The News).

CHARLOTTE

Advertising Service

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readers are prone to forget. Advertishing in addition
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is also a vital service to the reader: Sometimes as important as the news report beloff—bits. The News.

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PROGRESS WATCHED

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- Hopkins' Protege

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If the President does accede to
Stettinhus' earnest desire to resign,
he will be faced with the problem
of inding a qualified successor.
Such men do not grow on trees. In
the meantime an able professional
diplomat, Herschel Johnson, is Stettinhus' deputy as provided by law.
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This meant, of course. Wallace's exit from the Truman Administration. For when a Cabinet member blasts the On the other hand, organized labor is the one group in political life on which Wallace has an electoral stranglehold. They have fought for him right down the line, and he for them. His assistants argued, therefore, that he could not now afford to remain silent—even if it meant his exit from the Wallace listened while his assistants argued. Plinally he buzzed for his chief political adviser, Harold Young of Dallas, Texas, who once got oil-smuggler Freeman Burford out from under a Federal indictment at the time Burford's co-conspirations of the present of the present of the state of the present of the state of the present of t

tor. Governor Dick Leche of Louisiana, was sent to particle years.

Young ambied into the room, his 520 pounds looking like an umade bed, read the different labor statements prepared as the particle of the

Wallace Took Orders

N making this decision, Wallace's mind probably flashed bark to another politically critical moment in the Summer bark to another politically critical moment in the Summer critical statement of another Chief in the White House.

The chips were down-then too. Roosevelt had just booled wallace out of his job as head of the Board of Zeo-

nomic Warfare in a David-and-Golfalh battle with Jesse Jones. Wallace was then Vice-President and couldn't be fired from that Job. But Roosevelt had fired him from the Bew, despite the fact that Wallace's chief fault was constantly maging Joses Jones about getting ahead with the war maging Joses Jones about getting ahead with the war and oliners wanted him to be the work of the work of the ward of the was a scaling blast. Morris Rosenthal, Milo Perkins and oliners wanted him to break with Roosevell. Instead, Wallace took the advice of his Texas friend, issued a statement of the war on one can question the wisdom of the Commander-In-Chiler.

'In time of war no one can question the wisdom of the Commander-In-Chiler.

'NOTE-Ophilons are divided regarding the aftermath of this move. Some Wallace friends say that later his political out; and speak at every crossoods, then kulled him at the Chicago convention in favor of Harry Truman.

Housewives Battle Over OPA

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Not in the Republican primary in the Tenth Congressional District of New Jersey. For sixteen solid years it has been represented by Representative Fred Hartley of Kearney, N. Jaways considered so strongly entrenched that he even survived Roseeveit landsides.

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The property of the Republican Walter A. Schaeffer, and the issue is one of the most interesting in the nation—OPA.

Hartley is one of the chief enemies of price control, is known as the Congressional spokesman for the National Retail Dry Goods Association. There have even been indications the second of the conference of the control of the National Retail Dry Goods Association. There have even been indications was under spokesman from defeas.

At first 11 was reported that Hartley would receive

second \$10,000 in campaign contributions from grateful NRDOA members, but at the rate he is spending money durables and the second seco

A GRICULTURE DEPARTMENT experts are worried over a new drive by Dixie Democrats. They now want fertilizer rationed. Hitherto, potash fertilizer has been used mainly for

rationed. Hitherto, potash fertilizer has been used mainly for food growing, but now the Southern bloc wants it rationed so more can go for the cotton and tobacc crops.

Midwest farmers do not object to the idea of rationing of the control of the