FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 1946.

Presidential Pals Move Upstairs

President, in that peculiar off-hand way of his, yesterday ended the long way of his, yesterlay enten the four-speculation over the vacancy on the Su-preme Court. The appointment goes to an old New Deal workhorse, Fred Vinson of Kentucky, and into Mr. Vinson's place as Secretary of the Treasury moves John

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Mr. Vinson, as Secretary of the Treasury, was one of the strong men of a weak Cabinet. Along with Jimmy Byrnes, he was called upon to advise the President in many matters that were not the proper concern of his Department. He helped settle some of the touchest strikes, for instance, and displayed considerable skill as a mediator. And perhaps it is in the ole of mediator that Mr. Truman sees him in the new post; there are rumors of grave dissension on the high bench and the new Chief Justice will be faced with the task of amodatine ruffed feelings and speeding up the lagging work of the Court. There will be many who question Fred Vinson's qualifications for the bost. He has served a brief term on the Federal bench, but for most of his life he has been a lawyer-politican and a scood party man. His political abilities are outstanding, and as Secretary of the Treasury has done a workmanlike job. Whether he meets the specification for Chief Justice—the

Inest jurist the nation affords—is open to question.

But if there is question as to Fred Vinson's qualifications, there will be many more as to John Snyder's. Mr. Snyder is the mystery man of the Truman Administration, supposedly the President's closest adviser, and in the view of many observers, the most inept. The so-called "New Deal" columnists have been after his scalp for months, and most of the political bunders of the Truman Administration are laid at his door. The adiectives bumbling, timid, reactionary are applied freely. Drew Pearson, only vesterday, reported that John Snyder arrived at the final White House meeting prior to the President's rail strike bradess! Tecline no pain' and contributed considerable confusion in that, lease morent.

There- is even reason to wonder if Mr. There is even reason to wonder if Mr. Snyder's monitation will be approved by the the Senate without renewing the control of the Senate system of the President sent ever Ed Paulley's name as Undersecretary of the Navy. Certainly many a Senator will look with jaundiced, eve upon this latest member of the Missouri gang to be tapped for the Cabinet. They will wonder, as they have done so often lately, whether the President is trying to fill a vital vacancy with the best man obtainable, or whether he is simply taking care of an old St. Louis friend.

The Man With The Guitar

THE CIO's Political Action Committee is FTHE CIO's Political Action Committee is understandably elated over the election of James E. Folsom as Governor of Alabama. PAC openly threw its support behind Mr. Folsom, and he openly accepted it, although he qualified it by informing the electorate that, welcome ast was, he had never asked for it. And if PAC did, in fact, control the balance of power in Alabama, where the great voting strength lies in the traditionally anti-union rural areas, then the CIO indeed has reason to crow.

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But politics is a comblicated business, and we suspect that PAC's leaders, canny political expects that they are, privately wonder just how big a factor they were in Alabama's election. Did their door-bell ripging, for instance, account for as many Fólsom votes as the hill-billy band that accompanied him to the hustings? Was their support as important a factor as the mistakes made by Mr. Fólsom's primchal or principle of the princ

The Birmingham News, which opposed Mr. Folsom, probably put its finger on the greatest single electoral factor in its we - wish - him - well - since - he - got - elected - anyway editorial:

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This desire for change is not prompted by
any particular feeline acainst Mr. Ellis, of
course. It is not the outgrowth simply of
Alabama conditions. It runs far wider and
deper than that, But in Alabama Mr. Ellis
was a member of the present state adminiistration. He long has been in Alabama
politica. The desire for change ran heavily
against him.

Hope—one of the greatest of human facters—worked mightly for Mr. Folson, Tens

of thousands of our people look to him with hope-for many things.

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It's the desire for change, the blind hope for something better, that works like yeast in Southern politics and provides the Dixie Demangeouse with the means to their dubious end. Gene Talmadge, Huey Long, Cole Blease, Pappy O'Daniel, Bob Revnolds—all these understood only too well how to exploit the instinctive unrest of the voters. Promises, bright, golden, empty promises, are the demangouse's stock in trade; they'll buy more votes than cash ever did.

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If we seem to be predicting that Mr. Folsom, as yet untried in any public office, will take his place in the unsavory company of the Dixie Demagogues, it derives from our firm conviction that the strong man who finally establishes himself as a Southern dictator will arrive, not on horseback, but barefoot and plucking a guitar.)

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It has always seemed to us that Southerners who fret over the real threat represented by our indigenous demagouses—and now by PAC, which is rapidly learning to use their time-honored technique—are confusine cause and effect. The pathetic hope of the mass of the voters in the South is something more than an opportunity for those who would exploit it. It is a symutom of regional disease, a measure of the promie's lack of faith in the conservative politicians who have governed them, with but brief interruptions, for generations. generations.

generations.

So long as extreme poverty and all its attendant evils exist in the South orderly government will be tentative, subject to great pressures from below. And the man with the guitar will always find a rich field for his talents, a great, thrusting unrest that will take him, temporarily at least, to fame and fortune.

Happy Birthday, Dear Clarence

THEY ran off a birthday party the other night for one of Charlotte's animate institutions. More than 300 guests turned up to nibble at a wast cake and do honor to Clarence O. Kuester. Those who counted the candles and then gazed upon Clarance Kuester's youthful countenance were startled, we suspect, as we always are when we remember that this sprightly gentleman has seen the passage of 70 years.

years.

The secret of Clarence Kuester's perpetual youth does not lie in the mellow and tranquil life he has led. For 42 years he has been a professional booster, living to the sound of drums, subsisting on green to the sound of drums, subsisting on green peas and after-dinner oratory, practicing the strange, blatant diplomacy of the Chamber of Commerce Secretary. He has sung the praises of his home town in every state in the union on every conceivable occasion, and believed every proud word he ever spoke on her hehalf.

He has, of course, suffered defeats in his day. And he has his critics, as does any man who spends his life tearing his shirt

in public, But they are, by and large, critics of his tactics; nobody who remembers the Charlotte of 42 years ago can remember the Charlotte of 42 years ago can remember assumes successfully that Charence Kuestre's lone-rance successfully that Charence Kuestre's lone-rance successfully that Charence Kuestre's lone-rance strategy hasn't been sound. It charence Kuestre' does have a secret. It probably her in his unfacing optimism. Nothing fall the his his surface of the state of the control of the his his days in the control of the control of the his his days informing people who are clamoring to establish businesses that there is no room for them in his beloved Charlotte at the moment. Having heaved his town past the 100,000 mark, he looks now to 200,000, and has no doubt that Charlotte will make it, come hell or high water.

It's faith, of course, that keeps Clarence Kuester indistinusishable from a Davidson sophemore at 30 paces. And we have no particular recret that we are two days late in wishing him Happy Birthday. Like Clarence Kuester himself, we have no doubt that we shall have that annual privilege for many, many years to come.

'Another Voice

What's The Matter With UNO?

THE CHARLOTTE NEWS offers a plea of mitigating circumstances as it views the charge lately lodged against UNO by President Marsh of Boston University, which, in effect, was that the gentlemen of the

organizations are drinking excessively.

In evidence The News quotes the operator of the bar at Hunter College, New York City meeting place of UNO. The bartender quotes figures on daily receipts to

tender quotes figures on daily receipts to prove that the gentlemen of UNO are un-usually light consumers of intoxicants. The bartender, of course, should have first-hand information og consumption of intoxicants by UNO members; but, if they are the dry aggregation he pictures, it is a little difficult to understand why expen-

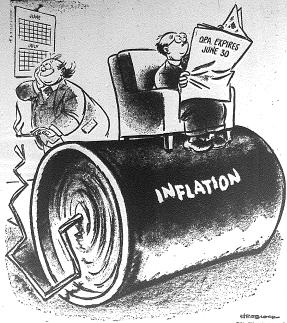
sive preparations to serve them were made in the first place.

It is possible, certainly, that intoxicants have not simulated the members of UNO to such performance as they have been indulging—but if not intoxicants, what is the answer?—Hendersonville Times-News,

The set the collision reterred to we suggested three: "The ideological conflict between capitalism and communism, the revolutionary currents running in the world... the ruins left by a global war."—Eds., The News.)

A collector who bought the manuscript of "Alice in Wonderland" for \$77,500 in the '20s has bought it again for \$50,000. It sounds a little like a chapter from "Alice."

Fourth Of July Firecracker



People's Platform

Catholics And Politics

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IN a recent editorial in The News you reported that
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sacraments of the Catholie Church.

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an episcopal letter of the Umbrian bishops warning Catholics that voting for Marxist or Pascist partitles at the elections would expose them to the 'sanctions of canon law'. Such sanctions, Vatican sources said, could include denial of public sacraments to Catholics.'—Eds., Tun Evans).

Overwhelmed Industrialists NASHVILLE, TENN.

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Nashville. Tenn.

Editors. The News:

We have dispatched the following telegram to President Truman:

"The overwhelming majorities given the Case Bill in both House and Senate truly reflect the overaction of the government of the control of a termination of the government favoritism which has produced a situation that permits labor leaders will be settled. The people are demanding that the will be settled. The people are demanding that the ment and treat its orders with the ulmost contempt shall be restrained; they are demanding that the government return to the enforcement of fair play between labor and management; they are demanding that the government return to the enforcement of fair play between labor and management; they are demanded to the constitution. The government cannot expect and is not entitled to the honor and extem of its elitters are demanded to the honor and extem of its elitters are considered the general welfare. The Case Billi will go far reward restoring management and labor to a position which gives equal rights and privileges and requires of the Gauth States Industrial Council. I respectfully urge that you sign the Case Bill at once and end the chaotic condition which is so greatly returning our efforts to recovery from the destructive effects of the efforts to recovery from the destructive effects of the efforts to recovery from the destructive effects of the efforts to recovery from the destructive effects of the efforts to recovery from the destructive effects of the efforts to recovery from the destructive effects of the efforts to recovery from the destructive effects of the efforts to recovery from the destructive effects of the efforts to recovery from the destructive effects of the efforts to recovery from the destructive effects of the efforts to recovery from the destructive effects of the efforts to recovery from the destructive effects of the efforts to recovery from the destructive effects of the efforts to recovery from the destructive effects of

efforts to recovery from the destructiv war. REMMIE L. ARNOLD, President, Southern States Industrial Council.

(NOTE: The News editorial in question was based on the following dispatch from the Associated on the following dispatch from the Associated Press' Rome bureau: "The May 22 edition of the Vatican newspaper, Oscirvatore Romano published

Marquis Childs

Case Bill Faces Veto

WASHINGTON
As of this writing resident road and a secure to the controversial Case bill. He will two it not because of the pressure from organized labor but in spite of that pressure.

The President has been annoyed by the tone of statements made by the tone of statements made by the tone of statements made of Rhillip Murrey of the CIO. They have made it far more difficult, from the point of view of general opinion, to take the action he was inclined from the beginning to take.

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In the veto message which is being concoted, the President will cite his own record in the Senate, being concoted, the President will cite his own record in the Senate, being concoted, the president senate of the sen

line of June 12, but it is unlikely.

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The Case hil could never be described as a victors bill. But the Senate added certain provisions of doubtful workability, including the cooling-off period, which could apparently be circumvented by unions-determined to strike without reference to the medistion process.

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move.

The third-party debate is a very real continuing one, with much de-The thrus-patry uconic in a correct conting one, with much depending on its outcome. Perhaps the strongest opponent is Sidney Hillman, who insists that such a move would serve only to insure the election of a reactionary Republican. He is backed in this by Secretary of Commerce Henry A.

Wallace,
By an interesting coincidence,
Wallace was speaking in New York
on the same night that President
Truman went to the nation on the
radio in the rail-strike crisis. Wallace was speaking at the tenth

anniversary dinner of the American Labor Party,
In his speech he gave strong support to President Truman. His sudience was made up largely of left-wing labor leaders and intellectuals. They have been localized to be supported by liberals wing companion of the laboration of the labo

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Samuel Grafton

Overcrowded World

THE conversational tone of the hour is, I should say, a kind of low muttering. Housing has replaced sex as the chief topic of conversation in the Los Angeles area, and the mood of the talk is bitter.

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conversation in the Los Angeles and the mood of the talk is a Those in the mood of the talk is. Those in the movie colony mutter that the talk is a talk in the talk is a talk in the talk

Objectively, the American are well off at the momen they have memories which and, from what I have se should say that the different tween this boom and the last is that this time there is sus and bitterness on the way

Drew Pearson's : Patient Sen. Barkley Emerges As Leader Merry-Go-Round :

A MAN stood in front of an apartment house on Connecticut.

A wenuse trying to hall a taxt. Scores of taxis sped down the avenue, all too busy or too full to stop.

The man stood, patient, dignified, apparently, accustomed to this delay. His stately mien did not like with the job of atanding on a street corner and signaling for a taxi, but he persisted.

persisted.

Several swank limousines drove up to the apartment house to drop or pick up passengers, but the dignified gentleman on the curb patiently continued to wait for more pichelan transportation.

He was Senator Alben Barkley of Kentucky, majority leader of the Senate. And his difficult efforts to hal a career, even the control of the control

career. The Senater has no car of his own McKellar of Ten-nesser, the Senater has presiding officer, has taken over the Vice-Presidential car. Leslie Bliffe, secretary of the Senate, has two cars though he uses them not for himself but for Senational errands. Every Calinet member and many But the majority leader of the Senate walks or tries to hall a taxi.

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Utilike one or two of his colleagues, Barkley has not built up a lush law firm. He has no independent income, law the law firm the has no independent income. Index knowledge to speculate on the commodities market, Mrs. Barkley has been ill for many months, and sometimes the Senator does not know from one day to the next whether she will pull through the week. He has been filling lecture negarements to pay the nurse and decorts' bills.

way. Dairy and poultry farmers haven't been told about it yet,