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# Talmadge's Whirlwind Of Hate

If the effort of those Southerners who seek, with inverse logic, to fix the responsibility for the election of Eugene Talmadge upon those who oppose him scarried to its logical conclusion Talmadge's opponents will now be credited with the Yunching of four Negroes at Monroe, Georgias, Blame will be laid at the door of the Dnitled States Supreme Court, which gave Occepts a Negroes the vote, and of Governor Arnall, or a carried, out his oath of office and allowed them to go to the police. It is difficult, however, to see how any reasonable man can persist in this delasion now, There were no direct political implications in the Junching, It grew.

lasion now. There were no direct political implications in the lynching it grew, in historic fashion, out of an alleged fight between a Negro and a white man. In order to put the presumably offending Negro 'in, his place' he, his wite, and a colored neighbor and his wife, were murdered in cold blood.

But the lynching does reflect the temper of Gene Talmadge's faithful followers. Their red-gallused prophet invited them to take the law into their own hands and they are doing so — threatening destruction of a source of the contraction of the contraction.

doing so—threatening destruction of a newspaper plant in one county, murdering four Negroes in another. Their idel is on his way to the statehouse, and his presence

South's bitter heritage, not those who tried to warn against him.

There is only this cold comfort: Gene Talmadge is bedinning to reap the whirlwind of hate that will destroy him. The mass of complacent white Georgians who accepted him without giving him active support eventually will be stirred by the reign of terror he has invoked. The process will be painful—it always is—but there is bound to be an awakening in Georgia. The innocent who die as the four Negroes died at Monroe can be counted as casualties of a recurring battle between the vast majority, and the warped and violent men who flock to Gene Talmadge's red banner. Some day they will take their place among a great state's honored dead.

### We Need A Traffic Plan---Now

IT seems certain that the set-back ordinance, now being considered by the Coning Commission, will die an at ural death. The arguments against it are as compelling as they are familiar; in the business district, where the need for wider streets is greatest, costs of moving back existing buildings would be prohibitive.

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Granting the logic of this objection to a general set-back plan, we would still regard the abandonment of the ordinance with regret. The traffic situation in downtown, Charlotte is all but intolerable now, and it will grow steadily worse as the city increases in size. Aiready the narrow, congested thoroughfares around The Square have become a deterrent to further growth. This means that new business districts will develop away from the center of town, a tendency aiready pronounced, while property values in the downtown section decline. It may be that today's street-widening costs would, in many cases, be less ing costs would, in many cases, be less than future losses.

than future losses.

The Commission, of course, has taken all this into consideration during the months its able membership has wrestled with the problem. And there is still, reason to hope that a workable compromise, exempting certain downtown areas but requiring an adequate set-back elsewhere in the city, will be worked out. This would serve as a guarantee against repeating the covere of the planless past, but it would not covere of the planless past, but it would not covere of the planless past, but it would not covere of the planless past, but it would not covere of the planless past, but it would not covere of the planless past, but it would not covere of the planless past, but it would not covere of the planless past and the planless past and the covere of the planless past and the covered of the planless past and the covered of the covered errors of the planless past, but it would not alleviate the downtown congestion that gives the morning and afternoon rush hours their nightmarish aspect.

Sooner or later the City is going to have to come to grips with the problem of channeling traffic away from Trade and Tryon, the only adequate thoroughfares

in the whole downtown district. This can't be done by traffic lights and sweating policemen, regardless of their efficiency. Two-lane streets simply cannot take the increasing volume of vehicular traffic.

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The answer, of course, is to open up several new cross-town streets so that through traffic can move around, instead of through, the relail district. The numerous surveys of the past have pointed the way with remarkable unanimity, differing only in their details. It seems to us that safficient data is at hand to begin translating plans into action.

Delay is costly. We're at the beginning of a building boom, and every structure crected along present building lines makes it that much more difficult, and expensive, to widen streets in the future. It will be tragic, indeed, if we drift into the coming period of sudden growth without an overall plan to keep it orderly.

Council should move now to evolve a suitable traffic plan and translate it Into

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suitable traffic plan and translate it into law, designating cross-fown streets to be widened and restricting building along them. It may very well be that money, and materials, for the actual construction will not be available for some years, but this is no argument against making adequate preliminary preparations for it.

Other cities hereabouts—motably Durham and Greenville, S. C.—have such plans in operation. In Greenville work has been resumed on a system of belt thoroughfares undertaken before the war under a longramge master plan. This is the automobile age, and there is reason to doubt that Charlotte can maintain her standing as trade center of the Carolinas if she clings to her horse-and-buggy street plan while her competitors emerge as modern cities.

## Don't Louse Ol' Dizzy Up

WE reprinted on this page yesterday a barming little piece from The Ashe-sille Ciffere commenting upon ol' Digy Dean's difficulties with Missouri grammarians who have objected to the langue employed in his baseball broadcasts. The Ciffern's literate defense of Diz's illierate defense of Diz

ons oright lexicon.

"I say that Marty Marion or Vern
Stephens slud into second base. What do
hery want me to say—slidded?" inquires
Diszy with, as far as we are concerned,
complete justification. "So I say that Sian
Musial or Chet Laabs looks like he is in
hitterish form down at the plate. What's
the difference? Nine times out of ten they
don't louse me up. They hit. Who cares
what they call it?"

We note that Diz regards himself as a We note that Diz regards himself as a teacher in his own right. He refers several times to "this beer outfit that hired me to learn the people baseball. He refers several times to "this beer outfit that hired me to learn the people baseball with his proud boast: "I may not know that man Webster's lord mame, but, brother, I can learn you which is a ball and which is a strike—or vice vice."

He can indeed, and we think we have discovered the real root of his troubles. It involves misunderstanding. The English teachers, unwersed in the ways of the disamond, do not realize that what they are

hearing is really a technical vocabulary employed by a scientist. They have forgiven the sociologists and the psychologists for creating a whole mass of gobbeldygook. They have forgiven even the quainess man for transforming "contact." into a verb. Why should they now badger a master who seeks to teach the people the terminology of his craft?

Moreover the fears of the purists that the young of Missouri will be corrupted is groundless. Of 'Diz's listeners understand that sild is pronounced slud only in the ball park, that hitterish is a sensation felt only by a batsman standing confidentially

only by a batsman standing confidentially at the plate. They will not allow these ex-pressions to sink to the level of common

pressions to sink to the level of common usage.

The English teachers might relieve their minds by casting their eyes upon the work of Dizzy's colleagues of the sportswriting and sportscasting field. These gentlemen, without ever splitting an infinitive or danging a participle, often baffle the uniniated, Here, for instance, is a sports head-line picked at random: COOLED CARDS: BUMS PRAISE JINTS.

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The teachers, we think, had better forget the whole thing. Sportswriting, or casting, has little if any relation to the English language. The profession has it's own standards, we auppose, but we are confident that not even Ol' Diz can do them any violence.

### Another Voice

### It's The Same Old Tune

A LFRED M. LANDON who, ten years ago, was defeated in the Presidential elections by the largest margin of electroators ever accorded a candidate, 5,522 to 8, has an important message to get across to the American electorate. You've already guessed it, coming from it, Landon:

on't see how the Republicans can be enough to lose the next Presidential

Gestlen." The only improvement to be noted in this profound prophecy by Mr. Landon is the reference to stupidity on the part of the Sepublican Party.

The remainder of the statement strikes eather familiar note heard in 1936, 1940, at scale in 1934.

I Landon elaborated upon his proposed crystal-ball gazing by pointing out the Democratic coulding, the forces of UIO-PAO, the Solid South, the New Deal-

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ers and malcontent old-liners all are on the splitting point.

Of course no such rupture can be found in the forces that Mr. Landon lead so galiantly to the greatest defeat ever-encountered by a major political office seeker.

A person must be blessed with a grand and the seeker of the seeker of

from the GOP oldliners who have devoted 14 years to serving as an obstacle in the path of all progressive legislation.

The Democratic Party may find the going tough when the next Presidehtial election rolls around, but it's difficult to believe that the American public will again be duped by meaningless Republican campaign promises.

Perhaps the Republican Party will surprise their 1935 standard bearer and be dumber than evan he anticipates.—Wilmington Englang Post.



### People's Platform

# Encouragement For The Drys

given some credit to the Drys for helping to clean up the beam credit to the Drys for helping to clean up the beam credit to the Drys for helping to clean up the beam credit to the Drys for helping to the Control Association in North Carolina for their temperance program, but explained that this agency of the who interests, manufactures, and district temperance program, but explained that this agency of the who interests, manufactures, and district the program of the

of legal violations being turned over to local enforcement officers:

Whose duty is it to collect evidence and to enforce
the laws of North Carolina? Could not our local enforcement officers cope with the trouble in the bear
13 should be humilisting to North Carolinians to
have to call upon the liquor interests to clean up the
evil conditions caused by their product!

(NOTE: It would be a great deal more humillating if. there were no self-regulatory group for law
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Rags-To-Riches May

Strenuous Campaign MYRTLE BEACH, S. C.

Editors. THE News:

JOIN with Mr. Eddson in suggesting that you publish The Great Conspiracy Against Russia as a balancing of the presentation of the subject of Russia to your readers against I Chose Freedom.

I disagree with you that the publication of Mos-

THIS is another chapter in the weird story of Congressman Andy May—a chapter pertaining to another member of the May family, nepthew William H. May. Willie May began the war with assets largely consisting of a pair of allo, pents the war with assets largely consisting of a pair of allo, pents the served exactly nine days in the Army, was released from active duty at the instance of General Tire & Rubber, and then proceeded to get a West Point appointment—through his Congressman uncle—for the son of a General Tire & Rubber with the control of the control of the son of a General Tire & Rubber and the control of the control of the son of a General Tire & Rubber and the control of the control of the son of a General Tire & Rubber and the control of the control of the sample of the control of th

Congressman unclessor are concongressman uncless of course, was simply to win use
war in a hurry. Young men were giving up their lives at
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Guardanan or the Normandy beaches. Wille May escaped
the draft, built up a lush business, bought one of the showplace farms near Frankfort, Ky, and has now so extended
his business that he is building houses for the Mayo Clinic
is chairman of a powerful committee in Congress, especially
the Military Affairs Committee, when a war is on.
Finally, the company for which Wille May worked. General Tire & Rubber, got an E-award, despite a very unfavorable report by Army engineers
Army inspectors in the testing of rubber posteon floats.

Rags-Io-Riches May

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pathetic life of Willie May.

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Bank in Louisville, but as warbroke, Willie had graduated to the job of Kentucky Conmissioner of Agriculture at a salary of 84,000. This was to

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most one accommondal proportions. How much his under on

the Milliary Affairs Committee had to do with this is not

known, but was contracts seemed to drop in his jap, Willie

The People's Platform is available to any ader who cares to mount it. Communications ould be less than 300 words, typeuritten if said, and on only one side of the paper, bel and obscently will be deleted—otherwise tything goes. Each letter must be signed, altique, in exercitional cases and wone remest.

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### The Odor of Oil

CHARLOTTE Editors. The News:

READ in my morning paper that we, the United States, are going to give clear title to all rich oil, tide lands as well as of lands between List it possible that our present Administration is going to dump this valuable land into the laps of such men as May and his lite? Such action as this is no more than national madness—If the Federal how in the name of common sense can a bunch of political pirales, as has been demonstrated by what present exposures are bringing to light, expect to hand hand?

It smells to Heaven.

—T. F. MAGUIRE.

Drew Pearson's: The Fantastic Story Of Willie May

cow datelined news is as impressive as your publica-tion of M. Kravchenko's book as you imply.

The world is in quite a chaotic condition right now and the exercise of truth, justice and fairness can most effectively bring it to an even keel.

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Here is a copy of a letter I have written to Mr.
Eidon which is self-explanatory;
"It was unusually retreating to read your letter
to the editor of The Charlotte News as of the 12th
instant suggesting the publication of The Great Conspiracy Against Russia in serial to counterbalance his
publication of I Choos Precion. Nothing could be
with true Americanish.

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attacked by John my opinion is war mongering in the lirat degree.

If reply to Life's solicitation of my subscription renewal 1 proposed that if they would agree to publish articles in rebuttal to Dulles' articles by a friend of Russia like Joseph E. Davies I would renew. That was on July 1st. I have not heard from them

yet.

'I believe you would find interest in learning of John Feater Dulles as he is presented in The Frotant in its June-July 1846 issue in an article by class of the property of the Stateman's subtended—John Foster Dulles, in the name of peace and justice, is leading the Protestant Churches into a trap." If your Public Library can't Urnish you this copy 'up of the protestant Churches into a trap." If your Public Library can't Churches into a trap." If your Public Library can't Church in the protestant Churches into a trap." If your Public Library and Churches into a trap." If your Public Library can't Churches into a trap. If your Protestant Only the Public Library Churches into a trap. If you have not been a controlled to the protestant of the public Library Churches into a trap. If you have not been a controlled to the public Library Churches in the protestant of the public Library Churches in the public Library C

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### West Point Reward

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And after young May was escused from his nine-day four
And duty in the Anny, Saalfield's son was appointed to
West Point May's Congressional sucie.

Was Department records show that young Saalfield was
appointed from Hessard Ky, which is in Congressman May's
district. Rowever, West Department records also store that
ment be malled to 168 Welcott Road, Akron, the permanent
home of his faither.

The clider Baalfield, when quested about his son's appointment, said that it was arranged entirely by May a
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congressmant was select the Saalfield, when you
to do was ask, and uncle Andy went to town for him with
the War Department.

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The Big Oil Push for the oil companies, one was senator Claude Pepper of Picks. Senator Claude Pepper was one of those who plously called up and the picks. Senator Democrat who voted for the transfer was Senator Democrat who voted for the transfer was Senator David I. Walsh of Massachusetts who, as chairman of the Senator Company of the Navy James Portestal express his concern over dwindling oil reserves. In view of the Hord of the tide-should be senator of the Navy James Portestal express his concern over its own of the President will probably have to rely on the Senate to sustain his veto. With the help of votes from such President will be able to repulse the oil lobby's manually and Morse, the President will be able to repulse the oil lobby's manually have to rely the President will be able to repulse the oil lobby's manually have to responsible for the Transfer of the President will be able to repulse the oil lobby's manually have to resten of the powerful force were determined to pull America down. The same kind of lobby was responsible for the Transfer of the President providing for creation of strategic stockpiles.

Our great natural wealth was dwindling rapidly long before World WHITE HOUSE strategy on the tidelands oil bill has been fixed ever since it was apparent that the powerful oil lobby would push it through the Senate as well as the House. There was never any doubt of a Presidential veto. never any doubt of a Presidential veto.

The President, of course, will be on the soundest grounds in sending the measure shack to Congress within the measure shack to Congress within the measure shack to Congress within the constant of the congress of the prize. It is the last great in the congress of the prize. It is the last great limited Salees, and therefore careful appervision of its use under the Federal Government is vital to the security of this nation.

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Some of the President's more hottle critics on Capitol Hill have intimated that he would sign the following the second of the second security of the second second of the second second of the second seco

circlegic stockylles.

Our great natural wealth was divinding rapidly long before World War II. The war that ended a year ago cut it to the very bone. Our sumplies of minerals, old and the most carred national planning if we are to be secure within our continental borders. The creation of strategic stockylles is an essential national planning if we are to be secure within our continental borders. The creation of strategic stockylles is an essential that all but destroys the value of stockylling. The amendment provides that only learn produced or including the produced of the control of the product of the produc

## Samuel Grafton

to 38 in favor of passage of the some of the 28 Republicans voting for transfer of the tidelands oil awas Senator William Knowland of California. In California one of the chief proponents of the tide-tidelands oil awas to the chief proponents of the tide-tideland of the chief proponents of the tide-tideland of the chief proposed to the chief to the chief the chief

Marquis Childs

POLITICAL BLUNDER

## A Changing Mood

DURING the war we did develop a certain dof concern about each other, which was one of the few seasons a kind of concern about each other, which was one of the few seasons a kind of concern about each other, which was one of the few seasons of the peace, it remains true that we show a certain obtuseness today, in human and social relative seasons of the few seasons of the

A SMUG APPROACH

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And some of the labor unions have mournfully proposed a new Covernment-sponanored labor-man-segment conference, so own of metricinal level could be maintained under current prices; and while a group of conomists, engineers and educators, led by Mr. Morris L. dea, the general reaction is rather cool. Yet this is exactly the kind of problem (how to get enough to eat) which, during the war, we rationing; and one feels again the curious, clammy touch of the post-war mood in our massive indifference to this same problem, newly presented after the peace.

by-passed, because to have acceptive their food problems fully would have kept us from being able would have kept us from being able would be himser crisis was over. I do not blame the Agricultural citical to rhinking first of behter-must think, according to one's chemistry, and the chemistry of the times. But the point remains that during the war we would not be the point of the contraction of the twinty of the contraction of the contraction of if we had, we wouldn't have spoken in them.