# **The Theory May Be Excellent, But . . .**

WE seem to have edged into a controversy with John Temple Graves, the Birmlingham columnist, but there's one nice thing about it—it is being conducted in ideological atmosphere so rarefied it is any man's guess as to exactly what we're argu-

man's guess as to exactly what we're arguing about.

This high-minded debate had its inception with an editorial in which we quoted James Street of Chapel Hill who termed Mr. Graves a 'potlikker Pegler' and a 'belihop of Southern reaction.' We defended Mr. Graves against those charges, but remarked that he seemed to have gone wrong in Georgia, where his opposition to Ellis Arnali and James Carmichael led him into supporting, by inference at least, Eugene Talmadge, Mr. Graves, we concluded, had let his private version of Jeffersonianism run away with him.

Mr. Graves has not discussed this specific issue, but he has defined his general positions.

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It needs to be said (1) that no binness but totalism is what this column opposes, whether it comes from binness, government or labor, (2) that defenders of the same of timing not to be stopped from opposing present threats from the left because there have been threats from the right and will be again, and (3) the fight and will be again, and (3) the dead of the collectivists' has been so well served now that the problem is how to keep from accepting so many of them our democracy man, and our immortal souls won't click.

Well, heaven knows we share Mr. Graves' concern for the South's democracy, in-dustrial machinery and immortal soul. We even join him in his opposition to totalism,

whatever that is. But we are still con-cerned over the manner in which he made practical application of his philosophy in the recent Georgia primary. Mr. Graves says of Senator Pepper of

Mr. Graves says of Senator Pepper of Florida: "It isn't his accent or eyebrows that are allen. It isn't even his New Dealing. It's his failure to know that New Dealing has been carried far enough now, and that more will amount to something both allen and Ill." We assume that Mr. Graves applies the same analysis to the philosophy of Ellis Arnali, and his protege. James Carmichael, and that it accounts for the steady drumfire he directed against them during Georgia's gubernatorial campaign.

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Suppose, for the sake of argument, that Mr. Carmichael's philosophy might, in time, have become both "alien and ill." What, then, of the philosophy of Eugene Talmadge, which the voters of Georgia accepted in place of it? Mr. Graves might very well argue that it is native, but could be term that dark distillation of the most depraved thinking of the region less than ill? And beyond that, what of the character of the two men, as demonstrated by their public and private records?

It is Mr. Graves' custom to open his daily column with a quotation from the classics, or a reasonable facsimile thereof. It is fitting then that we close this essay in the same fashion, drawing, indeed, from the holy writ, the works of Thomas Jefferson:

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Of the various executive abilities, no one
excited more anxious concern than that of
placing the interests of our fellow-citizens
in the hands of honest men...

# The Ambitious Carolina Communists

CHESTER S. DAVIS, able staff writer for the Winston-Salem Journal, is midway through an exhaustive and good-humored series of articles on the reviving Communist

Party in the Carolinas. The Commles got their start in North Carolina, he finds, about the time several visiting comrades came into the Piedmont on the oreanizing drive that culminated in the bloody Gastonia massacre in 1929. "The high-handed, arrogant methods employed by certain of the state's industrialists in combating the organizers" generated a fair amount of sympathy for the Comrades and by the mid-1930's Party Headquarters thought there was enough interest hereabouts to create District 16 in the Carolinas and Party in the Carolinas. The Commies got was enough interest hereabouts to District 16 in the Carolinas and create District 16 in the Carolinas and head it up with a secretary. The war in-terrupted the membership drive, with the CP officially disbanding and the Caro-linas Secretary, Bart Logan, volunteering for army duly, Lately a new secretary, Sam Hall, has appeared on the scene and es-tablished headquarters in Winston-Salem and old District 16 is open for business again.

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Bam Hall, just back from the Navv after 25 months of sea duty in the combat areas of the Pacific, is a 38-year-old former Alabama newspaperman. He has no beard, Mr. Davis reports, and doesn't look like he's even thinking of tossing a bomb. He discussed the Party's business quite frankly with Mr. Davis, but when asked for names of the 200 active CP members he claims in the Carolinas "he becomes as elusive as a

squirrel in a tree." A necessary precaution, he explains: in these parts the Communist label usually leads to unemployment. Mr. Hall also denies that the Communists

label usually leads to unemployment. Mr. Hall also denies that the Communists have revolution in mind these days. "Marx didn't advocate revolution," he says. "However, unlike the other political parties, we predict that there will be revolution before the United States achieves real socialism." This is an interestine distinction, even if it doesn't relieve Mr. Hall and his somrades of the suspicion that they might some day suffer from an attack of wish-diffillment and help speed up the Marxist escalator.

The CP now has six chapters, or cells, in the Carolinas, Mr. Davis reports—at Winston - Salem. Charleston, High Peint, Asheville, Charlotte and fare you listening, Mr. Clark?) Chapel Hill. Their immediate objective is to work for a "broad people" spollical movement "culminating explication of the control of the control

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"The big mistake of the leftists." re-marks Mr. Hall on behalf of his 200 fol-lowers, "is to try to push ahead before the people are ready." It is indeed, and if we're any tude: the comrades are in for quite a little wait.

# The CSAAF: Too Little, Too Late . . .

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TRST at Bull Run, fartherest at Gettysderg, last at Appomatox—and now, bedad, North Carolinians are the founders of
the Confederate Air Force. A couple of pilots
down New Bern way, having borne the
Stars and Bars all over the world during
the recent extramural conflict, have come
home to set up an organization to promote air safety and adorned it with that
illustrious handle.

They are, of course, a little late to be
of much assistance to the thin gray line,
they are, of course, and the star would
have been there if the Wright Brothers
had only been beforehand at Kittshawk.
Naturally the two founders have assumed
the title of "colonel" that being, so far
as we know, the lowest rank in the CSA.
We were a little disturbed to note that the
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which begins: "Know you-all by these presents ..."
All of this leads to speculation on what the CSA might have done if it had been equipped with an air force. Of course there are still a few veterans around who insist that all General Lee needed was a couple more regiments of foot troops, but they are probably prejudiced. One thing we are sure of—the Confederate Air Force would have been superior to its Union counterpart. We base this on the purely unscientific observation that some 99 per cent of the successful pilots in World War II came from south of the Mason-Dixon Line. A drawl seems to be part of the standard equinment for combat filers in all B-grade movies.

movies.

And how history might have been changed if a dusty courier had arrived one day at General Lee's command post to report:

"Sub. General Hill is moving in on the left with the First North Carolina Bombardment Group (heavy) ..."

## Another Voice

## Let's Be Honest About It

OME Southern newspapers, resenting the criticisms in the Northern press of cer-tain political choices made recently by Southern states, say it is a case of the pot calling the kettle black.

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That well may be true. Politics everywhere ias its unsavory characters, and not
always does civic virtue triumph over the
forces of evil. We of the South can point
a blunt foreinger at Masachusetts' Curley, the tools of the Hague machine in
Greey, the Pennsylvania autocrats, in
Governor of Indiana who came down to
Atlanta to serve a spell in the mansion on
McDonolugh Road.

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But some of our papers are going a little
too far in their sensitiveness and indignation. They are asying that while the editors
and radiorators up North have had a field
day in low-rating us, we have never mentioned Ouriey or Hagus and their fellow
practitioners as an indictment of the communities or states which tolerate them.

we dislike to be out of step with our Southern colleagues but we don't remember it that way. As we recall it, our newspapers Joined most heartily in giving Boston and Massachusetts the raspherry a few months ago when Curiev was given an ovation after his conviction, and that has been true throughout Southern Journalism in the case of other political happenings at the North which offered a vulnerable heet. Whether or not the newspapers of one section should comment unfavorably on public matters elsewhere may be a debatable question, although we do not think so. But we of the South certainly should not correct with the proposed of the south of the s



# People's Platform

# 'An Eruption Of Intolerance'

Editors, The News:

[ESUS CHRIST is the only man who was ever born supreme and He would have been supreme if He had been born black or red or yellow instead of white. I say this in answer to a sattement made by Dr. I say the statement made by Dr. I say the sattement sattement and the sattement sattement and the sattement sat

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they could worship their god at they pleased.

How can we continue to point a scornful finger to those who tortured the Jews and at the same time nourish within our bosom seeds of intolerance toward any race or religion?

Negroes, Jews, Catholics, Jabor organizers. What a strange collection of groups to classify together? Irrist they seem to dislike the Negro because his Skin Jews Christ was a Jew. Catholica? Now no man has a right to critical sendors man's religion as long as he worships the one God, does good works, and contributes toward peace. Certainly Catholics do all of considers himself a Protestant and a Christian. If so, has surely failed to read and understand the Bible's teaching of love for one's fellow man.

Far be it from me to either defend or procecute.

Far be it from me to either defend or prosecute labor unions? The important thing is that we have room in our country, indeed we are made up of many races, religions and beliefs. The important thing is that a man can believe and live as he wishes here and will continue, I hope, in spite of any influence to the contrary.

Contrary.

Otherwise we are divided among ourselves, we waver and we fail. We are diseased and unless the waiver end we fail. We are diseased and unless the white corpulates of our blood destroy the enemy we too have proprieted from a manual localized infection, and I do not believe that it will, but it hurts and makes it hard to work for a world alliance, because of the discord within.

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too big. Shades of Creat Grandaddy! We are not North and South or East and West, We are America and America belongs to all of us.

1 am sick at heart and angry. It is time for housecleaning in the South.

—MRS. C. L. BETHEA.

Editors, The News:

R Well, if we are it would pay to give her a lesson in her own state of mind. Thank God, we are no dictatorial, for if we were pity the world. We would just take little Russia over and give her a good wall we give credit to the statesmen we have in the UNO, such as Mr. Byrnes-huts's the Spirit of 76. Let's not be undermined by a lot of Communist Bolevits and when the statesmen we have in the cherical such as the statesmen we have in the letter and the statesment with the statesment with the statesment with the statesment with the world if the contraction. I we do, we can like the world if necessary nation has its senual rights we can.

necessary.

Every nation has its equal rights, no matter how small, the same as a man has in his own country, and I say again, let Russia know now who we are and what we will do. Then and only then will she be only demonracy can survive. Dictatorships shall and will go down. What we've got to do is to foater any nation, on matter what they are in need. of, except Russia. When we do that she'll come down off he high horse.

### Wide Awake CHARLOTTE

Wide Awake
Editors, The News:

I HAVE just rand John Hewitt's letter in regards the
switching of the GRs. I would like to say that I
don't know what Mr. Hewitt means by saying the
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and I don't think they will stand lose the fight in their
own country. They are very much awake to what
they see.

-MRS. J. D. BIGGERS.

## The Negro's Place

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Editors, The News:

I that I and thousands of others of my race crossed two oceans to fight the same things that are being practiced here in our own country.

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The People's Platform is available to any reader who cares to mount it Communications possible, and on only one side of the paper. Liber and obscently toll be deleted—otherwise anything gless. Each letter must be signed although, in exceptional cases and upon request, we will withhold the writer's name.—Editors, Tux News.

## Marquis Childs

# **Political Laboratory**

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McMurray was not easily persuaded. The Democratic organization in Wisconsin has slipped bady. But finally, McMurray yielded
unopposed in the Democratic primary. The results show that he
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Democratic Committee and the
PAC is an open question. La Polwas the product of a deliberate
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crificism of source. In May of the made in a speech in May of a Thus, as La Follette sees it, the extreme left in the labor movement combined with the extreme kill off a middle-of-the-road liberal. He puts the same interpretation on the defeat of Sension Certainly the maneuvers of the extreme right were plain enough. Republican regulars, headed by

SHOULD FILL PLACE

## Peter Edson

# GI Hospital Situation

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War Department has made a
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does not make sense. First, it has announced the clooning
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ham, Mass., Oalesburg, Ill., and Springlield. Man Springlield is an ounced that the Corps of Engineers had let our the Co

state is spending five million dollars more to make it modern. Many wartime general hospitals were built at remote locations. They were built near log training areas, built of relative and friends to wist these apost today. And they're so far away from metropolitan centers that medical specialists in the big medical schools and chinics are complicated cases and cases involving difficult surgery.

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The entire load formerly carried
at White Suipurs Springs, W. Va,
can now be transferred to Walreed Hospital in Washington. It's
convenient for visits from veterans'
relatives and close to the big Eastern university medical centers.

During the war the Army that at a
total cost of 248 million dollars,
this does not include the several
nundred training-tamp hospital

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# Drew Pearson's: Russians Have Alienated Most Of Europe Merry-Go-Round:

(Note-Today Drew Pearson gives another important diagnosis of our difficult and all-important relations with Soviet Russia).

Soviet Russia).

WASHINGTON

H. THE Soviet Government had deliberately set out to make I mistakes it couldn't have made more than it has piled up in the past year. In the one year that has passed since V-J Day, Russia-has won the ill will of her neighboring countries in Europe, has less it wirtually all her friends in the Line of the countries of Europe, has less it wirtually all her friends in the Line of the considering our present strained relations with Russia, his is all-important. It indicates that time is running on our side, that Russia's own policies are playing into our lands, and that war can be avoided. considered the great savior of the world. In Europe, the Russians were given credit, far more than the United States, for liberating the occupied countries, were even halled by some as the planers of a new definition to the heroism most Americans had a genuine demiration for the heroism most Americans had a genuine demiration for the heroism ones. Americans had a genuine demiration for the heroism has vanished. In all of Russia's stellites, with the possible exception of Finland and Czecho-drawich and the state of the results of the theory of the principle of the results and the state of the results and the re

Edjacent Baikans.

Finally, in the American-British zones of Germany, Germans are fearful lest the Western Allies eventually evacuate and Russia walk in.

### U. S. Stock Goes Up

THUS the world has turned against an aggressor nation. Thus also, the world has turned toward a nation which has no selfish axes to grind and which is attempting to cooperate with the rest of the world.

operate with the rest of the world.

This is what Secretary of States Byrnes has sincerely tried to do at Paris; and as far as this observer could ascertain, his patient, fair-minded policy is paying dividends. Part of the world, once ready to sing Russia's praises, has vecred toward the United States.

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Therefore, the No. 1 point of American policy should be to work things out within the family of nations; to put Palestine and other controversial problems under the United Nations; not to let the British drag us into separate alliance and the problems of the British Policy of the State State State

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