

**The Distranchised Conservatives**

In Phillips County, Arkansas, this week delegates to that state's Democratic convention called upon the eight Southern Senators to form a new political system for themselves. The blood stream of the Democratic Party has been poisoned by ideas and policies alien to Southern ideals. On the same day Republican Chairman Reese, speaking in Birmingham, urged the South to adopt a two-party system. "It has been long in bondage," said Governor Arnall of Georgia followed with the prophecy that "there will never be a two-party system in the South so long as one of the parties is named Republican."

Although we feel that the Arkansas over-emphasized the alien aspect of the Democratic Party, that Chairman Reese leaned a little too hard on the matter of bondage, and that Governor Arnall gave too much weight to the poisonous quality of the Republican line, we find all this encouraging. When professional Southern politicians (let us not forget that Mr. Reese is from Tennessee) start publicly discussing the possibilities of two parties there is hope that action may follow.

There is, as there should be, a growing dissatisfaction with the limitations of one-party government in both the liberal and conservative camps, as defined by Stewart Alop in his excellent discussion of the three primary (and opposing) factions into which the Southern wing of the Democratic Party has broken. First, there are the "traditionalists and conservatives," typified by such men as Walter George of Georgia, Harry Byrd of Virginia, and the two North Carolina senators, who want to sit tight, to move as little as possible.

**Impatience Can Be Dangerous**

AT DALLAS over in Gaston County a group of veterans have initiated what appears to be an orderly and legal movement to remove their mayor, a gentleman they describe as "dictatorial." There is no indication that these veterans are GI Democrats as yet, but they are obviously moving in the same direction, motivated by an identical desire to make practical use of the political power inherent in the fact of their military service.

The vocal organizers of the GI Democrats report a warm reception wherever they go. Veterans, they find, are generally dissatisfied with the way things are going in North Carolina and would like to see some changes made. At the moment as to what these changes are that veterans are supposed to ardently desire. The original platform of the GI Democrats is a collection of high-minded generalities which will hardly serve as a blueprint for reorganizing state and local government in Tarheelia. Specific goals, perhaps, will emerge at the first full-fledged convention, but in the meantime veterans in North Carolina and elsewhere, seem to be united only by a common belief that conditions can be improved by turning incumbents out of office and replacing them with men from their own ranks.

**Another Voice**

**Equal Rights For Women**

THIS all-out effort which the Associated Press says North Carolina women are waging in an effort to gain equal rights with men under the state constitution must be one of those great silent movements. Frankly we have heard very little about the project. If the girls really mean it, they are mainly keeping it to themselves, which is one of the reasons the amendment will find of adoption for the very reason that nobody is drumming up any support for it.

Oh, we know that the proposition on which North Carolina voters will vote now within less than three months has been approved by the Governor, the legislature which submitted the question to the people, and has the endorsement of a few women's organizations. But outside of these few routine and formal approvals, we do not hear any tom-tom beating and, worst of all, the rank and file of the women are silent in all the languages. If they do not declare themselves in favor of the amendment, how do we know that they want it adopted? The amendment which is being submitted at this November election is simply itself. It provides that in the section of the state constitution which has been changed to the word "persons," and also provides that in the statute covering voting privilege the word "males" be changed to "persons."

think they do, for the absence of partisan conflict helps preserve the status quo at home, but the advantage they gain locally may be lost nationally. When the conservative Democrats to Congress they also deliver the votes that make possible a liberal Democratic Administration: North Carolina votes helped help Franklin Roosevelt in office as well as the Hon. Robert Taft. There are many thoughtful Southerners who honestly believe that the social and economic policies of the Democratic Party are bringing the nation (and it does include the South) to ruin, but they are powerless to counteract the trend.

The liberal, of course, suffer under a reverse of the same general limitation; they may support a Democratic Administration that reflects their views, but at the same time their votes are frequently used to send conservative Democrats to Congress to fight against all the things they believe.

These considerations have always seemed to us far more important than the question of bondage raised by Mr. Reese. And it also seems to us the time has come for liberals and conservatives of the South to make common cause against the system that distranchises them. The logical course is to revive the shriveled Southern wing of the Republican Party and make it the Party of conservative Southerners, as it is the Party of conservative Americans in other sections of the nation. Liberal Southerners could be the main attraction of the Democratic Party, and the reactionaries would have to find a place, which we think would be a minor one, in either or both camps.

We suffer under no delusion that this can be accomplished before sunrise tomorrow. It is, as Governor Arnall points out, a difficult matter to batter down an ancient tradition, no matter how illogical it may be. But it can be done in time, and indeed it must be done if orderly and reasonable Party government is to be maintained in Washington.

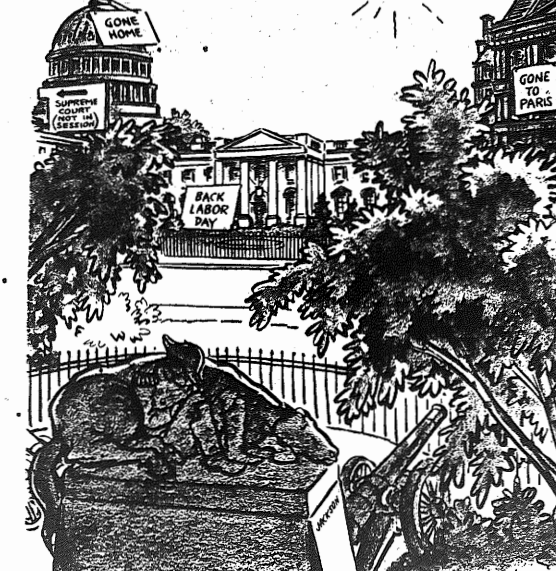
It is significant that the leaders of the Athens rebellion take no pride in its shooting party. They boast instead of the orderly political campaign that preceded it, which they claim would have given them a three to one victory at the polls if the ballots could have been honestly counted. Already they avoid discussion of the night they stormed the county jail. And one of them, Ed Self, an ex-machinegunner, has a word for veterans who may be planning to emulate their coup.

**The Thing To Do**

It might be following the path of least resistance allows to dodge her responsibility, she wishes to follow the path of least resistance to which she wishes to follow. It might be easier on the women. But it should not fail and we hope that our voters will see to it that it does not!

**Program For Peace**

A new college grid (sport) is nearer than you think—and it's due this fall. It's \$200 million a year, says the man who is being charged to the word "persons," and also provides that in the statute covering voting privilege the word "males" be changed to "persons."



**People's Platform**  
**Liberal Businessmen**

**GREENSBORO**  
 Editors, THE NEWS:  
 WITH much of the Western world establishing elaborate economic organizations aimed at achieving an optimum good for a maximum of people, mainly through the technique of Government intervention, it seems anomalous that our industrial institutions should loudly declaim much the same inadequate policies that have already failed in the European countries. Many business men do realize the precariousness of their present situation, but so far no collective and determined attempt has been made to insure against the economic disaster that has befallen their counterpart in the Old World.

Why do not liberal business and professional men believe that they could well develop organizations that recognize their obligations to society as well as their "historic God-given rights to profits?" I believe that they could well develop organizations that recognize their obligations to society as well as their "historic God-given rights to profits." I believe that they could well develop organizations that recognize their obligations to society as well as their "historic God-given rights to profits." I believe that they could well develop organizations that recognize their obligations to society as well as their "historic God-given rights to profits."

American business men believe in and wish to maintain the freedom and unlimited opportunity of our competitive capitalist system offers. Yet we practice a system wherein there is dissension and struggle with property and expanding business men by raising prices and lowering wages but by finding ways of constantly increasing productivity, expanding markets, lowering prices, raising wages, allowing an earnest, ambitious worker to rise according to his ability to study and learn and achieve his capabilities. These principles are not idealistic, but intelligent business experience has discovered them to be immensely practical.

**Quote, Unquote**

WHEN a couple marry, not two people but eight are created—their combined personalities. The physical being and the spiritual creature in each party to the marriage. Each must maintain harmony with the other in all their personality. —Methodist Bishop Schuyler Clark of Madison, Wis.

**Drew Pearson's • Four-Point Program For War**

(Note—This is the last of Drew Pearson's columns on the subject of the Russian people and the USSR and what can be done to prevent war.)  
 I SUSPECT a lot of people are getting bored at my continued writing about our tangled foreign relations and the fact that the Paris Peace Conference is doing so little to unravel them.  
 However, the unmistakable impression of the observer at Paris is that the Russian people don't want war and though the last thing the American people want is war, both are slowly edging in that direction—despite themselves. So perhaps it is better to face these facts now than regret them later.  
 One of the few men bold enough to face the facts is Dr. Harold Urey, famous atom scientist who recently pointed out that the alternative to international control of the atom bomb is an early war by which the United States would secure control of the world; or a later war which would end civilization.  
 This column has suggested a less drastic program for heading off war which can be summarized as follows:  
**Program For Peace**  
 1. The USA to avoid being the tail on the British Foreign Office kite, aiming at operating 100 per cent with the United Nations instead, and building it up to a position of genuine world strength.  
 2. An appeasement of Russia. Make it clear that the first aggressive step taken by the Kremlin will be the last. Now that the United Nations has been organized, there is no reason why the Russians should not submit the dispute with Turkey to the UN. That's what we fought this war for—to set up a world organization for peace—and the Russians should be reminded of the fact.  
 3. International control of the atom. The United States has taken an important step toward atom control by offering to share our knowledge—provided the atom is governed by

attacking us and making it stick. Otherwise there's a question of whether we would have gotten into it at all. Oh yes, we were furnishing the Allies equipment, but we were keeping our hands clean. And if anyone spoke of giving England active aid they were immediately branded as a "war-monger."  
 I volunteered for this war, served in the infantry, and in due time was wounded. Not from any lofty ideas of "saving the world" for the "Four Big Powers," but more or less for the adventure of the thing; and the fellows were joining; it seemed the proper thing to do in December 1941. The large majority of the boys in the front lines were fighting because it was "either them or us."  
 Now that I've written all this I feel kinda silly, but some of the people writing to your paper write the most hypocritical letters I've ever read.  
 —AN EX-G.I.  
**Excommunicated**  
**WADESBORO**  
 Editors, THE NEWS:  
 ACCORDING to my concept of what is right, especially when the world is facing a food crisis, such as the present, those who would oppose the plan to establish a world-wide granary plan should be excommunicated from the family of nations and from the household of God.  
 —J. G. PHILLIPS.  
 The People's Platform is available to any reader who cares to mount it. Communication should be less than 300 words, typewritten if possible, and on only one side of the paper. Liberal and obscurely held personalities—despite anything goes. Each letter must be signed, although, in exceptional cases and upon request, the editor will withhold the writer's name.—Editors, THE NEWS.

WASHINGTON  
 SENATE-MAKERS who talk of a war with Russia in a few months are being checked to complete the Five Year Plan outlined in Stalin's political speech of last year. It would be a check on the West could expect, not angry re-reminders and bluster, but a war intended to eliminate all the threat of Western rivalry and possible Western attack.  
**TEERRIBLE LOGIC**  
 There is implied in all this a terrible logic. It was given expression the other day by Dr. Harold C. Urey, professor of physics at the University of Chicago and one of the scientists who contributed to the atomic bomb.  
 "This is the awful logic to which our science has brought us. To be able to take such control over atomic energy is reached, and quickly, the United States may be forced into a war with Russia to conquest in order to prevent other nations from obtaining weapons of mass destruction. We would then have to rule the world as we destroy other nations without atomic weapons. We would then have to rule the world as we destroy other nations without atomic weapons."  
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 Yet there are Americans—and some of them in important positions—who are taking up this line. They insist that their is the only realistic point of view.  
**ANOTHER 'ACCIDENT'?**  
 While such "realism" is likely to frighten the average citizen, at least we can try to check the over-reduced emotionalism which is rampant in the "little matter" of the stimulus. Certainly the Soviets are going to try to get everything they can out of the present program. They will try to get everything they can out of the present program. They will try to get everything they can out of the present program.  
 Peter Edson

**U. S. Hospital Needs**

WASHINGTON  
 LESS than one-third of American hospital beds are available to the Federal Government. Each state has been when all of the \$1,180,000,000 of Federal, state and local funds have been spent under the new five-year hospital survey and construction act, recently signed by President Truman.  
 In 1945 the American Medical Association made a survey of existing facilities in general—suburban, mental, and chronic-disease hospitals in the United States, Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico. There were 6,111 hospitals in operation, with 1,738,000 beds.  
 To bring U. S. hospitalization up to an adequate minimum standard, says the U. S. Public Health Service, would require provision for 714,000 new beds. The replacement of 201,000 existing beds with new facilities, and the construction of 513,000 new beds, created the program would be \$3,383,000,000.  
 Only one-third of the \$1,180,000,000 which may be spent under the act is to come from Federal funds. It is to be made up of Federal aid to the states and territories at the rate of 75-000,000 a year for five years. The remainder must come from non-Federal funds.  
 A part may be raised by state and local taxes or bond issues. Such money would normally be spent on county or municipal hospitals and institutions. But a large part would have to come from each state must come from local subscriptions and campaign for Federal aid private non-profit hospitals.  
 So if any hospital construction is started under this program before 1946, by which time the veterans' housing program will be out of the way, it will be doing well to get it started. The program for are built and in operation by 1955, they will be doing well.

**NO SOCIALIZATION**

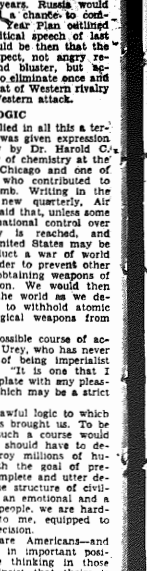
There has been a little criticism in the past of the new Social Security bill which this new bill gets to the door leading to socialized medicine. But the bill would stand up. For one thing, both the conservative American Medical Association and the American Hospital Association are back of the bill. Nothing in the bill will interfere with any existing medical practice.  
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**Congress Discourages Friendship**

OF the four-point program, the most important of all is friendship. Friendship is the chief reason there never will be a war between the British and American people. We know each other so well that we can understand each other's point of view. This is one of the biggest things in this understanding.  
 But because there is no common language between ourselves and the Russian people, we have to work harder to understand them. So far the United States has done little; the Russians far less.  
 The State Department has proposed new and cultural programs for Russia on a limited scale, has even made a start in this direction. But it has had to work in the face of a reluctant Congress. Even with Secretary of State Byrnes in Paris, Senator Tom Connally, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee and supposed to be an enlightened statesman, failed to press passage during the closing days of the last Congress of the State Department's program for exchanging students and promoting cultural relations.

**Russia Bans Friendship**

THE greatest obstacle to American-Russian friendship, however, is the Soviet Government itself. There was a time when this was not the case. When Maxim Litvinov was Foreign Minister and later Ambassador in Washington, the Soviet Embassy staff in Washington mingled freely with Americans. Ex-Ambassador Troyanovsky, for instance, was a great bright, friendly friend of Max. William E. Borah and I were his special boys.  
 Today Troyanovsky is relegated to a minor clerkship in Moscow while Litvinov is out of favor. A new Kremlin policy is to encourage no social intercourse



majority vote, not the veto. The Russians so far have refused to give the Soviet Government itself. There was a time when this was not the case. When Maxim Litvinov was Foreign Minister and later Ambassador in Washington, the Soviet Embassy staff in Washington mingled freely with Americans. Ex-Ambassador Troyanovsky, for instance, was a great bright, friendly friend of Max. William E. Borah and I were his special boys.

**Soviet Showdown**

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