THURSDAY, AUGUST 29, 1946.

## The Virtues Of One-Party Government .

ONGRESSMAN - NOMINATE C. B.
DEANE of the Eighth District has
sarned the young Democrats of his ballwick against being seduced by two-party propaganda. He has, in fact, invited them

propaganda. He has, in fact, invited them to join him in a crusade acainst the "news-papers' contention for a strong two-party tivalry in North Carolina."

Since The News is virtually the only active contender in the field hereabouts, we assume Mr. Deane's reference was to our becent arguments in favor of bi-partisan overnment, And we are, of course, flatered to have a battle joined against us; we had come to think of our loose-joined to have a battle joined against us; we had come to think of our loose-joined banging as nothing more significant than one of those pet newspaper projects with one of those pet newspaper projects with

which editors while away the dull Summer months.

It is Mr. Deane's thesis that a "strone, forward-looking, youthful movement in the Openceratic) Party would eliminate the need for two-party rivalry "And we wonder if Mr. Deane thought about that remark very carefully before he inseed it to he Young Democrats at Pinehurst Two-party rivalry involves the effort of polibleians out of office to eject the incumbents, and it sounds a little as if Mr. Deane were inviting the young folk to form themselves a fraction (the G. I.-Democrats, perhaps?) and take the Party over from the did heads.

Well, certainly factionalism is a sort of ugh - and - ready substitute for partisan affict and it has produced fair grade vernment on occasion. But the trouble is government on occasion. But the frouble is that intra-party struggles never serve to clarify issues and if anything they in-srease the confusion of the voters who find all candidates wearing the same label even though they may be bustly calling each ther 'communist' and "fascist," these be-

ing the accepted campaign synonyms for "liberal" and "conservative."

Mr. Beane did not claborate upon his defense of the one-party system for at least there was no claboration in the reports we saw and it leaves us with a geod deal of unsatisfied curiosity. We have always wondered just how a system that precludes partisan competition can be successfully defended on ideological and historical grounds since it is obviously undersided to the state of the sta

principalities. The only reasonably successful attempt to justify the absence of partisan conflict, we can recall came from R. F. Beasler of The Monroe Journal, and his scholarly discourse could only make the negative point that North Carolina has had some mighty good government under the unopposed Democratic Party, And this, of course, is tive, although we are prepared to are under the composition of the course of the con-party systems.

that North Carolina has had good government in spite of the one-party system, not because of it.
At any rate, we are delighted that the able and affable Mr. Deane has, set out to counteract our perniclous philosophy. Win, lose, or. draw, we'd like to see a sprightly lose, or. draw, we'd like to see a sprightly more the subject of party government. Too many North Carolinians, we fear, have never paused to consider the possibility, much less the desirability, of instituting at the local level the system of government they regard as essential in Washington.

## The Philosophy Of Scarcity

REPRESENTATIVE PAUL BROWN of Georgia's Tenth District Is quite likely the best friend the cotton farmer has now that Senator Bankhead is gone. Mr. Brown is: the gentleman who fought qf. OPA's effort to place a Seiling on cotton. later worked out a new pricing formula on finished textiles that allowed cotton prices to rise freely without pinching the manufacturers, and killed the effort to prevent cotton speculation by hiking margins. "The entire cotton industry is indebted to you for your splendid efforts in behalf of cotton." President Osear Johnston of the National Cotton Council wrote to Mr. Brown when the '9th Congress finally adjourned. en the 79th Congress finally adjourned

Mr. Brown's views on cotton price pros-cts, therefore, should be of great in-test to anybody directly concerned with at unsteady staple. By and large he is perful: now that cotton has a free market eneerful; now that cotton has a free market he thinks there is an excellent chance that outton prices will hold their present 36-cent level for a year or two and maybe wen climb a little, although he warns against gambling on that possibility. But that prediction depends upon two vital conditions:

(1) The continuation of the committy Credit Corporation, which allows the farmer to borrow 92's per cent of party (about 25 cents a pound now so that he doesn't have to dump his crop to obtain

(2) Voluntary restriction of cotton planting so that the crop will run be-tween 10,000,000 and 11,000,000 bales per

cotton markets as lost forever, but domes-tic demand is such now that a couple of good years are all but guaranteed for the cotton farmer. After that the old

question mark looms again. "Overproduction can destroy everything that has been done," he remarks, expressing the opinion that cotton production must always be tailored to the demand of domestic textile plants if disaster is to be avoided:

isalored to the demand of domestic textile, plants if disaster is to be avoided:
Cheerful as it is to hear a prediction that the hard-pressed cotton farmers of the South are in for a brief bonanza, it seems to us that Mr. Brown's prediction adds up to a rather disturbing analysis of the cotton industry's future. Although the cotton farmer ranted and raved against New Deal crop restrictions, his best friend in Congress now believes that he cannot survive unless he "restrains his natural impulse to plant the face of the earth in cotton." And even if he does that, for the first time in history, he still will have to have a Government crutch the CCC loans) to help him over the hump.
What this amounts to, of course, is a philosophy of searcity. And, as always, there is something disturbingly defeatist in telling a man who should be concerned with increasing his farm's output that he can make money only by producing smaller

can make money only by producing smaller

can make money only by producing smaller and smaller crops.

Cotton is only a small, and perhaps inevitably shrinking, corner of the national economy, but it is still the South's mainstay. And here is expert testimony to the fact that supply and demand are out of kilter in our basic industry, not temporarily but permanently, so that with half the world naked and crying for cloth we still have to reduce our cotton production in order to prosper.

The answer? We don't have it, and neither, apparently, does Mr. Brown, the ranking authority on cotton legislation, the ranking authority on cotton legislation, the wand in have made every Southerner a king, is now only a harbinger of trouble.

## **No Cas**te Among Corpses?

WITH the papers full of tough talk again, we keep thinking of Major General Gladeon Barnes, who served with the ordnance department way back there in World War II. Now the ordnance de-In World War II. Now the ordnance de-partment, like the quartermaster corps, is an essential and patriotic organization, but the casualty rate was only slightly higher than the Boy Scouts. And General Barnes was not even serving in the field with the O. D., but was statemed in the Pentacon where nobidy had ever been known; in suf-

arcnes. one day the General, whose business But one day the General, whose business was the design of secret weapons tall weapons in the Army are secret until the energy is 100 per cent, equipped with them was sitting at his desk when he suddenly decided to spin around in his swivel chair. It was the luckiest swivel a man ever made, for just as the General completed a quarter-turn to the left a bullet came through

wall.

This was all kept secret until the other day of course, but the Army is now willing to admit that neither its intelligence of the secretary of the result of the secretary of the secretar

Fifth Level.

All of this happened long ago, of course, the there anybody in the house who even remembers World War II?) But it seems to us there is a timely lesson here. If warfare has progressed to a stage where even ordinance department generals stationed in the Pentagon are likely to be shot at just like common soldiers, hadn't we maybe better think this thing over a little?

#### Another Voice

#### Hit A Hot Lick, Tovarich

ex-Harlem resident named Eddie torial chums of Investia had better climb A se-Harlem resident named Eddie
A Rozner swings the baton for the aulitriest jive band in the Soviet Union: Eddie
seems to have been sending the prolestarian
fouth with a wide variety of hot licks and
no little success. Now along comes freestie,
povernment-bossed newspaper, to add a
nour note to the score. Isrosetia called Eddie's program "trivial" and not what Soviet
usidionces want. But Eddie keeps right on
tirecting his White Russian state Jazz band,
singlene Sol-Touts and pigging time on
second radio schedules. Maybe the edi-

torial chums of *Itizestia* had better climb down from their pompous podium. It appears the teenage comrade likes a hepped up version of the Volga Boatman. Bureaucracy in the Soviet world must learn its limitations. It can make the laws of a nation, but it cant write its songs—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

A new film will expose the evil of sleep ing pills. Certainly there is nothing the barbitals will do that a double B-picture bill can't do better.

### Pardon Me, Mister-Do You Know What Time It Is?



### People's Platform

## Devil And The Deep

Editors. The News:

A NEWS item appeared in your paper vesterday,
A NEWS item appeared in your paper vesterday,
A news storm appeared in your paper vesterday,
A news storm and the paper of the uninformed public and under such circumstances
and in the interest of the industry: I have labored in
for more than a quarter of a century I feel impelled
to attempt to set you and the public straight. I refer to the report in your paper that Pederal Inspectors were making investigations of lumber shipped to local retail lumber deniers. lumber that had
salers. The report implied that wholesalers were to
balance for present black market prices and everything
else that seems to be wrong with the lumber market.
There are eight widely known remutable substications.

been upgraded and improperly involced by wholeselers. The report implied that wholesalers were to
biam for present black market prices and everything
established to be a selected of the se

-J. E. ELROD.

#### Leather Prices

W known facts that are vitally important to the public.

On Aug. 8, OPA issued a press release in connection with a price adjustment for leather made from imported goat and kidskins. This was generally referring to price increases for leather made from domestic hides and skins. As a result, it now appears that the movement of hides and skins from farmers, butchers and collectors has been seriously slowed down because of the opinion that a commensurate increase between the opinion what a commensurate increase ever, leather made from domestic hides and skins to take the control of the c

--MERRILL A. WATSON, Executive Vice-President Tanners' Council of America.

### No, Thank You .

Editors, THE News:

THE threat of war impels this "peacemonger" to request the publication of all or part of Eliott Roosevelt's book, "As He Saw It."

-B. H. EDISON.

CHARLOTTE

—B. H. ELISON. (NOTE: The reaction of such New Dealing news-papers as the Louisville Courier-Journal. "Cheap.... trading on his father's name again....filled with immature and irrelevant philosophy") impels us to decline.—Eds., THE NEWS.)

The People's Platform is available to any reader who cares to mount it. Communications should be less than 300 under the communication possible, and on only one side of the paper, their and obscently will be deleted—otherwise anything goes. Each letter must be signed, although, in exceptional cases and upon request, we will withhold the writer's name.—Editors, Tia Naws.

### Marquis Childs

STANDARDS UNDERMINED

## A Faithful Servant

iantic City, Missourt's "Boes" The Pender gast, the heirs of EM Long's little dictatorship in Loui ana—they all fell before Frey's u flagging pursuit of crookedine Millions of dollars flowed into t Treasury as a result of the hu dreds of case he made. Far mi important, the nation learned the the law was not—powerless a etmient service, Einfer I., 1ry intends to take a well-deserved rest.

"In recent years chief cocommon to the control of the control
forcement agendes, stands as an
example of devotion to public
duty. And such examples are
almost as rare in the roaning boomtime Wos as they were in the 20s.

"The lawiesmess of that other popel
the spur of the demand for illegal
liquor, law enforcement broke
down in city after city, while Chicago was the most flagrant example, the sample, the sample, the sample, the sample that sample the sample that the sample

the law was, not-powerless anusupline.

While Irey's contribution is exceptional, there are many, many
men and women in Government
aervice who give the same selfless devotion. Too often their
less devotion too often their
dent Truman's search for men to
fill policy-making positions — as
search he finds haracsing and
often fruitless—he might well exprove the lower levels of Government for talent.

scandalous.

STANDARDS UNDERMINED

The Federal Government sceme of powerless to check it. The disrespect for law bred by this carnival of crime undermined all standards, and we are still suffered in the control of the control of the standards, and we are still suffered in the control of the standards, and we are still suffered in the control of the standards, and we have a still suffered in the control of the standards and the still still represent the control of the standard in the control of the standard in the still standard in the still standard in the standard in

SENATORIAL CALL
Shortly before the President left
on his vacation crube, a Senaon his vacation crube, a Senasenator put it:
"If found him trying to move the
old familiar pegs from one hole to
another. I couldn't refrain from
another. I couldn't refrain from
another. I couldn't refrain from
the would only look around in the
le would only look around in the
le would only look around in the
know of know about qualify for the
know of know about qualify for the
know of know about qualify for it
is too narrow a view. Some of
the old familiar pegs have proved,
if anything, their incapacity asin an individualistic society such
fanything, their incapacity asin an individualistic society such
fanything, their incapacity asflower in the control of the country in the
Government service is a continuing one. Recently I reread
Theodore Roosevelt's blography, one
Government service is a continuing one. Recently I reread
Theodore Roosevelt's blography, one
chanting or Recently I reread
Theodore Roosevelt's blography, one
chanting or Recently I reread
Theodore Roosevelt's blography, one
chanting or Recently I reread
Theodore Roosevelt's blography, one
chanting or Recently I reread
Theodore Roosevelt's blography, one
chanting or Recently I reread
Theodore Roosevelt's blography, one
continuing one recently in the concontinuing one and conpresent the continuing one and continuing one and the concontinuing one and the continuing one and the concontinuing one and the concontinuing one and the continuing one a

ardinous Government positions.

REVERSE TREND NEEDED

The trend today is all away fi
Government. But if we are to
ip to our responsibilities in
world, then this trend must be
versed and men of the capacity
Elmer Irey must be recruited i
retained to do the business t
is everybody's business.

## Peter Edson

## Unfinished Business

any unobligated funds, and turnover to the Marltime Commission
all unifinished business.

PLEET DISPYRSE IN operations.

With a proper section of the commission of the comm

habilitate the numbers for we yet. WSA rink the lines at first, then radually becan turning ships back their former operators. There are however, a cought of eather operating costs in labor, food and exra-handling went up dirung the war, while allupping rates the war, while allupping rates the war, while allupping rates the war, while allupping repeated to operating costs in labor, food on operating costs in labor, food on operating costs in the property of the second of th

#### RAIL RATES CHEAPER

shipping agents.

BAD BUSINESS

As far as coastwise and territorial shipping is concerned, this is had business. It may be the beginning of Government subsidy of maintain coastwise shipping.

That has never before been neces-

# Drew Pearson's: Porter Has High Praise For Sen. Barkley Merry-Go-Round:

WASHINOTON

WASHIN

i my Senator and I want to say what I think about him. It is my firm belief that when historians are able to brake objectively the developments of this era, those with explicit of the conclude that Senator Alben W. Barkley of thicky as much or more than any single individual preved the functions and integrity of representative governed the functions and integrity of representative governed the functions and the contract of the most difficulty of the contract of the most difficulty of the contract of the most difficulty of the contract o

nouse or Caumet positions or even a lowly price administrator.

The majority lender is directly exposed to all the pressures of his own constituency, and in addition must bear the office of the control of the control

Barkley Pressed Congress

The 79th Congress did of accomplish all that everyone the property of the property o

but from the instant sympathy established between him and every fellow-countryman of his.

Some future historian cannot but apply Wilson's description of Clay to Senator Barkley. The characterization is too strikingly similar to go unnoticed.