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People's Platform

Truman And Wallace

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The next morning—Friday—the White House was not long in ignorance of the storm that had been unforted to the storm that had been unforted to the storm that had been the storm that had been the storm that had been that had be GREAT HARM DONE

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At least three times while Wallace was with the President, they
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had was that the speech was political in nature: it would be an
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sympathetic background.
In response to the first question
on the Wallace speech at his proof
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would not comment on an address
that had not yet been delivered.
Then, however, he permitted himself to be led on by other questions
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what he can to oblige and please
has repeatedly shown in preas
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Samuel Grafton

The New Isolation

HENRY WALLACES speech and make received and make the reactions to-1t constitute. In the reactions to-1t constitute a post of the received of manners. For in earrching out a road to peace with Russia, Wallace has stumbled conditionally which the same word have let his tongue be cut off rather than have it say the same words during the faller publical affairs of Eastern Ruspe than Russia has in the political affairs of Eastern Ruspe than Russia has in the political affairs of Eastern Ruspe than Russia has in the political affairs of Eastern Ruspe than Russia has in the political affairs of Eastern Ruspe than Russia has in the political affairs of Eastern Ruspe than Russia has in the political affairs of Eastern Ruspe than Russia has in the political affairs of Eastern Ruspe than Russia has in the political affairs of Eastern Ruspe than Russia has in the political affairs of Eastern Ruspe than Russia has in the political affairs of Eastern Ruspe than Russia has in the political affairs of Eastern Ruspe than Russia has in the political affairs of Eastern Ruspe than Russia has in the political affairs of Eastern Ruspe than Russia has in the political affairs of Eastern Ruspe than Russia has in the political affairs of Eastern Ruspe than Russia has in the political affairs of Eastern Russia has in the political affairs of Eas

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Now let us look at the other side of the stage: If Henry's speech had isolationist overtions, it should have been at least moderately pleasing to the elders of the Republican Party, who have themselves for many years possessed a nairy set of bolationist.

A Higher Pay Scale For Teachers

A COORDING to Lynn Nisbet, our Raleigh correspondent. North Carolina officialdom is viewing with some alarm the teacher salary scale now being advocated by our orning contemporary. The Observer proposes a minimum annual salary of \$1.560 with graduated pay increases that might take the salary of an outstanding teacher as high as \$3,600 a year. This, Mr. Nisbet points out, would add about \$43,000,000 to points out, would add about \$43,000,000 to the State's public school bill for the next blennium, more than doubling the gen-eral fund budget established two years

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There are even those in Raleigh, we are told, who fear that advocacy of this proposed scale might work against the morposed scale might work against the morposed received by the next legislature. Other inconsistency, recluding the recent crusade for reduction of the control o

There are two methods of approaching There are two methods of approaching this teacher's pay business, and it is understandable that State officials should ease up on it from the cautious side, trying to figure out what, if anything, can be done within the limits of present State income. It is true that there is a tidy surplus on hand at the moment, but it is also true that this surplus is the product of an abnormal period. In the long haul taxes will have to be increased if teachers are to meeter any substantial increase in

taxes will have to be increased if teachers are to receive any substantial increase in pay, and no politician likes that prospect. The other approach, the one The Observer has employed, recognizes the necessity for drastic action if our public school system is to maintain its standards. The crisis in education is real, and all educators agree that it stems from low salaries which no longer attract competent per-

sonnel to the teaching profession. The sal-ary schedule proposed by *The Observer* is not at all out of line with the prevailing pay scale in comparable professions, or even in the unskilled trades. It is, in fact,

even in the unskilled trades. It is, in fact, a measure of the present scale's inadequacy that the seneral fund budget should have to be doubled to bring the minimum pay for-teachers-up-to-the-present-earnings-of-skilled cotton mill workers. It may be that it is not feasible to bring the pay scale all the way up to the level proposed by The Observer in one fell swoon, but we don't think the proposal can be dismissed as "destrable as an utilimate goal." It should be an immediate goal. "It should be an immediate goal, given top priority in all budgetary deliberations in Raleigh. Positive action to check the disintegration of public school teaching staffs cannot be, postponed_any_longer.

teaching staffs cannot be postponed any longer.

From a purely political standpoint, it is significant that The Observeç has taken up this crusade. Our contemporary is by all odds the most conservative lournal in North Carolina, a long-time advocate of governmental economy at every level. The fact that The Observer recognizes the pressing need for raising teachers pay, and is willing to support additional taxes for that purpose, indicates a virtual unanimity of opinion among the state's newspapers, and very probably among its citizens.

This is not surprising. North Carolinians of every shade of opinion recognize that the state's considerable progress in every field is tied directly to its progress in every field is tied directly to its progress in education. They will not stand idly by and see their future jeapordized by undue fiscal caution in Raleigh. Education in North Carolina has always involved sacrifice. It still does. The Observer is simply putting first things first.

that the Democrats expect a fight this Fall, but, as Editor Sherrill notes, it will not be against the Republicans but "against

agams.

Well, political apathy is a fine thing to fight against, although the battle is a poor substitute for partisan competition. Indeed, since the Democrats are fighting to get out the vote, the Republicans obviously will be battling to keep it in. The chance of a real discussion of Issues is about that of the

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Discussion of issues is about that of the proverbial snowball's.

All of this, we would say, is an excellent measure of the state of North Carolina politics. There is something essentially full about a system under which the minority party depends for its success upon the failure of a majority of the citizens to vote, while the majority party recognizes that its chef threat grows out of the fatter that its local candidates have no opposition.

The Handicap Of No Opposition

WE were taken with a headline in The off-year election, now plan to open a full-dries campaign headquarters in Raleigh, with many county organizations, including the MORGEN CHARLES APPONINGEN DEMOCRATIC LEADERS MUST BATTLE
HANDICAP OF NO LOCAL OPPONENTS.
It turned out to be logical and exact, for it
was apread over a discussion of the local
political situation by Editor W. M. Sherrill
Cabarrus Democrata, he pointed out, may
have to extend themselves to get out
have to the control of the General
Hection the handful of other opposed Pary candidates. The will Republican, it
seems, have put up no county slate in Caharrus and there are no local issues to a
tract Democrats to the polling places.
There are just enough Republicans in
North Carolina to make this a dangerous
situation. If the Democrats are unusually
apathetic, a small, determined Republican
organization might turn out enough votes
of its own to win a county, or even a whole
Congressional District.

This is the reason the Democrata, although they have no real opposition in this

Mr. Petrillo Jerks His Jerks

BY all odds our favorite strike is the one in New York which resulted from the failure of night club owners to meet the latest demands of James Caesar Petrillo's musician's union. This is an ideal labor dispute in which everybody concerned—union, management, and public—gets exactly what he deserves. The musician's strike, indeed, even has the seal of Westbrook Pegler's approval, the terrible-tempered Mr. Pegler having decided that Mr. Petrillo has served the public interest by jerking his jerks and allowing diners to consume their victuals in peace.

The difference came about, as we under-The difference came about, as we understand it, and were not at all sure we do, because Mr. Petrillo demanded a higher pay scale for musicians working in clubs that have floorshows than for musicians working in clubs that do not. The reasoning behind this, if any, doesn't interest usat all. Suffice it to say that most of the flancy joints are now operating without orchestra, and that business has fallen off

sympathize with than a night-club musi-cian it is a night club operator. These are the gentlemen who employ lady wrestlers to divest you of hat and coat, haughty headwalters whose eyes can be made to focus only by the unstinting application of folding money, run of the mill walters who wait and wait and wait, and accountants who figure out how much a man has to pay for the privilege of drinking bad liquor, breathing stale air, and trying to eat in-edible food.

And, of course, the strike is inconveni-

edible food.

And, of course, the strike is inconveniencing the members of New York's Saloon Society, the gilded tribe whose life and times are faithfully chronicled on the back page of this journal by Earl Wilson. These

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Another Voice Toward A Two-Party System

THE views of Virginius Dabney, editor of The Richmond Times-Dispatch, on the need for and soundness of a two-party system in the South coincide substantially with those of The Daily News in its longtime advocacy of such a course.

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It is patent that the South is not going to receive political recognition so long as it remains definitely in the bag for the Democratic Party, which thus has to do nothing to win its support, while the Reposition of the support of pis condition is found in the transcend-of the Democratic primary over the ural Election in North Carolina and w Southern states, the relatively little rest shows and light rote cast in elec-a se differentiated from primaries, the literary which is perpetrated within Democratic framework and the prev-

alent inability to bring anybody to book therefor and other weaknesses and evils which are obvious so long as the one-party system prevails.

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The practical question of how to move toward the two-party operation, which after all must be built on votes, in the light of recognized factors got a practical answer, it seems to us, from Mr. Dahney's espousal of revision of the electoral system, as advocated by the late Benator Norris and as proposed in legislation pending before the Congress, under which the electoral vote would be spilt on the same ratio as the popular vote. Each candidate for President would thus receive the popular support which he actually got and the minority which he actually got and the minority braty would have an incentive which it does not now have to get out the vote. While the principle of the electoral college, under which states such as our own are given a degree of protection against the

under which states such as our own are given a degree of protection against the great population centers, would be preserved, the direct vote would be reflected in a manner in which it is not now.

Mr. Dabney has opened up a field in which sentient Southerners, who put the welfare of their state and region above—partisanship—and-longstanding-shibbloights, should interest themselves in their highest civic responsibility. — Greensboro Dally News.

Great To Be A Tar Heel CHARLOTTE

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While living in Georgia, one of our motioes was "It's great to be a Georgian." But since living in my adopted state of North Carolina for nine years I now say, It's greater to be a Tar Heel:

"PITMAN FULTON.

It's greater to be a Tar Heel."

—PITMAN FULTON.
(NOTE: The enclosed article is a column by
old Martin entitled "North Carolina Outdoes Geor"Excerpts from it follow.—Eds., The News.)

gia." Excepts from North Carolina not long ago
O'I got to brooding over what North Carolina has
and I just about came to the conclusion that all
our neighbor to the North has got on us is a little
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they do not hide their lightpunder a bushel. They
fan it to a roaring flame and set it on a hill-top so
that all may see.

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YOUR recent editorial concerning my article in the current ATLANTIC MONTHLY has come to my attention.

I want to express my appreciation to you for your comment. I hope you will have an opportunity to read the book THE SHORE DIMLY SEEN which will be published November 8th by Lippincott.

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Drew Pearson's • Wallace Wrote Truman Secret War Letter Merry-Go-Round •

MANY of the State, War and Navy advisers close to President Truman were amazed at the approval he gave to Henry Wallace's controversial New York speech without consulting them.

It is the state of this Presidential O. K. was largely a personal and highly confidential letter which Wallace wrote Truman. The two men had several talks together, but the wallace better probably counted more than the talks. After studying Wallace's arguments, Truman began to nonder trudying Wallace's arguments, Truman began to nonder the work of the confidential that the work of the work

TOP SECRET

"The President a "The White House "My Dear Mr. President:
"I hope you will excuse this long letter. Personally I hate to write long letters, and I hate to receive them.
"My only excuse is that this subject is a very important one—probably the most important in the world today. I checked with you about this last Thursday and you suggested after the Colinet meeting on Friday that you would like to have my views.
"I have been increasingly disturbed about the trend of

"I have been increasingly disturbed about the trend of international affairs since the end of the war, and I am even more troubled by the apparently growing feeling among the American people that another war is coming and the only way that we can head it off is to arm ourselves to the teeth. Yet all of past history indicates that an armanent race does not lead to peace but to war. The months just ahead may well be the crucial period which will decide whether the civilized world will go down in destruction after the five or ten years needed for seyeral nations to arm themselves with atomic hombs. Therefore I want to give he would be a supported by the contract of the present trend toward conflict might be warted.

TO FOURS, dollars and cents are not the most important reason why we all want a peaceful world. The fundamental reason is that we do not wish to go through another war—and especially an atomic war which will undoubtedly be directed primarily against civilian populations and may well mean the end of modern civiliantion.

"How do American actions since V-J Day appear to

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No Lasting Security In Arms
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"SOME of the military men and self-styled realists' are saying:
"What's wrong with trying to build up a predominance of force? The only way to preserve peace is for this country to be so well armed that no one will dare attack us. We know that America will never start a war. The last of the same that the same that a state of the same that the same th