TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1946

## **Matter Of Life And Death**

THE executive committee of the North I Carolina Medical Society will request the next two Legislatures to appropriate \$50,000,000 to underwrite a state-wide hospital program. To-this sum will be adorsement \$17,00000 expected to be allocated by the redeate Government under the Hulling Covernment under the Hulling to the program. With this sizeable piece of the program, with this sizeable piece of money, it will be possible to add 4,800 beds to present general hospital facilities, build on new health centers, add 2,200 beds to state mental and tubercular institutions, and build a 400-bed teaching hospital for the proposed University of North Carolina Medical School. This, the Medical Society believes, is about all that can be done in the next five years, but when the procram is completed North Carolina will still be a 1,200 hospital beds short of meeting the minimum standards of the National Commission on Hospital Care.

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This request for funds, coming on top of the demand for at least that amount to bolster the sagging state educational sys-tem, will doubtless plunge the most opti-mistic state official into gloom. Where is

North Carolina going to raise that kind of money-particularly after its present warisafiated income dwindles? We are no fire no solution, only sympathy.

But neither building of hospitals nor the increasing of teachers pay can be successfully postponed for lone. They are both urgent: by anybody's definition health and education are the two most immediate concerns of any covernine body. The manner in which North Carolina has failed her school children has been detailed in Burke Davis' excellent series in The News. The report of the Medical Society stands as new evidence that thousands of North Carolinans are now receiving inadequate medical series are received. ians are now receiving inadequate medical care, or none at all.

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It may require some sort of fiscal miracle to stretch the slender resources of the state covernment to meet these demands, which are, from the standpoint of need, fair and reasonable. But there is no reason to believe that the acc of miracles has passed in a state that prides herself on her past procress. And of this we are confident—the people of North Carolina understand the nature of the crises in health and education and are willing to sacrifice to meet them.

### The OPA Debate Is Academic

TWEERE is a new gag in the stone cold dead markets these days (and practically nothing else). When a timid customer, grading upon the mangled bologna reposing in soiltary slory in the meat case, asks the butcher if things are looking better, the reply is: "Oh we ought to be getting plenty of meat soon; John L. Lewin has told Truman we've got to have it, and John L. always gets what he wants."

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This is part and parcel of the philosophgraphically demonstrated by the Charlottebutcher who painted across his empircounter: OPA HAS PLAYED HELL HERE.
We doubt if Dr. Gallup could turn up a
butcher anywhere in the land who wouldn't
lay all his troubles at the doorstep of Paul
Porter's harrassed agency. And certainly
there is plenty of understandable evidence
to sustain that point of view: When OPA
sellings were suspended the markets were
full of meat, when OPA cellings came
back meat disappeared.

Unfortunately there is also evidence that
the matter tant quite that simple. Reports
from the big packing certer's indicate that
meat can't be attraced to the market by
mulmitted prices because it simply doesn't
exist. Mr. Lewis may huff and puff, and
wen blow OPA's house down, but he can't
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bog and cattle producers sold everything old enough to walk during the recent price holiday. The Washington Post sum-

The mischief has been done. Abandonment of ceiling prices would not put simplybed beast back on the farms and transpared beast back on the farms and transpared beast back on the farms and transpared by the following the farms of the consumption, ment will be offered for season to be forward to the following the farms of the farm

The joker in this otherwise hopeful esti-nate is the line "given assurance that controls are to remain." Who can give uch assurance? Paul Porter? Harry Tru-

man? Certainly not, for the existing OPA law is written to cuarantee steadily rising prices. About all a producer has to do sask and he will receive at least a healthy percentage of what he wants in the way of new price increases. And if the OPA doesn't give it to him there is always the Pecontrol Board, carrying out its stated function of decontrolling with all possible dispatch. What reason is there for the norducer of any commodity to believe that ext month's celling won't be substantially higher, than today's? And believing this, what producer in his right mind will sell a paper loss?

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control and tossed out the substance. There were those at the time—including the President of the United States, if we remember correctly—who called the bill "unworkable." The past two months, we would say, have demonstrated two things: (1) Without OPA ceilings prices will climb high enough to guarantee a cycle of "boom and bust," and (2) under the emasculated law we're going to boom and bust anyway. Why keep OPA then? Well, some economists think the gradual, if steady, increase in prices under the OPA law will soften the coming shock. And, of course, there are political considerations; the Democrats think the shadow of OPA may still be worth something at the polis this Fall. control and tossed out the substance. There

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It is being argued now that OPA keeps prices down only on goods that aren't on the market. But there is a reverse of this coin: in the absence of OPA goods will come back on the market at prices so high they can't be purchased except by the rich or the foothardy.

The chance for an orderly reconversion was lost a year ago, when a weak Administration began yielding to a rambunctious Congress, failing to recognize that a pattern of control—over wages and production as well as prices—had to be maintained if inflation were to be avoided. The debate over continuation or abandomment of OPA has long since become academic. Either way, it's going to be bad.

## Mr. Doughton Asks A Question

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O'Ne plank in the Republican platform
being fabricated for the edification of
voters in the coming Congressional eléctions is a promise to reduce taxes by 20 per
cent if the G. O. P. obtains control of Congress. This has aroused the wrath of Old
Muley Doughton. North Carolina's gift to
the Ways & Means Committee, who has
formally challenged the Republican who
would replace him as chairman to produce
blue-print. Mr. Doughton wants to know
how it can be done
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de conomy as either party can boast, and
he knows a good deal more about the Fedreal tax structure than most of his colleagues. Mr. Doughton says taxes, most of
which are going to pay off past debis, can't
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The largest item in the current budget is for defense and the maintenance of occupation forces. Would the G. O. P., which advocates getting tough with Russia, like to see the Army and Navy reduced? We find no indication of such a desire in Carrol Rece's fulminations on "Communism, Carball and corruption."

How about veteran's benefits? Payments for pensions, unemployment compensation,

schooling, and terminal leave bonuses are already running into the billions and get-ting higher every day. But is there anybody in the house who believes the GOP will find it in its heart to tamper with this, the biggest of all the pork barrels?

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Oh, of course, there are the bureaucrats, the New Deal lexion whose payroll along the burner of the bullions. Everybody knows the Republicans stand four-square against bureaucracy. But does anybody know what bureaus Mr. Reece and his fellows would close down or curtail? Would the good Republicans of Kansas and Minnesota, for instance, like to see the activities of the Department of Agriculture cut back to the standards of, say, the Coolidge era? In a corn-fed pig's eye they would.

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As usual the GOP is charging into the lists waving a purely negative set of principles. It's easy to find out what, in addition to sin, a Republican candidate is against, but it's impossible to find out what he intends to do about it. Of course, it's foolish to expect the GOP to change at this late date. They've tried this tired routine in eight straight elections without success, but like a man at a slot machine they can't quit now, when it may be time for the law of averages to pay off.

### Another Voice

## For The Pipe Of Peace

Durham's spacious warehouse floors are paved with thousands of baskets of loobacco waiting for the market opening this morning. Hundreds of growers are in ecity waiting for the chant of the auctioneer to sound out over their offer-

Deer's romance, suspense, and thrills in become marketing. In one quick ceremony farmer disposes a product that repre-ses months of planning, skill and toll. depends upon whether he has pro-teed a copy that will please the discrimi-ting sys of the buyer.

There's fascinating speculation as to the destiny of the tobacco as it leaves the warehouse floor. From Durham this to-bacco eventually will find its way to every country on earth to bring solace to millions of troubled men.

Who knows, when those men at the final peace conference sit down to affix their signatures to the document that will bring tranquility to the world once more it will be to the accompaniment of putfs at golden Carolina tobacco.

Durham would be proud to provide the mixture for that final Pipe of Peace.

Let the chant begin—Durham Herald.

'The Face Is Familiar'



## People's Platform

# The Presumption Of Truth

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### Rack And Ruin

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WASHINGTON, D. C. Editors, The News:

The la always a source of pleasure to read such editorials as yours of August 24, 1946, entitled Tab Scheidt Earned A Promotion," and I wasted to personally thank you for the kind comments concerning Mr. Scheidt. J. EDGAR HOOVER DIRECTOR, FBI

Editors, The News:

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The People's Platform is available to any reader who cares to mount it. Communications should be less than 300 words, typewritten if possible, and on only one side of the paper. Libric 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, Tus News.

### Quote, Unquote

Editors, The News:

It is time for us to wake up to the fact that there has to be something done.

I mean by this that there has been over a year inince the war has come to a close. It seems that

### Marquis Childs

# Economic Planning

ning II and originizing to when it and ended, we might have avoided the economic snarl in which we now find ourselves. PICED Planning was secrificed to political pressures when the Roosevelt Administration made no real effort profits. It was sacrificed when the Republican - Southern - Democratic consistion in Congress destroyed any hope of effective price control. How are now every day to see the consequences of our failure. We ought to look and slook hard. If we look, not not not seen to be provided in the consequences of our failure. We ought to look and slook hard. He look hard in the look and slook hard. He look and sook hard. He look and sook hard. He look hard he look hard he look hard he look hard. He look hard he look hard he look hard he look hard he look hard. He look hard h

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### Samuel Grafton

# Shape Of Next War

MAYBE we had better changes against the next war will be like. A number of editors have plumbed for the so-called push-button was the next war will be like. A number of editors have plumbed for the so-called push-button was the next war will be like. A number of editors have plumbed for the so-called push-button was the next war will be a selected push-button was basic installations at midnight, and we shall receive his surrender for the so-called push-button was been received in surrender for the so-called push-button was better the said to the said t

# Drew Pearson's: Byrnes Adopted Firm Policy 9 Months Ago Merry-Go-Round:

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(From The Joph), Mo., Globe)

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ment officials prebably will try to requisition it in the
hope of discovering the leaks through which Drew Fearson gets his information.

IN ADDITION to the tough transitiantic telephone conversation with Benators Connally and Vandenborg there was one other factor in the back of President Trumans mind which led finally to Henry Wallace's resignation.

Truman remembered how, nine months before, Byrnes himself was under terrific inner-Cabinet fire for entertaing somewhat the same sympathetic view on Russia as are now advocated by Wallace. The heat was so great that reports of Byrnes' impending resignation were even circulated and Gen. George Marshall was tentatively picked to the big place.

take his place.

Truman, however, finally stood by Byrnes and decided to try out the Russian appeasement policy worked out in Moscow last December. Since then the policy has been tried and Byrnes has come to the conclusion that it doesn't work.

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