The Baby On The Doorstep

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THE Democrata, who lost control of Congress for all practical purposes a year
say when the Southern wing of the Party
loined a GOP-dominated, coalition almost
some masse, still retain a high regard for
their paper majority in the two Houses.
This feeling is shared even in the Solid
Bouth and local Party organizations—
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trate on getting enough citizens to the
solid so that their heavy traditional maiority will pay off.
With rare exceptions. Southern Republeans and Democrats now stand for exactby the same thing they're against three
of Republican Chairman Rece's four C's,
controls, Communium and corruption, although they seem to favor the fourthconfusion and there seems to be little
chance of an upset south of the Potomac.
Bince the Democratic candidates are far
abler politicians than their Republican oppoments, and can therefore be depended
upon to perform far more efficiently the
task of interring the decaying corpse of
the New Deal, there is no reason at all for
a Southern voter to boil the Party of Jefferson and Jackson.
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But in those areas outside the Solid
South, where voters are sometimes concerned with issues rather than personalities, the Democrats have a genuine cause
for worry. The sacking of Henry Wallace,
and the purging of Claude Pepper from
the roster of Democratic campaign speakers, provides further evidence, in case any
is needed, that the conservative elements
of the Party are in full control. These
genilemen have apparently decided, over
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"liberal" votes that once gave the New
Deal its strength in the critical eastern
and western population centers.

Henry Wallace, now its nominal head,
has estimated that there are some 5,000,
000 votes in this "liberal" bloc. (Mr. Wallace, by the way, doesn't like the term
"liberal" of it) Mr. Rece, a professional
disparager, estimates that the "liberals"
can't muster over a million votes. But both

agree that the "liberal" strength is concentrated primarily in the CIO, the United Mine Workers (despite John L. Lewis), the Communist and Socialist Parties, and a fringe of intellectuals, and is therefore, well-organized and disciplined.

If you split the difference between these two estimates, 3,000,000 organized and concentrated votes are still not to be sneezed at, particularly since the vote if November is certain to be light. (There were only 29.5 million votes cast in 1942 as against 42 million in the Presidential year, 1944). The conservative Democratics who have overruled Mr. Hannegan apparently believe these voters will support Democratic candidates anyway, since the Republicans have worked even harder than they have at alienating them. But suppose these "lib-arils," offended by the rough treatment given Messrs. Waliace and Pepper and convinced (correctly) that neither Party now has anything to offer them, stay away from the polis, as they say, in droves? This is what keeps Mr. Hannegan awake at nights. He knows that any substantial reduction of Democratic strength could well insure Republican victory in many key states.

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There is a possibility, of course, that the unwanted baby on the Democratic doorstep may grow up by 1948 into a full-fiedged third party. But most of the professionals discount this. As Harold Ickes, an old Buil Mooser himself, once remarked, a third party in American politics is as superfluous as a third party on a honeymoon. It would serve, in all probability, only, to guarantee the election of a Republican President.
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only to guarantee the election of a Republican President.
Well, this orphaning of the country's
'liberal' opinion is nothing new. In a more
stable period it might even serve an excellent purpose, slowing down the tempo
of change so that a conservative Administration could consolidate the progress of
the past. But it does illustrate the fact that
the Democratic Party, as we came to know
it under Franklin Roosevelt, no longer exists, and very probably will not reappear
until the next national economic catastrophe proves all over again the fullity
of the negative approach to government.

The Gold Brick Is Nobody's Friend

CHAIRMAN HENRY KENDALL of the CHAIRMAN HENRY KENDALL of the State Unemployment Compensation Commission has moved against the "52-20 Club" with a crack-down in Wake Country. The Commission disqualitied 51 out of 65 Wake claimants when it found that they had refused to accept jobs. Investigations will follow in other counties, Chairman Kendail has announced.

The most encouraging thing about this is that it has been followed by no great outery from veterans, organized or unorganized. When this newspaper remarked some months ago that veterans were serving neither the community nor themselves

some months ago that veterans were serving neither the community nor themselves when they accepted their \$20 a week unsupplyment insurance as a pension we received a score of abusive letters. The veteran, it was argued by veterans themselves, deserves everything the country will give him, and more, and if he wants to take a year off it's nobody's business.

There seems to be a heartening shift in that attitude recently. Perhaps it's part of a normal transition in which the returned

veteran gradually stops thinking of himself as a person apart and begins to thinked for himself in terms of the community, or perhaps veterans have at last begin to listen to their best friend, the Veteran's Administration's boss, General Bradley. "There is no gravy train," the General has warned his wards if a veteran blows in his benefits now he reduces his chances of obtaining help later, when he needs it. And in the end he will have to pay, through taxes, his share of the burden. Nobody has argued that the veteran who Nobody has argued that the veteran who

needs help hasn't earned it and shouldn't have it. But the whole veterans program is being jeopardized, as General Bradley has warned, by the goldbricks who abuse its

generous provisions.

Those who insist on a strict interpreta-tion of the VA rules are not the enemies of needy veterans, but their friends.—The de-termined drive against the "52-20 Club" undertaken by Chairman Kendall may turn out to be the finest service he could render to North Carolina's returned Gis.

'Piracy' In The Public Schools

ONE more strange and disturbing aspect of the school situation in North Caro-lina is pointed up by the recent passage of a resolution by the State Board of Educaa resolution by the State Board of Educa-tion holding that "no attendance credit will be given children who reside in one school district but attend classes in anoth-er district unless the students are trans-ferred by authority of the State Board of Education."

The Concord Tribune regards this reso-lution as belated recognition of a practice that newspaper bluntly terms "piracy". The Board was told of "increasing cases" in which districts raided each other, sending school busses off-their scheduled routes to pick up pupils and in some instances even providing special, private transportation to

bring outsiders to the schools.

The reason for an already understaffed achool resorting to "piracy" to increase its student load, The Tribune believes, lies in

the fact that the number of teachers in each school is determined by the number of students in that school. This provides a strong temptation to unscrupulous school strong temptation to unscrupulous school officials, for the State bases the pay of principals on the number of teachers they supervise, adding five dollars per month per teacher above a certain fixed minimum. The resolution, The Tribune argues, is-ail-well-and good, but the, way to end. "piracy" is to eliminate the wage system which provokes it.

We doubt if the practice is wide-spread enough to cause any genuine alarm in itself. But it seems to us a significant symptom of the desperation that now besets un-derpaid school teachers in North Carolina, desperation acute enough to prompt scho principals, normally the most honorable of citizens, to stoop to petty crookedness in an effort to stretch their inadequate incomes.

Another Voice

More Color In The Pattern

As September draws on the weaver befins to work more buts of bright color into his pattern. At first the patches of color are few and spaced far apart. Here and there a few swamp maples have lifted branches of fiery red leaves—signals that Summer is drawing to an end and that the days are slanning downhill toward frost time. The staghorn sumacs' conical pennants have been hung over stone-walls and on pasture hillsides. The slender cattails of the marshes have taken on a deep brown. Goldenrod and blue asters make a blended pattern beside country roads and around old orchards.

Now that nights among northern hills and valleys have an edge of chill and middays are drowsy and mellow the weaver and the stage of the same o September draws on the weaver be-

on deep red; the squashes and pumpkins are green and blue, orange and yellow. For, a brief interlude the green of the rowen in the meadow seems to have a deeper, richer sheen. The reds and yellows of calendulas and zinnias, the blues and maroons of asters are bright in the perennial border beside the farmhouse ell. Day by day the pattern changes as Autumn grows closer. A few hours each day are soft and warm; but at night the air grows chill and stars seem closer and brighter. The weaver's wheel is turning faster, More and more strands of color will be introduced until the climax in October.—New York Times. on deep red; the squashes and pumpking

"Give me one more week to decide," said a local youth today, when told either to get a haircut or to apply for work as Gregory Peck's stand-in.

We withhold any opinion on the Chicago receiver of embezzied funds who paid \$2,000 over the celling for a new car. The upholstery may have been mink.



'Now, About The Domestic Situation-'

People's Platform

A Bill Of Particulars?

IT would be very interesting and a distinct public service if an editor sat down and carefully enumerated the charges against Russia.

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erally conceded that American negotiators often got into the position of standing against Soviet demands even on minor points of procedure.

"There is no general feeling here, however, that he has adopted a policy of being tough just-for-the sake of being tough or that he has at any time sought to encourage, organize or participate in an anti-Comintern alliance."

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(Mr. Reston also notes: Tit is an astonishing fact, but nevertheless a fact, that so far as one can determine here (Washington) the leaders of the Unitariest States and the Soviet Union have never had anything except the most cursory discussion of the basic acceptance of the Commission of the Soviet Union have never had anything except the most cursory discussion of the basic acceptance of the source of t

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. Libes and obscently will be deleted-otherwise anything goes. Each letter must be signed although, in exceptional cases and upon request, toe will withhold the writer's name.—Editors, Tax Naws.

Quote, Unquote

THE average consumer is paying a much higher price for soft-line items than he will be able to pay when appliances, automobiles and new homes are freely available.—Dr. Robert C. Shook, economist, International Statistical Bureau, Inc.

China's troubles cannot be told. To summarise them is to distort their nature and extent.—Herbert Hoover.

Instead of progressing, we have stagnated: With other countries going ahead, we must watch out lest we become a second-rate power scientifically.—Senator Brien McMahan (D) of Connecticut.

Transatlantic Flight

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Mr. Childs has flown to Scandinavia to study at first hand how the small countries of Northern Europe are reacting to current international trends and problems — with particular reference to them conflict between Russis and the West. Police of columns from Europe.)

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STOCKHOLM
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not be strike bound but each
day half a dozen airplanes take
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States airports our tries in the first air months of this year. It is a Guardia on the inaugural transulatule flight of the Seandinavian Alrilines Bystem. A little less than 26 hours later in the midat of rain and fog. An hour and a half later we were in Oiso. Then the final stop was Blockholm.

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Samuel Grafton

2nd Postwar Phase

or operation of power.

A long cycle ends; the hunters become the hunted; and Wallace become the hunted; and Wallace against the doors from the outside, as the men mentioned above have had to do for so long. To wallace's critical steers must now come a delicious sense of particles of the company of the co

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Drew Pearson's : Wallace Thought Byrnes Should Probe S.C.

THOUGH it never flared openly, there was a near brush between Secretary of Commerce Wallace and Secretary of State Byrnes last year.

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about Byrnes.

Acting Secretary Of Commerce

I CHITER side of the Wallace-Truman-Byrnes feud was a

I Special Texas conference called by Solicitor Harold Young,
who became Acting Secretary of Commerce the minute Walresigned.

cigar-smoking, easy-going Texan, Young immediately
coned Texas newspapermen for an exclusive, highly nalistic Texas press conference. He wanted advice from
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tionalistic areas processed and the Department resting?"
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Description you think I should call a rump cabinet meeting?"
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ing to pass a law which would make him Secretary of Commerce permanently, without the consent of either the President or the Congress.

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When one Texan proposed that Young have a picture laken while a member of the Cabinet, he replied: up here taken while a member of the Cabinet, he replied: up here taken to the acting secretary of Commerce.

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T didn't make headines, but conscientious Secretary of Lichfield Brutality risk in order to give a fair break to two GLIX.

They have suspended the six-month jail sentence given Bgt. James M. Jones and have reduced the three-year farm given Bgt. James M. Jones and have reduced the three-year farm given Bgt. Judicon H. Smith to nine month—the time he.

The War Department also states that with the rectification of these two harsh sentences, the punishment given to G.I.'s stacks up about even with that given to officers.

Punishment of officers—Col. James A. Killan, reprintand and \$500 fine; Maj. Richard B. Lobuono, \$200 fine; Maj. Rerbert Blaim, acquitted; Cap. Joseph A. Robertson, serviced, Lieu, Leonard W. Emnis, reprintand and the state of th

Pfc. Arthur B. Duncan \$50; Pfc. Adolph Zorts, reprimand.

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A LOT of little things went on at Lichfield which never as the court-marial. Officers stopping a lichfield thin-bu-Colonel. Killian-passed the has to Colle \$4.60 for a plate glass window for the Staffordshire Regimental Headquarters at Lichfield. Known as the "Colonel"

ber at 40 cents a drink.

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