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There'll Be Some Changes Made

The left wing of the Democratic Party has not yet drifted away from the main body, and in the absence of any logical place to drift to, may follow a parallel course for a while. But the events of the fast two weeks have left the cleavage plainly visible. Whether they deplore it or praise it, practically all political observers agree that the more conservative elements of the Party are now in full control.

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this is a good thing. It is too early now,
much too early, to hazard anything more
than a guess based on old prejudices. But a
ew observations concerning the imperfect
orkings of the party system in the United
States seem to be in order.

It is not allogether healthy, it seems tous, that a national shift of opinion, from
beral to conservative, has taken place
rithin the confines of a single political
arty. It makes for incoherence and conusion. The loss of party discipline is the
evitable result of such a basic change in
olicy, and without some degree of control
is impossible for any group to put
'arrough a logical legislative program, be it
onservative or liberal.

Not only does the majority party become
capable of carrying out its normal funcions under these circumstances, but the
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he Democratic Administration, except on se level of purely, partisan politics. Basic spublican and Democratic policies may lifer in some respects, but there is no undamental disagreement between them who control the two parties. (We have of forgotten the 1944 Democratic platmu upon which Mr. Truman still stands: Ir. Truman obviously no longer controls is party.) In the matter of foreign policy, or instance, this agreement is formal and pen; Henry Wallace was bitterly criticized y both Republicans and Democrats for reaking the bi-partisan truce" with his ladison Square Garden address. The rec-

ord of the 79th Congress demonstrates clearly that the area of agreement also extends to such matters as price controls and labor legislation. We concede that the prevailing opinion in the country has changed greatly, and that the rise to power of a conservative Administration is not only inevitable but even desirable, since ours is still a representative government. What we are concerned with here is the manner in which it is being accomplished. Logically, the Republican Party should have had a great resurgence, sweeping the liberal Democrats from office and assuming full responsibility for carrying out what we deem to be the will of the people, it e., a drastic curtailment of Government controls. Unfortunately this in prohibited by the Constitution, which allows for no shift in public opinion except at four year intervals. The Republicans may capture the Congress in November in name as well as in fact, but the result will only be a continuation for two more years of sovernment by coalition.

Under a Democratic Administration and Republican Congress it is quite likely that the people may get what they want, or in the controls will certainly be abandoned, and very probably a considerable portion of the permanent New Deal structure will be dismanned to the people for the results, each claiming credit for that which doesn't, there is no reason to believe that this

disclaiming credit for that which pleases and disclaiming credit for that which doesn't, there is no reason to believe that this major operation will be undertaken with

major operation will be undertaken with any degree of caution.

This is the consideration that seems to us far more important than any abstract question of ideology, right or left. The Government of the United States whatever else it may be, is a vast and complicated organization, and we can only hope that the gentlemen who are going to work on it now with such obvious pleasure will remember that the noun "conservative" derives from the verb "to conserve".

The Library Deserves A Break

ME Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County is still looking on the rosy side, even though a clear but effective minority of the good citizens of the younty recently rejected its plea for additional funds and a new building. Noting lat there has been a marked increase in the library of the Merice Coulties in the county of the Merice Coulties in the Merice Coulties in the county of the Merice Coulties in the county of the Merice Coulties in the Merice Coulties in the County of the Merice County of the Meric nat there has been a marked increase in while use of the Library's facilities, its oard of Trustees states in its just-pubshed annual report: "We cannot, there-re, consider the election lost from a community education standpoint . . ."

unity education standpoint . . . " an in-resting document. The Library uses a nique method of assessing the value of a services to the community, figuring out hat a citizen would have to pay for antal of a book if the went to a commer-ial library, how much the subscription to newspaper available in the reading room ould cost an individual, how much an reganisation would have to pay to rent an -ducational-motion-picture, etc. On this minently reasonably basis it calculates hat it rendered \$105,455.50 worth of serv-ress to Mecklenburgers during the pastwest to Mecklenburgers during the past iscal year in return for \$59,744.90 paid brary tax. A neat profit for the public, ny way you look at it.

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It is also noteworthy that, although the Ibrary's operating cost has remained vractically constant during the past three ears, the value of services rendered (using Illi the 1943-44 basis of evaluation) has limbed upward from \$82,053.80. In the velocities \$93,560 books were taken out of the brary for home use, while \$478 educational films were lent to a variety of ornizations that mustered audiences to-alling 201,675. There is no accurate count of the number of people who used the Liferary's reading rooms and research facilities, but 100,000 is a conservative guess.

The Library's staff managed to find the answers to 29,112 reference questions.

There is a good deal of overlapping in all these figures, of course. But the Library, with its various branches over the county, now has 23,471 registered users listed in its files. This represents 23.5 per cent of the

now has 23,471 registered users listed in its files. This represents 23.5 per cent of the county's total population, an impressive figure indeed. No other single institution touches the lives of as many citizens. All of this means that the Library is making real progress toward attaining its goal of serving the community as "a people's university." But when the American Library Survey applied its standard scorecard in 1944 the Library scored only 55 out of a possible 100 points, with national minimum standards calling for 78. Director Hoyt Galvin thinks maybe the Library's score is up to 60 now, but the inflationary spiral has caught up Library expenses like everything sies, and the gain may soon be wiped out. "Operating on the 'below minimum standard basis' as we do, too large a proportion of our efforts must be devoted to the routine processes of selecting, buying, cataloging and lending books, with little time remaining to make our Libraries the great universities they might, so logishy become," the Annual Report points out. There is some hope now that the in-

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There is some hope now that the increased library tax, which was approved by a majority of the voters in the recent bond election but ruled out under the "unnecessatives" waysion of the State sary expenditures" provision of the State Constitution, may come up for consideration again soon. Certainly an institution which is straining its every resource in an effort to meet a genuine public demand for its services, and doing a remarkably good job of it, deserves a break, as even the hard-headed Scotsmen on the County Board of Commissioners have recognized. We hope the Library gets it, and soon. sary expenditures" provision of the State

The Symphony Society's Campaign

ANY civic enterprise which sets out in this season of inflation to raise a mere fire-figure budget is quite likely to be overlooked in the shuffle. At a time when the school teachers are looking for 64,000,000, and the medical men are hunting for \$20,000,000 a goal of \$12,000 seems a mere bagatelle. Charlotte's pockets and pocketbooks doubtless contain that amount in pennies at any given moment.

Buch is the goal of the Charlotte Sym-phony Orchestra, however, and not even that modest sum is sought as a gift. The Symphony Society next week will launch is annual effort to round up 2,000 pay-ing members. Each subscriber, in return for the six doliars he hands over for his membership, will receive a season ticket good for five concerts.

No member of the Symphony, not even No member of the Symphony, not even is enthusiantly conductor. Guy Hutchins, sould argue that the orchestra is likely so offer the New York Philbarmonic serious competition in this or any other season. The 12,000 budget will be used for hiring a isil, for music, and for incidental expenses, and the orchestra will retain its smakeur standing, with all the advantages and disadvantages attendant thereto. Partime musicians can never attain the techneque and pollsh of the professionals, but in the other hand they are free of many at labilitions that go with professionalism. Under Mr. Hutchins, and with an occasional mainst from Lamar Stringfield, the Charlette Symphony has varied the classics with

highly experimental music that would freeze the blood of a Toscanini or a Koussevitsky, but in so doing it has delighted its middle-

but in so doing it has delighted its middle-brow audiences.

One of the reasons the Symphony deserves enthusiastic public support is that its concerts are labors of love, made possible by long hours of hard work on the part of the musicians. But this seems to us a minor reason, and we mention it only in passing. The Symphony is not a charity, or even a "worthy project," but an organization fully capable of standing and organization fully capable of standing to the standing offers each passing the space of the standing offers each passing the modest admission fees it charges. All but the tone deaf should find genuine pleasure in the barn-like Armory on those evenings when Mr. Hutching puts his musicians through their passing the same passing the same passing the same passing the passing t

Commercialism, says West Point's C. O., again rears its ugly head on our college gridirons. It appears that a lot of big muscular characters intend to make a living out of dying for old Siwash.

One is not surprised to learn that members of the Jap Diet have voted themselves a 690 per cent boost in salary. It is a new democracy, and first things must come first.



Kingmaker At Work

The Reds And The Redcoats

(NOTE: The editor and publisher of the self-confessed World's Greatest Newspaper, The Chicago Tribune, is mis of each reason of the Chicago Tribune, is mis of the confessed with the chicago tender of the confessed with self-confessed with the confessed with self-confessed with the confessed with self-confessed with the confessed with

America from "the twin evils of ricissian communication and British inspiralism." Colonel McCormick explained. "Everybody knows that the Democratic Party is the party of the Russian-loving Communists in this country, just as the Eastern wing of the Republican Party is controlled by the international bankers of New York who are determined to problem Party is controlled by the international bankers of New York who are determined to problem. The Party of the Party is controlled by the Communication of the United States. Ough the power and influence of the United States. Ough the power and Theorem 1998 of the Party of the Par

saue, and expressed tentative approval of a third possibility. "There is some young fellow out on the Pacific Cost named Warren "Governor - Earl-Warren-of-California) whom I haven't met yet but I've heard of the pacific cost name of the pacific cost name of the pacific cost of the paci

One Thing's Certain

"BUT I'll tell you one thing for certain. I won't have anything to do with that fellow Stassen (former Governor Harold Stassen of Minnesota). He is no Republican, never was, and the same thing goes for Tom Dewey. He's no American; he's a New

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issue was Americanism. That's Tribune territory over

Junior Clerk

"L'USAYEODY knows that Jummy Byrnes (Secret-Very O State James F. Byrnes) is just a junior clerk for the British Foreign Office." Colonel McCormick continued. "He has lined up American for eign policy with that of Great Britain so closely that you can hardly tell the difference a pro-British Secretary of State in a "pro-Russian" administration was a phenomenon that Colonel McCormick seemed to think not worth explaining. He cleared his through the continuation of the control of the c

The Good American
COLONEL MCOGRAIGK never got around to dething his concept of a good American. Locally,
Republican and Democratic leaders alike are sagreed
that it is a candidate for public office who has been
endorated by The Chicago Trubune. In the broader
sense, Colonel McCormick Indicated without attempting a definition that it was a Middle Westerner of
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Marquis Childs

Sweden And Russia

prevent unemployment.

NEGOTIATIONS NOT EASY

The negotiations with the Soviet
Union have not been easy. The
Russians presented a list of whatthey wanted over a five-year period. The Swedish negotiators rehelp wanted over a five-year period. The Swedish negotiators renot adjust their production to such
demands. This reply seemed to
surprise the Russians greatly and
they intimated that any really
order it done.

The Swedes came back with a
list of good they would be able
to furnish. This was frawn by
that one thing the Russians are
unable to understand or forgivelanature to live up to the terms of
such an agreement. I swedish industrialists have always been paid
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very much higher than the prewar
ratio, the proportion of trade with
Oreal Britain will be nearly wice
based on extensive credits.

Members of the Government

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all on Sweden's border.

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Russians to pay back credits withmight imake use of the to the
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when the Western democracies
were embarrassed by unemployment or price difficulties. Peasimists believe the Sovieta will mist.
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Prime Minister Hanason's calm considence is impressive. Those who worked closely with him during the perilous years of the war, when Sweden was at least once on the point of being invaded, say haves never the United States are much too panicky about Russia. He feels that jittery talk may produce the very thing the world dreads most. Sweden: trade agreement, as he sees it, could serve when the profitable relationship with the Soviets.

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Samuel Grafton

Stalin's Statement

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excited.

Friends and supporters of Mr.

Byrnes will, of course, say that the
statement is the fruit of hard
American policy; that a year of
ressure has finally brought forth
a twig with an olive on it. But
to make use of Siskin advanced
in not quite the same thing as to
understand it.

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We must remember that it is Communist dogma that Communism never starts a war; Communism never starts a war; Communism goes its peaceful way, humming a wordless tune, until it is that on the head by capitalism, then there is a war. If war starts, the great item of Communist propaganda (and It will resound around the world will be that capitalism the world will be that capitalism capitalism and the control of the control of

Drew Pearson's: SEC Makes Significant Stock Mart Survey Merry-Go-Round:

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market soaring, but didn't,
3. Later the Commerce Department issued a report that
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and that inventories were increasing at the rate of half a
billion per mouth stater, than goods are being consumed. This
was a storm warning this the peak of the boom was passed.

or Peteration of Labor, is now comparing himself to Na-poleon.

Lunching with a friend who complimented him on his tremendous labor victories, Lewis swelled with pride as the Willo House for his miners than any other labor labor, and helped master-mind the ATL seamers strike and had even been praised by Robert U. Wason, president of the Authority of the Complete Complete Complete Complete Authority of the Complete Complet

Russia's Iron Curtain

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4. The high employment rate (37 million in July) is due partly to the fact that the Government is still spending 18 millions a year on arraments, almost three times the entire abilities of the control of the control

radio programs.

The State Department counters with the reminder that the state of agreements in their than the state of the state of agreements in their than the state of th