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The Troubles Georgia Will See

THANKS largely to Ellis Arnall, the political fantasy in Georgia has now been reduced to something resembling a legal question. Herman Talmadge and M. mnson will take their conflicting gubernatorial claims into court for a judi-cial settlement, as Arnall insisted they should. Both have formally agreed to accept the court ruling as final.

This will end the state of anarchy which has prevailed in Georgia since Hernfan Talmadge and his red-necked followers seized power a week ago. But it by no means ends Georgia's political troubles. Both contenders are now pledged to uphold Both contenders are now piedged to upnote the political platform created by the late Gene Talmadge, and plank number one in provides for a return to the white primary abandoned under Ellis Arnall.

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In order to disfranchise the Negro in Georgia the Talimadge forces propose to adopt a system similar to that now in south Carolina. They plant the Federal of the Fed

barred from exercising his Constitutional rights.

Whether this device will survive a United States Supreme Court test is doubtful, but it may serve Georgia for several years. And during that period that sovereign state will probably see some political shenanigans that will make last week's comic opera look like an ice-cream supper.

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The white primary, as conceived by Roy Harris, the Augusta political boss who is drafting the bill Herman will introduce into the Legislature this week, is an open invitation to wholesale corruption. A political can stuff a ballot-box, vote the dead, burn the opposition's ballots, or employ any other fraudulent/device to steal an election without fear of prosecution. He will have volotated no law, he cannot be taken into court because court action would perforce recognize-some connection between the primary and the State government. The very worst that could happen to him if he were charged with perpetrating election frauds would be trial by his fellow Democrats. And if found guilty he could, receive no worse punishment than revocation of his membership in the Party.

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state. In Georgia, where political methods
are notorously brutal and direct, it will
be coupled with the county unit system,
which already stands as an effective barrier
against representative government. If the
tattered remnants of Georgie's once-proud
democracy survive this latest assault it
will be a miracle indeed.

Double-Talk In Dixie

IT is difficult, of course, for a Democrat to gracefully celebrate a great Republican victory, but we are pleased to report that some of the stalwart members of the Southern wing of the Party have managed it neatly.

Three was, for instance, Representative Smith, Democrat of Virginia, who delivered a eulogy of Republican Speaker Martin that wound up with something that sounded like the opening shot in a Martin-for-President boom. This was couched largely in terms of personal friendship, but there was no mistaking the staunch Virginia Democrat's relief at having a safe, sound Republican organization in control of the House again.

And there is John Temple Graves, the columnist, who speaks throatily on behalf of Old Dixle in various Southgran journals. Mr. Graves seems to be carried away completely with the sterling qualities of Robert Alonzo Tafk, who is supposed to be the very model of a 100 per cent Republican. Mr.

Graves does not rest with his admiration of the forthright manner in which Senator Taft presents his views (an admiration we share, let it be noted). Mr. Graves also admires his views.

"Unless Wallace is the Democratic nominee, or Pepper, these Southern states will go Democratic as usual in 1948." Mr. Graves concedes. "But if a Republican is to be our next President we weit it ourselves, to be considering the nature of the choice, no matter how we vote. I, for one, continue to find much that answers the nation's present need in the intelligence, courage, honesty and experience of Senator Tait."

This, as we understand it, is an admoni-tion to give careful attention to those Re-publican Presidential possibilities we are all going to vote against in 1948 because one of them is going to be elected in spite one of them is going to be elected in spite of us, and we're all going to be much better off anyway.

Who said the one-party system doesn't make sense?

An Unhappy Symbol Of Growth

NOTHING pleases us more, as a rule, than evidence that our town has be-come a city, and is rapidly becoming more so. There are certain growing pains involved in the process, of course, but they too are, in their way, a symbol of progress.

But there are certain aspects of our new status that do not please us. The growth of organized crime in Charlotte is one of them. In this unsavory department we are perhaps making greater progress than in any other; we are, as it is becoming paintuity evident, supporting a criminal population as large and as ruthless as that hand the control of the

Our murder rate has long been dispro-Our murder rate has long been disproportionate to our population, but there was a time when the bulk of the killings were the more or less casual. If deplorable, activities of a hot-blooded people. Nowadays the murders usually involve known criminal figures—men who are described officially by the police as gangsters.

Whatever the immediate motive that led the shooting of Herman Satinover early sterday morning, the murder itself took

place in the shadowy fringes of Charlotte's thriving underworld. The principals and most of the witnesses were well-known to the police; the murdered man had a string of aliases that linked him to major crimes in half a dozen cities.

What brings characters like Herman Satinover-to Charlotte in the first place? The answer, we think, is obvious enough. The absoulce liquor trade, in which he was known to have engaged, and the lottery racket, have become big-time operations involving millions of dollars of easy, shady money. A smart operator without moral scruple can literally make a fortune in short order if he manages to keep a whole skin.

These are big businesses, and they are conducted entirely outside the law. When disputes arise, as they are bound to, there is no legal method of settling them. A man who is accustomed to violating one law isn't likely to balk at the violation of another—even when it is the law against cold-blooded murder.

Crime, as we have had occasion to re-mark all too frequently in recent months, pays entirely too well in Charlotte.

Another Voice

Wonderment In The Hub

THE decision of the United States Court

Mayor Curley is still mayor of Boston, accepted by the Bostonians and even accepted by the Bostonians and even accepted by them.

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Mayor Curley's attorneys tried to convince the Court of Appeals that the whole scheme was simply a business venture that went awry. But Justice E. Barrett Prettyman, in whose opinion Justice Edgerton Joined, pointed out that this argument is undermined by the fact that the scheme was fraudulent to the core. The representations of the so-called Engineers Group, of which Mayor Curley was president, were, he said false, and its agreements to get war contracts for its clients were not kept.

The case will, of course, be appealed to he Supreme Court and it is neither proper or feasible to guess what the Supreme ourt will decide.

But just now Mayor Curley of Boston tands convicted by one Federal court and entenced to juli for six to eighteen months, high conviction has been affirmed and pheld by the Court of Appeals. And

Yet some Bostonians wonder why Mississippi re-elected Bibo to the Senate, despite the charges against him, charges incidentally on which he has not yet been tried or indicted.—Columbia Record.

With the big break in dairy prices, the con gentry is understood to have gone back to doctoring the brick to look like gold, instead of butter.

This is a new Congress. And some say this is a new Truman, not to be confused with anyone of the same name who didn't want to be President.

As far as anyone knows, the warhead of a V-2 rocket shot aloft in New Mexico never came to earth. On the other hand, all punts in recent Bowl games seem accounted for.





People's Platform

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HOWARD SNOW.

The People's Platform is available to any reader who cares to mount it. Communications should be less than 300 words, typeuritien if possible, and on only one side of the paper. Libel and obscently will be deleted-otherwise anything poes. Bach letter must be signed, although, in exceptional cases and upon request, we will withhold the writer's name.—Editors, Tux News.

Irony

A SOCIALIST Government in Great Britain has been using the Army, Navy and Air Force to move food during the unastirrined strike of truck against. "blacklegs in uniform." The cause of the strike represents a second front, A Socialist Government might be espected to expedite settlement of might be espected to expedite settlement of a second front, A Socialist Government boards decision, on their wage and hours demandiable of the second settlement of the second s

Cotalists used to argue that Socialism was the answer to striken, because the workers, once they had achieved political power, would feel that if they struck they would be merely striking against themselves. For that matter, there may be an irony in the very existence of a Socialist Governmen: in a hiard to the proper chamber (even if almost powerisms) in its Parliament, and hereditary titles of nobility. While the British Socialist Covernmen was using the proper chamber (even if almost powerisms) in its Parliament, and hereditary titles of nobility. While the British Socialists (Overnmen was using the property of the property of

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What the proletarist would have to fight, Marx decreed, in order to relain and spread its power was suppression of the truth. Yet censorship in the Soviet Union is like that of Natl Germany and Fassis. Sunday, the pro-Soviet regime denies freedom of the press and of speech to the opposition, and wouchaster the profestrate no fair chance for one to the strength of the press and of speech to the opposition, and wouchaster the profession of the press and of speech to the opposition, and wouchaster capitalism, Communist papers and magazine of capitalism, Communist papers and magazine of capitalism, Communist speech on the air. In fact, called the profession of the profession

Senator Soaper Says:

THE possibilities only begin to unfold. A Detroit ex-GI raises the question of porthole-to-porthole pay for time spent aboard troopships.

Beaten in 1918, and again a quarter-century later on the recount, Hungary is raising another army. Such persistence will probably not be re-warded.

Samuel Grafton ·

As Others See Us

NEW YORK

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Georgia Fascism
SIX months ago, this writer, challenging the Ku Klux Klan
G from the steps of the State Capitol in Atlanta, wrote a

column on the new 'Cracker Dictator' and his son who had just started their return to power in Georgia. To get carpts from that column may be worth repeating.

"Already Herman Talmadage." this column reported in July. 'is preparing to run for the U. 8. Senate or succeed his father. Like Hitler, once Talmadage gets into power, no opposition party and evident of the U. 8. Senate or succeed his father. Like Hitler, once Talmadage sets into power, no opposition party and evident in the United States. ... The Georgia election looks like the most alarming political development in the nation. ... Like Hitler, elected by a minority of the voter. Talmadage also has a great read to technique for the his radio technique won cut. ... Just as big business in Georgia financed Talmadage.

Mein Kampf In Georgia

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power fight now being waged over the Clark's Hill dam

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