The General Clears The Air

BEENTLY, in connection with General Ensembower's statement designed to not speculation as to his possible Presidential appirations (it didn't, by the way), we remarked that General Sherman still retains the champiouship for unequivocality, His 'if momitated I will not run: it elected I will not serve' is still the classic, but General Marshall came pretty close to the mark this week.

"I never could be drafted for any po-litical office," the General said, after mak-ing its clear that the does not consider his litteal. "I am being explicit and emphatic litteal." I am being explicit and emphatic office to terminate once and for all any discussion of my name with regard to po-litical indicate."

General Marshall is not a man who deals in double meanings and there is no doubt that he, good soldier that he is, accepted appointment as Secretary of State in exemption of the soldier control of the soldier has been applied appointment as Chief of Staff and special envoy to thin. There is a job to be done, he is considered capable of doing it, he will do his best — beyond that he has neither plan nor ambition.

But in this instance there was a compelling practical reason why the General felt it necessary to speak hir mind immediately upon taking the oath. He is taking over a bi-partisan foreign policy and his ordered to the configuration of the co

soldier devoid of political background.

We happen to have some reservations regarding bi-partisan foreign policy, but since it is accepted and appears to be working reasonably well Mr. Truman probably had no alternative but to continue it. This made the choice of General Marshall for the post vacafed by Mr. Byrnes as inevitable as it was wise. He is one of the few men in the country big enough to leave no room for doubt when he says that politics do not interest him.

South Carolina's New Governor

WHILE all the signs in Georgia are pointing to reaction, it is good to note that in our sister state there is new Governor, a young and a vigorous one, assumed office in South Carolina this week, and J. Strom Thurmond began his tenure of office by presenting, in a 46-page in-augural address, perhaps the most complete and ambitious program within the memory of living South Carolinians.

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Governor Thurmond's address contained its share of generalities and compromises—particularly in the sections which unveiled his much-touted plan for controlling the sale of legal liquor. But it also contained a deal of hard common sense that indicates that the Governor has been restilling long and laise with his state? restling long and late with his state's roblems in the interval between election and inauguration.

and inauguration.

He called for a long-overdue reorganization of state and local government, for a
wholesale revision of the South Carolina
Constitution through amendment, for an
end to the ancient practice of dual officeholding, for a revision of the election laws
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It is noteworthy that none of this could possibly be classified as radical. What Governor Thurmond is calling for all down the line is greater efficiency in government — an end to the wasteful practices

of the past that have kept South Caro-lina near the bottom of the list of states in health, weath, literacy, etc. He takes his own philosophy from Thomas Jefferson: "A wise and frugal government, which shall restrain men from injuring one an-other, which shall leave them otherwise free to regulate their own pursuits of in-dustry and improvement; and shall not take from labor the bread thas earned. That is the sum of good government."

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Governor Thurmond, active in South
Carolina politics all his adult life, certainyear have found all the adult life, certainyear have found the years between inauguration and retirement filled with frustrations. South Carolina's is a Legislative
government, and the powers of the chief
executive are severely limited. The odds
are long against the Legislature's translating the major portions of his program into
law, but there is every indication that the
Governor is endowed with the public support that might make it possible. He faces. port that might make it possible. He faces, as he himself realizes, a great test of his courage and tenacity.

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Despite the political strife of the campaign that elected him; the newspapers of South Carolina have been all but unanimous in their praise of the spirit of the new Governor's message. Criticism of specific passages of it will inevitably follow in the days to come, but at this moment South Carolinian's seem to have caught a glimpse of that "dawning new day" Governor Thurmond tried to point out to them. Few governors have launched their careers with brighter prospects.

Out Of The World Of Ideas

THE questing mind of Albert Einstein, probing into a sphere of scientific research no man had considered selected by the selected selected that the selected selected

his discovery.

Einstein, like every major scientist who worked with him on the bomb, is depressed by a great fear and a sense of gullt. The proposals for control of atomic energy brought before the United Nations seem to him "scientifically some and and technically ingenious," but they also seem totally inadequate. He agrees with Bernard Baruch that the problem is one of ethics, not physics. Three has been too much emphasis on legalism and procedure." he has written. "It is easier to denature plutonium than it is to denature the evil spirit of man." It is the ethical problem that has driven

It is the ethical problem that has driven the great physiciat out of the world of ideas and forced him, pear the end of his life, to launch a crusade in the dis-orderly world of men. Few laymen can ap-predate the magnitude of his searlife, but it should be apparent that nothing short of a burning conviction could have prompted this shy and retiring little man to adopt a course that violates his every instinct.

Einstein and his associates in the Emergency Committee of Atomic Scientists offered no detailed plan of their own for controlling atomic energy. They seek only a great public awakening, in this and every country, to the true nature of the threat civilization now faces. Einstein says it this way:

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This nation held a great debate concerning the menace of the Axis, and again today we need a great chain reaction of swarzer and the state of the state of

heart.
They are asking for a million dollars involuntary contributions to support their crusade. A lot of money? Perhaps, but any of the men on the board of directors of the Emergency Committee had far more at his disposal when he donated his time and his energy to the cause of military victory. And any man on the board could have it now if he would lend his talent to the atomic arms race already in progress.

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"Practicas" men will say, we suppose, that there is something elemental and even childish in the crusade these scientists propose. Perhaps so. But Albert Einstein has already unlocked one of the great secrets of the universe, and certainly he was stating another when he wrote: "When we are clear in heart, and mind — only-then shall we find courage to surmount the fear that haunts the world."

Another Voice

So Geese Are Silly?

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To skepitciam in some, perhaps many, quarters upon reading the results of the unit of

'Well, Here We Are Again'



People's Platform

No Secret, No Defense

Editors, The News:

THROUGH the release of atomic energy, our generation has brought into the world the most revolution.

The Cast power of the universe cannot be intended in the cast power of the universe cannot be intended into the outmoded concept of narrow national-bins. For there is no secret and there is no defense; there is no possibility of control except through the sroused understanding and insistence of the people of the world.

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3. Other nations can rediscover our secret
processes by themselves.

4. Preparedness against atomic war is fulle and,
order of attempted, will ruin the structure of our social
order.

5. If was breaks out, atomic bombs will be used,
and they will surely destroy our civilization.

6. There is no solution to this problem except
international control of atomic energy and, ultimately
the elimination of war.

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The program of the Emergency Committee of Atomic Scientists is to see that these simple fact become known to the public. To accomplish this purpose, it will work through all appropriate educational organizations, including the National Committee on Atomic Information arising the National Committee on Atomic Information arising the National Conference on Atomic Information and Information and Information Information

tions of the Federation of American Scientists.

The committee does not propose to make governmental policy, either on the national or international standard policy, either on the national or international standard or the atomic era on which such policy must depend,

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On Revenue

Editors, Tree News:

A S a citizen I would like to make a few suggestions in regard to the revenue measure to be enacted by the Legislature.

(1) In my opinion the franchise tax should not be reduced at this time, practically all corporations today are paying more Federal taxe than State

program.

The franchise tax is arrived at by taking the physical value of the plant after allowing for depending the procession, adding the inventory and then multiplying the total by \$1.75 for each \$1.000 value.

The principal owners of many utilities and other corporations do not pay income taxes in this state. One capitalist reputed to be worth 100 million distribution for the process of th

his citizenship in another state.

(2) The dominant group in the moving picture theater business in North Carolina are as ruthless aroup as ever scuttled a ship. Through their financial strength and strong arm methods they prevent gather unto themselves most of the monry being spent for amusement within four borders. A special axy placed on the ownership of these theaters would tax placed on the ownership of these theaters would the public part of the enormous funds being spent for amusement. Theater lobbytist two years ago knocked \$400,000 tax off the budget commission's recommendations.

Opinion

The People's Platform is available to any reader who cares to mount it. Communications should be less than 300 words, typewritten if the properties of the p

Marquis Childs

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Samuel Grafton

Republican Problem

been yielding to opposition rather readily.

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Drew Pearson's : RFC Sabotages Loans To Small Business

Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON

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By an inconspicuous routine announcement stating that its
BPA program would expire Jan. 21. To meet the roundproportion of the proposition of the proposition of the country, however, it meant the difference between
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On that date also the two Congressional Committees on Small Business had not yet been reorganized. Both have stautichly championed RFC loans to small business, but since the new Congress began, the two committees have been in the throes of reorganization.

Big Banker Viewpoint

Of 19 in. In therefore, one day after Allen resigned, and beoff the Small Business Committees on Capitol Hill could
get going, Commissioner Henry T. Bodman moved to drop
the BPA program, in other words, the "Blanket Participation Agreement" whereby the RPO automatically underwords if per cent of loans which a bank extends to a small
bank of Detroit, one of the most powerful financial institutions of the automobile capital, Behind it are the Flaher
Brothers, of Flaher Body fame, and General Motors. They
are also linked with the Bankers Trusts and the Gustraly

Trust in New York. This group represents hig business, and generally speaking does not favor loans to small hutness, and penerally speaking does not favor loans to small hutness, and the state of the

Rece has been strong for small business.

Financial Squeeze-Play

HERE is how the RFC program for alding small business.

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AT his latest Cabinet meeting President Truman gave Instructions on how to get along with the new Republican Congress. He told his Cabinet members not to fight the new Congress, but to insist upon justice. Be courteous, exactful, and co-operative, he advised, but stand up for your rights. Of late, incidentally, the President has seemed much more confident. . . . President Truman may have to put a "help wanted" sign outside the White Roue. . . He's offering a job paying \$30,000 a year and no income tax which is more than his own net income, but the job is going begging. The secancy is head of the World Egula-versulp. The secancy is head of the World Egula-versulp. The president is self-unique to the president property of the Navy Porrestal is still unhappy over the Army-Navy merger. Even though there would be a new the Navy to continue sitting in the Cabinet with full Cabinet rank. . Another of President Truman's administrative assistants, Raymond R. Zimmerman, will soon resign. . No love is lost these days between those two old Ministrative sasistants. Raymond R. Zimmerman, will soon resign.

Merry-Go-Round

Statte Department Counselor Ben Cohen wants to practice

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nestod friends, Senisor Ball and ex-Covernor Hare
Slaw in Washington now that Jimmy Byrms has resigned.

Stassen doesn't like Balls anti-labor bills.