

More To Be Pitied Than Censured

THERE is a strong temptation to chide the wavering Republicans for their failure to carry out the exorbitant plans for wholesale reduction of Federal expenditures they used as bait when they were casting for votes last Summer. The temptation, however, should be firmly put away. Leaders of the GOP should be congratulated, we think, for belatedly coming to grips with reality.

The hard fact is that they now account for less than ten per cent of it; the remainder goes for retirement of the tremendous war debt, for veterans, and for maintaining the biggest peacetime army since World War I. It is a fact that should be remembered. Is no New Dealer, and he had conscientiously pared his budget estimates before he submitted them.

The Filibuster Question Again

THE Republicans, as a matter of Party policy, are bent upon eliminating the filibuster in the Senate. Hearings are being conducted this week before the Senate Rules Committee on various bills designed to limit debate through a simple majority vote.

Long, discussing the merits of various types of potticker. Moreover, it must be noted that the filibuster has been, for many years, the exclusive property of the Southern Democrats. We can't recall a New England filibuster, or a West Coast filibuster; always the oratorical barrage is laid down by the gentlemen from south of Mason and Dixon's line.

However worthy the cause in which it is used, the filibuster is a derogatory and a dubious weapon. Obviously it is undemocratic, and no amount of high-toned argument against the injustice of limiting debate can alter the fact. The filibusters do not debate, they kill time—reading dull and voluminous statistical reports into the record, or, as in the case of the late Huey

But we find the filibuster most deplorable because it stands as evidence that the South has never quite rejoined the Union. When our Representatives fight against the passage of legislation clearly acceptable to an overwhelming majority of the American people, the filibuster is simply that they think of their constituents as Southerners first and Americans second, if at all. We are tired of seeing the white South held up to the nation as an oppressed minority standing in the need of protection by any means, fair or foul, against the will of the American people.

In The Cause Of Brotherhood

CHARLOTTE has four distinguished guests today, visitors in a worthy cause. Attorney General Tom Clark will speak tonight at the annual Brotherhood Week Dinner at the Sheraton Hotel. The National Chapter of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. His first assistant, Lamar Caudle, will be a guest of honor. Governor McEvie, Director of the National Brotherhood Award to President Frank P. Graham of the University of North Carolina.

the credit side they will also note signs that, even though the battle is far from won, the South is still fighting. They will note, for instance, that Homer Loomis was appointed to the position of Executive Director of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. His first assistant, Lamar Caudle, will be a guest of honor. Governor McEvie, Director of the National Brotherhood Award to President Frank P. Graham of the University of North Carolina.

Another Voice

The Vindication Of Lili Marlene

LILI MARLENE was the sort of girl back home who would appeal to the heart of any soldier—even, alas, a faithless one. Her sweetest might be wounded, captured, or dead. He would be waiting around with some bewitching foreigner far away. Never mind—Lili remained true to him. But Lili's young man seemed to be a Nazi. One heard the song about her and then dropped in the middle of whistling it. One thought of Lili's soldier occupied in bombing Coventry, terrorizing the people of a French village, shooting down civilians in the Ukraine, and so on.

Now comes the snap ending. Philip Pares, the noted publisher, has just been cleared of collaboration with the Nazis. They seized his firm and took over its music, including a song for which a German had written the tune and a Frenchman wrote the lyrics. The song was sung in Paris. The song, of course, was Lili Marlene. The Nazis never had it till they stole it—New York Times.

Did I With My Little Hatchet?



WASHINGTON  
ONE of the significant phases of the fight over confirmation of David L. Lilienthal as chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission has churred up within the Republican Party. The split between the liberal and conservative leadership has become a matter of fact.

People's Platform

Editors, The News: IN connection with our annual convention, we had the pleasure of a visit here today on the part of Mr. John R. Knott, our manager in Charlotte. He was kind enough to hand to me a copy of the "People's Platform," dated February 11, which is devoted to public health and preventive medicine and problems in North Carolina. I have enjoyed looking through this publication, and noting its comprehensive and yet very practicable character. It is an educational contribution that should be of great value in your state. As a sponsor you surely are to be congratulated.

—DONALD B. ARMSTRONG, M.D., Second Vice-President, Health and Welfare, Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.

THANK you for your laudatory report on health conditions in North Carolina. It is both honest and courageous. The explanation for the situation in this subject, which I am sure has been hush-hushed and ignored for far too long a time. What you have done here reminds me of the straight-from-the-shoulder way in which the Saturday Evening Post went after health conditions in its own home city of Philadelphia. Your approach, of course, has been much more comprehensive and thorough.

I congratulate you for a fine job well done, and am confident that it will be a means of starting fast changes for the better.  
—EDWIN F. THAYER, Publisher, Tide.

Merit System

Editors, The News: I AM a regular reader of your articles, and I have found them to be very interesting reading, especially the article on the Merit Rating Plan, a Pioneer Educational Step. This merit system will be a very nice system under which to operate. I mean if it is going to be done in full fairness and not on the "prejudice" basis. For instance in your article you mentioned that some group of Negroes had asked would there be any way to practice discrimination? The reply was that discrimination would be left completely out; by labeling each test with numbers.

—J. E. LINENBERGER, Sec. Treas., C. I. Local 64, Charlotte.

Drew Pearson's: Atom Bomb Ushers In Buck Rogers Era

IT is difficult for the average person to understand the amazing vistas opened up by science during World War II and realize that the unbelievable era of Buck Rogers fantasy has now actually here. The most obvious development was the atomic bomb. Not as well known but perhaps even more important, numerous scientists are working on a project for setting off a controlled chain reaction in the crust of the earth. This project is described by the scientists as a hydrogen chain reaction in which the hydrogen of the earth would be made to burn in a slow but continuous stream. Simultaneously, these scientists are reported to be working on a project for setting off a system of back fires and chemical devices which could hold its spread at bay.

got Edwin W. Pauley as Undersecretary of the Navy if Pauley had not been retired. He was speaking as a Republican Interior Secretary Cap Krug ordered a ten-foot square sign erected in the lobby of the Capitol building. The sign read: "The second Republican was Eric Johnston, scrappy Hollywood movie star, who called at the White House only to be rebuffed by the President. Johnston added that some views of the coming Geneva Conference, at which time the USA will sit down with seventeen other nations to iron out bottlenecks in world commerce. Johnston, former president of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce and frequently mentioned as a GOP pick for Secretary of State, emphasized that he was speaking as a Republican when he expressed hope that the Geneva Trade Conference would succeed. He said that the tariff policy and work of the mutual lifting of restrictive tariffs on international trade. Johnston said that the Geneva Conference will have to go back to barter and national isolation. World trade depends more on opening up the channels of commerce than restricting them. Johnston added that the Geneva Conference may be the last chance to make a sick world well.

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Marquis Childs Lillenthal & Brandeis

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"un-American" had not come into the vogue it now enjoys, they made that kind of charge against the man who had dared to open his mind about the meaning of the liberalism of wealth in this country. Former President William Howard Taft was one of those who formulated in private against the Brandeis appointment. In public, the conservative Senator Robert Taft was a member of the highest court of the land. Significantly, William Howard Taft, Senator Robert Taft, said, "I am sure likely to make a similar statement in the Lillenthal case."

Behind much of the attack on Brandeis was the poison of racism. It was whispered in the Senate chamber and proclaimed when lobbyists and special pleaders met. Brandeis himself had become one of America's great judges. His viewpoint, in dissent and in dissent, was a shining example of the dignity of the individual, cherishing the rights of the individual against the cowardly and craven mass; upholding the rights that have allowed America to rise above the brute.

Harold Ickes More On Third Term

WASHINGTON  
ONCE AGAIN we are asked to believe that George Washington refused to serve a second term because he did not believe in it. That this is far from the fact may be gathered from a letter from Washington to Lafayette in the Spring of 1788. He writes: "I trust I shall be your witness to the expediency of a second term. It is a matter of appointment (the Presidency). The matter was fairly discussed in the Convention and I was elected."

THE Western Union division of the Commercial Telegraph Union (ATU) has launched a campaign to forestall Western Union Telegraph Co.'s entirely unjustified efforts to close or reduce service at the break home line and transfer company officials content that profits are not sufficient to justify present operation.

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