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Open Shop And Closed Record

T SEEMS to us unfortunate, but alto-gether fitting that the anti-closed shop bill passed the House of Representatives without a record vote. That faint-hearted action, designed expressly to prevent the fixing of responsibility for the passage of a highly controversial piece of legislation, was in keeping with the irrelevant and evasive debate that preceeded it.

Our criticism of the Legislature's action has nothing to do with the merits of de-merits of the closed shop, but with the methods used to obtain the passage of this bill. Both opponents and proponents, it Bill. Both opponents, it seems to use a seems to us. are guilty of bad judgment, if not bad faith. Not a single member of the House arose to demand a roll-call vote (a fifth of the members present could have sustained such a motion) or even to demand a standing vote (which must be granted on the motion of a single member). The Ralleigh News & Observer between this supplementation of the standard production of the supplementation of Heves this singular passiveness on the part of the opponents of the bill represents a tacit agreement to avoid an embarrassing record vote since passage seemed assured

This, as we say, was entirely appropriate. Ever since the measure was first introduced there has been a studied effort to avoid debate on the only real question before the Legislature — the need for such legislation in North Carolina. Proponents of the measure based their arguments on high the measure based their arguments on high and lofty ideals — the preservation of the laborers "right to work." But did they eite examples to show how that right has been abridged in this state? If they did none found their way into the reports we aw. Instead we find Representative Fisher of Bunco mbe arguing along this line: "John L. Lewis is public enemy number one. He was during the war and he is to-day. When a man can turn his country from operating, and deny a man the right to work, that's dictatorship. Granting that Mr. Fisher's indictment is valid, what has it got to do with passage of a closed shop have been denied the closed shop in a state that has no coal mines.

If the labor unions in North Carolina have the dictatorial power to turn this nation into "a shivering shambles", we would think that every member of the House of Representatives would be proud to have his name recorded as voting to bring them to heel. The fact that the gentlemen didn't care—or didn't dare—to record their votes would indicate that they themselves have grave doubts concerning the propriety of the measure they seek to enact into law.

In edging away from the bill as though it might explode in their faces, and debat-ing it in terms of conditions prevailing in West Virginia, the gentlemen of the House ing It in terms of conditions prevailing in West Virginia, the gentitemen of the House of Representatives may very well have overlooked the heavy charge of dynamite it does contain. Consider the preamble, which would be adopted as State policy: The right to live includes the right to work. The exercise of the right to work must be protected, and maintained free from undure restraints and occretion ..." This has a fine Declaration of Independence rine, and in this season when any man who wants a job can have one it obviously applies primarily to the restrictive activities of the labor unions. But suppose there comes a day, as once there did, either comes a day, as once there did, either comes a day, as once there did, come hundreds of thousands of North Acarollans of the state of North Acarollans of the state of North Acarollans of the state of North Carollans Or suppose that even in this time of plenty an employer decides for reasons of his own to fire a man who is capable and willing to perform the duties required of him. A lawyer, it seems to us, might make out an impressive case to show that the employer is shridging his right to work in deflance of the Legislature.

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There are two sides to the closed shop question, but so far we haven't even heard one of them. Instead a law the spears faulty even to a good many of those who support its objective was aboved through the House in a sort of emotional stampede. This, as we hope the Senate troegnize when it begins its deliberations, is no way to guarantee sound and stable labor relations in North Carolina.

The Need For State Milk Laws

THE machinery for inspecting and guaranteeing standards of milk in North Carolina is cumbersome, with authority di-vided among two State Departments and various local Boards of Health. However, creaking though it may be, it still works when competent and determined public health officials put a shoulder to it.

The Grand Jury presentment of charges involving 18 milk dealer? In the Charlotte area provides a case history. The Department of Agriculture, chârged with milk inspection to prevent adulteration, made tests of local milk samples back in November. The State Department of Health coperation, which has authore Health Department, which has authore Health Department held hearings, and later issued a public statement (without naming the milk dealers concerned) announcing that adulterated milk had been sold in the Charlotte area and warning the dealers to cease and desist. Apparently dissatisfied with this action, Dr. M. B. Bethel. City Health Officer, went to Judge Zeb V. Nettles, presdiing in Superior Court here, and placed the same evidence before him. Judge Nettles, ordered a Grand Jury in Judge Nettles. The Grand Jury presentment of charges tles, presiding in Superior Court here, and placed the same evidence before him. Judge Nettles ordered a Grand Jury intervestigation. The Grand Jury acted yesterday, and the Solicitor will now prepare indictments for the next term of criminal court.

of the dairymen named in the present-ment. But the Grand Jury did find evi-dence sufficient to wairant a trial—and every citizen of the county should be grateful for its prompt and courageous

action. If we are, as the official tests indicated, paying 20 cents a quart for milk that may be one-third water we should certainly know who is selling it to us.

Reputable dairymen, we suspect, will welcome the trial. For, so long as the charge is general, suspicion attaches to the innocent as well as the gullty. Even the publicity attendant to the trial, unpleasant though it may be, will do no lasting harm except to those who have been defrauding the public.

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This case, we think, demonstrates two things: (1) That the present inspection system can be made to work, but (2) it is strictly too cumbersome and complicated, and the strictly of the

The Grand Jury recommended that leg-islation be passed to strengthen the pres-ent. State inspection system, and Judge Nettles concurred, ordering a copy of the presentment forwarded to members of the Mecklenburg Legislative Delegation. Even though the situation appears to be in hand in Charlotte, we hope our Representatives will agree that this action indicates the need for prompt action by the Legislature as a whole.

Another Parable For Our Time

A ND so it came to pass in the year of AND so it came to pass in the year of great plenty that Jonathan, son of Josephus, who was also a prophet and a scribe, went-up out of the Vale of Humility to the Mountain of Arrogance, and climb-ing to the highest peak thereof, in the city called Richmond, spake thusly:

"The Mountain of Arrogance, called al the Commonwealth of Virginia, is both ti cradle and the graveyard of democracy."

And they who dwelled upon the Mountain of Arrogance were aghast at the tes-mently of this visitor from the Vale of Humility, called also the State of North Carolina. And the mightiest among them, Tuck, who was called Governor, arose in wrath and called upon the ancients to bear him witness, and he spake:

"By what authority does this man speak thus of Virginia? A disappointed and frus-trated politician who apparently is not taken too seriously in his own province, and whose pseudo-liberal and alien views are on the wane in the land . ."

But Jonathan, son of Josephus, had re-turned to the Vale of Humility and there among his own tribe messengers reached him bearing the words of Tuck, who was called Governor, and he spake again, say-

"The dwellers on the Mountain of Arrogance grow sensitive. It is well."

And Tuck, who was called Governor, raged in his tent and had only this to comfort him:

Jonathan, son of Josephus, had not said: Thank God for Virginia

Selah.

College gym statistics show the American female taller and heavier than of yore. It is noted, too, on the beaches that there is more girl to a girl than there used to be.

When the late Volstead was asked if he ever sampled prohibition gin, he ig-nored the question. It is pretty well known, though, that Andy was a noble experi-

Contributors to five national magazines have lately written the fair sex off as a loss. They divide it roughly into three classes: The beautiful, the intelligent and

'Adios, Muchachos'



People's Platform

A Beautiful Idea

Editors. The News:

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-MRS. GEORGE E. MARSHALL, State Commander American Cancer Society.

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urgency.

Harold Lckes

Fly In U. N. Ointment

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Drew Pearson's: GOP Split Over Armed Forces Budget Cut

PUBLICAN leaders held two closed-door meetings on the budget last week which were as different as day and night. One was a meeting of Senate Republicans which went on record against any sharp budget cuts for the Army and Navy. The other was a meeting of House Republicans which went on the word of the result of the same publicans which went overwhelmingly to cut the Army and Navy.

At the secret seasion of House GOP leaders there was only one dissenting voice, that of absent Congressman Ham Agdress of Buffalo, N. Y., who was ill, ut whose letter address of Billinols.

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Bridges, chairman of the powerful Senate Appropriations
Committee and a vigorous budget-cutter, fifst took the floor
to remind his colleagues of their pledge to prune.

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Bundy cuts are going to but the continued. They will been equarks and protests and recentingst. Some of your friends are going to be that, and some of your friends are going to be burt, and some of your political supporters. You've got to be prepared for that. What you must decide is whether you are willing to go shead with a job you know needs to be done even though it will be unpopular.

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This, broughf an immediate reply from Army-Navy champions led by Armed Services Chairman Chan Gurney of South Dakota. "The proposed cuts in the Army-and Navacannot be made." Gurney shouted. "If they are made, ours will be a second-rate power, militarily speaking."

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IN the end the holdouts for the six-billion-dollar cut m
tered 19 votes while those destring a smaller cut got
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their viewpoint, but among those who did were Sene
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1. "The War Department's military budget would be cut by \$1,200,000,000, its civil functions by more than \$500,000,000

The Navy cut would be \$89,000,000.
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 The \$947,000,000 sought for the Department of Agriculture would be cut by \$427,000,000.
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be cut by \$83,000,000.

5. The \$1,048,000,000 for the RFC and other Government corporations would be scaled by \$228,000,000. And one cut the Republicans chuckle over, but may find difficut is \$200,000,000 in the over-all \$333,679,250 budget of Bob Hannegan's Post Office Department. They propose cutting him by \$0

Harry Cuin of Washington, in whose state nary yard and columnation funds would be cut off, and James Rem of Mid-court.

Senator George Alken of Vermont, one of the outstanding lasmakers of either party, then questioned Bridge-shout specific reductions which would have to be made. He asked about such things as Rural Electrification, the Department of Agriculture and the Interior Department, in each superiment of Agriculture and the Interior Department, in each but not crippling. They would "slow up" the work, Bridges said in each case.

Bridges did not put before his colleagues a breakdown