

The Death of A Great Newspaper

The death of a great newspaper is always tragic, and it is doubly so in this period when the trend toward journalistic monopoly provides increasing cause for alarm.

In the view of its publisher, J. David Stern, The Record was done to death by the American Newspaper Guild, a CIO union of non-union newspapermen.

Yet, all publishers, J. David Stern cannot be written off as a petulant reactionary willing to sacrifice a going business to strike a blow at organized labor.

Poll Tax Repeat Once Again

A BILL to repeal the poll tax in South Carolina almost passed the General Assembly last year, and has now been reintroduced.

That the tax provides something of a barrier to voting in general elections is undeniable, but we have never accorded it the importance the anti-poll tax crusaders give it.

Actually, the now over poll tax repeal has been detrimental in some ways, for it has served to distract attention from the terrible complexities of the Southern political problem.

A Memorial For Ellen Glasgow

An irreverent Montanan of our acquaintance once expressed the opinion, after touring the memorial-studded battlefield areas of Virginia and Pennsylvania, that the Civil War really resulted from a cabal among Northern and Southern monument manufacturers.

It is true that the sense of history pervades runs stronger in Virginia than in any other spot on earth.

This seems to us altogether fitting, for the old house had a special significance for Miss Glasgow.

Another Voice

A Bigwig In A Single Slash

ALTHOUGH the first to cheer on the march of science, we cannot but view with alarm the British medical discovery that having too much brain doesn't help.

What's to keep everyone from having his frontal lobes removed, buying morning trousers and running things? And who's going to take the notes? Think of the remuneration will submerge the bridge table.

to the Guild in its formative days; one of the first major contracts the union obtained was with The Record.

In spite of all this, or perhaps because of it, the Guild selected The Record as its first objective in a drive for higher wages in Philadelphia.

We do not suggest that The Guild should be treated as a CIO affiliate differently because of its editorial policy; certainly no union should use its bargaining power to reward labor's friends and punish its enemies.

The strike may not have been the sole factor in Mr. Stern's decision to abandon a field he entered 25 years ago, but certainly it was an important one.

So, we suspect, will the American Newspaper Guild.



People's Platform Veterans And Housing

Editors: The News: VETERANS of the recent war are beginning to get disgusted with the acute housing shortage, and when a veteran gets disgusted, he is apt to do something without looking ahead.

It's easy to buy a house under the GI bill of rights if his wife has a hundred dollars cash for the minor initial fee.

The GI bill of rights is a very good thing, and it is a couple of years when the bonus is paid, he intends to pay the debt off and save some of the interest.

Editors: The News: ONE can hardly pick up a newspaper without seeing some write-up of a job tale on the housing situation in Charlotte.

Charlotte could have had enough Government money to build a few more houses, but the Government to lay off.

Maine wishes to infest someone in Quoddy, its great potential source of tidal power, as nothing upsets the even tenor of the household like a strong infestation of the premises.

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Dr.ew Pearson's Soviet Ambassador Carries His Denials

WASHINGTON Pearson's denials as to his relations in the past are recalled from the all-important post of Russian Envoy to the United States.

The other day the Ambassador denied a conversation published in this column in which he was reported as telling the Russian people that Russia might have adequate defense against the bomb or else a bomb of her own.

Indignantly, the Ambassador denied that he had said anything of the kind.

Then he complained that his talk with Robert Gros (the Army's Information and Education branch) had been "off-the-record" and he couldn't understand how it had leaked to the press.

The Ambassador both admitted and denied that he said what he did—all in the same breath.

Army Education PUBLIC opinion expert George Gallup proved to the last decimal point this week that more men would enlist in the Army and Navy if military authorities had a system whereby educational training in the service would count toward high school or college diplomas.

What they should educate servicemen, but they wanted to raise rates to 10 per cent through the Office of Economic Controls, Murray said.

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KANNAPOLIS of July 24, 1946, to the memory of the late Samuel Reed, M.D. in his later years Mr. Reed resided at Southern Pines and was a regular contributor to The Platform.

The Ochsian Society of which he was a long term member, is a small private group, predominantly liberal in character which a decade or two ago might have deserved that warm comradely name Bohemian.

As I said, our group is a small one which in the interest of privacy and free and easy association and discussion we limit to a membership of not over twenty-five in our own which has a population of fifty thousand.

Perhaps, then, you can understand our deep and sincere appreciation of the kind and factually accurate tribute to our late friend and member when you learned of his death.

The Ochsian Society, a State Director of mental health, a social worker, an executive of a small office house, a manager of a department store, a barber, a small auditor and profit artist with him the small man, and finally a student of the law.

To you, then, Mr. Editor, we are very grateful for the small but artistically rendered and touching which you erected to Samuel A. Reed's memory, for us, his friends, and for his family to read, admire and long remember.

D. L. LACY, Committee Chairman

Senator Soaper Says:

Not a single bread is noted in the 80th Congress. Thus it is that noble body entitled to the rating of a loaf for its antecedents, to steal, lie, and cheat.

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Steelman Stalls

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Upper Bracket Relief

A DELEGATION of topdrawer bankers paid a solemn call on the Treasury Dept. in Washington recently. After some polite preliminaries they got down to the real purpose of their mission.

That was to urge on Snyder the reduction of a flat 25 per cent income brackets. Only in this way, the solemn argument went, would the Treasury be able to create new investments in new plants to create new production.

While Snyder listened courteously to the man with a small income rather than for the big taxpayer, the Democratic minority, an almost solid bloc on the Republican proposal for a flat 25 per cent income bracket, cut, which would save a lot of money for the big taxpayer and a little for the small.

The Mellon bill did make for progress for the great business in America's history. And then came the greatest of our times, the depression of 1929 and after shook the very foundations of the American system.

What is so strange in all this is the way in which history repeats itself. The man with a small income is the rich and thereby creates jobs for the not-so-rich. Their argument is that the depression of 1929 and after shook the very foundations of the American system.

What is most amazing is to find the banks refusing to raise rates as though 1929 had never happened. The real reason is that it would increase purchasing power among the mass of consumers at a time when it is vitally important to maintain a national income of \$18,000,000,000.

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Samuel Grafton

British Endurance

LONDON seems like utter destitution to the well-to-do. Thus, with the end of the war, life has become a struggle for the upper levels. This ally regulated Britain has been able to obtain a favorable trade balance in an atmosphere of social reform.

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