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## On Prohibition And Democracy

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The Mecklenburg Dry forces also argue that the county option system, which allows 26 Eastern counties to maintain ABC stores, is reprehensible The problem of alcohol, they insist, is statewise and there-

Democracy
fore should be subject to statewide regulation.

But at the same time the Mecklenburg
Dry forces support a statewide prohibition
referendum which would dry up the ABC
counties if it carried, but would not authorize a statewide ABC system if it failed. It
would be undemocratic, the Dry forces
contend in this instance, if a county that
voted dry had ABC stores that upon it as
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All of this has obscured the relatively
simple question involved: Do the people of
Mecklenburg County want ABC stores at of
don't they? The County Delegation believes
it is time to find out. It has introduced a
bill which would authorize a countywide
vote. It has allowed ample time for both
opponents and proponents of ABC stores to
present their arguments and counter-arguments. This procedure may not be, from
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purpose can justify a violent attack upon
it in the name of democraey.

## Strike For An Innocent Bystander

AT a moment when an unfriendly Con-gress is moving rapidly toward con-sideration of restrictive labor legislation. two independent labor unions come along with a joint strike threat that looks as though it might have been engineered by labor's worst enemies.

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First of all, the original strike threat is filed in a public utility, the telephone company. This complicates the union's claims, no matter how justified they are, for in order to press them it will have to said for order to press them it will have to said for order to press them it will have to said for order to press them it will have to said for order to press them it will have to said for order to press them it will have to said for order to press them it will have to said for every American citien. The union thus is in the position of placing its own interests above the public's, not a particularly popular position to occupy these days, as John Lewis can attest.

Moreover, the National Federation of Telephone Workers have, through a mutual assistance pact with another independent union, the National Association of Broadcast Engineers and Technicians, extended their strike, threat into another industry which is essentially an innocent bystander. In order to show their sympathy for the

In order to show their sympathy for the telephone brethren, the radio union threatens to close down all network broadcasting chains and such independent stations as it

This would project the strike into a pe-culiar area, indeed. Radio management

would have on its hands a strike it could not possibly settle, since its own striking workers have no grievances or new de-mands. The arbifration clauses in the com-tracts it has signed with the NABET would be meaningless, since there is nothing to subtracts.

The Supreme Court, in its recent decision upholding the right of foremen to Join unions, held that to put foremen in a special
category would be to recognize that the interests of management and worker are in
eternal conflict. If this principle were ever
adopted as official Government policy, a
majority of the Court noted, oreanized labor would ultimately suffer irreparable
damage for there would no longer be any
reason not to lend the weight of Federal
sovereignty to the protection of management's interests.

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Yet this is the principle that underlies Yet this is the principle that underlies the "mutual assistance pact" entered into by the NABET. It places the interests of another union, with which it has no official affiliation, above those of the management with which it shares responsibility for successful radio operation. NABET had rather see the telephone workers get their-raise than see its own organization function properly. If NABET encounters something less than full sympathy from its own employers in the future it will have no reason to be surprised.

## To List The Propagandists

THERR has been some talk in Raleigh of repealing the lobbylsts registration, act on the ground that it accomplishes nothing in particular. It seems to us it accomplishes a great deal, in a negative sense at least, in that it affords positive identification of those affable gentlemen always around to plug a special interest during a legislative session. We would, as a matter of fact, like to, see the registration list extended, as provided in a bill introduced by Senator Gordon Gray of Forsyth. Senator Grow wants all propagands agendes operating in North Carolina, whether out of Raleigh or other points, to register with the Secretary of State along with the lobbylsts and provide pertinent information as to purpose, source of income. etc.

This would, as The Asheville Citizen

points out, produce some strange bedfel-lows—the North Carolina Good Health As-sociation, the Ku Klux Klan and the Coun-ell of Churches would find themselves cheek to jowl on the list. Such juxtaposi-tion, however, hardly strikes us as an ob-jection. After all propaganda isn't essen-tially evil; it can be used to herd the pub-lic in the ways of righteousness as well as to promote damnation.

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It seems to us essential that all those who seek to influence public opinion—lob-byists or propagandists, public or private—should be officially identified and listed. No honest man can object, for any opinion worth exploiting is worth public support. We hope Senator Gray's bill is not one of those destined to be lost in the last-minute abuffer loward adjournment.

#### Another Voice

#### The Problem Of The Alcoholic

AT AN open meeting of Alcoholics An-A law open intering or Accounting Am-noymous in Greensboro a few nights ago Author James Street of Chapel Hill made a talk on alcoholics which seemed to the control of the control of the control talk we have ever heard on that much talked about subject. The school is the Time alcoholic than observed on the control talked about subject was dis-

talked about subject.

The alcoholic that Mr, Street' was discussing is not the moderate drinker or the occasionally immoderate one; it is the one in 35 users of alcoholic beverages, or reasonable facelinies, who is completely under the control of liquor, even though he may stay sober for a week or so at a time, or what is commonly called a "confirmed drunkard." Mr. Street's thesis is that the alcoholic will get his drinks regardless and that the effect prohibition is no answer to the artheriote prohibition in the artheriote prohibition is not all courfercords prove. To punish one for being an alcoholic is about as effective as punishing him for having a cancer.

Thus the alcoholic has a sickness of which drunkenness is only the symptom. Any cure must deal with the cause rather than the symptom. And the cause is not hysical but psychical. The average alcoholic is egocentric and neurotic. He doesn't misself the sellings when he may be hidding over his defects or something which injured his feelings when he was a child; drunkenness casts a roay glow over life and chests him into a more favorable opinion of himself."

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The organization of Alcoholics Anonynous so far seems to be about the only efective approach to the problem which has
affied judges, doctors, preachers, friends
and relatives alike. The alcoholic must
each the point where he wants to quit

realize that he cannot touch a drop of any-thing intoxicating without going over-board. Then the organization can help, and often cure lim by making him feel that he not alone, that he is understood by others, who have had his experience, and that he is being used by a power greater than him-self to help others. It takes a psychological and religious remedy to get at the roots of a mental and splittual malady.—Greens-boro Daily News.

realize that he cannot touch a drop of any-

If the Antarctic party reports chocolate mountains in lakes of pea soup, who is there to say nay? As few tourists have made those parts, the Admiral can speak

A sub-committee is that part of a larger committee which does the actual digging up of a paid secretary who does the work. The London Times directs its thunder against the word "personnel." Much handler is the synonym "folks", which can also be made up readily into the repulsive adjective, folksy.

There is no question but that ignorance is bliss. How much more enjoyable was the candy bar of our youth, before a table of contents was published on the wrapper!

Over two months have passed since the GOP took over, following its famous vic-tory, and no one knows what is holding up its beginner's luck.

'See-I'm Upholding American Government'



#### People's Platform

# Run, Liberal, Run

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Liberalium and Communisium are synonymous terms. And we are concerned with the present—not the past. Today if you are a liberal, that is to say not. The communistic communist

#### Problem

Editors, The News:

I'm writing to you about a problem that appeared in
"Tricky Quicker' on March 18. It read in short, something like this: "A farmer painted the roof of his

sean in ten days. He was disturbed so much at first be didn't make much progress, but be speeded into the didn't make much progress, but be speeded to that at the end of each day twice as large an area as painted as the day before. On what day did he complete one-half his work?" I disagree with the answer that appeared March 11 it said he complete one-half his work? I disagree with the answer that appeared March 11 it said he complete one-half his work? I did not give your method for finding that safe him just a fittle on the tenth day. My method is as follows:

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Second day	2	parts
Third day	4	parts
· Fourth day	8	parts
Fifth day	16	parts
Sixth day	32	parts
Seventh day	64	parts
Eighth day	128	parts
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Tenth day	512	parts
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na-half of this number is 511	10	2 The

you got your answer?

Any day you stop on, to get one-half of the total it will have to go over on the last day just a little, Am I not right? Please let me know, I'll be watching for your explanation.

—MARGARET TONEY.

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(NOTE: The answer was based on this logic: If the farmer finished the job on the tenth day by painting an area equal to that covered in the nine preceding days he must have been half-through at the end of the ninth day. Miss Toney's calculation, however, seems to indicate a flaw in the logic equal to at least one brush affice.—Zis. Turk News.,

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# Senator Soaper Says:

AND what's as tedious, when one is pressed for time, as being held up 40 minutes at a grade crossing for the alleged boxcar shortage to pass?

A thought for the intrepid military, which puts in a hard Winter at Arctic maneuvers; or, Valley Forge, with shoes.

#### Marquis Childs

# Russia And The U. N.

A little tact might have pre-ented this phase of the argument, a early conferences on the pro-soal, Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg rgued that we could do two things; 1. Notify the U. N. what we in-ended to do and why we were going and it: and

1. Notify the U. N. what we included to do and why we were going.
2. Ask the U. N. to keep jurisdiction over the border dispute while we supplied aid for the rehabilities. Those steps, it seems to me, should have been taken. We would now be on sounder ground, more than the steps of the total the steps of the steps

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refusal to join in has held up U. N. organization on several fronts.

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#### Samuel Grafton

# 'Truman Doctrine'

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called an "equalizer," in the strug-gie between the two hundred mil-lions and the two billions. The Monroe Doctrine was a lullaby com-pared with a "Truman Doctrine" which leads us imperceptibly into inflammatory formulations of this

inflammatory formulations of this kind opposite EFFECTS

The Monroe Doctrine stiffened the world, and provided a skeletion certain the "Truman Doctrine" has an opposite effect, in that it produces the frishtenins liquidity and fluidity of which the Malone plan is an expression.

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# Drew Pearson's: Republicans Say Truman Is Joining GOP

"On the surface Secretary Snyder appears friendly and square with the Republicans," continued the South Dakota which we ought to look into, things guing not down three Mundt assured his colleagues that the figures the Treasury would show would be false. When someone asked how plied that the authors of the figures "will be exposed." "Truggs nilmself will get them out," promised Mundt, "now until the has decided to follow the Republican policy of clearing out dishogs downwant early many contract of the state of the state

#### Truman Goes Republican

THE man who really brought the House down was the dischaing speaker, majority leader Charlie Halleck of Indiana. He spoke first in support of the tax bill as a boot to the lowly wage earner, then warned that the Democrats planned to block the bill so that the President could push similar legislation next year and claim credit for it in the 1948 camplain.

similar jegisation next year and ciaim credit for it in the 1946 campisar, to keeping with Administration tactica three days," proclaimed Halack. "Ever since the election, the President has been following the lead of the Republicans. Over the week-end he finally moved to clean the Com-The Week-end he finally moved to clean the Com-The President has been following the result of the three three

'Sugar Daddy', Tobey

IT was hushed up, but an intra-party Republican spat broke out at the secret GOP caucus on supar rationing the other control of the control o

Except for acid language, and baleful, glares, however, no bones were proken.

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#### Coca-Cola Vs. Pepsi-Cola

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This beak McCarthy. "I suggest that he read pase 192 of the hearings where I brought out that the Pspsi-Cola Co. and the Coca-Cola Co. both had selfish interests in this sugar controvery. Coca-Cola naturally wants controls considered to the control of the

of Mr. Mack that these sugar holdings of Pepal-Coak were
"Well. I'm willing to go by the statistics of the Depart ment of Agriculture," countered Tobey in the secret causer.
These show it is absolutely necessary to continue rationing.
The Department site informs me that 95 per cent of the dymmerical users do not object to continued rationing and that, in sect, the only the commercial user demanding de-control to our old frends, and the Senations (rend, Pepal-counted to our old frend, and the Senations (rend, Pepal-

McCarthy retorted hotly that Tobey was being "unfair." leagues intervened and the two gladiators finally cooled off.