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HOFFUL Demorats have been plucking in straws out of the Washington winds for months and pointing to them as evidence that the cleavage in the Republican Farty is as great as that in their own ranks. The record, unfortunately, has scatured the strays.

For better or for worse, the "30-30" income tax reduction bill a po n so r a d by Chairman Knutson of the House Ways & Means Committee was presented to the House as a straight partian issue. The Republican applican majority used its full strength to outlaw amendments of any sort all the House ways and the House as a straight partian issue. The Republican pointing was a produced on the House ways and the House was a straight partian to such as a form the House ways and the House was a straight partian the privately opposed the measure, the OOP line held firm wher the ballous were satisfied only the Early only three Republican Representatives (Engel of Michiana, Anderson of Minnesola and Buffett of Nebraska) vited significant the measure.

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South failed to meet it-according final loyalty to the GOP in a straight partisan

loyals, to division. The 29 bolters, of course, have the right to vote as they see fit. But the usual ques-tion arises: Are they also entitled to wear the Democratic label?

Strikers Outside The Law

PUEERE is a curious blend of private enI terprise and organized labor in the
Louistains mith strike that has virtually
developed into an arm ed insurrection.
Many of the strikers are members of an
AFL union, but they are also farmers who
are protesting against the price fixed by
New Orleans distributions. They have restake banded together to prevent, by force,
the shipment of outside milk into the city.
Thus far, this is the record, according to
The New Orleans Hem:
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The State of Louisians has met this threat to its peace and dignity by ordering armed State troopers to keep the roads open. If there has been any protest sgainsi this action in even the left-wing press we haven't seen it. Certainly such action is matified on many counts.

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There is an economic question involved here, of course, but it hardly fits into the usual pattern of a labor dispute. The wrath of the independent milk producers is directed against a public agency, the Milk Commission, which has price-fixing powers. The higher prices sought by the or-

ganized farmers will be paid directly out of the consumer's pocket if they win their point. There are none of the turual questions relating to division of profits etc.

But above all eigh, the mill, "strike" in the profits are not in question here, but the rundamental laws of the land with each with such elementary things as the protection of life and property.

No cause can justify the assumption of police powers by private ditions. As individuals or working together, as members of a labor union, the farmers were well within their legal rights when they refused to sell their milk at the prevailing prices—although, in view of the threat to the public health involved in such a refusal, they were health involved in such as relaxable, they were they abandoned negative action in favor of a positive effort to stop the shippent of outside milk they went outside the law, and certainly they lost backers public sympathy they might otherwise have had. They reduced the whole involved question to the simplest terms so far as the State of Louistana was concerned; if had no alternative but to meet with force this threat to its own sovereignty.

The dispute now seems to be heading for the courts, where it should have gone in the courts, where it should have gone in fact, at the moment they made their first decision to bar outside milk shipments, for they thus converted an economic question into a batte the State of Louistana acuidn't conceivably allow them to win.

The Legislature's Negative Approach

FOR more years than the oldest Legis-Note more years than the oldest Legislator sace to remember, The Ratiesh Nesse & Observer has kept a watchful eye on the General Assembly. When it doesn't like what it sees in Capitol Square, The N & O speaks up in a voice that carries to the far reaches of Eastern North Carolina. The voice has been raised perhaps as often this session as at any time in history.

Naturally enough, the Legislators have grown sensitive to the editorial salvos fired so regularly by the Hon. Josephus Daniels and his assistants. In these closing days of the 1947 session they have begun to give voice to their resentment on the floor of the Assembly.

. This reached its ultimate absurdity the other day when Senator Arthur B. Corey of Pitt said in support of farm tenancy legislation he has introduced: "Since a certain stand taken by a certain newspaper that it

is a bad bill. I am more convinced than ever that it is a good bill." His statement was greeted by a solid round of applause, indicating that his colleagues are equily willing to let the N & O make up their minds for them.

This, we fear, is rather a typical legiblative reaction. Throughout this peculiar session the voting has been largely negative—a good many bills have been passed not beson the voting has been largely negative as good many bills have been passed not best of the same has been passed on the sympathy for their objectives, but because they disliked their opponents. This record provides the most damning indictment of the Assembly we can limagine; pique and statesmanship do not mix.

It would be disturbing if the General Assembly of North Carolina slayishly followed the cditorial line laid down by any newspaper, or combination of newspapers. But it is even more disturbing to find the gentletter men creating policy out of petulance.

Another Voice

Britain Discards Another Symbol

GREAT BRITAINS Army has laid the last of its red coats away. Nothing tells us more about austerity as a resolute way of life, about the measure of it and the

ons for it.

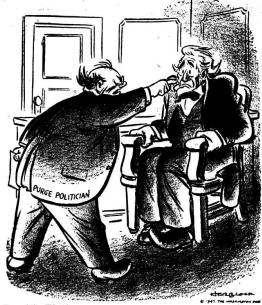
the thing is more than a military fashnote. As a part of the service uniform,
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Today, in bitter straits, shillings still have to do with the matter. There are too few of them, and they are needed to buy salvation. They must be hoarded for tools and bread. And as the Ministry of War has discovered, scarlet lotho costs more than any other. Red coats become the empire itself of the salvation. The salvation of the salvation o

'You Belong To An International Organization?'



People's Platform

Prohibition And Democracy

Editors. The News

If your editorial of Friday. March. 28th. entitled. You Problems on the Processor of the Meckeller of Your Problems. The many pour has been also be regressed to the Young the Meckeller County Dry Forces.

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No Handouts

CHARLOTTE Editors, THE NEWS:

The seem our new Congress is of the opinion that I want charity but what I really want is clearly examined by John McCormally of Chapman Kan. on the construction of t -W. BRUCE WRIGHT.

Special Election? CHARLOTTE

Editors, THE NEWS:

IN all fairness I think the "City Limits Extension" election day should have been held on a special day set aside for it, and the state of the state of the state of the "Extension Ballot" time to concur with the primary election for Mayor and members of the City Council.

See what I mean? If I wasn't given to euphemism I'd say it stinks! -D. K. CHASTAIN.

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Unity In America

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DOUBLE EXPOSURE
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Drew Pearson's : John Maragon Protests Recent Exposes

Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON

JOHN MARAGON, the Greek-born ex-narcottes agent who
has been so close to President Truman, called at the
Executive Offices the other day to protest to Secretary MatiResearch of the Control of the Control of the Column on
Mr. Truman's queer friendship.

Meanwhile some further interesting light can be shed
on this unique character who is able to get his Greek Royalist
friends appointments with the President and who seems to
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A few years ago friends gave Senator Harry Truman a
surprise birthday party. Maragon, then a transportation
seems for the Baltimore & Ohlo Balimod, was-in the group.
He had once shined Truman's sheep back in Kansas City.
President of the Utiled States since Warren Harding,
Various photographs were made of the birthday guests, including some of Truman and the R&O agent in poses induranged to the same over Truman's shoulder.

Later Maragon obtained several of these photos and
persuaded the obliging Mr. Truman to sutograph them with
friendig resettings to "My sincere good friend, John MaraAfter Truman moved into the White House, Maragon not
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After Truman moved into the White House, Maragon not only received a special White House pass and special parking space outside the White House, but he had in his pocket visual photographic proof of his intimacy with the No. 1 man of the Nation.

standing in front of the Hassler Hotel when Brig. Gen. William L. Lee, U. S. Air Corps, drove up and parked his car across the street in a snace disputed by an ATC bus. An argument ensued between the Italian-bus driver and General Lee. John Maragon, self-suppointed personal representative of President Truman, started to intervene.

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MARAGON then fiew on to Athens where the Greek elections were in process of American-British supervision. There, however, he met his Wasterico. John could dictate to the Army, through his pal, the President's military aide. Gen. In Greece he ran up against Herry (Grad, special American envoy for the supervision of the elections in Greece. Grady of the State Department to order Maragon back to Washman, Arriving home, Maragon threatened to jump oist the window because he had dispraced his 'good friend Barry Truman,' but kindly Congressman Paul Shafer of Michigan and the state of the demand for the phone and pacified his effective of the telephone and pacified his education in the state of the state o

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