### Of Mr. Roosevelt And Mr. Truman

guit other day Marquis Childs listed the significant dates in the history of the versionment of atomic energy—from the test decision, taken in October, 1939, to reproduce spales the possibilities of nuc-rest disson to the current bitter debate to the company of the control of the con-traction of the control of the con-traction. It reads, Mr. Childs concluded day, like "a timetable for Armageddon".

Whether it spells out doom or not, the metable provides a graphic illustration of an ahitting political outlook in Washing-on—from boldness to caution. Whatever ion—from boidness to caution. Whatever the may be said of Franklin Roosevelt, he was a man of courage and imagination; it was, in fact, his eternal willingness to ex-periment that earned him his reputation at a liberal and the undying enmity of interican conservatives.

American conservatives.

Perhaps Franklin Rosevelt was a dangerous man, a gambler. But he had the qualities that attracted men of vision. The scientists who unlocked the first atomic secrets, and who understood that America's secrets, and who understood that America's nomies would soon have them too, knew they would receive a sympathetic hearing from Mr. Rosewell and his advisers. And they knew that whatever had to be done would be done and damn the risk.

There is reason to wonder what sort of reception the scientists would have reserved if they had had to lay their case, intend. Because of the scientists would have reserved if they had had to lay their case, intend, before Harry Truman and the men who now surround him. Would they have

been dismissed as impractical dreamers? Would not the decision have been to wait and see before staking a billion dollars on a formula no politician on earth could decipher? Would Mr. Truman fand To m Clark, and Cap Krug, and Lew Schwellenbach, and John Sny der, and Harry will be the state of the state

we do not seek to culogize Mr. Roosevelt at the expense of Mr. Truman. War was certain in 1939, and the people themselves were in a mood to gamble, as they are not now. But there remains a fundamental dif-ference between the two mea—mot of cour-age but of temperament.

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War is not certain in 1947, but neither is peace. Mr. Triman has met the crisis of his time by turning away from the theorists and bold idealist who advised Franklin Roosevelt; he relies instead upon cautious men, advisers who place their faith in tried and true methods, who seek above all things to guard against risk, who hope and sincerely believe that everything will work out all right if we keep up the Army and the Navy.

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the Navy.

The boldness has gone out of government, but the feeling persists that the men in Washington, having misread the meaning of history, are taking the longest gamble of all in the name of caution.

## An Epitaph For Henry Ford

To the world, Henry Ford stood as a symbol of America. America could

have had a worse one.

He was, first of all, a man of mechanical gentus and great singleness of purpose. He believed the gasoline motor could be used successfully to propel a buggy, and once he had accepted that belief the automobiles future was assured. He also believed the sutomobile could be sold cheaply enough to serve as a medium of mass transportation. He proved his point and the whole shape of America began to change; Americans became a mobile people, the cities and the towns and the villages drew together and the isolation of the lonely farm was benished forever.

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His goal was constant to the end—he wanted to make more Fords at a lower pries. To keep it in sight he had to expand the Ford Motor Company constantly; he became the owner of rubber plantations, steel mills, plastic factories, fleets of ships. Inevitably, he sho became one of the wealth-cet men on earth, but his wealth always seemed incidental to his creative purpose. His was a strange, lonely career. He found his way successfully through the found his way successfully through the order of corporate finance—steering clear of the financiers, fighting of the gigantic combinations among his competitors, keep-ing control of his own vast company in the of the financiers, fighting off the gigantic combinations among his competitors, keep-ing control of his own vast company in the family, and all the while setting the pace for the entire automobile industry. Outside interference always riled him-interference from competitors, from the Government, from labor unions—and he was a tough and canny fighter. He leked his competitors,

canny fighter. He licked his competitors, keeping a firm hold on a vast share of the low-cost automobile market.

In a sense he also licked the Government, for he managed, despite the staggering in-some and inheritance taxes of his later

years, to pass on his empire intact. For years he held off the unions with voluntarily high wages and tough company police, but when he finally capitulated he went the whole way, granting more concessions than his employees had ever demanded.

sions than his employees had ever de-manded.

No one could deny the vision of Henry Ford, but when he turned his attention to affairs outside his industry it was strangely blurred. He hated war and he was deter-mined to "light like hell for peace," but he insisted on flighting alone. It did not occur to the man who had wrought a social revo-lution in his own land with a "tin listed" that there are no direct and simple an-swers in international relations; the strange, futile voyage of the "peace ship" he sent to Europe to call a halt to World War I left deep scars. It was, perhaps, as a result of this that he later turned down the strange bypaths of anti-semitism, filling his Dearborn. Independent with racial poison and circulating the spurious Proto-coll of Zion. His native good sense saved him from restering bluteness in the end, and to his social energies through the restoration of museums and the founding of miscellaneous unpublicited charities. He was one of the most uncommon men who ever lived, but no one ever called him an aristocrat. He planned and created a vast industrial empire without ever letting go of the single, simple idea upon which be founded it. He had his blind spots.

vast industrial empire without ever leiting go of the single, simple idea upon which he founded it. He had his blind spots; sömetimes he displayed a staggering it-norance of the stream of history that flowed around him; but he also had a rare and useful genius. He was the last of the industrial giants who deserved the title "rugged individualist". Applied to Henry Ford ft was no eithet.

## The Return Of Our Bob Reynolds

THE political rumor mill in Raleigh ground out a choice item the other day, duly noted by Claude Ramsey, correspondent for The Asheville Citizen. "Our Bob" Reynolds, according to Mr. Ramsey's

Bob" Reynolds, according to Mr. Ramsey's report, is seriously contemplating entering the 1948 Senatorial rac.
Although the ex-Senator has been an expatriate for some years, living in a nd around washington, he has maintained his North Carolina clittenship by virtue of an Onslow County farm he still owns. This, presumably, would tag him as an Eastern candidate and therefore make him eligible to compete against Mesars. Umstead and Broughton.

Reynold's renewed interest, according to sitol Square gossip, stems from his belief. h. the temper of the people of North arolina has changed since his previous. In in the Senate. There is no denying his rim in the Senate. There is no denying his malstent record as an anti-Communist, and he might rely upon his gift for dema-ogy to disguise the fact that he was also a

dead-end isolationist who trafficked with most of the neo-fascist shirt organizations both before and after the United States entered the war.

The narrow nationalism which led Reynolds into strange bypaths did not set well with his North Carolina constituents. Ever a sensitive politician, Reynolds knew he had cut the ground from under himself at home and it was this that dictated his decision not to stand for re-election in 1944.

It is our own conviction that the memory of North Carolinians is not as short a Book Reynolds thinks it is. His miserable war record will haunt him as long as he lives, and the property of the state of the

and supported him. We would, however, be delighted to see him enter the lists against Messrs. Broughton and Unstead, thus affording the people of North Carolina an opportunity to make their condemnation — Robert R. Reynolds official.

### Another Voice

## Weapon Of The Demagogue

COMPLETE lack of ethical inhibitions and a lack of shame are characterstics of the demagogue anywhere and any-line. Huey Long, Gene Talmadge, Adolf ditter and leading exponents of Communin our own country are examples. This s them a strategic and tactical advants them a strategic and tactical advant-over political opposition, and enables n to believe without any mental reser-sers whisever, that the means by which seek to attain political power, regard-of how unscrippilous they may be to intelligently conscientious, are ever filed by the end.

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very reason of its shameless effrontery. Barnum utilized this truism to less sinister

advantage.

A minor example of the same type of mind at work is seen in the matthead of "Hummon". Jamandee's political newspaper. It is called—belter it or not.—The Stateman—"The People, editor; Herman Talmadge, associate editor; "By such tricks of political quackery do men without in-hibitions appeal to the guiltality of the prejudiced and the uninformed.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

By setting the budget cut at aix billion and working backward, the GOP follows the tried rule for successful limerick writing in which the last or punch line is the first set down

#### The Bedfellow Traveler



## **Proposal For Peace**

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#### Prohibition

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## Better Health

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### Marquis Childs

## **Truman Prosperity**

AT ONE point in his Jefferson Day speech, President Truman sounded a note that was strongly many and the present record level of property and employment, Mr. Truman seemed to scho Rerbert like the present record level of property and employment, Mr. Truman seemed to scho Rerbert like the late of the present of 1929.

While he did not claim the current prosperity for himself or his party, as Hoover did in that earlier protection. If the present prosperity is a skillfull political speech. If the present prosperit is what was a skillfull political speech. If the present prosperit is what was a skillfull political speech. If the present prosperit is what was a skillfull political speech. If the present prosperit on what was a skillfull political speech. If the present prosperit on the state of the present of the work of the present of the work of the present of the world the appearance of a man who stands way to seek political trouble.

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## Samuel Grafton

# Republican Troubles

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to be going on.

OBSOLETE PROGRAM

The Republicans are suffering because they find themselves doomed to carry out, in a period of declin-

cause they into intensive domenin corry out, in a period of defininstructionating own a program in the control of the control of the congramma is no longer appropriate of the trapanding purchasing power. That program is no longer appropriate, and the Republicans seem inefec-tive, because they are trying to control of the control of the con-mover. They worked out their sub-program a year ago, when prices wages, sweedened with time-andi-sayes, sweedened with time-andi-sayes, sweedened with time-andi-sayes, sweedened with time-andi-sayes, sweedened with time-andi-wages, swee

bles they are now having are a judgment on them for forgetting the great axiom about taking a lit-tle and leaving a little. EMPTY POP-GUN

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EMPTY POP-GIN

The average American, who knows how hard it is to make ends now how the property of the property of the property in the property in

# Drew Pearson's: Sen. Morse Puts Public Above Politics Merry-Go-Round:

WASHINGTON
THE main outline of the new labor bill has now been
fixed by the Senate Labor Committee after several weeks
to backstage battling. The last battle doet place in a secret
stratery meeting by Egopublican members at which, Senator
forthright Wayne Moree amand others.

Main discussion at the secret meeting centered on the
position President Trunam might take on different provisions of the labor bill; a catchall measure which includes
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a variety of regulations, among them a ban on the closed shop.

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Public Comes First

A this point, Oregon's young Senator Morse non-us and stores.

"In not interested in Republican strategy," he remarked sharply, "and I'm not interested in playing politics on such a vital issue at this. I am interested in legislation to promote the public waffare."

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President will sign, rather than end up with no legislation at all.

"Take a bill outlieving the jurisdictional strike and the secondary boycott. I can't imagine the President's not significant to the secondary boycott. I can't imagine the President's not significant and conciliation service under ah independent board, The President might not sign it, but I would like to see it pass and put him to the test. The for typesing these testes sparately. If you lump everything together, including the image of the secondary point are going to what up with nothing at all.

In that case," Morse concluded, "you invite a Presidential veto, which gate with so override a veto."

Morse didn't increase his popularity by speaking his mind. Men who speak their initial usually don't. But even though the control of the problems of the pro

### Phone Strike Issue

Last Summer, when Senators Tait, Wherry, et al led the GOP attack on price control, they argued that if they were wrong and prices were up instead of down, it would be pos-sible for Congress to note the cost of living barometer and remedy the situation.

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But when Republicans chopped the BLS from \$6,700,000 How the line a criminal disposing of the evidence of halo was allowed and the control of Labor Statistics syntact, there will be no official way to flator Statistics syntact, there will be no official way to flator Statistics syntact, there will be no official way to flator statistics without the statistic syntact that the control of all union control of the statistics with the statistic syntactic syntactic statistics. In addition, the fact is that to per cent of all union control of the statistics with the statistic syntactic statistics. And critics of labor want to keep things that way, the control of labor want to keep things that way, the statistics will be supported by the statistics of labor want to keep things that way, the hands of labor such control of the statistics of labor want to keep things that way, the hands of labor such that the statistics will be laborated by the statistics will be statistics will be such that the statistics

## Under The Dome