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The Communists In Winston-Salem

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of the CIO United Tobacco Workers, now conducting a strike at the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, is dominated by Communists.

The evidence was provided by two former officers of the local — loyal, longtime trade unionists who presented their statements first to President Murrad finally to along with a pies for as an act of desperaments for the statement of the statement of the local content of the local

to do with the strike.

This, it seems to us, is no answer at all. The two union officials who resigned in protest charge that the Communist affiliation of the local's present leaders has everything to do with the strike. "I don't believe that this strike is Communist inspired," says Gene Pratt, long-time organizer at the Reynolds plant. "But I am convinced that this Communist leadership in the union is barrier a settleconvinced that this Communist leader-ship in the union is barring a settle-ment which would be fair to the work-ers. I am also certain that the tactics that the union leaders are now following are almost certain to lead to trouble and possibly to race rioting."

There are already signs that Communist propaganda has served to divide the union along racial lines. Most of the strikers are Negroes, most of those still working in defiance of the picket lines are whites. This, obviously, would be regarded as a bad situation by any union leader whose sole aim was strengthening the local and winning the strike. But, with its great potentiality for increasing social tensions, this obviously is a happy condition for those whose primary aim is to increase the membership of the communist Party. Moreover, the company is completely

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Moreover, the Company is completely justified in refusing to deal with any union which is known to have Communist leadership. No employer wants Communists in his plant under any circumstances, and certainly he does not want to be placed in the position of doing business with them. The reasons are as adequate as they are simple: Communist doctrine calls for the abolishment of private ownership and it demands a higher loyalty to the Communist Party than to any labor union; this makes true bargaining impossible.

this makes true bargaining impossible. Thus the charge that Communists dominate the CIO to bacco union in Winston-Salem cannot be dismissed as irrelevant. If it is true if means that the strike is not part of an honest trade union effort to obtain higher wages and better working conditions, but in fact is being employed as part of Communist strategy to further the party's social aims. The workers become not potential beneficiaries, but victims who are being exploited in a political cause.

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A Pension For The President

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It is entirely appropriate, we think, that
thwo of his fellow-Missouries in incongress
have proposed a pensjon for Harry Truman
and all those who come after him. Representatives Bell (Democrat) and Reeves
(Republican) will introduce a bi-partisan
bill calling for Presidéntisl pensions
amounting to two-thirds of their salary.
That may seem overly generous at first
glance. After all, the President draws \$75.
500 per annum and usually has no great
length of service in the office. But Representative Bell points out that in Mr. Truman's case the large salary is a same and
a delusion. He has only \$25,000 left after he
pays his Pederal taxes, and unavoidable expenses attendant to maintaining White
House living standards, take away \$24,000
of that. That leaves only \$4,000 to take care
of Missouri taxes and personal and family of that. That leaves only \$4,000 to take care of Missouri taxes and personal and family expenses. Mr. Truman seems certain to leave the oftice in worse shape financially than he entered it. Moreover, while Presidents may theoretically retire from public life, history demonstrates that they never cease to be public figures. Mr. Hoover, the only living

ex-President, is in constant demand for all sorts of public and quasi-public jobs that are not financially rewarding. Only the fact that he happens to be a wealthy man in his own right, enables him to accept such assignments as the recent inspection tour of relief activities all around the

globe.

It has been suggested in the past that
ex-Presidents should be given official status—an honorary seat in the Sensie, or
a special advisory post in the Cabinet, for
instance. We question the feasibility of
thus formalizing their relationship to their
successors, but we do believe that the people owe any man who has served in their
country's highest office financial security
for the rest of his days.

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And in case any economy-minded members of Congress are inclined to balk at the added expense of Presidential pensions, we suggest a careful study of the mortality tables. They will show that the job of Chief Executive, usually attained late in life, exacts a physical toil that guarantees against any prolonged drain on the treasury after leaving office.

The Great Bubble-Gum Crisis

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THE siege of sore throats among Charlotte school children which led to a
medical investigation of the local bubblegum supply seems to us to have some rather weighty implications. The health authorities stepped into the picture to see if
there had been any violations of the pure
food and drug laws (and found there had
not been which raises a question as to just
how bubble-gum should be classified.
Gracept in cases of accident or undue excitement) could hardly fall into that category. It is possible that some sustenance is
derived from its juices during the early
moments of the operation, but this certain
by is incidental to its main purpose.

Is it a drug? Well, it must be conceded
that bubble-gum has a sopprific effect on
the young, and is frequently employed for
that purpose by harassed parents. The
welling bubbles before bemused, and frerexcitainly. But these effects come not from
the chewing, but from the blowing, and do

not result from any chemical properties of the gum itself.

We confess that exact classification of bubble-gum eludes us. But we are relieved that the health officials have finally given the local supply a clean bill of health. The town might have survived the wholesale condemnation of its meat or milk supply, but a sudden confiscation of all bubble-gum and the supply of the first magnitude. A breef of gum-leggers would have spruing up full-blown, we are confident, smuggling in sup pp lies from outside or reclaiming pid wads from beneath school deaks and movie seats. The large, gray bubble has become as much a part of the rising generation's features as ears; no modern child can sleep without small wads of gum in his hair to remind of the failures and triumphs attendant to their addressing and repellent to their elders, the young and repellent to their elders, tons or health, sanitation, or social use can never alter that immutable fact.

Another Voice

On Dropping An Accent

THAT Southern accent by which you are supposed to be able to identify a resident of Dixle in what ever corner of this globe he sips his mint julep is on the way

We have the word of John Spargo, pro-lessor of English at Northwestern Univer-alty, who declares that the speech of the Middle West will be replacing not only the Bouthern accent but Bostonian speech as well. Well if they are both to be buried, we night as well put 'em in a single give. The professor explained that the area be-ween the mountain ranges has the great-

est concentration of population in the na-tion and that the people from this area who go out in great numbers to other sec-tions of the country do not readily adopt the regional accents of the states to which they migrate.

We don't know about that. But we'll wager that the first question put to this horde of linguistic purists when they get down in our section will be something like this:

"Where are you-all going?" — Shelby

'Don't Wave That Red Flag At Me, You Communist!'



People's Platform

Three Prize Poems

thus far.

It is impossible to acknowledge all these poems although many have written in concerning the contest. So the prize-winning poems, read by contestants all over would be of inestimable sid. It would show the standards, and let them know the winners.

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Mrs. R. A. Dunn gave \$25 to the first winner, and \$10 to both the second and that sunners. Each grant \$10 to both the second and that sunners. Each grant \$10 to both the second and that sunners. Each grant \$10 to \$10

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For the pillars of the Temple stand apart."
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A sense whereby soul messages are known.
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ENGLISH SPRING

THE English wind now sweeps across the land
And brings her hills and downs the taste of Spring
That called the music from Will Shakespeare's hand
And first taught Drake's bold wandering heart to

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MY heart is 'neath the clod, but I'm more kin To all the star-gemmed, wind-swept universe, Now you're with God.

You're in the softly falling Summer rain. You're in the shimmering light of sun and star. And when I wander down a forest lane I come to where you are.

There now is harmony upon the lute Of life, where many discords fell before: There's no more fear, nor grief, nor standing mute Before a closed door.

You're nearer to me, cherished heart, than wh Your spirit was within the bounds of clay, Brave, singing spirit that is now a part Of all I am today.

-CAROLYN KYLES.

(NOTE: Although The News does not as a rule accept poetry, an exception is cheerfully made for these prize-winners. Miss Young, winner of the first award, is a teacher at Burton Institute, Miss Fant, winner of the second prize, is a student at queens College. Mrs. Kyles is a teacher at Hunterwille.—Eds., The News.)

Hypocrisy CHARLOTTE

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Editors. The News:

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Marquis Childs

Dewey And Sen. Ives

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Samuel Grafton

GOP Contradictions

NEW YORK

I like Republicand well enough, and one of them, Wendell willier, liked about as much as any man I have ever known. I grew up in a Republican form. I have ever known. I grew up in a Republican fairly have a decided to the same and the same time of the same tin

same desire to get the bun without giving up the penny, manifests tueff in untilet ways, also. The Republication of the penny of the pe

Drew Pearson's : Navy Officer Tried For Prison Atrocities Merry-Go-Round : Navy Officer Tried For Prison Atrocities

CAREFULLY hushed up by the Navy, one of the most sensational court martials in recent history is secretly being held at the Naval sum factory in Washington. It is similar to the Army's famous highlight of Washington, it is similar to the Army's famous highlight of though with even more safe and the same than the same than

the Japs, he was able to get away with it.

At one time Tudelle and Little clashed over the rotation of cooks in the mess. Major Tudelle pointed out that some of the prisoners were weak, from the prisoners were weak. The region of the prisoners were weak that giving them a chance to gig extra sook. Little, however, flatly refused. He told Tudelle he would run his mess and Tisdelle could run the rest of the camp.

Slow Starvation

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THE death of Knight came after he had stolen food, and I Little reported him to the Japa. Obviously he knew the Japanese punshment would be severe since he sometimes threatened men that he could inthe an inch of his life, and then starved. He died in five days. Major Thomas H. Hewlett, the camp doctor, of New Albany, Ind., who examined the body reported that one commander, Capt. Issumes Paulance of the Control of the Co

rear and a half to bring Lt. Com. Little, the man who reported Knight to Futuhars, to trial.

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where the Navy thought the trial could be held more secretly. It was hinted at the Navy Department that the charges against Little had been scaled down to the general secured to the new partners and the second that he was guilty of conduct unbecoming an officer. Littles defense is understood to be that under the Genera Convention he was required to maintain discipline and report infractions to Japanese submidted that Col. John E. Duffy, the Army chaplain, was approached by Capt. Putuhara with the suggestion that he become camp commander. Putuhara stall he could not understand the way the American soughed American camp commander. Putuhara with the suggestion that he become camp commander. Putuhara stall he could not understand the way the American soughed American camp commander was Majog John Mamero, who was more sympathetic to Little than Major Tidelle. Tufelle worked hard, at defending enlisted men, and some of his fellow officers marveited that the Con. Little punished enlisted men, including Bertram Priedman of Washington, D. C., and Samuel Schulman of Brooklyn, N. Y.
Suggestion To Housewives

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Don't hold on to your sugar ration coupon, for 10 po
was redeemable June 1 instead of July 1. One reason
redemption date of this coupon was moved up a month
to avoid shipping conflicts with the bumper wheat.