# A Failure And A Triumph

You are the conscience of South Caro-lina," the prosecution told the Jury in Greenville's lynch trial. It was not an in-exact analogy, The Jury's vertice of acqui-tal for the 28 white men who were charged with and did not deny participation in the conspiracy that resulted in the murder of Negro Willie Earle may well be taken as evidence that the conscience of South Car-olina is still flexible enough to accept and justify that brutal and unwarranted act.

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That much may fairly be said in criticism of the werdict that terminated the most sensational Junch trial in Southern training the said of the remains beyond criticism. The machinery for dispensing exact and even-handed justice is present in the courts of South Carolina, and it worked despite the greatest pressures that could be brought against it. The failure to convict cannot be charged to the State, nor can it be credited to the defense. The verdict of the jury was the product of an ingrained prejudice that defies the laws of God even, as it defies the laws of God even, as it defies the laws of South Carolina.

"Gentiemen. I instruct you that under your catif as jurors you are not to allow say so-called racial issues to enter into your deliberations." Judge Martin charged the jury, Certainly the Judge, with courage, aidli and bigh determination, had tried to restrict the trial to the central issue of mob action against the pasce and dignity of the state. He stood firm against the effort of the defense to appeal to the passions and prejudice of the Jury; within the limits of the rules of evidence and argument he sought to present the spurious charge that indictment of the 28 defendants was part

of a national plot to "meddle in the affairs of Greenville County". But the attitudes of the jurymen were shaped not by what they heard or didn't hear in court, but by the dark tides of history. No system of jurisprudence could alter the fact that in the mind of the average South Garolinian—indeed, of the average American—white and black men do not stand in equality before the law.

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The Greenville trial, it seems to us, illustrates the fundamental fallacy in the argument of those who believe that racial justice may be achieved by a change of jurisdiction. What Federal agency could have done a better job of identifying and arresting the lynchers than did the Sheriff of Oreenville Oounty with the assistance of the State Constabulary and the FBI? What Federal prosecutor could have presented a more effective case than that detailed by the two South Carolina solicitors? What Federal jurist could have displayed greater respect for the law and the amenities than did Judge Martin? If conviction for lynching is impossible in a Circuit Court of South Carolina bit is no less impossible in a Circuit Court of South Carolina it is no less impossible in a Circuit Court of South Carolina it is no less impossible in a Circuit Court of South Carolina it is no less impossible in a Circuit Court of South Carolina it is no less impossible in a Circuit Court of South Carolina it is no less impossible in a Circuit Court of South Carolina it is no less impossible in a Circuit Court of South Carolina it is no less impossible in a Circuit Court of South Carolina it is no less impossible in a Circuit Court of South Carolina it is not less impossible in a Circuit Court of South Carolina it is not less impossible in a Circuit Court of South Carolina it is not seen impossible in a Circuit Court of South Carolina in the Carolina in the

flect the prevailing attitudes of the region.

Those who are concerned with retribu-tion may regard the trial in Greenville as a failure. But in the light of history it ap-pears as a triumph—an impressive demon-stration that responsible south Carolinians have not lost sight of the ideal of impartial justice set forth by their own laws. The barriers of prejudice still stand between the ideal and its realization, but they have been measurably reduced.

### Preview Of The Stassen Doctrine

HAROLD STASSEN, back from a factfinding tour of Europe, has presented
what is, in effect, the first coherent alternative to the Truman Doctrine yet brought
forward by a major public figure. Alternative, perhaps, is not an exact term, for Mr.
Stassen accepts President Truman's badie
thesis that American dollars and prestige
must be used abroad to counteract Communits expansion. But he would extend
Mr. Truman's rather cautitous program considerably, and even change its direction.

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Mr. Stasen proposes a sort of national
tithe—ten percent of America's productive
resources to be devoted for the next ten
years to the reconstruction of the world
economy. Nor would he expect this enormous "loan" to be repaid in dollars or in
goods: America would profit from the arrangement, he feels, by guaranteeing that
stable and peaceful world order without
which our own economy cannot survive.

But Mr. Stassen would not, as would Hen-ry Wallace, pour out American bounty without attaching strings. Nor-would he use American resources to prop up decadent governments whose sole virtue is their opgovernments whose sole virtue is their op-position to Communism. as Mr. Truman has come danigerously close to proposing. In return for American goods and services Mr. Slassen would exact long-term agree-ments for fair access to raw materials, agreements that no beneficiary government would move further away from our concept of individual economic freedom, free access by Americans to all areas joining in his "production for peace" program, and un-wavering support of the program of the United Nations.

Technically, this is imperialism of a sort, for Mr. Stassen is proposing that America employ her advantageous position to force

her own economic and political concepts upon what will be, in many cases, a reluctant world. But it is not imperialism in the sense that the Dinted States would seek the sense that the United States would seek the sense of the

A question arises, of course, as to cost.

Mr. Stassen speaks in terms of percentages,
but they transiste into billions of collars.

Rowever, thoughtful and as yet unanswered
critics of the Truman Doctrine believe that
the cost of its implementation must also
run into billions if it is to be effective. Mr.

Stassen might argue, as Mr. Truman has
in effect, that the question is not whether
the nation can afford to accept his program, but whether it can afford not to.

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At any rate Mr. Stassen's ideas add up to a valuable contribution to our present effort to formulate a new and effective foreign policy. However questionable it may be in detail, his lowa speech sets forth a positive program as opposed to the essentially negative approach embodied in the Truman Doctrine. Mr. Stassen is rapidly establishing himself as a worthy political heir of the late Wendell Wilkiet—a courageous champion of a better world who stubbornly clings to the increasingly unpopular belief that there must be a better way to resolve the world's differences than the use of naked force.

## Mr. Hoover Reveals A Secret

HERBERT HOOVER has always seemed to us a strange and lonely figure, but never a comic one. There was an indestructible dignity about him in his trying years as President, a dignity that defiel even those remarkable photographs that depleted him in the feathered headdress of a Sloux chieftain.

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The unbending quality so apparent in all of Mr. Hoover's pictures came primarily from his high, rigid collar, and his steadfast refusal to abandon it under any circumstances. It loomed, tall and pristine, under his chins even when he posed for the photographers in the middle of a troutstream; he may very well be the only man in history who ever combined hip-book in history who ever combined hip-book dark, plain necktie.

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These pictures never struck us as comic, as we say, although they did arouse doubts as to the atthementy of Mr. Hower's instruction as to the atthementy of Mr. Hower's the treat in the ancient act of the faberman. We had thought of him all these years as a man of massive dignity putting saide his natural inclination in response to the blandishments of canny and cynical political addes who felt that a fabing rod might provide a needed common touch.

Ti turns out, however, that Mr. Hoover was an honest fisherman during his years in the While Boues, aithough his motive, as we suspected, was not necessarily to catch fish. Speaking the other day of the harmering pressures that beset a President of the United States, he remarked: "There are only two occasions when Americans repect privacy, cappetainly in Presidents."

dr. Hoover's pursuit of the wily trout, in, was primarily a pursuit of privacy, an out to briefly shut away the yammering

voice of the people. The flahing rod was his protection, as a stamp album was Franklin Roosevelt's, and a hand of stud poker Harry Truman's. Even those who voted to give him a full measure of it can appreciate Mr. Hoover's very human desire for privacy. As for ourselves, we offer an apology for entertaining the suspicion that the formidable Mr. Hoover would put up with the discomforts and indignities of a trout stream for so mundane a purpose as attracting the vote of the Izaac Walton League.

Though a new plastic-type glue can pull a locomotive, nothing can beat the old-fashioned caramel for lifting the filling cleanly from a back tooth

Trade observers see movement in molasses, now that Government controls are off. Also now that it is Spring.

"Fifty-foot cut-outs of Wallace carried in May Day parades." We thought the shut-in types who cut up paper dolls would like to know what is being done outside.

Strangely enough, the Moscow meet was written up years ago, by Ring Lardner, in his sketch of the big business conference that was called to decide to hold another conference.

Moscow was no failure, says Marshall.

And it is true we were spared the unhealthy spectacle of diplomats coming to
the surface rater 40 vodkas and asking
weakly, "What did I sign?"

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People's Platform

'The Real Truth...'

Editors. The News:

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relative to the illegal sale of and consumption of intoxicants:

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stores for the sake of revenue;

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-D. W. McCULLOCH. State Secretary.

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Editors. The News:

TODAY I have read with great interest an article
on Don Richardson, one of your outstanding
citizens, especially in the music world of your city.
We home folist of Sampson County are very proud
of this man and always enjoy his return trips to his
home county.

One little item of interest that his Charlotte friends will enjoy and appreciate is the fact that Don was quite a baseball pitcher before he left his hometown, and he pitched on the County Championship Team of 1896.

### Senator Soaper Says:

Against any psychologist's theory that until the moppet is 12 he thinks his father a deity, we have the evidence of the snowman, laboriously sculptured in the image of the old man.

A Spokane customer of the WAA who ordered rivets and got needles and thread is doing all right, thinks a local home builder who may have to resort to Scotch tape for want of nails.

### Marquis Childs

## Anti-Discrimination

LIBANY, N. Y.

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### REPRESSION AVOIDED

NATIONAL ISSUE

### Samuel Grafton

# Our Housing Scandal

THE dull stupor in which we are all looking at each other while what we laughingly call our housing program bogs down is one of the control o

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# Drew Pearson's : Jap Public Got Facts About U. S. Officer Merry-Go-Round

ONE of the amazing things about the secret Naval, court-martial of Lt. Comdr. Edward N. Little in connection with maltreatment of American prisoners in a Jap prison camp is that the Japanese people have had access to the facts but the American public hasn't.

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When the two Jap prison-camp commanders, Capt. I.

Fukuhara and Li. K. Uri, were fried and executed for the
brutal muster of American prisoners, the Japanese public

Littles name came-up frequently as having contributed to
the death of two men.

EDOAR VAN IN WAGEN, Pomeroy, Ohio; "Private Knight was tortured and starved to death. Knight stole some burs out of the gailey. The next morning Lt. Little, Navy, which was a start of the start of the

fifteen days during which time they revived him with cold water between beatings, so of beatings he passed out two or three times and the Japanese guards would revive him and continue the beating. Knjath was not fed during the fifteen days of torture. Four or five times he was auspended that the continue the beating. Knjath was not separate that way for several hours. On one occasion they suspended him by his fingers outside of the guardhouse where I and all the prisoners could see him. After fifteen days of this review of the continue of the continue