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Prohibition Is A Two-Sided Picture

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With only a few weeks remaining before the ABC election—and only one more day for registration—there is only one organization in the field. The problibitionists are sincere, militant and effective. From pulpit and platform they have laid down a constant barrage of propaganda (we do not use the word in any invidious sense) on behalf of their cause. To counteract this there has been only an occasional dissenting opinion expressed by this newspaper, or by a private citizen moved to dispatch a letter to the editor.

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All of this, however, should disprove the charge of the prohibitionists that they are opposed by a vast, well-heeled conspiracy of distillers and their mercenary hirelings. The welkin rings these days with the claim that the liquor interests are pouring a golden flood of dollars into Mecklenburg to golden flood of dollars into Meckienours or sway the voters. If they are, they are get-ting precious little for their money. The

UnDER the rules of politics an organized minority can often defeat an unorsanized majority. An election does not necessarily reflect the will of the people: rather it reflects the will of the people: rather it reflects the will of the people: rather it reflects the will of the people: who have the desire and the energy to go to the polls and express themselves.

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and no matter in ecicle whether liquor shall be distributed legally, to the profit of control of country or lilegally, to the profit of Charlactes' thriving underworld. Even those who consider liquor the greatest of social evils may vote in good conscience for the ABC system if they decide that any resultant increase in consumption will be outweighed by bringing the traffic into the profits used for the common good.

There is a danger, of course, that the persistent efforts of the prohibitionists will convince many an independent voter that those who support the ABC system stand on untenable moral ground. This technique could keep many voters away from the policy leaving the way clear for the dedicated drys whose minds are permanent before and irrevocably made up. Western the way clear for the dedicated drys whose minds are permanent before well as a support the support of the control kell of the winning side. The independent voter must go to the polis and cast his balloit in accordance with the facts as he sees them if this is to be a vote representative enough to provide a fair settlement of an ancient and divisive issue.

GOP Cart Before The Horse

IF Democratic Congressmen customarily displayed any high degree of party discipline it would not be surprising to find such a clear partisan division in the Senate in the matter of reducing taxes. President Truman has argued all along that present tax rates must be maintained in this time Truman has argued all along that present tax rates must be maintained in this time of prosperity in order to permit reduction of the national debt, but the Republicans are dedicated to carrying out their campaign piedge to slash the income tax any cost. Oddly enough legdership for definition of the state of the stat

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two Houses have reached a final decision on the budget.

Republican defeat of this proposal is a victory, perhaps, but it also may be a boomerang. For, as Senator Byrd do duding a final decision of the proposal of the republicant of having to reimpose some of the tax burden it is now lifting. Such action, coming at a time when the taxpayer is feeling an economic pinch, would wipe out any popularity the GOP may gain through its current action.

The hard fact that the Republican leadership prefers to incore is that the present budget is high primarily because the present budget is high primarily because the present salves endorsed. On the same day the GOP Senators were getting set to cut the income lax, President Truman was once again requesting authority to arm and train the troops of every country in the Western Hemisphere, Canada included. Mr. Truman, as is his custom, did not discuss the cost of this program, but certainly it will be heavy. It is as locical a part of his new Doctrine as support of Greece and Turkey, but unhappily it is also given a whole. Granted it is not a pretty picture, but it certainly cannot be ignored. It may be that an intelligent and determined attack upon the budget will make possible by a continuation of what Senator Bartley has quitte properly called "a combination of it-responsibility and political expediency."

The Supreme Court Set A Goal

"THE idea of uniform (rail) rates is revolutionary and its effectuation unquestionably will result to some extent adversely at the outset to Northern industry."
The Defroit News observes. But the newspaper goes on to defend the Supreme
Court's class rate decision even though
Michigan, one of the heaviest losers under
the new order, has officially battled the
rate adjustment along with the other states
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The rate structure was not discriminatory against the South by intent, The News inside, but it concedes that it has had that effect. It agrees with the Supreme Court that the time has come to remove those artificial barriers which stand in the way of uniform regional development by favoring the heavily industrial areas at the expense of the undeveloped South and West. Furthermore, The News hazards the guess that, despite the planitive cries of Eastern manufacturers and Swithern railroads, the total effect of the readjustment will be far less painful than has been predicted.

Certainly that is true insofar as the adjustment of class rates is concerned. But that adjustment, if the full intent of the Supreme Court decision is to be carried out, is only a beginning. Full regional equality for the South and the West will not be realized until all freight shipments move on a uniform mileage basis in all parts of

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The railroads have lone insisted that so all ampossible of anherment, and the solid impossible of anherment, and coat factors are figured into their highly, complicated rate schedules, and costs are not uniform among the regions. Certainly we cannot expect to obtain full equality in rates for all types and classes of freight, overright. But the effect of the Supreme Court decision was to reverse the railroads' effort, directing it toward that goal and away from the old rate system which was based upon the theory that discrimination is inevitable. That is the greatest value of the Court's decision, and it far exceeds, any immediate gain the South may realize from the welcome adjustment of class rates.

Another Voice

It's Love, Love, Love

Tin Pan Alley's stock in trade is love.

Typeferably with a nostagile twing, we wouldn't contend that it always wastes time and money on nonsense songs such as "Marry Doals" or the Remus opus "Zijonh-de-doo-dah" (spelling not guaranteed). And of course now and then it does pretty well with songs calculated to make you feel better, such as "Oh, What A Wonderful Morning" and "With a Song In My Heart."

these are exceptions, temporal fan-preaks that pass in the night. No rathop quartet has given them the kiss mortality. We can get along without

without the love songs. We like 'em old—and vapid. We prefer to stroll with Sweet Adeline down by the old mill stream under the harvest moon when you and I were young, Maggie; and we had rather dream of Jeanie with the light brown hair than of "Sister Sal 'who's musical," or Sloux City Sue; 'a cigarette that bears a lipstick's traces' simply isn't in it with home, sweet home. And we had rather give one of the old songs, in the gloaming, oh, my darling, an hour of our valuable time than to give a new song "file minutes more, and the simulation of the song the song the simulation of the song to give a new song "five minutes more, only five minutes more."

Don't ask us why; it's just the way we are. -Greensboro Daily News.



People's Platform

The Golden Era--II

Editors. The News:

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Editors, THE NEWS:

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the people.

If I could just have fifteen minutes of radio time.

I believe I could convince every person who was listening to my point of view. I ask every reader of this article to write and let me know that you are with me. We must drive liquor from North Cardina.

—BOBBY PACE

The People's Platform is available to any reader who ceres to mount it. Communications possible, and on only one side of the paper. Libet and obscenity will be deleted—otherwise anything ones. Each letter must be signed, although, in exceptional cases and upon request, and the work of the communication of the communication

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forget it.

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Joseph & Stewart Alsop

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Drew Peurson's : Cancer Society Chairman Plays Politics Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON

IT looks as if politics had entered into the fight against
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Protecting The Public

How patriotically Frank Howard of Standard Oil has otected his country's interests—as against his company's terests—as a gainst his company's terests—is indicated by a secret conference which he had the Nazi leaders in Holland in the Fall. of 1939-after Hishad: invaded Poland.

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At that time Standard Oil of New Jersey, of which
Prank Howard is an executive, had entered a deal with
I. G. Parben to withhold from the American public the use
of synthetic rubber patients. The property of the pr

ober during the war.

Frank Howard, meeting secretly with I. O. Farben equitives in Holland after Hiller invaded Poland wrote a ter to his company telling how he had arranged to take the Nazi patents and hold them, apparently for astephing, even if the United States came into the war against rmany.

Jap Prison Torture

SHOCKING evidence continues to accumulate regarding the terrible torture of American prisoners at Camp 17,

Fukioka District, Japan, where Lt. Com E. N. Little turned some American prisoners over to the Japa for punishment, A sworn affidavit algand by Billy G. Ayers, 2009 E. Grant, Marshall, Texas, to American war crimes investigator, tells of Japanese torture with an electric current, as follows:

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"I wish to place some of the blame on such treatment of the men on Lt. Little (U. S. Names authorities rather, than dealing with them in their own way, Lt. Little was in charge of the mess heal. T/Sgt. Bennett was in charge of camp duty."

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Note—The Naval court-martial now trying Command Little in Washington not only maintains strict secret be the head of the court has lectured witnesses that the must not talk to anyone about their testimony. Mea while the Japanese public has had access to all the fact