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Everybody Wins, Nobody Loses

UNDER the prevailing concept shared by both parties and the general public somebody is bound to lose when the contract is signed. That some both contract is signed. That some both contract is signed. That some both contract is signed. That some contract with the coal operators, the general public itself, which will pay for the mineral pub cost and benefits through the increased cost of coal and steel. Thus it is rare indeed when all parties to a union contract can join in a glowing joint statement after its signing.

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That, however, is exactly what has happened in the case of Ford's new contract
with the United Automobile Workers. The
negotiations were long and drawn-out and
there was a real threat of a strike. But in
the end Ford's personnel director and
UAW's negotiator emerged to swap big
smiles and back-pats for the cameramen.

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Both parties, it appears, got what they wanted. The union obtained a modest pay boost and certain other direct benefits but, most important of all, Pords workers were placed under in industrial history. In other words, the union obtained a high degree of security for its members, and that, of course, is a prime objective of that, of course, is a prime objective of the trade union movement.

The pension plan will cost Ford millionsoft foliars, but the company will also obtain something in return—stability for its own operation. The pension plan will serve to bind workers to their jobs: the employee who leaves Ford from new on forfeits the thousands of dollars worth of cash benefits which will be his if he sticks until he

reaches retirement age. Ford's rate of per-sonnel turn-over is already one of the low-est in the industry: its personnel experis expect the new pension plan to reduce it to the vanishing point.
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If both the company and the union profit, how will the public fare? According to Ford's calculations the consumer also stands to benefit from this contract. The price of Fords may be increased slightly in the beginning, but over the long haul increased efficiency resulting from the stable labor force guaranteed by the pension plan is expected to reduce the same as expected to reduce the same as a contract which conflicted with its traditional theories of mass production—the most cars for the least money. It is significant that negotiations for this rounded to the same properties of the profit one side might call at the expense of the other, or both might call at the expense of the gift of the profit of the profit one side might call at the expense of the other, or both might call at the expense of the other, or both might call at the expense of the other, or both might call at the expense of the other, or both might call at the expense of the other, or both might call at the expense of the other, or both might call at the expense of the other, or both might call at the expense of the other, or both might call at the expense of the other, or both might call at the expense of the other, or both might call at the expense of the other, or both might call at the expense of the other, or both might call at the expense of the other, or both might call at the expense of the other, or both might call at the expense of the other, or both might call at the expense of the other. The other of the other of

There is an obvious moral to the Ford-JAW story. It could apply to all industrial labor relations—but it will not so long as either management or union persists in re-carding contract negotiation as a siturfest in which one party can win only when the other loses.

Congress And The Plane Crashes

WHEN a passenger plane comes down in finaming ruins the loudest cries of protest and outrage usually go up from the Congress. The recent wave of air tragedies produced, along with the customary oratory, a stentorian Congressional demand that something be done. In response, President Truman appointed a special board of insuity baseded by CAR Chairman, James inquiry headed by CAB Chairman James M. Landis. Now Mr. Landis has fitted the shoe squarely on Congress.

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Over 35 per cent of the fatal air accidents, Mr. Landis found, take place during landing or the approach to the field These accidents. he points out, result not from any organic failure, but from the fact that present mechanical aids are all most airports, inadequate. And he concludes that such accidents are preventable.

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There's nothing new in that conclusion.

Congress has heard the story many times before, and in times past it has even acted upon it. But in the 80th Congress the 30 for a story of the story of by main strength.

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The record as compiled by Mr Landis is evealing. Approach lights—recommended by CAB, 68 units; approved by the House, to units; approved by the Senate, two units. Ground control approach—recommits.

mended, 23 units; approved by the House, 9 units, approved by the Senate, two units. Surveillance radar — recommended, 25 units; approved by the House, nine units; approved by the Senate, four units. Instru-

units approved by the House nine units; approved by the Senate, four units. Instrument landing system — recommended 68 units approved by House 30 units approved by Benate, none.

How much money has the Congress saved by slashing these appropriations? Mr Landis estimates that 131,282,000 would have financed the whole program recommended by the CAB The expenditures authorized by the House total 18,290,000, by the Sédate only \$517,006 By comparison with the sums in which the Congress customarity deals these are infinitesimal savings, indeed, and the savings indeed the savings indeed to the savings in the savin

to death.

As of now Congress bears a major share of the blame for our airline fatallites. When next the sentlemen are horrified by a plane crash they might, as The Atlanta Constitution suggests, start their own investigation and confine it to the Capitol building.

The Last Of The Mecklenburgs

WE HAVE been more than a little bemissioners received from George. Duke of
Mecklenburg. We could be wrong, but we
got the impression that George and selection
out the possibility of transferring his seat
to the last principality that bears his
name; there was a plaintive note in the
letter not unlike that sounded by a Brockhydrichama singue of more wrong, since
there is a fair chance that the Duke will
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At any rate it was a touching tale the Duke had to tell. The Mecklenburgs have excellent royal connections in addition to their own nobe blood, but this is not a happy season for nobility. George could re-eall a pleasant boyhood in Russia in the heyday of his grandmother, Granduchess Katherine But the revolution, alsa, sbrupi-ly terminated that idyll, and by the time of World Wai II the Mecklenburgs were down to their last easile. The old home place in Mecklenburgs-Rempin burned in 1940—It was 'large and beautiful.'' George reports—and the Duke had to take refuze in the eastle of a step-daughter in Frank-

furt. Then in 1944 there was some diffi-culty with the Gestapo (timely it was, in view of later developments) and now of course, there is even more difficulty with the Allied occupation forces.

Small wonder then, that George is won-dering these days how things are in Meck-lenburg, North Carolina. His noble blood— be could, we gather, lay honest claim, to Russian, Austrian, and French titles if he cared to—avails him nothing in post-war Europe. If it's worth anything anywhere it is probably here in this rude but forget-

ful republic.

After all, it's been a good many years since Mcklenburg spawmed a brood of hornets and shouted deflant words at the Duke's great-great-great-aunt Charlotte's husband, George III of England. The Duke, we suspect, would be welcome here. He could pick up a star-toom house for the property of the property

Another Voice

The Old Swimming Hole

DOWN in rural Mecklenburg the forces of public deceancy are taking the rag off the bushes in their drive against country lads and lassies who use the old swimming holes in the 'crick' or river without benefit of bathing suits.

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How times have changed! When many
of us middle-aged Tar Heels were young
aprouts and roamed the Piedmont's charming bucolle haunts nobody thereabouts had
ever seen or heard about such things as
bathing suits.

But the world "do move," and we must pay the price of progress. Bucolic haunts are not as sparsely settled as they once wers. In many places modern hard-sur-

faced highways stretch along the stream banks. The old swimming hole, once lo-cated in secluded spots where the foot of the female rarely ventured, now may be a part of a lake where 'there are as many young women in the water as there are boys and me.

young women in the water as there are boys and men. All this perhaps is for the better. Yet do these modern youngsters with all their new privileges and facilities for recreation really have anything like the fun which was enjoyed by the barefooted, overalled country boys who caught catfish and suckers with a hook and string fastened to a case, and paddled mode in the militory of the "old swimming hole?" —Twis City Sanitacl.



HERBLOCK People's Platform

More On FDR

Editors, Thi News

THE NEWS of July 4 carried in its People's Platform one of the most victous and renomous attacks upon a dead man who is no longer here to
defend himself that I have ever read. However
the millions of Americans who elected Mr. Roosevict four times to be their President knew what
there were doing and today his name is written
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If we have been plunged into a world de-ssion by twelve years of Republican rule, then at certainly we have been plunged into a bloody appointings world war by fourteen years of

_P C BURKHOLDER

CHARLOTTE

IN recent issues of THE NEWS, I've noticed letters concerning FDR A Mr. A W Black was bragging of the good times during the regime of the king of reactionscies. Mr. Herbert Hoover Mr. Black did not boast of either of the Roose-

Oreat was the piteous cry from large or small sinesses in 1922 for the liberals to rescue them. I did not read a prayer for the soula of people o committed suicide or starved under Herbert over Nor for the victims of a war made inevitable Republican diplomacy. -J. M. SHIELDS

The People's Platform is available to any reader who cares to mount it Communications should be less than 300 words typecritien if possible and on only one side of the paper Libel and observity will be deleted onbervaus anything goes Each letter must be stored althouch in exceptional cases and uson reader we will suithhold the writer's name.—Editors. The News.

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Marquis Childs

Leftist Isolationism

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Samuel Grafton

3rd Party Sentiment

This does not mean that they are as happy at the day is long, that they read the Washington news with many merry tra-las or that their eyes dim over with an affectionate mist when 'they think of the Democrats and also of the Re-

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Drew Pearson's : FBI Tracks Missing White House Guests Merry-Go-Round

week under circumstances which even had the PBI searching for her.

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of the Democratic National Committee.

If the Federal Government required the oil companies or the state of California to pay back royalities for oil taken from land which actually belonged to the Federal Government, they would be bankrupt. Therefore, it was amounteed the swolld not be collected that that there have from the swolld not be collected that that there have royal-legislation has to be passed, however, regarding the committee of present teases and as to how new leases shall be under the collected to the own the leases when the collected to the own the lease shall be under the collected to the own the leases shall be under the collected to the own the leases shall be under the collected to the collect

made.

To that end. Secretary of the Interior Krug proposed to Attorney General Tom Clark last week that a bill drawn up by his Interior Department subordinates be sent to Congress continuing the present leases which previously had been made by the states. Clark Says No

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THE Attorny General's reaction was immediate.

THell, no, he said, "after winning this fight I'm not going to give up what we've won."

Clark who had a lot of experience with Texas oll leases before he entered the Government, then pointed out that some of the leases aiready signed by the state run indefinitely, therefore, if the Pederal Government took them over as is, it couldn't change them in the foture; and some oil for retark might have big bonansas which would continue for retark.

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The Attorney General proposed, therefore, that all leases examined and a limit be placeddon their terms. Where mpanies had spent large amounts on a less productive III, allowance should be made in favor of the company, the maintained that leases signed should not run indefi-

ederal leasing act aiready in existence by which the U. S. coveriment pays 37 1-2 per cent of any royally it derives on leasing mileration opibile lands to the states in which Kring heartily agreed that the whole problem should be used further. "We'll get our heads knocked in by Congress, what-er we recommend," he added turbully.

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GOP Senate Chaplain

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