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Marshall Plan Up To The People

Whiter residents and visitors at Pine-hurst, including citizens from the West, the North and the East, were among the citi-gens who signed the original petition. The movement is expected to spread over the country. If it catches on, this people's peti-tion might well be the deciding factor in saving the Marshall Plan, thereby prevent-ing Congress from making perhaps its stupidest blunder in all history.

As was pointed out by Mr. Herbert Agar, ho suggested the petition before the Pinewho suggested the petition before the Pine-hurst Forum last week, our representatives in Congress do not exercise the function of leadership which goes with their office and which we innocently expect them to juse. They wait to be pushed and it is apparent now that they need a big shove from their

constituents.

THE PINEHURST petitifiers note that little opposition has been expressed to the Marshalf Plan principles but Congress has blocked the way by creating a maze of differences of opinion over administrative and financing details. This strategy of an oblique attack on an jdea or a program that cannot be assalled directly is an old device. It was used by the isolationists to prevent America's entry in the League of Nations, which was the thing that doomed Woodrow Wilson's plan to establish a durable world peace after the First World War.

ble world peace after the First World War. In 1919, while the people expressed their overwhelming support for the Wilsonian concert of nations through the Wilsonian concert of nations through the position of the interest of the Sente talked this hope to death and administered the copy de-grace with a basketfull of reservations which made America's resolution of ad-hernete to the League meaningless. Wilson's followers rejected the sham resolution in a stormy Senate scene over which played the shadows of the Second World War. America then turned tits back on Europe, rushed blindly into the Age of Normalcy and the

Marshau Pian Up 10 Inte People

North Carollana may have made one of its larger contributions to the general well being in initiating a movement for the circulation of petitions cailing on Congress to support the Marshall Pian. It started this week at a conference of citizens in Pinchurst, the peaceful all-year resort region where Secretary Marshall recently recovered his wind for a not her attenuous round of peacemaking Conferes in an effort to impress the simple facts of life on our Washington lawmakers.

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THROUGH churches. lobbles, newspapers, magazines, polls and petitions, the American citizens aircady have shown that they indoors the principle of the Marshall Plan. They can see that it is the only practical way to proceed in making a beginning in the restoration of international order. It brings together those nations that trust us and will work with us in a joint economic endeavor which may be expanded to include other nations as we go along and eventually lead to true world prosperity and peace. It offers the only way to stabilize the West to the point where the Soviet world will want to come to terms with aut. It will be out to come to terms with aut. It will be out the common that the stabilization of the control of the contr

Plan. They know that the Administration's molives are ab or es supplicion of seeking partisan political advantage in asking the people to assume the heavy burden which this Plan entails. In the face of all this, the isolationists have been forced to mask their attack on the Plan behind schemes for revision. In order to appease popular sentiment, they may even approve a modified "plan." with plenty of strings attached. They already have changed the commitment from four years too nead it is clear that if we are to have a real European Receivery Program, the people had better speak more positively to Congress now.

Estes Kefauver Of Tennessee

B USHYBROWED Boss Ed Crump of Mem-phia relied upon his fabled capacity for invective this week to meet an anonymous threat to his life. The mysterious author of an extortion note directed "Mr. Ed" to deposit \$50,000 at a certain street corner or deposit \$50,000 at a certain street corner or take the consequences. The gaed political strategist enclosed in his brief case a note reading. "To the coward perpetrating this dastardly thing: anyone could take a white mouse with baby teeth and run you in the Mississippi River", and waited with it at the appointed spot. The extortionist failed to show up, so "Mr. Ed" picked up his bundle and went home, disappointed, no doubt, that he had been deprived of the pleasure of seeing the enemy crumble before his withering words.

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A more serious threat to Hon. Mr.
Crump's peace of mind, and one which
may not be easily dispelled by virtuic fusminations, is that presented by Tenness,
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set that the Memphis bose has chosen to
discard one of his current tools in the Sensteed, undistinguished Tom Stewart, in behalf of an obscure circuit judge, John A.
Mitchell, who will combat Rep. Estes Kefauver, one of the South's ablest young
Congressmen, for the State's junior Senatorial seat.

If Stewart decides that he will seek to retain his Senatorial toga without the senefit of Crump support, Tennessee may ook forward to a lively campaign year, and the independent Mr. Kefauver, by all odds

the best man in the race, would then seem to be the likely winner no matter how "Mr. Ed" casts his fat bloc of Memphis and Shelby County votes.

Shelby County votes.

Estes Kefauver has served the people well in Washington. He is an ardent champion of the TVA, of reciprocal trade legislation, of equalized freight rates, of Federal aid to education, of veterant' benefits, of the Agricultural Adjustment Act and rural what will be recorded to the greatest schewenest is his effort to reorganize the structure of the Congress so that the national legislature can more effectively perform the tremendous tasks confronting it. Mr. Kefauver was one of the group who secured enactment of the 1946 Legislative Reorganization Act, and in a definitive book, published in 1947, "Twentieth Century Congress" he set forth amy additional proposals for streamlining our Congressional mechanism.

sional mechanism.

On a bree-point platform in which he piedged his efforts in seeking world peace, strengthening the TVA, and stabilization of our economy, Eates Refauvre is basing his claim for promotion to the Benate of the those of the

From The St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Retreat Into Ignorance?

Twie quality of education in American bubble schools is rapidly deteriorating because of the employment of teachers not fit for their jobs. This situation is going from bad to worse with every prospect of a major crisis before 1955, according to a report made in the Elementary Journal of report made in the Elementary Journal of the Company of the Co

las and Lloyd H. Elliott.

The origin of the trouble is in the low
pay offered school teachers, but already
poor instructors are getting better wages
than did the competent ones of yesterday.
So many persons have let the profession
and so few are willing to enter it that
many school boards have no choice but to
unqualified individuals.

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No end of this trend is in sight. According to census figures, 143,000 more teachers will be needed in 1995 than were employed in 1946, indeed, the child population of the United States is rising so rapidly that 12, 180 more teachers were needed in 1947 than in 1946. As a result, 125,000 teachers were employed in the school year 1946-47 on a subtrandard basis.

At the same time, only 2 per cent of the nillions of students attracted to American astitutions of higher learning by the G. I.

Bill of Rights were enrolled in teachers' col-leges, and not even all of those really in-tend to enter the profession.

What lies ahead is obvious: more nore crowded class rooms, poorer and more crowded class rooms, poorer and poorer instruction, a lower and lower standard of American education. The success of democracy, however, always has depended on the intelligent participation of the people in their government. In an era in which political, economic and social problems are growing more and more complex, the United States cannot afford a retreat into ignorance, voluntary or involuntary. Teaching must be made more attractive—and soon.

Were all the civil leaders to pull off their coats, roll up their sleeves and go to work with saws, chiesles and hammers, even if no more than 40 hours a week, it would solve the housing shortage in a few months. In South Carolina the civic leaders are now so numerous that the number of persons lett to be led is inconveniently small.—Charjeston New & Courter.

Present price of apples does much to refute the claim that money doesn't grow on trees.-Vicksburg Post.



People's Platform

Should America Overpower Russia?

DAVIDSON

Is IT not plain that Russia is determined—come what
may—to continue her course of communiting Western Europe, Esseria Asia, Manchuria and other purts
of the globe. At any rate the Western world is dealing
with a lawles, murderous government, headed by
blind thes two Curtain and at the same time fears
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With our atomic bombs already here in large quantities why not say to Russia: "Let go your military hold on Europe and withdraw your armies to your own Russian territory; cles we will destroy the Kremlin and Moncow Heldf. We with peace, but not at the price of the enabement; we will destroy the not at the price of the enabement; communities, the price of the enabement of the working held the belief at least and meanwhile patiently wait for Russia to prepare and get ready to meet us on equal terms, while we willdness from Europe Leaving Europe to her faste and this Western Rumbholer will be the price of the price and the Western Rumbholer will be the price and the price will be the price of the price will be price will be the price of the price will be the price of the price will be the price will be the price of the price will be the price will be the price of the price will be the price

bloody, disastrous war to follow in no distant future. The more I read about four relations with Stalin's Russia and to suggestions as to what course the U. S. should pursue, the more continued I become as to what is the wise procedured nor. The committee of the president and the president and congress tested for the columnists and confusion and ere wandering in the dark. They know rettler what this nation should do more controlling that the president and the stall result of the president set of the presiden

atomic bombs of the U. S..

Time and again in the history of civilization nations have been confronted with the choice. Give me liberty or give me destif, and now the question as confronted, its a civilized nishon warranted, from a moral and humane point of view in asying: "Til take death, if death it must be, and preserve freedom extended, if the confronted with such a confronted with the confronted with such the view of the confronted with such the risk of being too late in action and to entertain he hope that the above direadful alternative will never become a reality."

Don't Be Deceived

Editors, The News:

IN your editorial of Jan 9, "Turning Point For The Orand Old Party", saying that Secretary Manhail the United States has come to a historic turning the United States has come to a historic turning point of the ways. With this statement I spree 100 per cent. Secretary Marshall knows, Truman knows, and you cought to know that New Deal foolishness of any one cought to know that New Deal foolishness of any one opin to the way between the United States and Russia, with or without the world to a turning point of the ways between the United States and Russia, with or without the handle like the cought of the states the States and Russia, with or without the handle like the Country of the States and Russia, with or without the handle like the Country in the Republican testas.

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Our African Base

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UPSET SOVIET PLANS

Think Of His Feelings

Your Congressman

By JAMES MARLOW
Associated Press Staff, Writer
WASHINGTON
HAVE you been saying anything
about your congressman lately?
Think of his feelings.

Timits of his feelings.
One congressinan, who recently went home to tell what Congress is doing, used half his speech to talk about a congressman's feelings. He's no chicken in-politics, either. He's Rep. Homer A. Ramey, an Ohlo Republican. He's been in Ohio politics 2s years and in Congress filte.

If Just goes to show you, when you read what. Ramey said, that you cought to think fore and aft before you rock a congressman's cance. Suppose you prake him. He has to be careful that it won' 'tull him to a false sense of security.''
And criticism! He may look upon it as "murderous barbs buried at him" or, sometimes, as "torrents of abuse."

abuse."
And there's always the danger, if you say nasty things about him, that you'll make his skin thick. How thick? Thick as an elephant's.

Here's some of what Ramey said:
"There are those meaning people everywhere who say Congress is doing nothing. They are equaled in number, sound and fury by those who insist Congress is doing too

negona the bounds set for it by the conclusion... one in all "se hear that Congress is bent on destroying free neterprise. Not long ago I was accused of being in sympathy with the Communities hand Congress is regarded by many advanced thinkers as quite out of date. If not that it is the tool of the Chamber of Commerce, the National Association of Commerce, the National Association Country of the National Association Co

ngress has often been castiga-is subservient to organized

"No wonder the sensitive soul who came to Congress full of idealism and determination to save the nation in its hour of need sometimes falls into the mood of the old song: "I care for nobody, no, not I, and nobody cares for me."...

Drew Pearson's: Civil Air Board Headache For Truman Merry-Go-Round:

PRESIDENT TRUMAN, after firing Chairman Jim Landis of the Civil Aeronautics. Board, has now got himself in the nest position of having not a single, solitary top administrator to regulate the yield a firitine of the matter.

It is not to the world, has just resigned as head of the Civil Aeronautics Administration; while the third man, Charles Stanton, has taken a four-year leave of absence to build up the Brazillan atriline at twice the salary he geta.

This leaves the sitways of the nation denuded of Government administrators.

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The Odays after his Princeton speech last June, for interest communications Commission, despite his long and meritorious career first with the Blast of California, later with the U. S. Government.

Landis a has do the Civil Aeronaulton Board despite the fact that Landis had served raithfully as chairman of the Securities & Exchange Commission, agent grueling years as wartime head of civilian the alrihase of the pation.

Then just as the Senate was rebuffing Truman's plan to replace Landis with a milliary man, Maj. Gen. Laurence Civil Aeronautics Administration.

This is just as great a loss as Landis. For while Landis as leased of CAB, allocated affine routes and fixed general fever commission, in the world recognised him as the top sirastept technician.

Mayflower Veterans Administrator

GEN. Carl Gray, new Veterans Administrator, seems to have
been greatly impressed by the Pederal witch hunt. Apbeen greatly impressed by the Pederal witch hunt. Apperfect of the Pederal witch hunt. Apbeen greatly impressed by the Pederal witch hunt. Apbeen greatly impressed by the Pederal witch hunt. Apbeen greatly impressed by the Pederal Walter April

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"And I appreciate your Mayflower ancestry." Huber
went on, "But what I hope is that we can work together on
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O out of a "Meet the Press" radio program unless the newspaper men who interviewed him were his own personal
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fasted radio interview, but those Pappy finally selected to
fasted radio interview, but those Pappy finally selected to
face him across the microphone were. Walter Trohan of the
Chicago Tribuna, Bob Johnson of the Houston Post, and
Courterd Pappy with yerbal kisses. . . Venerable Senator
Bob Wagner of New York is sometimes accused of being too
III to be on the job. However, he was able to conduct a

Wright gave as his reason for resigning not only low, Government salary but the lack of opportunity in Government services. In other words, politicians were appointed to lively plums over his head.

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Porter Spells It Out

PAUL. POINTER, former OPA director, was asked by a newman to comment on prospects for a Republican-approved price-central program.

"The only answer I can give," replied Porter, "is a four-letter word."

"We can't print it," warned the newsman, "but I'd like to know what the word is, just to gratify my own curious;" I won't say the word," replied Porter, "I'll spell it. T-A-F-Z."