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Less Smoke, Better Councilmen

In THE smokeless, noiseless, alu m less, sanitary and peaceful Charlotte of to-morrow which is sure to come, a City Councilman probably will be remunerated hand-somely and have nothing to do except to draw his pay and receive the plaudits of his admiring constituents. In the soot-stained, clamorous, striving and contentious Charlotte of 1948, a Councilman has to put in a full day earning his own living before attending to the community's mutifarious affairs for the handsome stepen of 200 bucks a year, which hardly would have been regarded as hay even in the deflation of 1873.

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We did not start out to write a treatise on the Councilman's role in the American scheme, however. All this is said simply to emphasize the fact that it is no small thing that our Council has now decided to attack the counties problems pressing for immediate atteption.

Councilman Claude L. Albea started the ball rolling this week with a proposal that the Mayor appoint a committee to work with City Manager Yancey for enforcement of our smoke abatement ordinance, which been on the books since 1940. The Councilman Albea and including also Sandy R. Jordan and Nash D. McKee. It was announced that immediate steps would be taken to find an expert to fill the Job of City Smoke Abatement Engineer, authorized by the ordinance, and that studies would be made to determine if the ordinate would be made to determine if the ordinate of the ord

would be made to determine and ance needs revision.

In other words, it appeared that our problem virtually was solved in a few minutes. It all looks quite simple but actually

this life very complicated matter and we are just beginning one of the more difficult tasks on the Charlotte agenda. Councilman Albea and his co-committeemen are going to be astonished at how much there is to learn about the subject of smoke, and where they will find the time and energy for this study is their own problem. They are embarking on a tedious, thankless work from which the whole city will derive benefits exceeding by many times the money we have spent on Councilmen since 1873.

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Before it has proceeded far in this study, the Council Committee will be horrified at the evidence it finds of the damage caused by city smoke, its bad effect on the health of the heart of the heart

rected by an expert, backed by the law.

Being Councilmen, the Committee members probably will not be surprised at the
amount of opposition they encounter from
clitisens who see only a part of the problem
and who will not bother to study the subfect. It is clear that strenuous efforts, intelligent direction and untring devotion
will be required to make this program a
success, but the spirit in which it is being
access, but the spirit in which it is being undertaken is a good promise for a clean-er, happier Charlotte which may some day properly compensate and support its Coun-cilmen.

A Warning In The Price Break

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PRESIDENT TRUMAN renewed his request for price control legislation yesterday while commodity prices declined for
the second successive day and it seemed
that the free enterprise system was making the best possible answer to the demand
for Government regulation. Reporters asked
Mr. Truman to account for this surprising
turn in the price spiral but the President.
It may be doubted whether Mr. Truman
himself was surprised by this break in the
commodity market. Since he was forewarned by the decline of the previous day,
it is not unreasonable to assume that his
new call for price controls was timed deliberately with the manifestation of this
downward "trend" in prices. If such is the
case, it means the President was speaking
out to discount the deflationary significance
of the price decline and to remind the
country that the inflation still is with us
and will be for some time.

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Mr. Truman's warning that the inflation now has reached an alarming stage and that a crash is inevitable unless something is done to halt it was underscored by several things in the economic picture, and one in particular. That one big thing was the bad news from Britain, which is being forced to undertake new austerity measures in an effort to stave off disaster. Some observers have been examining the price break, and one of the possible factors they find is the evidence that there has been a general tightening of bank credit in recent days. However, the timing of the President's statement with the alarming reports from Britain places our commodity price downturn in a disturbing light, in

which this development may be seen as another grave symptom of the devastating effect which infiation is having, a warning that time for action on price controls is the control of the co

Hot-Heads Don't Help The South

OUTHERN politicians who are assailing President Truman for his Civil Rights Message of Monday and calling for "secession" from the national Democratic Party stand in danger of allenating themselves from sincere Southerners by the intemperance of their attack.

ance of their attack. We agree that the President's demand for anti-lynching legislation is unnecessary, since tensities have momonated except the state of the s

However, it should be apparent to hot-heads who claim that the President has heads who claim that the President has "stabbed the South in the back", and who throw the word "revoil" around with consumate abandon, that Mr. Truman has been driven to advocacy of such measures by the pressures of election year. The national Democratic administration has asked for this legislation before, but the Southern for this legislation before, but the Southern state that the control of the property of

this occasion?

By the protests of vociferous legislators, public attention is obscured from those portions of the President's message which represents the protection of the President's message which the president public protection is not to be a supported to the president public president public president public president primar pointed to various imperfections in our practice of democracy, to the discrepancy between democracy as we idealize it and democracy as we idealize it and democracy as we live it. In condemning his message in foot, these so-called "Southern spokesmen" leave the investable impression that we in the South do not know what democracy is all about.

We cannot believe that the great masses

of Southern people take such an hysterical attitude as some of their Congressional representatives would lead the remainder of the nation to believe. The South needs leaders who will intelligently advance its cause in Congress and in the Democratic Party, not representatives who hold this repair, but the contempt and ridicule of the nation by their demagogic utterances.

Tar Heel Justice

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The Atlanta Journal, in a special dispatch from a staff correspondent, tells how North Carolina, armed with new laws and an aroused public sentiment, is cracking down on traffic law violators. Drivers' licenses are being suspended, and flagrant law violators tossed in jail right and lett, we are told. Even the "big shot, the man of affairs" is being atternly dealt with if he transgresses. The Tar Heels must indeed be aroused if they are waiving the traditional immunities provided by unwritten law for immunities provided by unwritten law for continuously and the law of the law is discovered without going abroad in search of it. — Montgomery Advertiser.

Thought on a cold day: We wonder if shivering New England Republicans, with no oil in their furnaces, are still glad they prevented President Roseevelt from harnessing the tides of Passamaquöddy Bay to generate electricity which might now be heating their homes cheaply and cleanly?—Nunbulle Tennessean.

The Anti-Saloon League is figuring on changing its name to the National Temperante Federation. That way they'll get a lot of saloon keepers to join. — Fort Myers



People's Platform

How To Make The Peace?

in a second World War.

We also won the Second World War on the battle-field after sacrificing our boys and girls in the millions in disabled and dead and after working for millions in disabled and dead and after working for field with the sacrification of the sacrification of the sacrification of fact we are closer to another war, as some predict and that is also because we are applying the same methods and textics we did after the First World War, and employ the same type of representatives as we did than, whether from the State Department or

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People in finance or business never permit any of their representatives to make the same errors twice. People in finance or business never permit any of their representatives to make the same errors twice and the properties of the

What To Do On Smoke

The smoke situation can be helped here but not by a smoke engineer. It takes the proper equipment, repertence and fuel which the make engineer can't make the proper equipment. The most of our moke comes from our residential sections, projects and spartness at fire, that time of days of mental, humbidly start as fire, that time of days of mental, humbidly start as fire, that time of days of mental, so what are you going to do about it? I guess you know there is an oil shortage and of course you have to buy, any kind of cardy you can get a fire that the property of have to buy any kind of cardy you can get a fire that what did our smoke engineer do? In In 1940 what did our smoke engineer do? In Asheville what did he do? In Pittsburgh what did he do?

do?

I guess by now you are wonderfing what the solution is? A smoke engineer can't do it. Get with the master mechanic or the engineer, he will work with you if you don't pull his steam down.

—T. G. KANIPE,

Maintenance Engineer.

A Burkholder Classic

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MR. Burkholder's latest classic contains this gent.

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Marquis Childs

Political Tax Bill

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Samuel Grafton

Dissatisfied Voters

IT SEEMS to me the voters are much more disturbed about the respective than political leaders, especially the Republican himst they are. Else how can you explain the respectable to the

The public looked them all over and said calmly: "We'll take Eisen-hower." The old gag about a race being won by somebody who wasn't even in it almost came true.

situation.

The public has been asked to choose among professional politicians who have proved themselves totally unable, in four years of practice, to keep the price of food practice, to keep the price of food the provided of the provide

I would not be surprised if the public tried to invent another Eis-enhower for itself before this is

when it is the candidate whom the Republican leadership would most like to nominate and elect? Tafa, Which of the leading potential candidates stands nearest the bottom candidates stands nearest the bottom mitchly prouling afficiation, when he was the same proper and who is man whom a major party, soud most like to put over, and who is a the most clearly identified with its principle of the most clearly identified with its principle of the most clearly identified with its principle of the most clearly in which principle of the most clearly in the public point of the principle of the most clearly in the public principle of the most clear the public principle of t

Arthur, Dewey and Eisenhower.

This, too, then, is very close to being a vote against Republican policy. It could be said, on the basis of the straws, that Taft has aiready been repudiated by the public, and that the party which delights to honor him has already lost a shadow-election in his name.

As to whether this is a letward movement, or whether it maps and the come one, one cannot yet say. So far it looks more like a kind of foundering, a sort of disgusted search for a "non-political" leader, and the control of the cont

Drew Pearson's : Marriner Eecles Mystery Begins To Unfold

demanded of the Senate trast than manuras reassurements.
Even manufacturing firms, ranches, shipping, and retail innes on the West Coast are beholden to the Gianninis, interest on the West Coast are beholden to the Gianninis, to in the hands of only two men. It to much power to the Eccles sales has frowned on the approval of Giannini ap-cations for the opening of between 18 and 20 new branch has in California, now pending before Compreller of the renercy Preston Delano. Though Eccles has no direct jurismic over the applications, he has informed Delano unofficient over the applications, the ainformed Delano unofficient over the applications of the ainformed Delano unofficient over the applications, the ainformed Delano unofficient over the applications, the ainformed Delano unofficient over the applications, the ainformed Delano unofficient over the applications are ainformed Delano.

cially that the Federal Reserve Board feels that further Giannini expansion would be unfair to independent bank competitors.

Also, Excles feels that the Reserve Board has a stake in this latest Giannini move, since the new banks would be national bank branches, and thus automatically become part of the Federal Reserve System, if approved.

Bankers Don't Forget

ATURALLY, this was not forgotten by the two bankers.

It also happens that these two financiers have been of the Democratic Party on the West Coast. The Company of the Coast Coast

Democratic Party which finally tilled the scale against Composition of the Tanas-America Corporation, is credited with doing part of the Eccles meature. Husbands, a former member of the RFC, is a close body of the Composition of the Composit

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United Nations Back To Geneva?

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