

Which Way For The South?

OUR SO-CALLED Solid South seems to be even less solid and less ideologically than the politically Dilettante politicians who have been calling for a revolt from the national Democratic Party...

Efforts by Southern Democratic leaders to discuss the result which is proposed by Gov. Fielding Wright of Mississippi are, of course, animated in considerable part by the practical consideration that secession would lead the South nowhere...

This new South—the South of the Industrial Revolution and the war generation—has developed vigorous spokesmen in the universities, the churches, the professions and labor organizations...

'Don't Quote Me' On Inflation

NO ONE WANTS to be quoted on the significance of the slump in commodity market prices and the various off-the-record opinions that have been offered by numerous unidentified experts...

A great deal depends on the weather. More blizzards in America and Europe and a late Spring could place new strains on our already creaking agricultural and industrial production machinery...

Monroe's Formula For Progress

THE STORY of Monroe's post-war development, published Saturday in The News, presents an interesting pattern for other small but aggressive cities to follow.

Monroe enjoyed an unprecedented boom during the war when it absorbed into its community life thousands of soldiers and their families from the South and West of the war. It realized that the agricultural economy which had given the city stability for nearly 100 years would no longer suffice...

This same far-sighted approach to use of community resources was followed by Monroe's new municipal administration, headed by one of the state's ablest public servants, Mayor J. Ray Shute.

North Carolina, Hodding Carter of Mississippi, Virginia Dabney of Virginia, Barry Bingham of Kentucky, Ralph McGill of Georgia, and others. They have been outnumbered by the Rankins, the Wrights and other advocates of retreat to the nineteenth century but their influence has grown steadily.

The revolt movement has given the South an opportunity to break out from the leadership it will follow. It can go backward with the demagogues who provoke agitation for Federal interference with the states by their violent opposition to all other forms of retreat...

For a long time the South has been maintaining a record to lift itself economically, to expand educational opportunities for all classes, to improve its social services and to broaden the bases of democracy.

How much longer the nation continues to misjudge the problem of the South depends on how much longer the South wants to repudiate its false leaders.

high levels of 1947, we may draw a deep breath and accept this turn in the market as a sign that we are making progress toward recovery. We will make a fatal mistake, however, if we regard this good news as a sign that we are anywhere near recovery and that we can now relax a little from the measures we are taking or considering to combat inflation.

We will make that kind of a mistake if we regard the present softening of our commodity prices makes the need for price control less pressing, as Senator Taft and other inflationists are quick to do.

The UN report emphasizes that the world food shortage still is desperate. It points out that the United States is the only large power which is exporting more than it imports.

SOCIOLISTS tell us that development of the "small city" as a site of decentralized industry is essential in the future, if the industrial colossus we have fashioned in Chicago is not to overwhelm us.

Few of our towns approach in size or wealth Dedham, Mass., which has a population of 16,659. But both our large and small cities can take a lesson from Dedham. The Massachusetts community is drawing up a master plan to follow for the next 50 years.

'How Are We Coming Along With Those Atoms, Dave?'

Joseph & Stewart Battle



Knock-Down Battle

A S one of the curious by-products of the process of organizing the CIO, which has long been summing nose longly, is now the process of reorganizing the CIO's pro-Communist and anti-Communist divisions.

WALLACE CAUSES BREAK The resignation of the CIO's pro-Communist division, which has been greatly accelerated in recent months, means that the split in the ranks of the CIO has become a permanent one.

Blockade On Civil Rights

Another Filibuster In Senate

By JAMES MARLOW Associated Press Staff Writer WASHINGTON

SOUTHERNERS are threatening a filibuster if Congress tries to pass President Truman's ideas on civil rights. A filibuster is a non-stop talk by one or more senators. It can happen only in the Senate.

Some bill really was killed and the only way I can block it is by a filibuster. If I vote for cloture against Jones today, he may vote for cloture against me next week.

People's Platform

What To Do For Negroes CHARLOTTE

I WOULD like to register a protest against placing the club for teenagers up town. As a mother, I feel the definite need for the club for the better, as do many other mothers I have talked with.

Welcome To Bus Sawyer

WE are very happy to learn of the continuity of the "Bus Sawyer" comic strip. We enjoy it tremendously.

THANKS a lot for putting the Bus Sawyer comic strip back in your fine paper.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round: Air Forces Disregard Gas Saving

THE AIR Forces have carefully posted a notice on the instrument panel of military planes reminding pilots of the President's order to conserve gasoline and oil.

Marquis Childs

Oil And Planning

WE know all about the evils of a planned society because we are reading it every day. But we sometimes forget that planning has many sides, gets some of the credit for this.

The United States today consumes more than 60 per cent of the petroleum products of the world. In 1947 this country produced 60 per cent of the world's oil.

More Than Coal

AMONG the first things the department of energy this country derived from oil and natural gas exports...

Political Clash

"THIS is a measure of the remarkable transformation that has taken place. It has occurred in every phase of industry as well as in home heating, so that today Americans are paying for their electricity as much oil per capita as before the war."

Too Much Light

WHEN Music Greg James Petrillo testified before the House Labor Committee on television, the television producers insisted on having a battery of cameras and other witnesses. The producers have been trying to get Petrillo to give up on his restrictions on television.

Hoover's Choice

"I am standing here under these damnable television lights. I can understand why the malchans want extra money for playing a game of hide-and-seek before the cameras. That's all."