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## Brighter Future For Textiles

AMERICA'S cotton textile industry is envisioning greater stability and economic power, as an accompaniment to its post-war modernization. It is largely concentrated in the South and rapidly expanding. This industry, consequent to the recent war economic dislocations, advanced into the world's premier position among the world's producer nations as a supplier of essential cotton textiles to export markets.

American textiles lately have come to regard themselves as reasonably secure from possible adverse foreign competition during a relatively long period. Only a few months ago, the industry was fearful of its export trade and was giving close attention to possibilities of protection. This was acquired confidence, the long-term future primarily is an outgrowth of normal understandings developed by industry missions in co-operative conferences with British and Japanese industry spokesmen.

Encouraging progress is being made, particularly in Washington official quarters, in the process of converting these understandings into policies of state. The objective, therefore, is not a matter of control, but helpful co-ordination of private enterprise both in America and overseas. This is significant of several new trends which hold promise of liberal benefits not only for American spinners and weavers but also American growers and merchants of raw cotton.

Preparations by Governmental agencies and private institutions to finance large exports of raw cotton emphasize again, with the world's acute shortage of textiles, the manufacture of this American staple in foreign mills still will fall to fill completely the calculated demand.

## Truman's Chance Of Election

DIXIECRATS are given something to think about in President Truman's prediction of his own election in November, which he delivered with a show of great confidence before an audience of Young Democrats in Washington the other night.

"I want to say to you at this time that during the next four years there will be a Democrat in the White House, and you are looking at him," Mr. Truman declared.

Remarks were intended particularly for Southern consumption, as a reminder to the rampaging Dixiecrats to stop, look and listen before going through with their threats to bolt the Democratic Party over the Truman civil rights program.

Up to now, the Dixiecrats have been proceeding blithely on the assumption that the Truman ticket will be defeated in November in any event, so the Southern Democrats can revolt to their hearts' content without feeling that they have deprived themselves of the fruits of a Democratic victory in the Fall. No one except President himself has seriously contended that he will win, but now that he has mentioned it perhaps the question deserves more than a light touch.

If the Truman ticket should be in spite of a Southern revolt, would they find that they had read themselves permanently out of the regular Democratic organization and go their independent way as a splinter party? It is conceivable that they would be accepted back into the fold and given their share of patronage and Congressional representation, but they hardly would find the influence in the party leadership and the Administration had been increased by their insurrection. It is obvious,

## Lumber River Power Plant

THERE NEVER was a time during the war that electric power was too cheap or too late. It was pointed out at groundbreaking ceremonies for a \$15,000,000 steam electric generating plant near Lumberton by L. V. Sutton, president of the Carolina Power & Light Co., which was available at times whenever needed and in ample amounts.

"Since the war the power companies have had to operate on a closer margin and with less reserve capacity than ever before. This is due, Mr. Sutton said, to unprecedented growth in demand for electric service and to the fact that during the war companies were not permitted to purchase or install any equipment in excess of that actually required by existing loads. When the war ended, all the companies needed equipment, ordered it, and deliveries have been progressively slower. Nevertheless, the privately owned utilities have been building generating stations in the mountains, on the coast and in rural lines, and connecting companies as rapidly as possible.

Under normal conditions the Lumberton plant already would have been completed. It is now expected to be ready for operation by 1950.

The record of the power companies supplying North Carolina has been a proud one. In the fifteen years that Mr. Sutton has headed Carolina Light & Power, for instance, the average price paid per kilowatt-hour has been 1.5 cents, and it has dropped from 4 and a fourth cents to 1.2 and six-tenths cents.

The Lumberton plant is only part of a

Dr. W. P. Jacobs, president of the American Cotton Manufacturers Association, said a few days ago that Japan, once the world's most feared competitor in textiles, will be severely handicapped in textile export operations for fifteen to twenty years. He also expressed his confidence that England will not again become a serious threat to American textiles in the predictable future. This expectation was supported by a declaration by Dr. Claudius Murchison, Cotton-Textile Institute president, that fully five years will be required for England to emerge from "austerity." Until London can re-establish free exchange of the pound sterling, Britain's world trade inevitably will be severely handicapped, as was emphasized by the Institute's veteran leader.

Dr. Jacobs and Dr. Murchison were members of the American textile mission to Britain. With apparent inconsequence when seeking to conserve export markets, American and British manufacturers readily endorsed moderate rehabilitation of Japan's textile industry. However, this attitude easily is explainable. America and Britain see long-term economic benefits not only for the Japanese archipelago but also a stabilizing influence for Eastern Asiatic economy. Dr. Jacobs was a member of the American mission to Tokyo, which with American military advisers, evolved the program for American financial assistance for Japanese mills.

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## Maybe His Masterpiece



## People's Platform Confidence In Bob Lassiter

CHARLOTTE  
Editors, The News.  
THE ONLY interest that I have in politics is to try to get it so interwoven with kindness that you could put both of them in a bag and shake it up and it would be hard to tell which one would come out first.

As a liberal I should like to call the attention of other interested liberals to a very important campaign that is now taking place. I mean the candidacy of Bob Lassiter for the State House of Representatives. I do not know if you are familiar with him, but he is a good name for a man who is just what we anti-Truman voters are. For we will finally prove to be Mr. Truman's undoing. It is foolish enough to run for re-nomination in July at Philadelphia, and is downright suicidal for the South to let it all its might against the South will rise to all its might against the South.

A good citizen is a person who loves his state and all it stands for. It is 100 per cent for state rights and will not let any one violate them. Mr. Truman says he is elected that it will mean that the people are for his civil rights program to tell each state that it will do this and that and that will back his program up by sending a police force from Washington to see that he does his bidding. I do not call believe that any real Democrat, regardless of where he is from, could support such a candidate or program. And I am certain that the people are for his civil rights program to tell each state that it will do this and that and that will back his program up by sending a police force from Washington to see that he does his bidding.

Are you a Dixiecrat?\*\*\*\*\*

—B. W. JENNINGS.

Test For Candidates

CHARLOTTE  
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I WOULD like to express my appreciation to the League of Women Voters of Mecklenburg County for the splendid work they are doing in presenting the candidates for public office to the voters at their meetings in the County Courthouse. I think that they have done a very good job of it. I think that they have done a very good job of it. I think that they have done a very good job of it.

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Negro Registration

CHARLOTTE  
Editors, The News.  
IN response to your article of May 8, 1948, I would like to bring to your attention that we as Negroes in the South are not only interested in the welfare of the Negroes, but we are also interested in the welfare of the white people. We are interested in the welfare of the white people, and we are interested in the welfare of the Negroes. We are interested in the welfare of the white people, and we are interested in the welfare of the Negroes.

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## James Marlow

## ABC On Red Curb

WASHINGTON  
THIS is an outline of the bill which the House has passed in a bid to cripple the Communist Party. It can't become law unless the Senate approves. It may not and the President signs it. He's against it.

This measure, as the Mundt bill, does not outlaw the Communist Party. It does not citizenship of the Supreme Court. It does not citizenship of the Supreme Court. It does not citizenship of the Supreme Court.

The language of the bill is such in spots that it is hard to think it may be more far-reaching than appears on the surface. They give, for example, that it is a crime to be a member of the Communist Party. It is a crime to be a member of the Communist Party.

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