#### ANOTHER COMPROMISE

TYPUE value of open, above-board City I. Council discussions of important public questions has never been shown shore clearly than in yesterday's tug-of-war over additional public housing units.

As recently as three weeks ago, the Council would probably have clunidizered the arguments for and against more units, and then voide on the issue in executive sestion. The people who elected the Councilmen would have had no way of knowing how each individual member felt.

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The Council thus is to be commended for fits willingness to debate in public. Yesterday's seasion did not, as one spectator remarked, mean that "The honeymon is over." To carry, then figure of speech further, it simply meant that Councilinen, who do not have the same right to privacy that newlyweds have, are doing their arguing in public, which is as it should be arguing in public, which is as it should be a required in public, which is as it should be that once sign a mistake was made, and that the responsibility for it can be placed squarely upon the not-so-turyd contributions of Councilman Basil Book.

The situation was thin: Authority, an agency of this city downment, had recommended that the City's application for new public housing until be increased from the 400 agreed upon back in September to 1,000.

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The Bousing Authority spokemen made to use controling case which minus the private enterprise has not, is not, and can not in this foreseashle future provides new housing for the city's growing population in the extreme low income brackets. The Congress of the United States has set as the national policy the provision of subsidited housing for this group. The wisdom of that policy was not properly a question before the City Council. The only resulting the policy was not considered to the comment of the city o

s shown many times before that he has ecourage of his convictions. Then a substitute motion was made by . Soyd, that the original supplication be anged to sak for just 200 additional its, or a total of 600.

Mr. Boyd, as is his wont, made an exmarter speech supporting his motion lack said nothing but very definitely

### **GROWTH OF LOBBYING**

GROWN TO LOBBITS.

THER have been lobbytsts since the Triest Congress in 139, and by lobbytsts is meant persons concerned with gaining special privileges for a favored few. Nonetheless, it is disquisiting for the average American to realize that, according to the Congressioned Querierly, through Dec. 13, 1949, at least 45,712,325 has been applit to jain special benefits from Congress. At least \$500,000 more was spent on lobbyting during the first nine months of 1948 than in a comparable period in 1948. The average American, despit this tremendous outlay of pressure funds, holds the opinion that Congress is in Washington to pass legislation beneficial to the many.

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The Lobbying Act, effective Aug. 2, 364, defines a lobbyist as any person "who hall engage himself for pay or for any consideration" to attempt to influence consideration to attempt to influence on or organization who solicits or receives money in connection with legislation or whose "principal purpose" is to attempt o influence legislation.

The Act requires that these persons be registered, that quarterly financial reports se made and that names of contributors

#### m The Ahoskie (N. C.) Daily News

A Northampton County farmer worked there will be less people with money to secupped tractors. This modern method of farming in this one instance put more than a dosen complete families out of the type of work they and their people have been soling for generations. Where will these immoves.

It is time our chambers of commerce and memployed people go, except to the near-ust anit town?

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One of the outstanding developments in
Eastern North Carolina during the last
half-century has been the growth of the
small town. So numerous and well-established are these town that their progress
and continued well-being are taken for
granted in the esconomy of our section and
in the thinking of our people.

But times are changing. Changes could
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and the finance mentioned aboves—are
reducing the number of people required to
do the farming in the counties of the
Roanoic-Chowan. This means that in future years—and not far in the future—

indicated that he was more concerned with pleasing everyone and displeasing no one than with the facts of the Housing Authority's case. That motion was quickly seconded by Mr. Daughtry.

Mr. Ailken, sensing that the original motion would be loat, stated hip preference for the full 1,000 units but offered a compromise substitute motion setting the figure at 800. That failed to receive a second.

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substitute motion which would have assed for a total of 700 units. That, too, failed for receive a second. That, too, failed for receive a second. The receive a returned to the original Boyd substitute motion for 200 more units, a total of 600, and it passed with the support of fMr. Jordan, Mr. Daughtry, and Mr. Wilkinson, the latter two obviously sympathetic to the 'real estates spokesmen on both public housing and rent control. Councilmen Alther, Albea and Coddington all voted against it in order that ther might register their profess the second of the second control of the second cont

Ongress.

Mr. Boyd said impassionedly that when he had to choose between property values and human values, he would be forced to stand for human values. His actions made mockery of those fine-sounding words.

of \$500 or more in each quarter be listed along with itemized expenses for all amounts of the or more.

Though the law seems reasonable enough, some organizations—notably the National Association of Manifacturers—a civil suit attacking the constitutionality of the lobby law. The NAM wants the law set saide as unconstitutional, charging it is so vague and indefinite as to be unintelligible. The NAM, taking a page from the book of the other wing, calls it a violation of civil rights.

The NAM, of course, is not the only organization currently lobbying in Wash-through the control of the control of the control of the control control, or and against farm price supports, etc. Labor unions maintain lobbles.

But if a law compelling these lobbyists to come out into the open is a violation of civil rights our conception of civil rights to come out into the open is a violation of civil rights our conception of civil rights is faulty.

It is our opinion that an even greater violation of rights—the rights of the power of pressure by minorities to subvert the rights of all of us.

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there are lo keep our small towns on the mean that the mean is been our small towns on the II is time our chambers of commerce and merchant associations and civic groups took note of the fact that hip business is decentralizing leaving the cramped cities and moving into less hopulous areas. The town of Windoor has done an outstanding job in the past decade or so, at bringing in new industries. And as a result, Windoor is a thriving, growing town, looking confidently to the future. All our towns should begin to look around for new industries; hew pay rolls; several smaller ones are preferred to one or two of the larger class.

Good roads, improved achools, more electric power and additional telephone service

Good roads, improves survive the power and additional telephone service all are needed. All are coming, to tie the town and farm together. So let's keep our small towns abreast of the times. Let's bring in new them prosperous. Let's bring in new telephone and the prosperous.

### 'Say, I Think You've Got A Great Song Here'



#### People's Platform

### **New Cantata Draws Praise**

Editors, The News:

J AMAR Stringfield and Marian Blens, commissioned
1 to throw together something in the way of a
cantast consistent with the spirit of christman sees
been anticpated by the various erive clubs, I should
like to nominate this team as Charlotte co-Citizen

## Advice To Republicans

#### Scores Prison Punishment

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I'M been following with keen interest developments
in the case of the prison camp superintendent who
recently was convicted and sentenced for stringing
up a prisoner with handcuffs for more than 50 hours.

And I noted with especial interest the ermarks by the
ment given the pistoner involved, as reported on the
second front of your issue of Dec. 15.

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the higher court is to be heartly applianced. It's
second sign. For the brust and inhuman conduct
the superintendents and quarte in the beath institutody is extrageous and a disgrace. It seems there
seems officials in the prison system who will nower
second the serve second to prison as
punishment, not to be subjected to inhuman surfering.

## Power Decision Is Bound To Make Some People Unhappy

By MARQUIS CHILDS

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sioners that tary assessment themselves.

The Senate last Summer refused. The Senate last Summer refused monitoring the president Truman for a third term on the commission. He was attacked by Sen. Robert Kerr of Okiahoma and Sen. Robert Kerr of Okiahoma and Sen. Takket Senate last senate last

## Little Chance of Chinese Titoism' Seen in Future

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### Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

# Acheson, Johnson Differ On Formosa

## **Cutting Red Tape**

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PED-TAPE cutter Steve Early, the Undersecretary of DePense, raised cain last week with molasses-moving press
recentives in the Pentagon.

"Too many memos, too mich red tape, too much dillydulying," Early balasted, looking at Bill Phys, chief of press
Early, once a newman, and once press secretary to
PDR, promptly relieved Press satingpin press surptiler over
the Army, Navy and Air Porces. From now on, the Navy
and Issue its own statements to the press as well as the

#### U. S. Diplomats Hounded

#### **Denfeld Not Quitting**

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TWO MEN who were in the héadlines of months age had a final showdown last sincers, hard-working Secretary of the heave and the man he likede out as chions, popular Adm. Louis Denfeld.

Matthews called Denfeld to his off.

### Death Better Than Russians

The Diplomatic Pouch

A MERICAN diplomats in Moscow report that

A birthday yesterday may be his last. He is

weathering on the Black Sea, trying, to pick we

ment has appealed to the United States for it
to help guard its coast against growing rousis

The Norwegians have spotted Russian subs

the coasting around Narvik.