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THE DICE ARE LOADED

OVERLOOKED and underestimated in all the argument about liquor in North Carolina is the basic unfairness and deception of the referendum measure offered by Rep. L. A. Martin and supported by the All Carolina of the Carolin

emen would also give the voters two alternatives:

1. Make the state all wet; or
2. Leave the county option system as is. Would the Drys like such a referendum? Hardly, Yet it is no more unfair than the Martin bill. As a matter of fact, both propositions would be unfair because they would take away from local communities the right to handle their problems in the way they think best.

1. Under the ABC system, a number of counties, and a handful of cities, have would to substitute legal control and easie for, the write of bootlegging. They made the choice after experiencing the unhappy results of the Prohibition era and with full knowledges.

units, they exercised the right of local gov-ernment.

By permitting the residents of small, mostly rural, dry counties—who have never known the boulegging system as we in Mecklenburg knew it—to destroy a system of legal control-which the residents of wet counties have chosen as the lesser of the two evils, the Martin proposal takes away this right of local government.

this right of local government. It would permit, for instance, dry Rutharford County (which borders wat South
Carolina) to help vote out ABC stores in
wet Mecklenburg, no doubt feeling very
sainty shout doing so, without helping
Mecklenburg in turn to meet the bootlegsing program which would quickly result.
No, the state referendum idea is not
simply a matter of giving the people of
North Carolina a right to deedde whether
or not liquor shall be sold anywhere in the
state. It is a matter of permitting people
who, under the county option system, have
deedded to remain dry to use their numbers
to dry up other people who, exercising decided to remain any to use their numbers to dry up other people who, exercising their option, have decided they prefer the ABC system.

It does not commend itself on the grounds of fairness; rather it is like playing with loaded dice.

BALANCING THE GOP BOOKS

THE chastened but hopeful relics of the Republican Party who packed the May-flower Hotel ballroom to hear Governor Dewey's first major post-election political address must have entered their limousines and ridden off with long faces. For the Governor held out very little hope that the party, under its present split leadership and divergent philosophies, will be able to make a swift comeback.

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Those who expected a dynamic, alashing attack from the New York Governor were disappointed. It was a calm, sinned sorrowful, accounting of the Republican books and it showed more entries under debits than under credits. What made it more discouraging was that the two-times GOP nomines offered no specific suggestions for reducing the party's liabilities.

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The New Yorker did go so far as to ask those-opposed to "liberal and progressive" policies to leave the GOP; but that was meaningless; for everyone, of course, is generally in favor of "liberal and progressive" policies, aspecially around election time.

He told his party members that it would

be fatal to (1) swallow the whole New Deal-Fair Peal theory, regardless of cost or con-sequences, or (2) go back to the Republi-canism of the 1820's. What the GOP must do, he said, is stick to a middle course, somewhere between reaction and Fair Dealism. That sounds good, But Governor Dewey, as of this moment, is no shining example, as of the moment, is no shining example, as of the moment, is no shining example, as of the moment, is no shining example, for the moment is not the New Deal train in his public utterances while working in chandos with such reactionaries as Boss Orundy of Pennylvania. Instead of Itiding, and trying to follow, a middle course, he tried unauccessfully to play both ends against the middle. No, we need something more dynamic

against the middle.

No, we need something more dynamic from the Republicans than Governor Dewey's ples to stop bellyaching about the past. We need something a good deal more positive, and more definite, upon which the millions of Americans who voted against President Truman can fix their minds and their hearts. We need some-

THE RUSSIAN HEROES .

TWO silent Russians were wandering —
I so der State Department escort —
across the unfamiliar tundra of deepeat
Virginia this week, staring at the quiet,
dusty spiendor of Richmond, the fine Golonial houses in the suburbs, the pleasing
and smite-wreathed face of Virginia's Goveron Thuk.

ernor Tuck.

Speaking no English, they sometimes
turned to one another to comment in Russian on something that impressed them or
made conversation with the interpreter
furnished them by the United States Govnatic mission? White Russian

Diplomatic mission? White Russian refugees?
Indeed not. Russian Army pilots—absent without leave, AWOL, over the hill
The Articles of War of the United States outline severe punishment for American soldiers who take what has now come to be considered to the control of the severe to be the consideration of the control of

been wined and dined, interviewed and viewed with awe, howed to and smiled at, And what makes these two erstwhile enteres so special? They stoke Russian sirriplane, become Italiors to their country. This makes them heroes?

We commend the good sense of stronger of the third states of stronger of the company of the company of the company of the company of them. The nonsense of this particular State Department display is of no major importance in itself; it is good home front propagand. But it would seem that this incident brings into focus a fad for itonizing anything and-Russian; so were Mussionli and Franco. At one time, you will remember, the United States was pro-Russian beause Russia was anti-filter. The system of joining forces with any and every movement or person who happens to have one thing in common with you can be both ridiculous and dangerous.

From The Gastonia Gazette

FIGHT AGAINST SOCIALIZED MEDICINE

DR. DOUGLAS BOYCE, spokesman for the heat point of the point of the model of the part of the nation's physicians if they are to out-maneure resident Truman's Administration, which employs some of the best propagnadists in the world to sell its brand of State medicine.

sell its brand of State medicine.

The dectors of Gaston County have gone on record 100 per cent for an assessment of 323 each to be spent "edicating" the public. This action is commendable, and we hope—but without loo much fitth—We are in complete sympathy with the doctors. We oppose without reservation the theory of the Government handing out medical care like old age checks. We know it's just another step toward socialization of all services in this country. We can read, and we have read about the disruption of medical service in England (which never really knew the free enterprise system), where the olan is already in effect, We also are in dread of the sight of the Government.

where the olan is already in effect, We also are in dread of the sight of the Govern-ment's employing an additional half-mil-lion people to administer the program. In fact, we have said these things over and over again. But will odd odd of the said of the money received when they ante up \$15 spaces to raise a kirty of \$5 million to use he "educating" this public? I can certainly

be a starter, and if combined with wise action on the part of each individual phys-ician, may reap outstanding results. As an extra spur to the doctors, we pass along this suggestion:

Use your powers of persuasion on each one of your patients. Take it a little easier on him when you mail out the monthly bill. Do your dead-level best in the months ahead to convince him that private enterprise beats Government service seven days out of every week.

The fight can be won.

A man knocked down by an automobile leaped to his feet, when the driver started backing up to see whether he had ben hurt, and fled down an alley. The item didn't say but we presume he skeaped, — Little Rock Arkenass Graetts.

At least one clashing crists in human af-fairs was averted owing to a lucky time schedule. The tall opera hat went out style and use before the low-roofed, step-down automobile came in—Jackson 'Miss.) Daily Neus.

Well, I see in the paper that "Lexington, once noted as a center of culture, appears on the way to regaining that distinction."

Let's see, what year was it that they repealed that culture surf here? — Lexington (Ky.) Leader.



Jack Bell

Barkley Sets A New Fashion

DEAR ALBEN" BARKLEY, the best story teller to come out of Peducah, Ky., since Irvin S. Cobb.

Barkley is going to figure heavily in the final cuttome of Prediction Truman's efforts to put across in Congress the program that zere to mammoth process in Congress the program that zere to mammoth process in Congress the program that zere to mammoth process in Congress the program that zere to mammoth process in Congress the program that zere to mammoth process in Congress the program that zere to mammoth process in Congress the program that zere to mammoth process in Congress the program that zere to mammoth process in Congress the program that zere to mammoth process in Congress the program that zere to mammoth process in the state of the triple to be trying to lean over backwards to be printing to zet a chance to take just a special gradient of the process of the control of the process of the process of the control of the process of the pro

social security expansion and civil rights:

WILL SOOTHES SOUTHENINES

As a Kentuckian, Barkley is particularly fitted
to soothe hot Southern tempers on the anti-ool tax,
anti-proching and anti-bod discrimination, issues,
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What Say, Mecklenburg?

Editors, THE NEWS

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WHY don't ou good folks in Mecklenburg County
was ahead and raise your quota for the March of
binnes? You are disturbing the closing out of
counties that have made their quota within the
antional advertied dates. Jan. H-Jan. 31, inclusive,
Do you remember last Summer when your sale
mergeney und of the National Foundation plus
eating into the reserve fund? Can you remember?

I ask you good folks, as a county chairman in
South Cerolina, and one who has doubled his quota
in a sandhill area, too, a county which had only to
control 1944, whats wrong with Mecklenburg

You had once 1900 cases they year. It will sook

Country.

You had one; 1300 came lest year. It will cost, you just an emirit to rave for the same 1300 came lest year just an emirit to rave for the same 1300 came of lest year this year. What was you going to do shoul the new reves in 1840? Shame on you folke.

The states of drive is on it way the 1840 flower in its use the heart disease drive is on it way the 1840 flower are the 1800 Seconds. Now Mechanhurg what are you coing to do." The March of Dimes ended Jan. 31, 1840.

Lower Taxes?

CHARLOTTE

Editors, The News.

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Mr. Dick Young in the News of Jan. 20.

When these very startling words met my eyes, I
raished for my tax receipts for the last three years.

Rers is what I found with reference to my Gity Laws
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How about it Mr. Taxpayer, are you as justing at a I
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Laws to the vanishing point.

—R. M. PEEK.

Marquis Childs

End Of An Era

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together, then it would be generally agreed in the United States that greed in the United States that the Russians. Side of the States that the Russians are states to the Russians of American inneprialism. The partnership between Carer the looks much younger than his 7th bolooks much his speech from his as burn in his speech from his native Scotland, is now having a link of the Russians of the Russi

has seen Communist intriguers re-moved from virtually all posts of influence in the CIO and its affilia-ates. The can be argued that they never should have been allowed to rise to positions of influence. But that is history and so now is the quiet rev-olution that has thrown them out.

Stop The Fiddle-Faddle

BELGRADE

THERE are important signs here that a new era will shortly the first and the state of the state

specifically there are some, the Specifically there are some, the the Vice-Premier, Edward Kardel, and the chief state planner. Both Kidric, who still believe the Krem-in propagated about "American imperialism:" even stire their own cesting out with bell book and candle, by the Kremlin's Comin-form

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

Humanity Shown In Greeting Merci Train

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Acheson Wary Of Bevin

ward with the new U. 8. Secretary of State just a few down at later Dana Aberson took office. So a frantic SOS to Ackeson for help to get him enough votes to squask by an attenuted nemure of British Foreigh Policy in the House of Commons. But after Acheson helped to get him the votes Bevin, neffects this then and that they had been in the state of the st

However, Hevin extemporaneously inserted some other remarks in his speech, criticizing American policy. This made Achieva to late the flathy refused to lassue the subsequent statement on Palestine supporting Bevin. As a solution of the supporting Bevin and the final decided to forget the whole think. He decided, however that he would think tuce before belong Bevin such or jam again.

Probe Dodgers' Airfield

has been problem the Brooklyn Dodgers' Spring training camp at Vero Beach, Florida.

Actually, the Dodgers as not involved. It the City of Actually, the Dodgers are not involved. It the City of a compileated transaction by which Vero Beach is suspected of leasing a Government sitride to the Dodgers at a for their fair-weather training, for an official charge of 38 per year plus the proceeds from an exhibition game. The of Vero Beach for nothing, with the attribution that any momen is to be used for their air-laid supkeep and improvements to be used for the sirrield supkeep and improvements to be used for the sirrield. What makes them capables to a statement by Mayor Mervill B. Rabel and the control of the sirrield supkeep and the process of the sirrield supkeep and the process of the sirrield. What makes them capables has a statement by Mayor Mervill B. Rabel and the sirrield supkeep and the sirrield supkeep

really putting us in a bad position, as we have a ten-year contract with the Brooklyn Ball Club which should bring us in from \$20000 a year upward and the property of the about the OAA, is a lot more than \$5 a year. That's why the year women in wants to find out what's happening to the extra more of the property of the property of the stream of the property of the

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