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BIRTH OF A NEW NATION

ISRAEL is now a member in full standing on the family of nations. Recently President Truman signed a proclamation which extended de jure (or legal) recognition to the Jewish State. This followed close on the heels of Britain's de facto (or partial) recognition of Israel. All in all, some 33 members of the United Nations have recognized the nation.

It is assumed the responsibility inherent in the Jewish State. Seldom, if ever, before has a new nation come into a world so dangerous, in which freedom and even existence are most uncertain. Newborn Israel finds itself dead center in the no-man's-land of East and West.

GROWTH OF LOBBYING

A amazing increase in the popularity of lobbying is the effecting means of influencing national legislation is shown by the latest report of Congressional Quarterly.

Producers' Council Inc. 158,653
National Association of Merchants 151,588
Manufacturers 151,588
Association of American Railroads 126,932

It reveals that lobby spending in 1948, as reported so far, totaled \$5,191,838 — an increase of \$1,033,481 over the \$5,058,357 reported at the same time last year for the year 1947.

In the past year or two the Justice Department has held out for strict enforcement of the law requiring lobbyists to register and report the amount they spend.

MARTIN BILL NEEDS AMENDMENT

THE legislative process is one of compromise, amendment, agreement; the blending of contrary opinions and interests into a measure that is frequently not good but is the best that can be put through under the circumstances.

It is not quite that bad now. He has a party for some of his product. But he still has no control over the price he receives for his farm machinery and other basic materials he must have before he can produce a crop.

TIME IS WORKING A SUBTLE CHANGE

SENATOR RUSSELL'S so-called "racial relocation plan" is represented in some quarters as the South's answer to civil rights agitation and Federal civil rights legislation.

Southern states. According to the 1940 census, there were only 180 such counties in that year. As much as Senator Russell professes to see a rigid and dangerous factor in the population picture of the South, the fact remains that their number has declined every decade since 1900.

The Georgia Senator proposes an appropriation of \$500 million to support a voluntary migration plan which would shift \$1,500,000 Southern Negro families to the North and replace them with Northern white families. This, he says, would be "common fairness" in assisting the South to "solve its racial problem with that of the rest of the nation."

But there has been an even more subtle change since 1940. A study made at the end of 1948 by Joseph K. Heyman of Atlanta's Southern Business consultant, shows a net decline of 4 per cent in the Negro population of the South in the last eight years.



People's Platform

EDITORIAL: The News: YOUR Tax Editorial of Feb. 2 was in my opinion a very unfair attack on the farmers of North Carolina, and I feel that I may add all farmers everywhere.

The Case For The Farmer

MULLINS, S. C. Pardon & Parole System: THERE was an article recently in your paper about the Pardon and Parole Commission of our state.

Polio Drive Supported

CHARLOTTE: VERY rarely do I ever write to express my thoughts on a subject. However, I feel I have no other course but to offer a few words for consideration whosever's eyes they might be seen by.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

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Merry-Go-Round

JOHN L. LEWIS'S bargaining position in the coal industry is being hurt by the "unusual" winter weather. Because most of the East is having a mild winter, the stock market is now up about 58 per cent over last year, giving the nation more than a 40-per-cent increase in the price of money.

WASHINGTON: THERE have been two major events during the last week—Stewart Alsop's decision by Norway to join the North Atlantic Pact, plus the news that the Russians have announced their intention to join the pact.

The pressure which the Soviets applied to Norway took the form of an official note addressed to the Norwegian foreign office. The note was in effect a formal warning to Norway not to join the North Atlantic Pact.

AGGRESSIVE ACT

Soviet representatives in Stockholm have bluntly told the Swedes that Swedish adherence to the North Atlantic Pact would be regarded in Moscow as an act of aggression.

There is no solid information to indicate that any actual preparations are being made by the Russians to carry out this threat. However, the Russians have warned that the most probable Soviet reaction to this aggressive act would be full Soviet occupation of Finland.

No New Idea

WASHINGTON: THE Government has put up \$1,000,000 to help the storm-torn people and cattle of the Western states.

James Marlow

And—Government help in a disaster is not a new idea. The Government has helped in disasters many times in American history.

French Red Contributed to Merctri Train

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Colored Congressman Wins Respect

ILLINOIS' Congressman William Dawson, first Negro committee chairman, announced that he can make democracy work in the House of Representatives.