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SCHOOL BOND PLAN DEFECTS

SONVINCING proof that the \$50,000,000 State school building bond issue bill is, its present form, a totally indefensible

in a table of figures elsewhere on this page.

The measure would simply divide the \$50,000,000 amoing the 100 counties equally, with each county getting a flat \$500,000.

It fails to recognize any of these factors:
(1) number of school children in each county, (2) accumulated school building needs, (3) ability or inability to meet those needs, (3) ability or inability to meet those needs, and (4) local initiative in the past.

needs, (3) ability or inability to meet chose needs, and (4) local initiative in the past. The total average daily attendance in the public schools of the 100 countists in 1847-48 was 751,018. On that basis, the \$30,000.000 would figure out to are average of \$86.37 per child.

An examination that the control of the second column of the counties would receive more than \$66.37 per child, with the amofunts ran ping up to \$517.58 in Camden County which has only \$67 school children. That sets it up as pork-barrel legislation at the outset, since representatives from those \$65 counties would's be inclined to vote for such favored treatment. On the other hand, 37 counties would receive less than \$66.37 per child. In the case of Guilford County, which has 28,548 school children to house, the grant would amount to only \$13.99 per child. Th us Camden County would receive 10 times as much per child as Guilford.

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he last column in the table shows the nated minimum building needs in each ity as given in the report of the Edu-un Commission.

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It reveals that 53 counties need less than \$300,000 to bring their schools up to the prescribed minimum, whereas 37, ne ed more, some of them a great deal more. Naturally, the representatives of those \$3 counties will avor such largesse.

Extremes are evident in this column, also. Camden County, which will get \$500,000,000, needs only \$15,000 to put its schools in shape. Gaston County, on the other hand, hape. Gaston County, which we other hand, the other ha

2000, needs only \$15,000 to put its schools in shape. Gaston County, on the other hand, needs \$5.562,128. Camden will get 33 times

as much as it needs, whereas Gaston County will get less than one-eleventh of the amount it needs.

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Twenty-right of the 100 counties, according to the Education Commission report, have sufficient numsed borrowing capacity for schools to finance their own building programs without exceeding the constitutional limit on indebtedness. Came death of the constitutional limit of the constitution of the

time needs.

We all want to improve our public schools. But we don't want any such preposterous a method as the one now before the House.

What Happened To That Close Harmony?



Where The Money Would Go

That School Bond Issue

Estimate Minimon Building

THIS table, prepared by The Editors of The News from statistics furnished by the State Department of Education, is an attempt to show how the \$50,000,000 school building bond issue would work from the bound to the control of the co

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Extended Handout

Joseph & Stewart Alsop

Spring Campaign

dominently Macedonian population.
Tito's danger is evidently not being laughed off by the Yugoslav
lea der himself. He has already
somewhat eased his austerity policy
and taken certain other measures
to assure himself of his people's
loyalty. And he has recently opened
the way for easier dealings with the

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

Brunswick
Buncombe
Burke
Cabarrus
Caldwell
Camden
Carteret
Caswell
Catawba
Chatham
Cherokee
Chowan
Clay
Cleveland
Columbus

Dixiecrats An Aid To 'Worst' Congress

WASHINGTON

POUR months ago triumphant Harry Truman cenne back to
Washington reaffirmed President of the United States
without help from his late friend PDR, and with surprisingly
large majorities in both houses of Congress.
This week, in contrast, he has suffered these major
defeats at the hands of this same pro-Truman Congress, and,
what is far more important, by a Congress which has discovered that it's fun to thumb its none at its alleged boss
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white that it's fun to thumb its nose at its alleged bose in the White House. Republican members of that Congress are quietly determined to make Mr. Truman at his own words and prove to the country that Truman's own. Sist Congress is worse than the GOP's much-publicated and Northing Congress is worse than the GOP's much-publicated and Dicklerats they can do it.

Nothing could be worse for Mr. Truman's program. And while the politicians aren's worried about Mr. Truman, it is efficient in word affairs, and from the viewpoint of economic stability, nothing could be worse for the country. For when a nation's legislators thumb their noses at the in signing pacts and treaties. Nor does it give them confidence that a pack, once signed, will later be ratified, or its provisions carried out.

Why Truman Melted

mistakes of the past cannot be remedied. But to event mistakes in the future. It is important to look and see why President Truman's supposed great political city melted away so rapidly. Here are some of the

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against lynching. They were, however, emphatically opposed to FEC.

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"cultural and scientific conference for world peace" to be held in New York next week is aiready shaping up as a leftlah-gathering, and thus will be discredited before it even opens, there is no particular reason for our lawmakers to get upset over the decision of the State Department to admit 22 delegates from Russia and its astellite nations.

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n hap prod since the initiation of the code and the control of the State Department to admit 22 delegates from Russia and its astellite nations.

The conference, ostensibly called to dis-cuss world peace, is being sponsored by the pinkish National Council of the Arts, Sci-ences and Professions. And among the 500 sponsors are many who belong to the Wal-lace for President Committee.

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The seven Soviet delegates were selected by the Russian Government, the most newworthy among them being Dmitri Shotakovich, the composer, whose originality and skill at composition is exceeded only by his agility and destrictly at "confessing" his idealogical mistakes from time to time and promising to conform more closely to the party line in the ruture.

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NEW CHEST OFFICIALS

A SSURANCE that the Charlotte Com-

Associated in the character of many approximate the announcement that George A. Westthe work of the Community (thest), and exceptional ability as an organizer and soliction. In the past he has headed the general solicitation and industrial divisions,
both of wishch have compiled outstanding
contribution records under his leadership.
Similarly gratifying were the wise decisions to elect Stowe Moody as vice-president, succeeding M. E. Pierson and Martin
Lee, and to re-elect Robert L. Cherry as
treasurer.

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All of the retiring officials have rendered notable service to the Community Chest, and merit the appreciation of the whole

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The new officers are taking over at an important stage in the Chest's growth and development It, like other privately-financed organizations, is beginning to feel the effects of the national business reces-sion. Furthermore, the Chest is now faced with the problem of electing a successor to Director Ford L. Ruffman, whose flair proposable in no small measure for the suc-general executive ability have been re-sponsible in no small measure for the suc-cessfur financing of the Chest in just years.

as the new leaders of the Chest under-

take their assignment, they should bear in mind that one of their most important du-ties is to interpret to the community, con-tinually and on a year-round basis, the work done by the various Chest signacies. A public which understands clearly the work, of the Chest will respond more generously.

Yet despite the obvious effort to put the U. S. on trial before the conference, we would be making a mistake if, as some law-makers have suggested, we deny admittance to the Communistic delegates.

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Let them in. Let them talk as much as
they wish. Let the Voice of America send
a full and comprehensive report of all their
activities behind the Iron Curtain.
Our democracy is strong enough to withstand the verbal assaults of all the Intellectual pinkos in the world, whether they
are sounding off at the Waldorf-Astoria or
from behind the walls or the Kreenlin.

The oldest known bit of writing in the world, the Prisse Papyrus, is in the municipal auditorium at Constantinople. It dates from about 6,000 years ago, and the first sentence reads: "Alas, times are not first sentence reads: "Alas, times are not what they used to be. Everyone wants to write a book, and children are no longer obedient to their parents." — Pennington Gap (Va.) Powell Valley News.

The general object of styles for women doesn't change. It consists first of concealing the form as it is and second, in disclosing it as it is wished it were—Lamar (Mo.) Democrat.

Going to church is a good habit for every individual to cultivate and it is a good idea for churches to cultivate every individual. — Pelham (Ga.) Journal.

Folks who nowadays find it necessary to subsist on the fatback and beans diet on which their forefathers ploneered the country are considered poverty-stricken and social agencies and the Government take care of them. — Greenville (S. C.) Piedmoni.