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HOW MUCH IS \$200 MILLION?

IT IS easy to forget in these days that a I million dollars is a lot of money. In washington, they talk in billions, and it's even becoming the vogue to roter to the attention of the state of the stat

economic future, daring them, as it were, to borrow that much money in the face of what appears to be a period of business recession, or distingation, it you prefer. Well, the people of North Carolina certainly have a strong and steadfast faith in their state and its economic future. At the same time, they are people of good common sense who are trying hard to avoid any new private indebtedness until they find out what's going to happen to disting the state of the same time that they did not what's going to happen to did the pole, as recently as last Fall, that they did not want to remove the state's constitutional limitation on accumulating new indebtedness.

Still, the \$200 million figure, which seems to shrink with each speech by the Governor, doesn't mean much to the mb jitself. But it means a great deal when measured by two very definite yardsticks. The first is that "courageous" highway program of the Twenties, so often referred to by the Governor. Beginning with the Morrison Administration, the State of North Carolina has issued a grand total of North Carolina has seued as grand tot

lion in 1921, \$15 million in 1923, \$20 million in 1925, and \$30 million in 1927.

Those bonds were issued for the purpose of building up a badly-needed primary road system in North Capolina, and

they were spent for that purpose. Governor Scott, on the other hand, preposes to borrow almost twice as much in four years for purely secondary roads as the State has borrowed in the last 37 years for its primary road system.

It is worth remembering that:

(1) N. C. has retired, so far, \$22 million of those \$115 million in bonds, and that it considers that the secondary se

777,780,77, or slightly less than a billion dollars.
According to the State Highway Commission's own estimates, a total of \$255, 772,823 will be available in the next four years without the bond issue and without common short would add \$200 million in rural roads bonds, plus 37 million a year, or \$23 million, from an extra cent on the gasoline tax. That adds up to a grand total of \$511 million that Governor Scott will have at his disposal in the next four year:—or more than half the total amount spent on the state highway system in the 27 years from March 4, 1921 to June 20, 1946.

If the people of North Carolina decide they don't want to be hurried along that fast, it won't be any lack of faith or vision. It'll be plain, ordinary common sense.

Senator Byrd promptly yelled back:

"If the President means he intends to purge me from the Senate because I will not ac-cept his dictation in matters of legislation, then I'll be on hand when the purging starts."

Come, come, Senator. Of course the President is not going to try any purge. He smart enough to know that the Byrd machine has Virginia completely in hand, and that any attempted purge would be an utter failure.

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He was merely a harried man, voicing his disappointment at not getting his program through Congress, and exercising that old American political privilege of blanning somebody else. And the Senator would have been more in character had he preened himself at the implied compliment, instead of getting so ruffied.

when it meant turning the post over to a Democrat."

Democratic These GOP leaders are a bit far out on the limb, for they have been equally violent in their criticism of alling Democratic Robert Wagner of New York who, according to Time Magazine, has not been seen on the Senate floor since May 77, 1947. Senator Wagner has refused to resign, according to the Republicans, because he fears Governor Dewey would appoint a Resublican to the post.

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TIME FOR STRUTTING, SENATOR often been tongue-lashed by the gentleman from Virginia, and been thwarted by the Byrd vote. (One recent case: Byrd's re-fusal to vote for the confirmation of Mon Walgren as chairman of the National Se-curity Resources Board.)

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I he probably scribbles dollar marks—and with a red penell. No other man in Congress has guite the record of consistent harping on governmental economy as the man from Virginia.

Year after year he has yelled to high heavens about Covernment spending, and defletts, and national indebtedness. He defletts, and national indebtedness he are the same of the consistency of the

take the same kind or measure in out.

This week President Truman, in one of his slap-happy, off-the-culf remarks, told some visiting veterans that there are 'too many Brids' in the present Congress. What he meant, presumably, is that there anneed budget who don't want to rubber stamp the Fair Deal spending measures which have fulled Congressional hoppers. It was a perfectly natural remark for the President to make. He, like his pre-decessor, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, has

PARTISANRY EXALTED

SOMETIMES, in the give and take of partisan politics, it is difficult for the average person to keep the simple truths straight. We are aften confused, and misled, by charges and counter charges which have purely political inspiration.

Recently, several Republican Party lead-gra have been sharply critical of their own Senator Raymond Baldwin of Connecticut, who has decided to resign his Senate post in order to accept an appointment to the Connecticut Septreme Court of Brrost sen-dered him by Democratic Governor Ches-ter Boyles.

The Republicans are hopping mad because they assume Bowles will naturally appoint a Democrat to the vacancy, and thus strengthen the rather slender Democratic majority. One of them, Styles Bridges of New Hampshire, hit the ceiling

"Everyone on the Republican side this morning was either sick to his stomach or mad as hell. It is impossible for me to understand how any Republican Senator would resign his position of responsibility and trust

From The Dallas Morning News

MAN AND THE SOIL

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Of ALL the scents of Spring, none is
more impressive than the soil's. It
has been been been any to be a cattails by the marblands.

If you garden—on your knees as you
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Therein lies the inconsistency in this purely partisan politics. And overlooked in the argument pro and con is the bland assumption that both Governors. Bowles and Dewsy, we util a sufomatically appoint a member of their own parties, no matter the qualifications of the eligible appointees faind regardless of the party preference expressed by the voters at the time the two Senators were elected.

It's a rather sordid display all the way around, and it's no wonder that the average American gets a little disgusted with this practice of exalting partisanry over simple integrity.

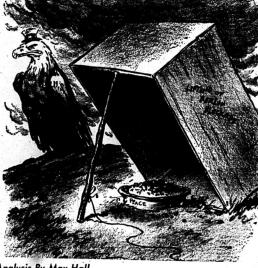
the peepers in the woods and looks at new leaf life etched in the moonlight. These are the days of new growth—growths from a wondrous soil that takes the elements, absorbs them and at the precise time turns a seed to a flower.

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Kneeling, you feel the mystery but you can't fathom it. A bud, a leaf, a bloom—they are deeper than understanding it-self. The tulips unfurl in marcon and white—tulips, by the way, which have outdone themselves this year in size and beauty. Burning Bush is in its thickest leaf dress. Salvia is up, a perennial that brightens for the companies of the second of t

They come from the molds of the past, generations and centuries back, from a soil and a past you feel as you kneel.

What String's Attached?



Analysis By Max Hall

Four Labor Bills Compared

FOLLOWING is a summary of the highlights of the new Taft-Smith-Donnell labor bill in the Senate. The new proposals will be compared with three other labor measures.

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The Wood bill is substantially like the Taffarlies act, shithough it contains some changes in Taffarlies and shithough it contains the authority for influencious, seizure, or senalities. It provides for a 30-day voluntary cooline-off period and a board which is semoscened to recommend a settlement.

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The Wood bill would keep the General Counsel's office, together with his injunction authority, but would eliminate the "mandatory" injunction provision.

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The Truman bill would abolish the General Counsel's office and eliminate all authority for injunctions pending board decisions in unfair practice cases. (CLOSED SHOP
(Definition: An arrangement under which only members of a particular union can be hired and kept on the payroll.)

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MEDIATION SERVICE

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**ruck work" but doesn't go nearly as far as the Taft bill. The Trumm bill would nermit all types of sectionary borout execut where the union's purpose is to beat out another union.

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WELFARE TUNDS

Tatt bill, like the Taft-Hartley act, would require union welfare funds but no longer require that there be loint control if the employer does not want it. Also Taft bill says the Secretary of Labor shall review all welfare fund agreements, and the control is might be supported by the proposition of the control of the c

Reorganization Fraud

Joseph Alsop

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Marquis Childs

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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

Russians Know Of Airlift Operations

TODAY the Berlin airlift is suspended and the pilots and I ground crewmen who performed the greatest air feat in history at long last get a reak. What they and the nation may not know, however, is what inteligence reports from Russia say about their work, what inteligence reports from Russia say about their work. What in the latest and the reak and the reak in the reak of the reak and the reak and the reak and the reak and the reak in the reak and the reak nown. The Russians, couldn't keep the news out. The feeding of a city of 200,000 by air, day in and day out. The feeding of a city of 200,000 by air, day in and day out, and the reak and the rea

J. Edgar Hoover School

DURING the 25 long years he has been director of the FBI. J. Edgar Hoover has received all kinds of tempting

Various convertinals are received an amous or surposses. Various converting the mixed him to leave the Government and Join them. Movie companies have asked him to serve as their crime-story adviser. Big defective agencies sought his services But Hoover has said no.

When you compare this with the general field of exceeding the converting the public realizes. Most for Cooremont officials serve has the public realizes. Most for Cooremont officials serve few years, then go out and make big money in private industry. In Washington and New York, the woods are full of insyrer who once worked for the Government and now lobby against the converting the converting the converting the converting the converting the government and now lobby against the converting the converting the converting the converting the converting the converting the government and now lobby against the converting the

Therefore, it was appropriate that yesterday—the 25th amount of the PRI—a bipartisan group of Sendon Price of

Private-Government Enterprise

A LREADY, a group of private citizens have secured a \$30-acre farm near the upper Potomac in Maryland as a gitt to the J Edgar Hoover-Poundation. They also plan to raise money privately to help build and finance the school.

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The bill, introduced in Congress by Senators Thomas of
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that the school will be governed by a board composed of an
equal number of Government officials and private citizens.
This would give the school some of the freedom of enterprise
which the Government itself listes.

Underneath His Bellow

Adm. Paul Mather to succeed Jess Larson as War Assets Administrator. Finally Larson called the Senator and asked what he had against Adm. Mather.

"I just want to look him in the eye," roared Langer.

"I just want to look him in the eye," roared Langer,
Inspection, The big, friendly Senator threw an arm around
the Admiral and said: "You look like a two-fisted guy, We'll
confirm you this afternoon."

Acheson Will Go To Germany

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SCREETARY ACHESON has decided to visit Germany while

in Parts for the four-power conference. In fact, acheson
already has a speech ready for his brief case, with the idea
that he would go to either Stuttgart or Frankfort as did
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Judge (?) Frank Lausche

THE big question mark in Ohio politics is versatile De I cratic Governor Frank Lausche. The politicains are ing to guess whether he will run against Sen. Taft in 185 become a Democratic candidate for President or Vice-Pi denti in 1982. A key to the puzzle may be a state Lausche made at no off-the-record dinner some time T have a great nostalgia. The declared, for the jud