MONDAY, MAY 28, 1949

A PLAGUE ON BOTH, ETC.

If the battle over the \$200 million road bond proposal does nothing else, it will have treated the people of North Carolina to a diversionary running battle between Governor W. Kerr Scott and Mr. Gilmer Sparger which was entertaining at first, but which is beginning to pall now that the two gentlemen have Become so grim about it.

ng ago as Dec. 15, 1948, when Gov-Scott addressed the annual meeting North Carolina Citizens Association the People Against the People", he them) the fray was already under

It was all very good natured back then, but the smiles have now faded away, and he combatants are being pretty deadly

While the Legislature was still in session, to Governor blasted the oil companies for oping the price of gasoline a half-cent, ther he blue his top when Mr. Sparger like the blue his top when Mr. Sparger like ye to compile some figures. More recently,

the Governor has been charging that "carpet-baggers" from Yankeeland are down
here trying to tell us North Carolinians
how to run our business, sub.
Mr. Sparger, not to be outdone, did a
little spade work and dug up the fact that
the Governor's supporters had called on
some Yankee bond attorneys to coins down
and hetp him draw up the road bond hist
so that it would be legally airtight, as much
and so it goes, with both of the gentimen poling away at each other about that
one-cent-a-galon increase in the gas tax
which will result if the \$300 million road
bond issue is approved.

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We don't believe anybody size is very excited about the Yanke interlopers—either Mr. Sparger's hum an calculating machine, or Mr. Soot's legal shark.

We would merely remind both of the gentiemen that the gas tar is not the main issue in this road question. Everybody knows that if we issue \$200 million in bonds, we're going to have to raise taxes.

Begging their pardon, the people will decide that little matter of the gasoline tax for themselves, since they're the ones who will have to pay it.

FOUR BIG QUESTIONS

ROUND the conference table in Paris
A this week four men will be talking
about four very important questions.
The four men: the United States' Dean
Acheson, England's Ernest Bevin, France's
Robert Schumann, Russiy's Andrei Vishin-

Robert Schumann, Russia's Andrei Vishin-sky.

The four questions: unification of Ger-many; withdrawal of occupation troops from Germany; Russia's participation in the control of the Ruhr—Germany's most potent industrial ares; and economic re-lations between East and West.

They are four big men and they have four big questions. Their four answers can-not fall to be of large significance to the entire world.

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Things didn't work out well in that conference of foreign ministers. Makhall and Molotor could not agree and the United Blates decided not agree and the United Blates decided to set up a Western German state. Rusies decided to impose a blockade on Berlin. Sext and West had that words drann. But and West had that swords drann. But and West had their swords drann. But and the western powers have amost established the Western powers have amost established the Western

ern German state and Russia has lifted the blockade. We did not make a conces-sion of the Western German state, but Russia did back down on the blockade. This fact has given rise to a bellet—in the Unit-ed States, anyway—that Russia will "play ball" this time.

the German stake in the U. S., British and French sonce delayed withdrawal of occupation sentire world.

What will they be? That will depend on whether the foreign policy of the Follturo has changed since the Autumn of 1947 when four other men met to discuss the same four questions in London.

They were different men but they report the consequence of greater United States power in that area.

it that Far East affairs, centering on the new Communist strength in China, might be brought up; religious freedom, based on the Mindsenty trial, may come up. The Russians might want to talk about the atomic bomb.

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The Western powers have not officially announced the platform upon which their negotiations will be based. But the German questions are dictated by the hope of a solution to "the German problem" and other discussion — on more far-reaching questions — is necessary if the East and West hope to live together in one world.

Then he remembers the piece he read in the New World Book Encyclopedia. (The shaver's light, Summer-hammock reading).

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The shaver squirms his mouth over to be side and muses on the ritual of the

"Cleanliness ... next to Godliness ... maybe shaving in religious ..."
Node his head "No" and works away with the silver of steel.
"Therapy ... cool shave always helps a hangover ... if you can hold onto the saco ..."

. . ten, fifteen minutes every morn-

From The Greensboro Daily News

GOVERNMENT PROPOSES

"NOR," declares the Raleigh News & Ob-serper, "can there be any permanent aid to farmers by the Government without some authority to regulate production."

A tenable theory, we concede; but we are vandering if our state capital contempo-ary will continue it over into other terri-ory which is expecting Federal aid.

Will the Government seek authority to exercised in regulating the production school children?

slightly behind some one of the other states—New Mexico, we believe it was.

No, we are not demanding consistency or seeking to twit anybody on a lack thereof; we are, more or less, attempting to organ-ise our own notion of where Washington regulation starts and where it should leave

We admit that Uncle Sam, if he co

This, after all, may simply mean that the Department of Agriculture, like many of the rest of us, has a habit of starting more than it can finish.

'Where Do I Come In?'



People's Platform

Opposes Local Bond Issues

Editor, The News;

Off June 11 we are going to be asked to vote on ovarious bond sense for the city, one of which is 500 Mars. Rotherd sense for the city, one of which is 500 Mars. Rotherd & Co. has pawed practically two city blocks in order to provide parking facilities rist customers. They will pay tasse on their parking lot is customers. They will pay tasse on their parking lot is customers. They will pay tasse on their parking lot, the control of t

'The Spell Of Roosevelt'

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Better Late Than Never

James Marlow

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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

U. S. To Strive For United Germany

Troops Out Of Germany

(a) That all allied troops be withdrawn from the main

Senate Recess

Elevator Priority

Whisky Lobbyist

Merry-Go-Round