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MONDAY, MAY 9, 1949

THE COURSE IS CHARTED It is rather significant that in Charlotte, as in every other major U. 8.-city, most persons who have really studied parking and traffic congestion—even those who are by nature "conservative"—have accepted the theory of public responsibility for produced the property of the property of the product of the property of the property of the product of th

THE new City Council which took office
I this morning will be faced in coming
months with many important public projcets. None of them will be more important,
or more urgent, than a major operation to
relieve the city's traffic and parking consession.

gestion.

There has been a noticeable reluctance on the part of past administrations to tackle this dual problem with the courage and boldness needed, and it is an understandable reluctance.

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The reduction of traffic congestion—including the elimination of bottlenecks and dead—and streets, the widening of otherstreets, a complete renovation of the traffic control system, new rules for loading and unloading in the business area, etc.—is a coostly and complicated, undertaking. The provision of off-street parking facilities by the City Government represents a major change in the theory of public responsibility—an extension, as it were, of the theory of street responsibility—itse, it is foolish to spend millions on streets so that automobiles can get into the business district without providing a place for them district without providing a place for them to stop once they get there. Such a funda-mental change, of course to suop once they get there. Such a funda-mental change, of course, runs into many phatacles, the chief one being the oft-used "competition with private enterprise" com-plaint which, in this case, fails to note that private susteprise has not yet provided, and offers no hope of providing, perma-sent parking facilities adequate to serve the congested business area.

THERE IS STILL HOPE

THERE is good reason to hope that some national management-labor bill avoiding excesses in either direction will be dratted as a result of the present stalemate in the lower House of the Congress. The eagerness with which organized labor plumped for the Administration-supported Lessinski bill indicated it leaned heavily in the direction of the old Wagner Act: the count enthusiasm which business.

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There have been blunders by both sides in this controversy.

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The Administration blundered when it assumed that the election of President Truman was a mandate to restore the Wagner Act. The vote of labor may have been instrumental in the Truman witcory, but there were other factors such as the farm and independent vote, which fad as farm and independent vote, which had as the farm and independent vote, which had as the control of the election. This mandate business is of the election. This mandate business is

around the middle citation and will even-tually cause a corresponding loss of revenue, all the while tremendously complicating the prob-lems of affording such basic City services as fire and police protection. The Charlotte Planning Board spent many months studying the traffic and parking problem and, last August, charted a course for both immediate and long range projects. If the new Council is will-ing to attack the problem vigorously and courageously, it will completely justify the confidence in it expressed by the voters at the recent election.

money generously to reduce traffic congestion.

They have done so because they know well that the preservation of the central business district, with its high property values and resulting high public revenue, and the continued orderly growth of that business district, are eminently desirable, room study and from other control of the control of the

fast being worked to death.
Similarly, the forces behind the Wood
measure erred in thinking that the American people want to repress labor, and that
they would accept the Wood bill which, in
its original form, leaned more to the side
of management than does the Taft-Hartley Act.

In the eyes of the public, the Lesinski bill was dictated by labor, and the Wood bill was dictated by management. And it may be all for the best that neither was

only was considered to the best that neither was passed.

Thoughful Americans will prefer to wait and see what kind of labor bill the Senate is can produce. Aiready before the Senate is the Administration equivalent to the Leaders of the Senate will be in the House wood bill.

With more time for deliberation, and possessed of the information presented in the House arguments, the Senate will be in a better position to draft a labor-management measure which will grant fair an dequal rights and responsibilities to both sides, all the while protecting the interests of the American people.

DEWEY MAPS NEW PLAN

THERE are, probably, other Republicans I like Senator Brewster of Maine who will welcome Governor Dewey's reported interest in a Senatorial job as a preliminary to another try for the Presidency. But there will be others in the party—both leaders and faithfuls in the ranks—who, eladers and faithfuls in the ranks—who, will limit of another standard of faithful will limit on another standard bearer.

there appeared to the news stories out of famine, will insist on another standard bearer.

Washington and Albany, Devey has been decided to remain in politics rather than return to private life. His advisers feel that another term as Governor would not serve nearly so well to keep him in the national spotlight as would a, seat in the Senate. They point to Senator Tart who has tried for the nomination three times without success, but who remains at the top of the increase, but who remains at the top of the attack of the season of

publican nomination. Should he delay longer than that Dewey could appoint a successor to a control of the contr

which might be of value in a Senatorial race.

If the voters of New York want to send him to the Senate, that's their business. But barring some unforeseen change in public opinion, it is not likely that another Republican convention will choose as its standard bearer a man who has tried twice and failed, the last time largely because of his own unwillingness to mix with his own unwillingness to mix with his own unwillingness to mix with none aggressive opponent and debate the great pressing issues of the day.

From The Salisbury Post

HARD TO PROVE

IT IS a difficult thing these days to make a statement which cannot be contradicted successfully for some audiences. You can say fire burns.

Some audiences will accept that without

guestion.

But not all audiences will.

You might say it to an audience familiar with the contraconventionalitydisestablishmentariansiticalameter, ball-bearing, freewheeling, dynasputem, weighted index mo-

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Fire does burn, as a matter of fact; but ou can't prove it to anybody except urned children. What everybody wants to

do for burned children is to relieve them of their suffering and restore them to com-fort.

Well, maybe, not everybody, but most folk.

Anyhow, things are hard to prove these days.

One good turn deserves another, like breeds like, as the twig is bent so is the branch inclined, we always say.

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Ever hear about the chap who was so
disgusted with a drunken father that he
founded a religion and saved a million
souls? Quite a service that father performed, by being a sot, don't you think?

Well, as we were saying, it is hard to
prove anything.

If you really want to be happy hereabouts nowadays we suggest you get up
about five-thirty in the morning and enthem the thirty in the morning and enthem the channel and the cut day before
running around, and that you go to bed at
ten-thirty when the idiot elders and the
noxious young take over.

A Chute, Just In Case



Presidential Maneuvering

1952 Political Pot Simmers

of both parties are beginning to plan for 1932.

Those who are first in the field new will not necessarily remain to the end, but pollute seems to be sitring here even earlier than usual. Harold Stassen's two-year campaign doesn't look so unconventional now. Recent days have witnessed the flow-ering—at least the announcing—of the "Wherry fix Pereidenti" movement. Senator Remeth Wherry fix of Norwake, that is, And "Lou in 32" is the winning into the property of the property

Truman Cabinet as Secretary Of Defense.

In any long-range, horeback appraisal of the 1820 nomination prospects, the 1948 Presidential candidates probably should go to the foot of the class; the president Truman by his decision and Governor President Truman by his decision and Governor constitution of the class of the count timested to the count timested to tot of any consideration for another nomination. Lately he has referred often to his successor in the White House's and he conflides to friends that the will reliable to the constitution of the confliction of the successor in the White House's and he conflides to friends that he will neither seek nor accept a second nomination.

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Leading prespect: Senator Robert A. Taft. If he confortably surmounts the hurdle of re-election to the Senate from Ohio next Pail, he will be a top-running Restate from Ohio next Pail, he will be a top-running the sist Congress the social-velfare registation has been pressing, he might unite the progressive and conservative wings of his party and put himself in a nationally commanding position.

Significant centender: Harpfordiscipling and the University of Pennsylvania, youthful vigorous, practical iolitician never defected at the polls, if he GOP organization of his new home stats—witch is not impossible—while retaining his strong Midness-ern support. Mr. Stassen would be a more formidable contender than he was in 1948. There is no reason to suppose he will not again command a popular voter-following.

a distinguished name with a new internationalist look—Henry Cabot Lodge Jr. of Massachusetts. He was the first choice of the Republican liberals to suc-ceed Senator Taft as policy committee chairman, His reputation is growing, his prestige is on the way up.

For some time yet it will be eyen more difficult to present the upcoming Democratic aspirants until it clearer how much President Truman is going to to pick his successor and where his ultimate favor likely to come to rest.

Despite the fact that these two imponderables are pretty imponderable and that Mr. Truman is doing nothing yet to show his hand, there is still a handful of names which come into the conversation when Democratic leaders begin to talk about 1933, Among them. In alphabetical order, are these

Chester Bowles, popular former OPA administra-tor, who won the governorship of Connecticut while Mr. Truman was losing the state in the Presidential election: a national figure who might evoke the support of populous industrial states.

Associate Justice William Douglas, whom the President tried to get to run with him last Fall. He is a faithful Roosevelt New Dealer whose Supreme Court duties do not keep him from delivering a number of nonpolitical, politically useful speeches.

Louis Johnson, big money-raiser for the Truman campaign, an able, hard-hitting, tough-fibered ad-ministrator and no shrinking violet as a politician. Adia Stevenson, the best of the new Democratic governors, a smash-victor in Illinois whose 600,000-vote triumph enabled Mr. Truman to carry the vital

Two-party dark horse: Columbia University's president, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, whose views are more Republican than Pair Dealish, but who might look upon either party as an instrument for a national leadership as free from conventional partizanship as he could make it.

Quote, Unquote

The newsprint shortage gets serious sometimes. This announcement appeared in one of the county weeklies recently: "Owing to lack of space, several births and deaths will be postponed until next week."—Eupera (Miss.) Websier County Progress.

There is a sign hanging on the wall in the county health office here which reads: "Sleep eight hours, work eight hours, but not the same eight hours."—Carlsbad (N. M.) Current-Argus.

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Benator, a practiced politician with a good war record.

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Joseph Alsop

The Labor Outlook

THE Crowing over President Tru-I man's troubles with labor legi-islation is singularly premature. The control of the control o

public support.

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Drew Pearson's Russia Leaning Toward German Treaty Merry-Go-Round

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or Italy. Therefore close German-Russian co-operation was essential. Result was the stiff position taken by the Western Carman leaders at Bonn, when they first turned down Gen-tage of the Bonn, when they first turned down Gen-tage of the Bir Three Western German State II was only after the Bir Three German Charter of Covernment finally was accepted.

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In addition to the "facts sheet," which lobby agents hand to the public, they also have an "instruction sheet," which they are very careful not to hand out. These confidential instructions are a dead give away.

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