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#### DISMAL FINANCIAL PICTURE

In the dismal picture of Federal finances are recalled in the year-end report of the Treetry Department, there was at least one bright spot: the unwillingness of Sc.765,000,000 ver 1948 and an illustration of the scretary Suprier and President Truman to take advantage of a legislative trick by the Solt Congress to show a technical surplus instead of a deficit.

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The Republican-controlled 90th Congress, assuming the GOP would be in power this year and anxious to make a good financial showing, passed a law setting up \$8 billion of last years whosping surplus in size in the setting and the setting the

tam.

That realism — the U. S. Government
went back into the red last year by almost
\$1 billion, in a period of peace, in a period
of business prosperity, in a period of high
tax achedules and high tax revenues. In
prospect for next year: an even bigger deficit, perhaps as much as \$5 billion, in what
wall hops will be an even more normal

a five-year low.

The year-end result was not unexpected. A deficit had been predicted by such a spenders as Harry Trunan, who wanted to avoid it by higher taxes, and such economists as Senator Harry F. Byrd, who wanted, to avoid it by cutting Government exwanditures.

penditures.

Yet, despite the ample forewarning, no one in Weshington had been coursecus to the control of the control takes. But when he didn't get them he had shown no sympathy for cutting present expenditures. The Congress had asked for less spending, but lacked the courage either to enforce the reductions or to raise the extra revenue necessary to may for the low ride. pay for the joy ride.

As the year came to an end, the nation was still floundering around in a financial

It was indeed a discouraging condition the eve of July 4, which commemora one of the brightest days in our history.

#### CUTTING OFF THEIR NOSES

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THE reaction of top labor leaders, at
least those who have so far expressed
themselves, to the new Tatt labor bill
adopted by the Senate is typical of the
whole-hog or nothing, attitude of these
leaders and their lackeys in Congress and
in the camp of the Administration.
Pigeon-hole or veto this new Tatt bill.
Let the old Tat-Hartley Act stand as it is.
Then well have a red hot campaign issue
for the 1950 elections. That, in a great
many more words and with a great many
more variations, is what they are saying.
Eisewhere on this page today is a pointby-point outline of the new labor bill as
compared with the Tat-Hartley Act. Any
intelligent person who reads the outline
carefully can see that labor has scored
considerable gains, that the Tat-Hartley
Act has been modified estensively in labor's behalf.

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leaders, who are more interested in playing politics with Taft-Hartley than improving it, would reject this new measure despite its obvious improvement over the original. In so doing, they would sagrifice the welfare of their millions of union members who ask nothing, more than a fair and reasonable labor law which will project their fundamental rights.

If the Taft-Hartley Act is, a "slave labor isw" as Fresident Truman likes to term it, fly modification favorable to labor should be welcomed by the union leaders. If, then, they want to campaign further in 1950 for further changes, or outright repeal, it's their privilege to do so.

But they will gain nothing by their in-solence and arrogance. They will be rend-ering a greater service to their union mem-bers, and to the nation, if they begin act-ing like men instead of spoiled children.

## INFLEXIBLE DIVIDING LINE to transport an urban child anywhere. They are the same children, mind you, and they are still residents of the State of North Carolina. They merely happen to have been voted into the city limits of Charlotte. That denies them the State That denies them the State That denies them the State That denies that the state of the state

THE-dividing line between urban and rural areas which the State of North Carolina observes so rigidly in so many of its services often produces strange situations. A good example: the plight of the school children in Charlotte's new fringe

acheol children in Charlottes new fringeschool children in Charlottes new fringeschool children in Charlottes new fringeschool to the children in the area which became a part of the child limits on January 1 were carried to County schools by State school busses, just like any other children in rural arkas of North Carolina. Last September, after the vote on city limit systemsion but before it became effective January 1, 1394, the area was included in the City achool district, and State busses continued to transport the children After January 1, as pecula.

After January 1, as pecula the continue hauling the mass for the City School Board to bear the expense of operating the busses. That was for the City School Board to bear the expense of operating the busses. That was agreed to, and the arrangement served well during the blance of the term. Now the State Board of Education has decided to withdraw from that arrangement because there is no legal authority for the State

From The Christian Science Monitor

#### THE SOUTH WILL DO IT

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Many Southerners are pointing out that

The other 200 are too far away from the present city bus routes to use them.

Perhaps the State is justified in transporting rural children only. We won't argue that point now. But it does seem that the State, until such a time as city bus rottes can be extended, and re-routed to cover these new areas, could at least continue duralishing the busses under the temporary

arrangement adopted last year, especially when the local school board is paying the

An observer says that girls who wear strapless evening gowns have a lot of confidence in the dress. Of course, most of them do not wear such a dress unless they have a lot of — confidence, to put in it.—Kingsport (Tenn.) Timés.

'That's Odd. I Was Just Thinking Of Some Changes, Too'



People's Platform

# More Pay For Teachers use of private schools would dissolve the hartrit settence founded and aside. It is not rather a matter of justice? Catholic parents contribute to public funds through taxation and yet in most sates they receive very little if anything, in return. It is not the church which methods will continue the settence of the sate of the settence of the sett

Editors. The News:

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I have noticed the improvement of the schools of the schools of the schools of the schools progress. Buf more progress could be made in the schools. The only may to make that progress is to give the teachers an increase in make that progress is to give the teachers an increase in the schools. The only may to make that progress is to give the teachers have been deducted highly for their field. That education has cost them much. We then the teachers have been deducted highly for their field. It is a great sacrifice on the part of the teacher to keep at it. Many would instantly wave the white field is a great sacrifice on the part of the teacher to keep at it. Many would instantly wave the white field is a great sacrifice on the part of the teacher for keep at it. Many would instantly wave the white field is a great sacrifice on the part of the teacher for keep at it. Many would instantly wave the white field in the proper authorities, the question. We owe them for more than could ever be plad and an increase of the proper authorities, the question why not? It is a sad and cruel matter that teachers must meet a sea of the proper authorities, the question why not? It is a sad and cruel matter that teachers must meet a sea of the proper authorities, the question why not? It is a sad and cruel matter that the was due to the knowledge of the winder of the proper season may be a sea of the proper season may be a sea of the proper season may be a sea of the proper season of the proper

GEORGE GLADSTONE KILLOUGH JR.

#### Catholic Parents Suffer

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\_J. F. FLOWERS.

Editors, The News:

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#### Quote, Unquote

**Unfair To Scott** 

An AP Analysis

#### The New Labor Bill

**DeWitt MacKenzie** 

### To Trade Or Not

#### Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

## Louisiana Politics Much Quieter Now

CHARLOTTE

It consists seemidal, resulting in the impressions—the secondary, the Long family and friends have staged an amendar gomester. However, the Long family and friends have staged an amendar gomester. However, brother, Earl, is governor of the state. Husey's son, Russell, is 'U. 8. Senator from Louisians. So the other day! went back to Louisians—just ten years safer within the life of the long machine is handling its comeback. Things have changed a lot in ten years. The name in the governor's manion is still spelled "1-0-N-O." foil the stronghers is much different. It's calmer, then speciations and the strength of the special stratum that it's aimost humdruin. The city or has specialized the stratum of the life and the stratum of the long machine, but the row lacks the melodrams and bellicose protectionics of Hury's down; the way many of the Most interesting development up the constitution of the long that it is the stratum of the long machine, but the row lacks the melodrams and bellicose protections of Hury's down; to the way many of the Most interesting development up the consideration of the long that the

COVERNOR LECHE, who got ten years for taking ones.

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His garden is so unique that sourists pay 78 cents to visit.

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help others who had suffered his misfortune,
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**Huey Was Honest** 

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IT was always my belief that Nuey Long—and I knew him
well—was honest. His scaked the big oll companies, taxed the
utilities and squeezed campaign contributions out of all ords
of people. But the money went back into free schoolbooks,
better roads and a network of bridges that have left a lasting mark on the state.

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children of his own. "Kids can't study when they're hungry, and an awful lot of kids down our way just don't get enough to eat."

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Ear! Long discusses his late brother quite frankly.

The oil companies hated Huey." he says. "He taxed em and they hated him. I have taxed them too, but they have taken it out more on Russell than on me."

Senator Long
HE referred to his neptiew Russell, now U. S. Senator from Tin fact, every mistake I make Russell gets biamed for continued the Senator's uncle. "Russell's going to make good Senator. He has all of Huey's good points and none