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Tis, we confess, somewhat more interesting to have a Laughing Boy in the
White House than a Cal Coolidge, even if
the source of Mr. Truman's amssement is
often difficult to understand.
For a while it was George Allen, the-official "court-jeater", whose ribaid jokes
kept the President entertained. Then it
was Maj-Gen. Harry Vaughan who is cut
from the same pattern as Allen interes of the
President who excel in billiard tricks (Mon
C. Walgren) or in drinking this old battery
matea) or entertaining (Pearl Mesta) or
back-slapping (Tom Clark have come and
gone across the White House threshold,
doing their bit to give the President a tew
more checkles.
Now that rather undistinguished assemblage has been joined by a totally unexpected humoratis. Herbert C. Hower.
Mr. Hoover made a talk in Palo Alto the
order night in which he washed that the
nation is on the last mile of the end
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remark.

The President laughed. What was that?

Bay that again. It sounds funny to me. I

don't know what it is, but I don't think it is

so.

What Mr. Hoover had to say was no laughing matter for a great many people, and if the President would take another look, he might not chuckle so boisterously.

For the 75-year-old former President did

something that few other "conservatives" have been smart enough to do in recent years. Instead of worrying about the invasion of government into fields of private industry, instead of fretting about the heavy taxes on high-aslaried breadwinners, on the formation of the heavy penalties of the heavy penalties of the work of the heavy penalties of the heavy penalties of the heavy heavy

Perhaps Mr. Hoover has found the right key. Perhaps his appeal to the average citizen is the refrain which will swell into a great popular chorus. And, incidentally, he appears much more of a "liberal" in guarding the freedom of the individual from collectivism than some of the "lib-erals" who are appouning the weifare state. Mr. Truman got his laugh. But the end of the joke hasn't been reached yet.

### \$10 FOR 26 YEARS

THE case of James.Montgomery of Wau-kegan, Ill., a Negro who was freed after serving nearly 26 years of a life sen-tence for rape, is of more general signifi-cance than news reports on the event have

cance than news reports on the event have indicated.

Monigomery was set free by Federal Judge Michael L. Igoe several days ago on the grounds that the State suppressed vital evidence in the "sham trial."

Monigomery is now 56. He was convicted in 1924 of raping Miss Mamile Snow, 62, a Waukegan itinerant saleslady, (She was later committed to a mental institution). Judge Igoe, in setting the Negro free, made these criticipism of the trial:

1. The victim of the alleged attack was examined by a Dr. John E. Walter of Wantecaminer, who have been been suppressed.

2. The trial procedure was suppressed.

2. The trial procedure was dominated by the Michael Schotzer, who threatened results of the Kin Klink Kin Kin If Montenery or his counsel attempted any defining.

3. The issue as the trial way not the multi-

3. The issue at the trial was not the guilt rinnocence of the accused, but racial sub-

jugation.
4. The testimony of Miss Snow at the

trial was false, and the State's Attorney knew it was false but wrongfully used it to convict the defendant. (Shortly after the attack, she picked Montgomery out of a line of auspects; the following day she couldn't identify him.)

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5. When Montgomery sought liberty on bond, the Waukegan chief of police told him, "You know if you were in Georgia or Mississippi we would turn you over to the Ku Kiux Kian. We are liable to do that now, because I am a member."

Adding up all these errors, Judge Igoe made this profound observation:

fsociety cannot suppress lawlesaness by means of lawlesaness in prosecution. Society cannot inspire respect for law by withholding the protection of law from those accused of crime. It was and is the prosecuting attorney's duty to sasist in giving a fair trial to the defendant.

When Montgomery walked out of State-ville Pentientiary, a prison official gave him \$10—the amount given to all convicts upon their discharge. This gesture served some purpose if it did nothing else but show how pithfully small is any financial remuneration for unfair arrest, prosecu-nt of the property of the prison of the property of dignity and respect.

### HUMANITARIAN MEASURE

PAT McCARRAN, a Senator from Nevada, is a paradoxical man. The son of Irish immigrants, he has established himself in Wabhington as a leader of the anti-immigrant, isolationlet movement. It is Senator McCarran, and McCarran almost alone, who is blocking passage of a liberalised displaced persons bill in the liberalised displaced persons bill in the McGrath-Neely DP bill — a worthy measure—into cold storage and has spread his girthsome self over the entrance. It will take some dynamite—in the form of bipartism action—the blast McCarran off the bill.

The bread outline of the McCartan-Neely

The broad outline of the McGrath-Neely bill is well known, for it has been in the Judicial Committee for many months while newspapers and spokesmen for both parties have urged that the Senate be allowed to equation it.

counties it. Mechanism which no one consider it. McCarrain — for reasons which no one allow the Senate to frote on the McCrath-Neely bill. He shanks obtained even as leader in his own party—Senator Lucas—uyes release of the bill, He asy no even as a Democratic-Republish coalition-ponders the drastic move of discharging his committee from considering the House bill. To what does McCarran object? Perhaps the answer can be found in de-

termining what the McGrath-Neely bill termining what the McGrath-Neely bill would do.

It would, first, wipe out religious restrictions imposed by the Displaced Persona Act of the 80th Congress. That bill — through a cut-off date arrangement — virtually blockeded this nation against Catholics and erimination be exercised because of need, religion or nationality. Second, the McGrath bill eases unfair provisions whegeby displaced persons admitted now count against future immigration quotas.

And, third, it increases the over-all number of displaced persons who would be admitted to the country of the c

the Senate.

It would be, as previously mentioned, drastic to discharge McCarrana committee; but it is imperative to the good name of this nation that the McCrain-Neely bull at least be considered by the Senate.

We join with Sen. Seott Lucks, majority leader, in decising:

"This is not a political question. It should be approached from a humanitarian studypoint."

# THEY ASKED FOR IT . . .

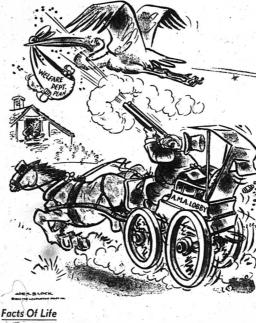
In granting the petition of the Duke Powner or Company for an increase in bus fare in-cipin cities, including Greenshore, the State Utilities Commission, the State Utilities Commission, left lited wide open for a pertinent question and, even beyond that, a counterblow by the protesting public.

The Commission, after holding the power company request for a 10-cent straight bus charge or three tokens for a quarter to be fair and reasonable, elaborated in justification of its action:

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deficit in a transportation system operated by the same utilities Commissioners, you asked for it: With bus operations are utilized for it: With bus operations statistically asked to the work of that much near-tended to the state of the st



'Oh, Doctor!'

# The White Paper On China

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(NOTHING like the publication of the Christ White Paper has happened in American diplomatic history. It tears the secrecy label off current diplomatic history. It tears the secrecy label off current diplomatic history. It tears the secrecy label off current diplomatic history. It presents them, relatively speking, while secretic history is the continuous control of the United States had not reluctantly concluded some time ago that the Chinnes Nationalist regime was training and the Christian Christ

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cave in. It makes no mention of the several peace that Japan, had put out suggesting weakmas and collision.

On the coalition issue, which has now become Portification of the process of the process of the property of the process of the Parcel pink reposition of the increasing on Change all future efforts made to get a working political all future efforts made to get a working political all future efforts made to get a working political all future efforts made to get a working political working the process of th

### Quote, Unquote

Sen. Lee B. Weathers says Tom Dixon did not a but loved Negroes. Certainly he did. By writing els and plays which made others hate Negroes. Dixon was able to make himself a pile of money ch nobody hates.—Greensbore (N. C.) Dally

### James Marlow

## All Is Not Clear

The Senate bill wouldn't change the coverage of the present law by bringing any more people under its protection.

But—the Hoine-passed bill, in-stead of briffith a larger number under coverage, would actually take under coverage, would actually take people who not may about 17000000 people who not may be the top tiny changes in the law itself, but the House-passed bill would make a number of important changes. If this House-passed bill would make

a number of important channes as the state of the the came law it probably would mean statis in the Supreme Court—which might take years—to explain precisely what some of the lahruage in the bill means.

Officials of the Wage-Hour Administration, which carries out the law for the Government, were them-of the House bill means.

Since they were puzzled, it's notbe-

here, but, first, background.

The minimum wage law was passed by Congress in 1938. Briefly, it said:

People engaged in businesses which had commerce across state lines were covered by the law. (Some kinds of businesses were specifically exempted from the law's coverage.)

erage.)

This meant that the "covered" people had to be paid no less than 25 cents an hour until 1939, no less than 30 cents as hour until 1945, and 40 cents an hour after 1945.

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### Robert C. Ruark

# **Summer Thoughts**

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5. What is a word beginning with ina that means "exhaustion from lack of food"?

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handling of this problem in the U.S. More than two-score Senators and Congressmen are sponsoring the bill drafted by

Fighting Scot

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STRACHAN inherited his unquenchable spirit from a Scottish faither.

It is father was a crusading country editor in Michigan, Interest of the state of the state