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#### WHITHER NOW?

If THE Dixiecrat members of the Demo-cratic National Committee expected any-thing less abrupt than the edge of a very sharp axe, they were indeed naive. They asked for their come-uppance when they boiled the party last year and supported Strom Thurmond for President, and they, got it.

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There was nothing cise the Committee could do: Agoong politicians the political double-cross is an unforsityable sin, and no amount of profestings that the Democratic Party had Jeft the South could remove the sigms from the Diktercat movement, despite of the obvious merit to the complaint. Where, you might well ask, do the Diktercat go from here? That's a good question, and it is doubtful that even the Diktercat know the answer yet. As a matter of fact, they haven't appeared to know where they were heading from the very first.

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The movement stemmed from reaction, was born in anger, and thrived on bitterness and hatred. It was vindictive—aimed at defeating the Democratic candidate rather than electing the Discretatic candidate pretended alignates to the Democratic Canpeter of the Control of the Cont

## A WORD OF ADVICE

THE story of the State ABC Board's drive to shore up dry counties against a flow of tax-paid liquor from out-of-state wholesalers is told on this page today by Dick Young Jr., and the results shown so far are a tribute to the energy and initia-tive of the new ABC Chairman, Robert W.

tive of the new ABC Chairman, Robert W. Winston.
Winston, has proved that a little imagination, hard work, and persuasion can work wonders when applied at the right place. The gesture of Maryland in adopting two stringent regulations which make it virtually impossible for a Tar Heel rum runner to buy his stocks in that state was a neighbory one, and should be duly a prephery with the state of the state of

## PORK-BARREL MEASURE THERE is simply no way to justify the action of the House Veterana Affairs Cogmittee in passing a measure which would force President Truman to restore a 15,000-bed slash in veterans' hospital construction.

The measure violates all the funda-mentals of sound government, and deserves no further hearing in its present form by either the full House or the Senate. The reduction was originally made by the President and the Veterans Adminis-

the President and the veterans Adminis-tration because it was found that there was no need for the beds, and that a short-age of medical personnel would make it impossible to staff them even if they were half.

pist.
Various delegations from communities which had been selected as sites for the hospitals were heard by the Congressional committee. Some of the spokesmen refuted the Veterans Administration claim

continue to carry a few states in national elections. 'He could even carry some Congressional and Senatorial seats, though the choice committee chairmanships would be denied, to a splinter party by the major

denied, to a splinter party by the major party in power party in power. Even so, a States Rights Party could be no more than a coalition group which would, line up with the Republicans or the Democrate, in Congress in accordance with Southern preferences on legislation of the moment.

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But that is ng different from — and would be less effective than—the present modus operands of Southern Democrats in Congress. Fox, good many years now they have controlled legislation affecting their region by joining by descring the Administration. And they can continue to do so. There is room for a second party in the South, and there is a great need for more consideration of states rights in both marjor parties. But nothing can possibly be The Disciencias will be more effective if they bind up their wounds and either timp back into the Democratic Party, there to hore from within, or jine up with the Republicans.

The label shouldn't matter—for a Dixierrat is a Dixierrat, no matter what he calls himself.

## Under the local option system, North Carolina counties have the right to choose between Prohibition and legal control. If they choose Prohibition, they have a right to demand enforcement by local authorities to demand enforcement by local authorities and to expect whatever assistance the State may legally give them in keeping the bor-ders free of the liquor traffic. If they choose control, they have a right to expect that the only liquor sold in their areas be through the duly authorized State stores in accordance with the laws.

But any hopes for complete enforcement of Prohibition in dry counties must be tem-pered by the realization that many of the people simply don't want it enforced, and that he won't get much help from the crusading Drys who ignore the liquor traf-fic except around ABC election time.

As The Greenshoro Daily News put it re-cently, "the chief trouble with even the highest proof Prohibitionists has been that they, like low-proof liquor, do not hold a bead." Chairman Winston will be wise to be mindful of that fact, as he tilts his lance against the bootleggers.

# that the beds were not needed, and de-manded restoration of the projects. Others: like the Charlotte delegation, made out a good case for their region and merely asked that they not be discriminated against in the award of such projects as were finally approved.

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It is entirely possible that subsequent developments will prove that the Veterans Administration was wrong and that some of the 24 canciled hospitals, at least, are needed. In anticipation of that possibility, the Independent Offices appropriation built contains \$237 million in funds for the projects, but leaves it to the discretion of the President whether they should be apent, and approved by the Veterans Committee removes the discretionary authority, and makes the expendition amndatory. Charlotte would like, of course, to have a multi-million doliar veterans hospital if one is really needed in this area. But this community cannot honeastly support or endorse brazen, pork-barrel legislation which would spend \$237 millions for hospitals that are not needed.

## CIBERNETICISTS TAKE NOTE

CIBERNETICS is such a new word you won't find it in the dictionary. Cibernetics is such a new science that it would take Binsc to figure out what percentage of the people know about it.

Binac? Binac is what the Sunday Sec-tion writers cáll—a thinking machine." Cibernetics is the science of thinking machines. (And if there are any ciber-neticists in the addience don't ask us to devise a more exact definition.)

They tell us that ciberretics is likely to. become as important as atomic energy. They tell us that one of these days each man may have a robot at his beck and call, to do menial little tasks like figuring out how fast to drive to Gastonia or China Grove.

More than that, of course, is expected of

Binac, for Instance, can do 500,000 additions and 200,000 multiplications in two hours. Pretty soon, when Binac spaws a child named Univac, we will have a couple of machines playing chess and perhaps even composing two-part inyentions a la-Bach.

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That, at least, is what J. Presper Eckert
Jr., one of the fáthers of Binac, says—
(He does not teil us, of course, what we
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You can, if you feel up to it, take Binae,
Univac and cibernetics very, very seriously.
You can think about the intricately-arranged, mass of wire and coils and wonder,
like a Czechoslovakian named Karel Capek,
what a world dominated by machines
would be like?

In Capek's play, "R.U.R.", the world first heard the term "robot". Then, the con-cept of a thinking machine was as fan-tastic as the idea of a fountain of youth

appears now.

From our current advanced position in the field of the thinking machine, you might consider Capel's time a century or more ago. But, it wasn't. It was only 1922. The thinking machine has grown from a fantasy to a near-reality in 75 years. The idea of a major part of man's labor being performed by a robot is not fantastic now. Therefore, the next machine we want J. Preper Eckert Jr. to devise is one which will tell us what we can do with all that spare time Binac, Univas and their inevitable grandchildren will give us.

That Massachusetts high school girl who That Massachusetts high school girl who is going to try the English Channel has announced that she will swim in the nude, but a picture of her doing a trial swim distinctly shows her wearing goggles. — Little Rock Arkansas Gazette.



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#### Washington Leftist Unions Plan Bolt From CIO Fold Merry-Go-Round

(NOTE—While Drew Pearson is on vacation, the Washington Merry-Go-Round is being written by his old partner, Robert S. Allen.—Editors, The News.)

AN extraordinary backstage scramble its taking place within the Congress of Industrial Organizations. While the anti-Comminist Phil Murray leadership is prepairing to boto out the lettit unions at the CIO's Cleveland convention, the latter are racing to beat this move to the punch with a walkout of their own.

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The deflies have called a meeting in New York on Aug. 30. Inside word is they will stage a bolt and proclaim-the establishment of a national labor organization of their own. Informed sources say this is the new Communist Party life.

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