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DEALING WITH A STACKED DECK

STATE Treasurer Brandon P. Hodges pointed up a painful truism when he told the League of Municipalities the other day that city governments are losing their influence in State Legislatures.

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- Mr. Hodges put his finger on one readBy apparent reason. The modern trend in
municipal government is toward a city
manager, who is the administrative
official and a city council, which has
policy-making powers. But the whole setup is littled out of porty politics and kept
on a non-partisan level as first as possible.

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On the other hand, light little "Court-house rings" still run County Governments.

These rings are partisan, and they are political And they are gaining an ever-increasing dominance over city sovernments in the halls of our State Legislatures.

There is another reason cited recently by the Washington Post—and that is the movement of population to the suburbs. Between 1940 and 1950, our dozen largest cities grew 8.7 per cent while their suburbs increased by 32.9 per cent, and this trend is apparent in smaller U. S. cities.

The suburbanite, who The Post describes as "a man who shuttles back and forth from a place he would rather not live to a place he would rather not work", earns his living in the city but maintains his

residence in the area surrounding the city. Still, the core city has to provide services for him even though he doesn't contribute city taxes. Says The Post

The natural result is that the suburanite, who pays no city taxes while enrural dwellers in resisting any legislative efforts to alleviate the financial plight of

efforts to alleviate the financial plight of municipalities. In North Carolina a good start has been made through the Leanue of Municipali-ties to give towns and elites a stronger voice in the General Assembly. But equal-ity of representation will never be attained until urban dwellers realize that State Legislatures deal with a stacked deck, and add their own individual voices to that of the League.

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THE STATUS of North Carolina's public
school teaching staff in the 1940-50
term compared very favorably with other
Southern states, but did not measure up
to other regions, according to a table
recently printed in The New York Times
and inserted in the Congressional Record.
North Carolina led the South in number of teachers, 28,500, followed by Georgia with 24506, Tennessee with 22,198, and
Alabama with an even 22,000.
North Carolinas had 600, and Missistappi
had 800. Kentucky had the poorest ranking of all in this respect, with 3,500 substandard teachers out of a total of 19,000.
But Tar Heelia ranked third in a very
important category—average salary. Florfiels led the list with \$2,332, followed by
Louisians with \$2,700 and North Carolina with \$2,500 Lowest average salary as
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In total state appropriation for operating expenditures for elementary and secondary schools, North Carolina was far and awhy opt-tont with \$103,600,000. Its closest_competitor was Tennessee with

\$69,650,000. Arkansas made the lowest state contribution, \$30,981,066.

Some states outside the South have a fewer number of substandard teacher. In their schools—Nevada with only seven, Rhode Island with 35, Pennsylvania with only 82 out of a total of 59,500 teachers. But generally this state has done a good job in replacing emergency, substandard teachers.

The average salary doesn't look so good.
California paid its teachers an average
\$3,940; District of Columbia, \$3,793;
Massachusetts, \$3,825; Arizona, \$3,575.

Massachusetts, \$3,025; Arizona, \$3,575. When you make allowance for the fact that North Carolina ranked 44th in the nation in 1949 in per capita income, it becomes immediately apparent that this state has made a generous allotment of its tax revenue to public education.

Even 80, we have not done enough. North Carolina can still afford to spend more money on education—teachers, buildings, libraries, laboratories, gymnasiums. If we are to prepare our children adequately for life in this competitive world, we must do more.

DECISION IN TIBET

THE world has not yet, apparently, fig-ured out how to react to the reported Chinese invasion of Tibet, sky-high land between China and India. As a matter of fact, the world is not yet entirely con-vinced that any such invasion has taken place.

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This much only is known: that the Pelpare (Red China) radio has reported that Chinese troops have been ordered to advance on Tiber 10 for ea 300000 Thetana from imperialist oppression and to consolidate the national edeenses of the Western border of China.

If such an invasion is taking place it is no different from the North Korean Invasion of South Korea on June 23. It is naked aggression by a Compunist nation on a non-Communist nation, one more satcilite for the Kremlin.

We have committed ourselves to protect non-Communist nations from Red aggression. That much is certain. But will there are be raised the ery: Why fight for Tibet'ya Buttle. If anything, to offer the Tibet'ya Buttle. If anything, to offer the

Tibet has little, if anything, to offer the Tibet'aga little, if anything, to offer the West. A mountainous, snow-covered land ruled by a priest group, it does not even offer the standard Arian groduct: manpower. It is certain-that many will call for the U. S. to forget the utinciple of opposing Communican in the lieth of the reality that Tibet can be of no value to us. Whether on the war for a litematic to stop.

Whether or not we are to attempt to stop the invasion of Tibet—if, once again, such an invasion is taking place—will be up to

the U. N. But we cannot simply throw the bail to the United Nations; there is some-thing at stake here more important than the peaks and valleys of the storied Roof

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What is at stake may well be our reputation in Asia. If we stand by while troops of the Communist World Army—for that is what the North Koreans, Red Chinese, and other satellite troops are—invade a border nation, the Krenlin will have won a masior propaganda victory. They will broadcast far and wide the report that the United States is a bis brother only when there's something in it for the United States.
And is there really any difference of principle in opposing an invasion of Tibet and opposing an invasion of Tibet and opposing an invasion of Indo-China.
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war.

Truly nothing could be more unlikely than American troops fighting in Tibet. It is almost beyond belief. But this is the test: do we oppose Communist force with force wherever it appears?

From The Raleigh News & Observer

HERO'S HEIR

THE lure of the spangles and bright lights proved too much for one Raleigh boy, who followed the State Fair midway when the shows left town. That incident will remind many North Carolinians of an earlier day when nearly every community contained one youth who had "run away with the circus."

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Usually, the circus runaway enjoyed a special prestige in the village, whether his excursion lasted for a day or a week or longer. In a day of alow transportation and infrequent circuses, some of the glitter around the elephants, trapper artists and grease paint remained with the boy. For varying periods, he was the hero of the young. Juvenile literature of that time featured countless stories and books about young. Juvenile literature or that time featured countless stories and books about

at the village hero virtually dis-ared as cars became faster, roads

more numerous, and circuses common place. His adventurous travels led to obscurity. But every now and then, like a rekindled memory, one of the hero's heirs appears again.

include the time that elapses between the first sight a woman catches of a Perfect Darling of a Hat in a Store window and rive worn-the-old-thing-till-I'm-sick-of-th' comment.—Kingsport (Tenn.) Times.

"Duncan Hines suggests stuffing the squash with spinach," says a domestic science magazine. One is reminded of the husband, asked his opinion of the little woman's new hat, "Buy another and throw them both away,"—Jackson (Miss.) Daily News.

'Lil David' Ferguson May Depose Ohio's 'Goliath' Taft By STEWART ALSOP

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India Must Have Unselfish U.S. Aid To Insure Survival

By MARQUIS CHILDS

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TURPENTINE DRIPPINGS

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(Florence Merring News)

When the South Carolina General Assembly imposed an additional tax on cigarettes, it did so to boost the State revenue. But word from Columbia any that this has not been the case. The lawmarine at 150,000 in additional revenue. A recent survey of the situation, however, linds that instead of increasing the revenue from cigarette tax money, increasing the revenue from cigarette as money, increasing the revenue from cigarette as money. In was pointed out by this and other newspapers when legislators were considering the additional tax. Cigarette smokers have been buying their cigarettes.

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Gearise Cosb, Mergarism Could have rated appropriately as a "grass roots philosopher." His observations and rayings are still quoted locally, remembered either for their wife or wisdom, or both,
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many parents to make their cultidren mind. "As &
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Greatest Menace

(Grensbere Dally News)
The greatest neranes to dogs, to their victims and to their true friends is the irresponsible recole who accept preprietorship of pups without recognising any of the accompanying responsibilities. It is not from actentists that dog-lowers may expect any cruelly appreciable to that deriving from their irresponsible owners.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

'Family Man' Won't Even Aid Own Child

Collected By Bill Sharpe

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(Holt McPirens, Shelty Star)
The editor of a small town newspaper, upon going to his place of business one merning, found from his type case. He was not outdoor, however, and the paper came out on time, with the following small proper came out on time, with the following compounding from and threadded with all our etheth. We mutht applogue to our reagenth for our compounding room and threadded with all our etheth. We mutht applogue to our reagenth for we would athou like to thates that if at any time in the yearth to come we thee thirth dirty thanks in the grain hould be the premishin, we will not only in the property of the control of the property of the

As a result, voting in a hurry and repenting at leistire etimes saddles unfortunate Congressmen on the nation.

to point out some of the phony statements issued by candidates.

In the manager, Jack Hardy, OOP candidate for congress in Helen Gahagan Douglad old district in Los Ampelos. His camaign literature features pictures of himself and wife with the three children. The picture even names the term of the congress of the picture of a private his saying three children, whom the OC candidate thus feature of the picture of the pictur

However, even this mere pittance was too much. He defaulted on payments to the tune of \$900 and, under a new court decree, now pays nothing.

Yet the man who now aspires to sit in the halls of Congress plays himself up in his campaign literature as a

Query-When you bring another man's children into

No War Production Plan

THE inside story has never been told of the shocking in-efficiency and neglect that forced Husert Howard out as chairman of the Munitions Board. Meanwhile. Presi-dent Pruman has let ack weeks go by without appointing a new chairman to clean up the mess.

Yet the tragic fact is that Korea found our stockplies dangerously low and with no production blueprint at all for the future. Even to this day, the Munitions Board hasn't come up with a single plan or estimate to guide wartime production.

production.

This nearly resulted in disaster a week before the Inchon landing, when the Air Force almost ran out of variation gazoline. The manufactures were supposed to keep a 36-day supply on hand in the Far East, but had no production goal to guide them. As a result, the supply ran dry on Sept. 6, and our planes were nearly grounded on the eve of the Inchen landing. A gazoline shipment strived in the link of time, but the supply dropped dangerously low the producers urtoops were storming Secol. Meanwhite, the producers of the producers and stepped up the flow of variation gas.

Big Producers Have Board's Ear

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to chiche its troops for the severe Korean Whiter As a result,
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Australian market. The irony is that the Agriculture Department had plenty of wool last year, but couldn's set
the Munitions Board to take it over for stockpling. So
forms, the Agriculture Department asked the Munitions
Board in August what its needs would be.

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