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THE government's hot polate got hotter
Last week as carload after carload of
Canadian spuds rolled into the nation.
Farmers north of the border week cashing
in on the distressingly ridiculous-pricesupport program.

As the Agriculture Department dyed ton
after ton of the Yankee tubers blue and
either strewed them on the ground or
dumped them in the sea. Canadian potatogrowers sent more tons of them over the
border to sell at a cheaper price than the
parity-paralyzed American potato-market
could match.

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for considerably less than American farmers could.

If it were not for the fact that this foolishness is costing the American taxpager about \$100,000,000\$ this year it would be upractiously furny: a government which can sustain a nation at the highest living level in history: a government which could lead a nation to victory over the war-machines of Germany and Japan; a government now recognized as the most powerful in the world—stynde over spuds.

It would be funny except that the anafu potato policy is taking money out of our wallets and giving to potatoes growers who have already become fabulously wealthy, except that while the government deather and the strength of the stre

LABOR LAW'S SUPREME TEST

THE REPORT of the Presidential fact finding board on the issues involved in the coal strike revealed for the first time just what has kept John L. Lewis and the producers apart.

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In all these months of fruitless "negotiation", there has been no public statement of the demands of either side, and the public has had to guess at them.

Now we learn that the fact-finding beard thinks both sides are at fault. The producers have insisted that Mr. Lewis abandon the "able and willing" clause, the union ship, union memorial periods, and the payment of welfare pensions to UMW members only, before they would talk about wages or increased welfare fund payments. The mine boss, for his part, has refused to make known his wage and welfare fund demands until the producers would agree to continue. So the new contract. Ahose four provisions of the old agreement. agreement.

No wonder there has been no agree-ment. And if neither side yields, there can

be no agreement.
Yet the situation is not hopeless. Already
a Federal judge has hold that the four disputed provisions are illegal under the TaftHartley Act, and has issued an order forbidding Mr. Lewis to insist on these de-

vices. The order has been appealed.
Furthermore, the National Labor Relations Board is due to rule on whether these are 'unfair' practices or not.

If, somehow, an authoritative decision can be had on these points, it might, as one writer put it, narrow the area of disagreement between Mr. Lewis and the producers so that they can get on with the discussion of wages and welfare fund payments.

Meanwhile, it remains to be seen whether or not Tail-Hardiey will be equal to its supreme test. There is mixed reaction among the minera. Some of them the reaction among the minera. Some of them the reaction among the minera. Some of the reaction among the minera. Some of them the reaction among the minera. Some of the reaction among the minera some production, even if it is reaction after the reaction among the minera. Some of the union freatury by phasy fines. Others, their belist inhered by the long period of relative inactivity, are reportedly ready to obey the Federal injunction.

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A great deal depends on Mr. Lewis' own
sense of responsibility. He can do irreparable damage to his own union, and to the
cause of labor generally, if he fails to get
the miners back' on the job during the
period of the injunction.
It is unfortunate that Federal authority
had to be invoked; yet no individual, or
group of individuals, can be permitted to
flout that authority.

SHIFTING THE BLAME

UNTIL Governor Scott is a bit more spe-cific in his charge that the "conserv-atives" in the past General Assembly were responsible for a looming state deficit, we must put it down to politics.

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The record is clear on the major appropriations, and it shows that the pro-Scott priations, and it shows that the pro-Scott force of the processing the property of the processing founds and the processing founds and the processing founds to make a processing founds to reduce appropriations to the level of anticipated expenditures.

Furthermore, Governor Scott himself foined the effort to use the 330 million postwar reserve fund for current expenditures—leachers salieries. Had that carried, the processing the p

Governor Scott singled out Frank Tav-Governor Scott singled out Frank Taylor, appropriations committee chairman;
for special rebuke, saying that Taylor had
"grinned" and refused to take out of the
appropriations measure an allocation
for a cucumber test farm. The Governor
said a client of Mr. Taylor's, a pickle manufacturer, was interested in the farm
We have no information on this par-

ticular appropriation, but observed during the session that it was Frank Taylor, more than any one man, who kept the Scott forces from running wild on expenditures. He fought a dooged battle losing more frequently than he won, to hold appro-pristions in line with revenue. Toward the end of the session, numerous

Toward the end of the session numerous amendments to the appropriations measure were offered by the "conservatives" in an effort to reduce the total. The amendments were defeated, one by one, as the Scott forces kept the House under control. On the first reading of the final appropriations measure where the second to the s

It is true that Governor Scott urgen new It is true that Governor Scot, urgru new taxes to cover the increased expenditures, and that the "conservatives" refused to vote any new taxes. But they were in a minority, and new taxes were blocked only because a good many lexitations who supported Scott on expenditures joined the battle aspinst new taxes.

Dattle against new taxes.

Governor Scott is approaching a new session of the legislature without the big issues he had in 1949. Frank Taylor is an announced candidate for the Speakership of the House. Could it be that the Governor is trying to drum up an issue and beat Frank Taylor with the same atone?

From The Anderson (S. C.) Independent

POPULAR WILL SHOULD BE OBEYED

THE U.S. Benate has approved a bill offering a constitutional amendment of the comment of the co

basis.

Dissatisfaction with the strict electoral
college system is nothing new.

It began as far back as 1708 when the
plan resulted in the election of a President
belonging to one party and a Vice-President belonging to one party and a Vice-President belonging to another.

Andrew Jackson, elected in 1824 urged
abolition of the electoral college many
times.

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It was the election of 1876, however, that protech even greated demand for revision. That was the pare Samuel J. Tilden, Democrat, was defeated by Rutherford B. Iayes, Republican, although Tilden had roll a majority of the popular vote.

Hayes was one of two men to serve as readen's who received a smaller popular readen's who received a smaller popular.

vote than his leading opponent. In 1888 Grover Cleveland got 100,000 more votes than Benjamin Harrison. But he won only 158 votes in the electoral college to Harri-

158 wire in the electoral college to Harrison's 233 on the present of the college to Harrison's 234 Up to now erecy-effort to reform the Presidential election system has been blocked by one party or another. Far was that the other party would gain advantage. The Presidency carries more power today than ever before. It is all the more important that people have a more direct say-so to who occupies the White House. Senate approval of the amendment bill sives promise of some change in the future sives promise of some change in the future.

gives promise of some change in the future although the plan still has a rocky road to

travel.

A House bill similar to the Lodge-Gossett measure has received committee approval and will probably pass.

The amendment then must be approved by three-fourths of the state legislatures. Battles may be fought in the 48 separate capitals.

But the need for reform is obvious enough to give the proposal sufficient process of the proposal sufficient than the constitution.



'Daddy!'

Another Tax Problem

Personal Property Listing Faulty

By TOM FESPERMAN
Charlotte News Staff Writer
WHILE the Gity and County officials are making
their plans for a reappraisal of property values
in Mecklenburg; it might be well to look into another
department of the revenue structure—the listing of
personal property.

It is the booked, the things you see may cause the
filting of cyclorous.

The usual period for the listing of household fur-niture, electrical appliances, silverware, clothing, cows merchandise, ahop equilment and automobiles, air-planes and bleycles came to an end on Jan. 31. Tax Supervisor Rufus Grier says the listing was accomplished in good style, in comparison with other

accomplished in good style, in comparison with other years.

But what of the system that has been used here for years?

for years? It appears up be outmoded. It appears wholly inadequate for metropolitan Cherlotte and its induring state as as well as for the rather thickly-populated "urul" areas of Merklenburg. It was to be a support of the company . . .

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his township," the Institute says.

The Institute's experts looked at 1948 figures came to the conclusion has the eight list-taken for Charlotte would be required to average bitting to personal property of 215 householders or firms every day during the shouldwall hatten or minutes in which to determine the value of any householders property.

THE Institute found also that the tax abstract, or blank form which you fill out each year, could be improved. The tyre is small and hard to read. The form desant provide blanks for a reasonably consiste list of the types of personal property to be found in the county.

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Economy-Minded Taft Would Open Way To GI Bill Abuses By MARQUIS CHILDS

WASHINGTON

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Man Of Future: No Legs, One Big Eye, Hole In Head

By ROBERT (

NEW YORK

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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

Republicans Rowed Over 'Magna Charta'

THE basic differences inside the Republican Party were not apparent in, the new GOP Magna Charta issued isst week. But during a closed-door cascus of GOP Senators, there developed a significant cleavage which will have to be reconciled before the party can win any resounding victories.

teries. When the proposed policy statement was first presented to the private meeting, Sen. Margaret Chase Smith of Maire Proadcast by Drew Pearson, on it was urged flash the Senators keep further details from "leaking to Pearson". However, the proposed of the proposed sentences of the proposed sentences of the proposed sentences of the policy statement should say, it was Brewster of Maine and Tall to Olino who, engineered the intal consideration of the proposed sentences of the final consideration of the proposed sentences of the p

Maine and Taff of Ohio who, engineered the final com-promise.

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Old Skeletons

JOINING Alken was Massachusetts cultured Sen. Henry Cabot Lodge Jr., who objected vigorously to digging up the old skeletons of Yalta and Potsdam in order to criticise Democratic foreign policy.

"This looks backward when we ought to be looking about objected Lodge, and the labor statement placed the fact lodge also charged staining the labor statement placed the fact lodge also charged staining, instead of correcting the injustices of Tatt-Harriey.

Senators lave of New York and Smith of Maine also make the labor of adopting the collection. The labor of adopting the collection of adopting the collection of adopting the collection.

Remarked Senator Aiken afterward: "This is a great day for the Democratic."

Air Vs. Oratory

secretary of Defense Steve Early at a Washington cock-tail party.

Just a few days before, their boss, Secretary of De-Just a few days before, their boss, Secretary of De-signation of the second of the second of the second consistency of the second of the second of the second simultaneously Symington was telling amother audience and sout inadequate air defenses.

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The speaker even delivered a lecture on the subject to a

rough of the women, who were both astounded by his candor and charmed by his courtly manner.

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Federal aid to education. But I will do all I can to

see that it gets a hearing in the House."

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aid came principally from the National Education Association and the Teachers' Union.

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Atomic Secrets
IT DIDN'T leak out of the super-secret meeting of Congressional Atomic Committee, but Gen. Leslie Grows, war-time boss of the Manhattan Project, indirectly tried to pin the blame on President Rosevelt for atomic leaks to Ris-

the diame on remoth, sconever for asomic leaks to RHE-Greves contended that the leaks wouldn't have oc-curred if FDR had followed his advice and instituted on-titable screening of British and American scientists work-ing on the A-bomb.

He also complained that Roosevelt had refused to invite a meeting in Quobes with Winston Churchill, which a meeting in Quobes with Winston Churchill, with which a meeting in Quobes with Winston Churchill, which which a meeting in Quobes with Winston Churchill, and which a meeting in the Churchill and Rena Chairman Brien McMahon of Counceticul and