

THE amendment to the taxicab ordinance proposed by Councilman Basil Boyd consists of four parts:

NOT IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST

Permission for taxi companies to use either meters or a flat rate system;

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2. Companies that prefer to charge a flat
rate would be permitted to rent or lease cars
to drivers on a weekly or monthly basis.

3. Cruising for passengers would be per-

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Then News sees no objection to cab stands provided they are limited to points of heavy traffic generation, and grovided they are rigidly regulated.

Nor is there any strong objection to cruising, so long as the taxis do not congregate on one or two streets, creating traffic congestions on the contract of the contra

is free to pick and choose his passengers as he pleases, rejecting those whose destinations are out of his way. Telephone customers are brushed off by company officials who say they have no cabs available. The result is complete chaos, with the individual opera-tors of the rented cabs going where they please, leaving the greater majority of pas-sengers without adequate service. A com-pany operating on the cab rental plan has unterly no right to a franchise, for it cannot and will not guarantee service.

and will not guarantes service. Furthermore, if past experience is any yardstick, the steep rental fees encourage the cabbie to take on sidelines like soliciting and bootlegging to make a living. Mr. Boyd's reference to an option between meters and flat rates is misleading. What he means is an option between meters and the cab rental system. Without meters, the cab rental system. Without meters, the company owner has no way to check on the proceeds of the drivers; hence the desire to lease the cab:

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Mr. Boyd has not proved that the present taxicals system is unsatisfactory. He has not proved that flat rates plus as heralis would improve service. He has done nothing, in fact, except to revive an old issue that had better be left buried in the dim past. It is strange that he should continue pushing a proposal so clearly contrary to the public interest.

THE CLOSED SHOP HANGS ON

MANY devices have been worked out, frequently with the consent of management, to dodge the Tatt-Hartley ban against closed shops.

One is the preferential hiring policy, under which workers previously employed in the industry in the closed shop days get first choice at new jobs. Another is the requirement of union membership as proof of job competency. Sometimes a management-labor hiring hall is used to fill jobs "indiscriminately".

hirmg natt is were installed. In some instances, Business Week points out, there has been no effort to comply with the law, A case in point is the construction industry where employment on a job is so brief that there is not time for the slow, laborious NLRB certification of the legal

ess Week tells the story of Rep. W. Business Week tells the story or any.

M Wheeler of Georgia, a former construction worker, who decided to investigate
"union racketeering" in the Savannah area.
Donning old clothes, Rep. Wheeler applied
for a job at the atomic energy project,

where there is a shortage of construction workers. He was told he would have to join the union first, at an initiation fee of \$108. And he got the brush-off when he complained that it is illegal under Taft-Hartley for an employer "by discrimination in regard to hire or tenure of employment... to encourage or discourage membership" in a

Thoroughly aroused, Rep. Wheeler asked Congress to investigate, but his investigation was pigeon-holed in the rush for adjourn-

ment.

Here, It seems, is a clear instance of flouting the national law that is more worthy of investigation than some of the other things that have captured the altention of the current group of Congressional Sherlocks. It is not only unfair to make a down-country South Carolina carpenter fork over \$100 before getting a job on a Federal project, but it's also illegal. Congress should put Rep. Wheeler's complaint at the top of its agenda for action in the new session.

A MORE REALISTIC VIEW

THE Chattanooga Times, taking issue with THIE Chatteneoop Times, taking issue with I a tax bill rider repealing secrecy provisions of the Social Security Act, argues that the way to correct any abuses of the relief rolls is "to elect honest officials and innist upon strict honesty in relief ayaments." It opposes making relief rolls public, and suggests to the "watchdogs of the Treasury" that they "bark at others than needy mothers, children, the blind and the old".

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In the third was to be seen the proper and ignores another. In the property provision that is at stake as it is the right of the 48 states to determine for themselves whether their relief rolls should be public. As we see it, the Federal secretary law is a gross assumption of Federal power that vollates the most basic principles of state rights. Money for the old-age assistance program comes from the states originally, and Uncle Sam's role as collector and dispenser gives him no inherepart rights over the funds. As a matter of the North Carolina has chosen to

adopt state legislation preserving secrecy of relief rolls. Other states may choose to do likewise. The point is that the states are competent to settle this question for themselves, and should be permitted to do so without interference from Washington.

The point ignored by The Times is the elernal and unchangeable right of the taxpayer to know how his tax dollars are being spent. Tennessee may have a perfect relief system. In some states, however, especially closely-contested states with potent political machines, there is always the temptation to certify families for relief in order to control votes. Maybe such an evil can be corrected over the long haul by electing good and honest public officials. But it would help in the processi to expose to public view such abuse processis to expose to public view such abuse principle of public accounting states, the principle of public accounting the such abuse of the principle of public accounting the principle of such that the consideration—not even sympathy for the privacy of "meety mothers, children, the blind and the old"—should be permitted to override it. should be permitted to override it

COLD (BRRR) WAR STRATEGY

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CREENLAND'S largest export, icebergs.

decreased this year. Thousands of them used to float down into Atlantic shipping lanes: this year not one was reported below the 46th parallel. This fact, strangely enough, may affect global defense strategy.

Ebullient Winston Churchill, in Towing rhetoric not before us now, proposed during World War II that airplanes be flown off icebergs as they slowly drifted southward Icebergs were not as sinkable as aircraft carriers, excitally not as expensive, and he undoubtedly planned to have all aircraft somehow disposed of by the time the ice dissipated in the warm Gulf Current. Conventional admirals, however, did not warm to this plan, and it was never realized.

Now there is a distinct possibility that the old warrior will again hold a high position in Allied detection countis. If so, will be resurrect his bits owner that the result has the result have been also be

for fighter bases.

Maybe such a bold innovation would be practicable, but we imagine the base person-nel on the icebergs would think that was carrying the cold war too far.

From The Atlanta Journal

ALL YOU NEED IS RHYTHM

THE dog never howled so loud when the I man bit him as slot machine operators, are squawking about losing at their own racket. Three gamblers are moving through the West, playing the machines and cleaning them out. Operators, having rigged the payoff and robbed the public for so long, now are calling the police and demanding protection.

Police get close and watch, shake their eads and turn away. It's all regular and agal, they say, It's rhythm, the gamblers say, her have found a "rhythmic touch," a deli-se causes of the handle, that whirs three eals or plums or oranges in a row. The size come clattering out!

a secret they learned when they se slot machine repairmen in Las Now they are touring the West in

style. Guests of operators. They just drop in their quarters and dollars, give that rhythmic touch, and reach down to catch the silver flood.

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We wish them well. We who have dropped in so many nickels and dimes and got a bell. a plum and a bunch of cherries, we wish them very well. Waterver their gimmick, rhythmic or otherwise, there is enough wrongn in our memories of that quick lemon to hope their touch continues until every machine gets emptied and every operator goes broke.

The old narrow trails where two could barely pass without colliding are b replaced by splendid wide highways w six or eight cars can collide at one tim Carlebad (N. M.) Current Argus.



A New Generation Starts Out

Welcome To A Newcomer

In The Monroe Journal)

I WAS SONEWHAT startled to notice in the last
weeks issue of the Montgomery Herald that the
third generation of Beasleys was entering the
newspaper-writing filed, Montford Beasley, about
fifteen, I guess, has a column of high school news
showed it to me with a smile which I interpreted
to mean a good deal of pleasure. Montford is
the son of Mr. G. M. Beasley Jr., who publishes
the Montgomery Herald. Montford shows what I
think to be the real newspaper touch and I welcome
him into the filed.

I notice with much pleasure that he describes how the Bible is being taught in his school. And Moniford adds, "If you have not read any of the work of the control of the c

IT HAS LONG been depressing to me to see how the Bible is passing out of the consciousness of people today. With more Sunday schools, more preaching, more lesson helps, more of this and that than ever before, people appear to have less working knowledge of the Scriptures than ever before. This behing that the Bible is no longer read as the stu-dents in the Troy school are being taught to read it.

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Formerly all educated people had a working knowledge of the Bible. As it contains examples of every senotion known to human mind and hearl, used it much in writing, speaking and in ordinary discourse. And in addition to this it contains the most graphic expressions and descriptions of which the English language is capable. All of this is being passed up by educators, writers and students, for the fiddlesticks of present newspaper lingo. No one can properly be said to be wholly educated in one can properly be said to be wholly educated in the students of the said of the s · . .

HAD A delightful conversation with Mr. E. N.
Bivens of Marshville Rf. 1 when he came in to
renew his subscription. He told me of what be
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liked and something of what he did not like, in the
set up of the newspapers which he reads. He was
kind enough to put the Journal at the top of his
last, and he expressed discriminating ideas about
the various writers, including the editor. Mr. Red
boss. Mr. J. P. Caldwell, had when he was defined
the Statesville Landmark before becoming editor of

The Charlotte Observer. The Landmark in those days, as all other county papers, was, a newspaper primarily for farmers. The technical farm experiments of the control farmers are considered and the local papers carried little about the set of farming. They were concerned with the social, political and regions questions of the day. They were not written for town people because there were few such in those days. Mr. Caldwell said that often whee he directly some farm friend and wondering how his views would coincide those he himself was expressing.

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I often feel that way in writing. I wonder how Mr. So and So, whose opinions I value, would think of what I am saying. It's a mighty good habit and tends to keep you from being too self assured and opinionated. So I was pleased to learn that Mr. Bivens' ideas coincide with mine a good deal. Like me, he is getting along in years and his experience and observations about life, I found to be very similar to my own.

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About the time I was falking with Mr. Bivess and other readers who came in, I received a letter and the readers who came in, I received a letter newing his subscription for two years in advance. We have the subscription for two years in advance for the subscription of two years in advance. We have the subscription of the subscription . . .

SO. TO MY grandnephew. Montford, I would say sa he tries his young and tender wings in the tries of the same and tries of the same and to be measured in financial terms allogether, only the Babbits, or reckon them. "How much did he leave?" It was asked when a certain rich man died. "All be had, "replied a wise man.

There are of course, financial rewards in the newspaper field. But they are not the main ones come from our attitude towards our fellowmen. And in no field is there greater opportunity for understanding and appreciating others, nor greater opportunity to be understood and respected. Good luck, Mont.

Distortion Of History Has Reached Nonsensical Stage

By JOSEPH ALSOP

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By MARQUIS CHILDS

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Senators Bowed To M'Carthy On Jessup Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON
HISTORIANS who evaluate the clossing days of the 82nd
Congress will probably make special note of the confirmation debate over Ambassador Phillip Jessup because of two things:

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as an example, the two biggest cities in the United States
-New Yerk and Chicago—and two newspaper groups that
control a big slice of their circulation.

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ONE is the "world's greatest newspaper." The Chicago Tribune, with a million circulation in the heart of the Midwest, which also controls the heaviest circulating newspaper in the U.S.A., The New York News (Sunday circulation 4,123,276), together with The Washington Times Herald.

lation 4,125,270), together with a later than the citer is The New York World Telegram, published by Roy Howard, high-ranking Republican and bitter critic of the State Department, who also publishes eighteen other, papers from Pittsburgh to San Francisco and who is one

of the largest stockholders in the United Press. In contrast to The New York Times and The Herald Tribune, which were objective, here is how The World-Telegram lived up to its obligation of a free and truth-One of the Press of

Jessup Wasn't The Liar

ON Oct. 9 the State Department showed Senators con-lidential documents regarding conversations with other governments on the recognition of Chân. Even GOP Sen. Alexander Smith admitted-that they showed Stasen to be wrong. Jeasup had not lawored recognition of Communist

China.

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that Republican Senator Smith supported Jessup on this point. Oct. 10 Warren Austina s rock-tibbed former GOP Senator from Verment, now Instance is in United Nations, satled that U.N. receives senator to have been in New York on the date Stassen claimed he was at the White House conference on China. This completely reluted Stassen's charge that Jessup was a limited with the Complete of the Stassen charge on page one, buried Austin's refutation deep inside the paper, way back on page 28.

On Cet. 13 Ceneral Elembower confirmed Jessup's

statement that on Feb. 5, 1949, the date of the White House conference on China, Jessup was in New York conferring with Eisenhower on extending his leave of absence from Columbia University. This again made Stassen the life, not Jessup. The World-Telegram carried this on page five.

Meaning to the Management of the Write Management was "crystal clear." This goes to the heart of the veracity of Jessup: But despite this, Stassen kept bringing new charges, while his triends on The World Telegram kept on featuring them.

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Street.

Despite this. The World-Telegram next day featured an editorial blasting the State Department. The same issue also carried a United Press report that "States offers new evidence against Jessup." together with a glowing feature entry on States are trong nor farm bey of Governor entry on States are trong nor farm bey of Governor entry on States are transported by the Control of the States of States and States and States are considered to the States and States an