#### BOMBASTIC AND PROVOCATIVE

IN SEATTLE last night, General Mac-Arthur deplored "bombastic and pro-vocative statements which settle nothing". vocative statements which settle nothing. His own address, however, falls in that category, and the fault is further compounded by the general's own gross distortion of fact.

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He then developed his economic thesis— "your economic future clearly lies to your West... The living standard of the peoples of the Oriental East must and will be raised to a closer relativity with that of the Occi-dental West." Europeans, he suggested. "hold every competitive advantage in Pacific trade."

trade".

That latter statement will-indeed surprise Western Europeans, who have seen the U. S. take over much of their Asian trade. We agree with the General that increased living standards in the East are necessary to increased trade with that area. The General is an eloquent spokesmin for this viewpoint. In his memorable address to Congress be told how Asians strive for "A little more food in their stomachs. a little better clothing on their stomachs. a little better clothing on stomachs, a little better clothing on icks and a little firmer roof over their

heads . . "But how to schieve it? The General, if he has any plans, was silent on them. The Administration, however, has been quite specific. It has sought to establish a "bold new program which was pared to the bone largely by Republican votes. Our economic future cannot lie clearly in Asia until that region schieves some measure of economic progress which the Administration has tried to hasten. MacArthur believes "we are following the same path—the same historical record—the same political concept and leadership—which projected us, into" previous wars. He quite naturally does not elaborate, for the Truman Doctrine, Berlin sizifit, Marshall Plan, Atlantic Pact, Pacific Pact, our firm stand signist aggression in Korea, or contribution to a peacetime international army in Berropse' represent a policy directly opposite of the isolationism which led to World Wars I and II. He fears "a repetition of such precipical and II. He fears "a r isolationism which led to World War I and II. He fears "a repetition of such precipitate action as projected us into the Korean War with neither the advice nor consent of the Congress' when he himself was the loudest proclaimant of speedy U. S. action in Korea in June. 1950. He blamed the Administration for "divesting ourselves of our own vastly superior military strength' after World War II when in reality the Administration trief to keep strong military forces but was oversided by a Congress which reflected a surge of popular opinion to "bring the boys home" and cut military expenditures. expenditures.

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And in a final incongruity, MacArthur deployed "the indefinite continuation of the Kondon Communist China a year age, heart had the means of bringing it to a prompt and victorious end". The only interpretation possible from that statement is: We would have peace by having all-out atemic war against China. We Perhaps a "slow burin" over his dismissal is beginning to warm up and blind MacArthur's reacon. At any rate, it has become increasingly clear from MacArthur's recent speeches that he has either little knowledge of, or regard for, the facts of recent history.

# VAUGHN CANNON GETS OFF LIGHT Thus goes the spectacular career of a bright young man who came to Asheville in 1941, purchased a juke box "route" for some 354,000, and in the four years from 1944 through 1947 managed to make bank deposits lotaling \$1.508,47764. When Treasury agents started after him in 1948, they found less than \$1,000 in his various accounts, a fact explained in a straightened manner by his attorney on the grounds that people in Western North Carolina still remember the bank failures of the 30°s and are a bit shy of keeping money in banks. The Treasury sought to collect back taxes for 1944, 1945, 1946 and 1947 in the total amount of \$110,770.22 But Attorney-General Caudie's representative at the trial, A. B. Cunningham, told reporters that the counts against Cannon for the other three years will be dropped since it is "consistent of the starter of

PREDICTIONS of Washington newspaper PREDICTIONS of Washington newspaper columnists to the contrary notwithstanding. Asheville juke box king Vaughn Cinnon did not get a 'year and a says' sail sentence for detrauding Uncle Sam of income taxes. He got two years and a fine of \$10,000, which will be remitted when he settles his back taxes to the satisfaction of the U. S. Tax Commissioner.

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That would appear to be a stiff sentence. In comparison with a list of 54 North Carolina income tax prosecutions spoon-fed to the press by the office of Assistant Attorney-General Theron Lamar Caudio over the week-end, it is a stiff sentence. Most of the culprits in Mr. Caudie's list were small fry. The combined Cannon just term and assessment is the biggest of the lot.

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Nonetheless, it would appear that the Asheville gambling crar got off light, just as he did in Buncombe Superior Court recently. After a 34-day hearing in police court on a slot machine charge. Cannon was fined \$5,000 and sentenced to 42 months on the roads. He appealed to Superior Court, pleaded guilty to llegal possession of a slot machine, and got off with a \$5,000 fine.

# COMMITTEE STUMBLING BLOCK Obviously the King subcommittee cannot get the whole infernal revenue picture without full access to Justice Department files. This does not mean, of course, that those files should be spread before the

COMMITTEE STUMBLING
THERE is a disparity in the attitudes of
the Treasury and Justice Departments toward the current internal revenue scandal probe that can only be resolved by President Truman. He should resolve it without further delay.

In an address yesterday, Secretary of the Treasury Supér promised the fullest cooperation of the Bureau of Internal Revenue to the King subcommittee investigating income tax collection scandals. He piedged would be weeded out, and saled the help of the American people in detecting and reporting tax dodgers. Supérés comment caps a week-slong record of close co-operation between the King subcommittee and Revenue Commissioner John B. Dunlap.

But the Justice Department, headed by Attorney-General McGrath, has not been so helpful. It has consistently refused to make available to committee investigators its own files on tax fraud prosecutions. It has offered to have one of its officials "digest" requested files, and relay the information to the committee, but nothing further.

From The St. Louis Post-Dispatch

#### MISSOURI MULE REPORT

THE Bureau of the Census has issued a tvery procesic news release which purports to show that the number of mules in Missouri has decreased about 100,000 every decade since 1200. At that time there were 380,045 of the braying, lop-sared beasts of burden on Missouri soil. Last year the census takers counted only 63,228.

We have no intention of proposing a re-count though we suspect gross inaccuracies and irregularities in the returns. As always, statistics are cold and uninformative. What counts is not the number of rules but what they can do. Let the census boys measure

"No wonder loreigners can't understand this country. A guy can ride along cusaing Harry Truman in a car bought with Federal cotton loan money and flying the Confed-erate flag."—Raymond Duncan in The Ella-ville (Ga.) Sun.

those files should be spread before the public, since some of them contain unproved with the public since some of them contain unproved markety if published.

Full publicity at this stage is not-mecessary, nor is it desired. The King subcommittee has been most realous in protecting the rights of individuals under scrutiny, Much of its preliminary work has been done in executive session, or by counsel. Newspapers have been given precious little information by Chairman Cecil King, or Counsel Adrian DeWind.

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Counsel Adrian DeWind.

The King subcommittee has established a record of fairness. The finger of suspicion has pointed toward the Justice Department. In view of those two facts, it is imperative that President Truman order the Justice Department to reverse its position and lend the subcommittee a helping hand in routing out scandal, and misconduct in office, no matter where they have occurred.

The news that GIs await is development of robot infantrymen.—New Orleans States.



People's Platform

GAFFNEY, S. C.

Where's Alley Oop?

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days through your pages. When you dropped him,
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## Food Service Convention CHARLOTTE

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MAY we express our personal and association
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the North Carolina School Food Service Convention held here Oct. 28 and 27, 1951. Through both
your columns and your photographic section you
were liberal indeed.

We feel the cause was a worthwhile undertaking and that your part in it was an important entribution to its success.

—ROSA SPEARMAN
CELESTE REINOLDS

#### Hunters, Know Your Business

Editors, The News:

WITH the deer season under way throughout the Carolinas it seems appropriate to give serious consideration to a recently published report on "tragic accidents and trigger-happy bunters," disclosing that "some years there are almost as many people shot as deer."

This is a grave indictment and warrants many remains the serious concern by the bunting frasternity, with whom rests the responsibility for both cause and prevention.

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No firearm is a toy and the person who gets funny with such a weapon belongs in the same cell with the Individual who displays his peculiar brand of

nae paper. The writer's name must be signed, but may be Editor. The News reserves the right to condense. Insanity by rocking the boat. Firearms are dangerous and deadly weapons. Accidents with them do not happen but are caused and are directly trace-able to human carelessness and ignorance. Hence the importance of safety and caution in their use cannot be overemphasized if tragedy is to be a constant to the control of the

A. W. BLACK

#### Aid For Carolina Orphans

Editors. The New:

DURING the month of October, 1949. Hiram A.

Melvin of Charlotte, N. C., who was then serving as Head Consul on the North Carolina Woodmen of the World instituted a program for entertaining the orphans of our state during the Cristimas boliganization of the Armondo an appeal to all the active Woodmen Camps in the state for voluntary contributions, sufficient money was raised to make the Christimas parties a real nucess. We were able to enterin approximately 1,800 children the first year, representing 20 institutions.

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#### Child Adoption Black Market Appears Extensive In East

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In Editorial Research Reports.
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### Taft's Scorn Of Independent Vote May Cause His Defeat

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#### **Drew Pearson's** Merry-Go-Round

# Bess Truman Longs For Independence

MAS. TRUMAN makes no bones about ber desire to turn the White House over to new tenants. At a recepton the other day, the first lady confided to a firind: "This is a terrible life. We don't have any private of Margaret, I have to get dressed up. I can't just slip a kimono on, for you never know who you'll find in the hall. I'll be gild when we get back to Independence and can live like human being." thought the Government should provide private living quarters away from the White House for the first family. She was referring, of course, it has fact that Secret Service vigiliance has been thighned since the attempt can be a fine the strength of th

Montana Monopoly

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More alarming, Justice Department attorneys find to be the stranglehold which Anaconds will now have on the State of Montana. Aiready the glant copper company controls most of the published news in that state. It owns the Butte Daily Post, the Montana Standard, published at Anaconds, the Billings Gazette, the Livingstone Enterprise, the Daily Missoulian, the Helena Independent-Record, and the Western News of Libby, Mont.

And not having been able to acquire a paper at Great Falls, it has now purchased radio station KFBB in Great Falls—subject to FCC agroval.

#### Muskegon To Mexico

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IN addition to its Montana operations, Anaconda owns or controls plants and mines in Utah, East Chicago, or controls plants and mines in Utah, East Chicago, and the Control of the Control of Control o

TAFT forces are so sore at brother Charles Taft for announcing for Governor of Ohio that they may put genial Congressman George Render, a GOP stalwart, into the Republican primary in Ohio to run against brother Charles.

There are several reasons for this row over the younger member of the Taft family. Primarily, Bob Taft forces are sore because two Tafts in a political race cause confusion and make the public think one family is out to dominate the State.

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Second, brother Charles has not been regular. He was a friend of Franklin Roosevelt, voted for him a couple of times and served under him in the Federal Security A6-ministration and later in the State Department during ministration and later in the State Department during continuous to the regular Republicans in Cincinnati when the bedden the regular Republicans in Council and helped eight a Democratic mayor, Albert Cash.

Cash. Finally brother Charles turned down Truman's Invisation to be ambassador to the Vaticen, and because
he was long president of the Federal Council of Churches,
a strong Protestant organization, this tends to line both
fafts up on the Protestant side in the now bitter controversy over an ambassador to the Vatican. Already Cathfafts up on the contract of the Cathering of the Cathering
are against Joe Ferguson.
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