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## **OUR DISFRANCHISED REPUBLICANS**

WHEN President Truman called for an equitable re-districting for Congressional Districts in the states, the ears of the South's minority Republicans perfect up. As pointed out here yesterday in an article on North Carolinia's gerrymandered Congressional Districts, this state's Republicans have a great deal to gain from an equitable re-districting.

in equitable re-districting.

A look at North Carolina voting figures
in this century will make it adequately
lear that there are enough Republicans
in the state—by percentage—to merit one
r more representatives in Congress. That don't have that representative is due to the ingeniously gerrymandered districts established at the turn of the century.

What President Truman wants is a re-istricting on the basis of integration and population, i. e., the counties in the vari-ous districts should be bunched together and the population of the districts should be roughly equal.

North Carolina's districts are not only gerrymandered, but there is some difference in populations (the dis-tricts range from 400,905 to 248,005).

Our Democratic Legislature could re-district according to population without changing the power structure. Carefully done, gerrymandering could even up the

population and still keep Republicans out of Congress. However, the re-districting proposed by the Republicans in the North Carolina Legislature this week probably would send two Republicans to Congress next election time-from the Eleventh and Twelfth

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The new Eleventh and Twelfth Districts. As recommended by the GOP legislators, would be:
Eleventh-Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Burke, Caldwell, McDowell, Polk, Rutherford, Surry, Watauga, Wilkes, and Yadkin.
Twelfth: Buncombe, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madosn, Mitchell, Swain, Transylvania, and Yaney.

A check of the volting records of these counties indicates the presence of a considerable number of both mational and franchised by the Democrata.

Unfortunately, the Republican re-districting plan also smells of the gerrymander, GOP variety, and we can hardly endorse it. Nonthelbess, the Republicans are here in sufficient number to warrant representation in Congress, and simple justice demands that a complete re-districting, fair to both parties, be carried out.

## THE SMITH STORY

TODAY some of the city's outstanding men met to report to Mr. J. Caldwell McDonald, who is chairman for the John-son C. Smith campaign, on their success in raising funds. Although no report on their efforts has

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Although no report on their efforts has been made public yet, we do have figures from the campaign among Charlotte's Negroes. They have pledged \$60,636 to the Negroes. They have pledged \$60,636 to the first portion of the Development Program. The money contributed by these Char-lotteans—most of them in the low-income

The money controlled by these Chiarlotteans—most of them in the low-income
group—is well over one-fourth of what is
needed to pay for the gymnasium-auditorium which the school's officials want
to construct. Another \$50,000 is being
sought among the alumni of the school.
Johnson C. Smith University asks \$300,000
of the white citizens of Charlotte—
less thans a third of the smount spent
annually with Charlotte merchants and
business firms by student and faculty
members at Smith. In ten years, at the
established spending level of \$1,000 per
year by each student at the school, Smith
pours \$5,000,000 into local business. Comurs \$6,000,000 into local business. Con ons to the campaign can be justified

on a simple economic basis.

But that is not the Smith Story. You can read the Smith Story in the worn upper

step of Biddle Memorial Hall, worn down by the feet of thousands of Negroes who have entered unlearned and left with knowledge since it was built in 1883. The Smith Story can be seen in the faces of the students in the University Church on Sunday morning, reflecting the hope that through education they can raise the entire intellectual level of their race.

You can read the Smith Story in the words of Edward R. Dudley, U. S. Ambas-

Smith in the class of '32: "I wouldn't be where I am today if it were not for Smith".

The Smith Story is one of accomplishment and hope.

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Through its history Johnson C. Smith
University has proudly made its way
without asking for our support. Some local
citizens have recognized the value of the
school and have contributed large sums. But never before has Smith sought funds from the citizens of Charlotte. This year it from the citizens of Charlotte. This year it realizes that in no other way will it be able to offer educational opportunity to the thousagns of young Negroes who want to warm, it must have financial support if it is to continue to fill the needs of the people it serves.

## THIS SHRINKING GLOBE

AS IF TO punctuate the national debate vower U. S. military strategy, a sleek jet bomber bearing the label "Made In England" whized through the akies from Ireland to Newfoundland the other day in a record four hours and 37 minutes. What's more, it bucked a 90-mile-an-hour headwind most of the way. The historic event—it was the first Atlantic crossing by a jet airplane without refueling—highlights two things that the American people should not forget.

1. With each improvement in the modern airplane, American chief and the American people should not forget.

airplane. American cities and the Ameriairplane, American cities and the Ameri-can men, women and children who live in them, are brought ever closer to the reach of a potential enemy in Europe or Asia. Hence, it becomes ever more urgent to keep those enemies as far away as possible. 2. Although we like to think the Ameri-can production system is the best in the

world, there are other designers and engineers and craftsmen in other lands who are just as skilled, if not more so, even if they cannot match us in sheer volume. The British have stayed out in front in the development of jet sirplanes—fighters, bombers and even transport planes. If the Canberra bomber rides out U. S. Air Force tests, it will be mass produced in this country for Gen. Eisenhower's Atlantic Air Force.

Force.

The Jet's flight, of course, opens up an engaging vists of a new form of world travel—fast, quiet, vibrationiess flights through the stratosphere at undreamed—of speeds. But that is for a time when the world is at peace. Today, the jet bomber's flight is symbolic because it shows there is no safety in retiring behind our oceans, and reminds us that we are fortunate to have British craftamanship on our side.

#### From The Christian Science Monitor

### POOH BEHIND THE CURTAIN

MODEST, amiable Pooh will be sur-prised. But, being a bear of confess-edly "little brain", he will decide that there is something in all this that he doesn't Piglet and Pooh were sitting in Owl's draw-

edly "little brain", he will decide that there is something in all this that he doesn't quite understand. And perhaps there is. The Peoples Republic of Hungary, according to reports reaching us via London, has banned A. A. Milne's classic, "Winnie-the-Pooh", the story of a famous

Pooh will feel confused but also flattered. He has never appeared to think himself important enough for such attention. But

important enough for such attention. But She is.

We say this quite seriously. It may seem ridiculous that the Bungarian Peoples Republic about hide from a Teddy bear behind an iron curtain of censorship. But the ideological bases of Communit government being what they are, the Butternment being what they are already all and a secret seems of proportion and shrewd alertness. For, under that little red sweater of his Pooh carries a secret sweater of his Pooh carries a secret sweater more nermanently dancerous to sweater of his, Pool carries a secret weapon more permanently dangerous to totalitarianism than the atom bomb or any subsequent variants thereof. What is it? Well, it is best defined by

Pigite and Pooh were sitting in Owl's drawing room:
"Did you do that, Pooh?" Owl demanded.
"I don't Afink so, Owl," Pooh replied
humbly.
Consideration, charity, compassion,
mercy, the requirements of personal dignity—Pooh is too convincing a protagonist
for these essentials of civilization to be
permitted to go roaming about the Communist wilderness unmolested.
For the fact is, a nation whose children
had formed their world outlook in the
Republic of Common Decency which rules
the Hundred Acre Wood could not remain
long a reliable member of the Cominform.

long a reliable member of the Cominform. Some may assume that Pooh's banishment from Communist Hungary is ex-plained by his claim to the invention of the game called "Pooh sticks" which, as every reader of Pravda knows, was first discovered by a Russian bear. But we suspect there are more serious reasons— reasons which should make us cherish Pooh, and all he stands for more than ever.

What is if Well, it is best defined by describing some of its parts.

Regard for individualism, even for that of bouncy individuals like Tigger, who without knowing it confounded the collective efforts of his community three efforts of his community of the comm

## U.S. Should Take Warning From Bushel Basket Story

WASHINGTON

MARQUIS W. CHILDS

IN GERMANY in the mid-twen-ties they had bushel basket in-faiton. You brought a basket of paper money to the store to buy your groceries but by the time you got there prices were marked up again and the printing press mon-cy would buy less than half of what you had anticipated.

ey would buy less than half of what you had anticipated.

An eye witness reported an indicated, and eye witness reported an indicated that occurred recently in a store here. A housewife was arguent of the control of

The plain fact is that every ele-ment in the economy is still con-tending in a more or less unregu-lated arena for individual advan-

tending in a more or less unregu-lated areas for individual advan-lage.

In a farmer's political position is or atomer that the politicains are afraid to tackle the question of pority prices guaranteed under law. So it is impossible to bring the major elements in the con-sumer's food bill under control.

Organized labor is jealously striv-din wage contracts providing essel-lator clauses geared to the cost of living. John L. Lewis, holding his ever-ready pisto of a coal strike that would shut down basic pro-duction, got under the wire with dever-ready pisto of a coal strike that would shut down basic pro-duction, got under the wire with the rivaliries' in labor's camp. Industry profits continue to stay up in the stratosphere where they have been for many months. Tax loopholes leave the way open to special privileges for men of the inflationary drift is to be

zen.

If the inflationary drift is to be checked, certain steps must be taken just as quickly as possible. Neither Congress nor the Truman

M. CHILDS

Administration can escape the repossibility.

No. 1, on fiscal policy the Administration must find some way
to switch from the stubborn determination to keep interest rates
at the present low levels. Visitele,
including observers from abroad
who follow economic trends here,
are agreed on the need for a rise
to the form of the committee of printing press
money. It is a hard pill to swallow
followed for a decade, but it conot be long delayed it the influency current is to be stemmed.
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No. 2 is the immediate responsibility of Congress. This is to pare the Administration's \$71 billion budget as drastically as possible and do this with a minimum of delay. It is not enough merely to "balance the budget" and put defense spending on a payearyout property of the propert

essential to check the present tide. This raises point No. 3 which is increased taxation. Perhaps a case can be made against a 'quickie' can be made against a 'quickie' be done to one or another segment of the economy.

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But also a case can be made done it will be impossible to make the increases retroactive to Jan. 1. A greater withholding tax should begin to blie into every pay enough the segment of the segm

most narrowly orthodox views, to be pursued with loud cries of hys-terical alarm. For a historical precedent there is again Germany. The middle class, largely destroyed by bushes basket inflation, turned to Hitler and the rest was madness and dis-aster.

# Cage Scandal Is Indicative Of Sure Thing Mania In U.S.

By ROBERT C. RUARK

PASKETBALL IS a basically silly game, with over - flexible rules and too much whistle tooting. It is a shame that it must be used as an index to the general wear of the state of the state of the state of the state of the paster of the paste

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grip on the country's economy, it doth appear, since the earliest intrusion of the racketeer into 'hon-est' operation. By racketeer I mean anybody from a five-period officer who owns the civilian hospital in a European civil — a hospital which was financed by drugs and other supplies he stole facts and the state of GENERAL JAILED

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for stealing, and a couple of Congreasmen, auch as Rep. Andrew
May and Reg. Parnell Thomas.
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though the guilt is called sound. God knows it is an aching age, where it is seemingly impossible to trust anybody, but I hate to have the bitter emphasis lashed on to basketball as its symbol. There are so many more things wrong with it than the fact that a brook of the same of th

ting odds his way.

Basketball is a game played by five men on each side, plus subsitutes. That the boys would bother with it, when they control bigger games already puzzles me much. It seems too much like shooting gnats while the eagles fly by, except that today nothing seems to small to escape the avarice of the spoiler.

Editor, The News:

JANE just read the advertisement in today's
paper (Feb. 2) regarding the showing in Charlotte of a play entitled "A Streetear Named Desire". It is deplorable that our community should be subjected to an exhibition of such fifth which masquerades under the name of legitimate drama.

People's Platform

manureades under the name of legitimate crains.
While I have not seen the play, I understand
that it had quite an extended engagement in New
York City and was awarded numerous bonon; including the Puliter Prize. This, however, does not
surprise me. New York drama circles have been
noterious for years in permitting the public staring of the level of the public staring of the level of the public starnot the public star-

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It so happens that I have read this play and
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that it has been granted legal permission for a public performance in our city is a source of dismay
and disgust to every citizen who prides himself on
the high character of our city, churches and school.

As a mother and a taxpurche and action
to be allowed the use of one of our city owned buildings in which to display its sorted theme.

—MRS. LULA K. PATTERSON.

Judd's Sermon

Editors. The News:

WE HEAR so much about separation of church
and state. Yet it seems fantastic that some of
our proud Scotch of Mecklenburg had to send all
the way to Minnesot to get a political no stand in
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The substance of Congressman Judd's sermon was "I told you so". Whoever invited him must have read the Bible—a prophet is without honor in his own country.

'Came The Dawn'

HUNTERSVILLE

Editors, The News:

"A ND so came the dawn." At last The News is

A coming to realize to what weakness the State was committed when the publishers threw the paper's influence into the campaign to elect Willis Smith to the United States Senate.

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what Brotherhood means.

But not only has the Governor caught the real spirit of Brotherhood, he has also shown the people of his state that he has a certain facility in the art just see St. Peter ringing the belis summoning all state that he has a certain facility in the art just see St. Peter ringing the belis summoning all allusion to Death as a democratic force; an equalizer where "thou shalt lie down with patriarchs of the infant world—with kings, the powerful of the earth—the wise, the good, fair forms, and heavy seers of ages past, all in one mighty sepulches," seems of the property of the pr

With deep appreciation to the Governor for opening our eyes to the real meaning of Brother-hood Week.

## Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

# **Communist Allies Reported Fighting**

WASHINGTON tagon, but open fighting has been reported between the Chinese Communists and North Koreans. Generally these skirmlehes have here.

Generally these skirmishes have been discounted by American intelligence as accidental. It isn't unusual for trigger-happy troops to open fire on their own men by mistake.

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However, at least one incident has been reported as a revolt against the Chinese. This was a shooting scrape between Chinese Communists and North Koreans on Jan. 19 behind enemy lines. The Chinese quickly crushed the Meanwhile, hints of friction among our enemies continue to filter across the 38th Parallel. American intelligence officers do not believe a serious rift is imminent. However, they have detected a strange inferiority complex toward the Chinese among the Koreans—a combination of the Chinese among the Koreans—a combination of the Chinese among the Koreans—a combination of the Chinese among the Koreans—but seem to crumble under Chinese attack. Except for the South Korean kern to crumble under Chinese attack. Except for the South Korean kern of the South Korean kern of the South Korean kern of the South Korean have not on a sport of the U.S. Navy, the South Korean share not superself in the specific proposed to the Chinese dark. The psychological effect is to convince them that the Chinese are not superness. Ridgeway is also rotating south Korean nuits, integrating them with American units for a few weeks. The purpose is to bolister their confidence by experiencing victory over the Chinese.

Tense President
WHITE HOUSE insiders are privately concerned by a
dramatic change in Harry Truman. Once easy-going
and warm-hearted, he is now tense and irritable. They
ware and the terrifle burden placed on every President of
the United States.

The President always had occasional moods of anger
and bitterness. But, according to insiders, these have increased steadily in the past aix months.

Recent visitors have been startled by the vigor and
White House favoritism in the RFC.

The President's physician, Dr. Wallace Graham, is also
worried by Mr. Truman's insulity to relax and take those
refreshing naps which helped him so much in the past.

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Congressional leaders and Democratic chieftains
have been begging him to stump the country in support
of his foreign policy. To this he recently replied:

"It's not up to me to go out. It's the repeny're laying domn on the job and expect me to do everything."

Close friends of the President lay his irritability and
tenseness to three factors:

1. The assessination attempt of the two Puerto Rican
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life.

2. The recent period of continued American defeats in Korea and the mass evacuation was more trying on Mr. Truman than even he cares to admit. The responsibility for the control of the care to admit. The responsibility of the control of the care to a the care to a control of the care to a care the care to a care to

### Army Orders

THIS writer, who has sometimes griped about Army in-efficiency, would like to congratulate Assistant Secre-tary of the Army Archibald Alexander for his efficient handling of the Army's procurement and munitions pro-

handling of the Army's procurement and munitions program.

Flacing orders for armament is not an easy job. Furthermore, Congress was a little slow in allocating money: the properties of the pr

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'Streetcar': 'An Exhibition Of Filth'

'Wait-Let's Not Get There Ahead Of Time'