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THE GREAT DIVIDER

DURING the secondary road bond campaign two years ago, Governor Scott charged opponents with trying to divide North Carolina into rural and urban sections. If the Governor was right then, we can only assume that he has taken a leaf from his opponents' book. In his fight against the Powell city street aid bill, Mr. Scott has done more to array farm against two and section against section than all and section against section than all

his predecessors put together . It was Governor Scott, you will recall, It was Governor Scott, you will recall, who popularized the "branch-head boys" phrase shortly after taking office. And he has been sounding the same note at frequent intervals during his administration. Speaking to the Farm Bureau recently, the Governor departed from his manuscript remarks against the Powell bill to insert bils. "They (sponsors of the Powell bill or the proposers of the Powell bill or the proposers of the Powell bill or the proposers of the Powers of the Powers?" The Farm Bureau's money? The Farm Bureau's money? The Farm Bureau's money? Not at all.

of money". The Farm Bureau's money? The farmer's money? Not at all. Urban residents pay in 58 per cent of North Carolina's total highway revenue, according to documentary evidence prepared for the Municipal Roads Commission. It's their own money that will be shared with them—and for the first time, too—if the

Powell bill becomes law.
In Ahoskie last Wednesday, Governor

Scott tried to stir up animosity between Northeastern North Carolina and the Piedmont. Quoth he. "You're going to get gypped in Northeastern North Carolina with the bill as it now stands... You're going to get gypped worse than you think."

That is the unkindreas cut of all II implies that the Powell bill still syndies or cheat Northeastern North Carolina out of something. Nothing could be further from the truth. The Pledmont area pays for the bulk of all State services — In sales tax, personal and corporate income tax, and gasoline tax. It has long shared its greater doller income with the undeveloped areas of the state, which is as it should be. In this particular instance, all that is asked is that residents of towns and cities, blg and small, in all parts of the state, git a more equitable share in the gasoline and motor vehicle taxes they pay. Nobody is going to be gypped anywhere. That is the unkindness cut of all

Governor Scott has let his emotions run away with his good judgment. Last Sum-mer he was highly critical of some o Frank Graham's opponents for agitating the race issue in North Carolina. Surely he must see that he is rendering the same sort of disservice by inflaming the rural-urban issue.

POOR ECONOMY

IT TOOK the death by drowning of a small lad several months ago to move the City Government to purchase a resuscitator for the Charlotte Fire Department. Now the saving of the life of another youngster has prompted the purchase of two more of the instruments.

two more of the instruments. When firemen reached a home at 140 Perrin Place Sunday morning, Mrs. Edward Ballenger was badly burned. Her young son lay on the floor, unconscious from the smoke. The boy's dog had aiready suffocated. Firemen immediately started the resuscitator, kept it working during the ambulance trip to the hospital, and shortly had young Ballenger conscious again.

Not until hours later was it revealed that he youth's brush with death might have urned out the other way. The Fire De-

partment had asked to buy three resusci-tators, had been told to buy only one. It was put in, the deputy chief's car—one of three cars operated by the Department. It so happened that the car with the resusci-tator was available, and went to the Perrin Place fire. It might have been answering another alarm somewhere else.

The resuscitators cost only a few hun-red dollars, and will be invaluable at all fires where civilians or firemen may b Ires where civilians or firemen may be overcome by smoke. It was poor economy to purchase only one. And it is questionable economy to put of any longer a decision on a bigger question—whether the City Government should set up a full emergency squad in the Fire Department to do the work of the work of the work of the work of the Saving & First Ald crew.

oly exists. American will continue to devote its major attention to the eastern segments of its routes, where it is in competition with other air lines, and neglect the traffic to and from the South.

The second is the need for the speediest and cheapest air service between the Southeast and the Far West. These are the two fastest growing areas of the na-tion, and there is springing up between them a wast community of interest that can best be served by through-route, one-carrier air service.

carrier air service.

If the CAB decision stands, the South-east, the Gulf states, and the South-west will be discriminated against. The North-ern half of the nation is served by four competing transcontinental air lines-Northwest, United, Trans World, and

American. Surely it is not too much to ask that the Southeast and the Far West

have at least two lines competing for their

PERPETUATING A MONOPOLY perpetuation of American's monopoly from Texas to California, As long as this monop-

IN EARLY February the Civil Aeronautics
Board reversed a CAB trial examiner
and denied Eastern Air Lines' petition for
through-route, one-carrier service between
the Southeast and the Far West. The Board

through-route, one-carrier service between the Southeast and the Far West. The Board is to reconsider its conclusion some time after March 9, the deadline for filing petitions for reargument and rehearing. A careful study of the facts of the case and a close reading of the dissenting opinion of CAB Member Josh Lee lead to the insecapable conclusion that the CAB erred in its decision, and should, in all fairness to all parties, reverse its earlier ruling. From the huge mass of supporting data, there emerge two fundamental deficiencies that the CAB decision virtually ignores. The first is the need for strong, vigorous competition in commercial aviation, wherever the volume of business will support it. Eastern's route ends in Texas, and passengers for the Far West must rely on American Airlines for the rest of the Journey. The inconvenience of changing planes is not nearly so important as the ney. The inconvenience of changing planes is not nearly so important as the

NEW THREAT TO JAPAN

THE announcement that the Defense Department is sending two National Guard divisions to Japan throws into high relief a new and disturbing situation in the Far East.

North of Japan is the slender, arm-North of Japan is the slender, arm-like island of Sakhalin. Prior to World War II, the southern half of Sakhalin was occupied by Japan, but the entire island has been under the Soviet flag since the end of the war. And now there is reliable word that Russia has recently sent four new divisions to Sakhalin to bolster its already considerable force there.

One can only speculate on the Russian intentions. It may be that the reinforce-ment of its Sakhalin garrison is merely a part of the war of nerves that Russia has

been waging so successfully all around its perimeter. It may be, on the other hand, that the Kremiln is moving its troops into an offensive position in preparation for the outbreak of full-scale war in the Far East. It also still-scale war afford to leave Japan defenseless while its best fighting men are occupied with the Chinese in Korea. Japan is the key to any system of defense in the Far East. If Japan should be lost, it would be difficult to hold other nearby, Islands. With Japan in U. S. hands, Russian or Chinese moves can be checkmated. And in addition to its strategic location, Japan's industry is soreju needed. Hence, the dispatching of the two divisions. They may be joined by others divisions. They may be joined by others before long.

From The Franklin Press INDUSTRY AND POLLUTION

NORTH CAROLINA industry would welcome an anti-stream pollution law, it has been asserted repeatedly in recent months. Now we have the recommendations of this state's industry as to the proposed legislation.

Industry's recommendations to the General Assembly are in the form of amend-ments to the bill now under consideration

by the legislators.

The proposed amendments would forbid enforcement of stream sanitation regula-

I. Where is it demonstrated that it is "impossible or, for the time being not feasible" to correct or eliminate activities causing pollution.

2. Where "no adequate or practical method of disposal or treatment is known for the particular waste for which the person is responsible."

Where the cost of disposal or treatment is "unduly burdensome in com-parison with the pollution abatement re-sults which can be achieved."

4. Where a known method of disposal treatment cannot be adopted because of inancial inability".

Some the second is being carried on such an extent that it would justify post-ponement of the adoption of relatively actificient known methods of disposal or treatment until further opportunity is given for the discovery of more effective methods.

Industry in, short, favors an antipollu-tion bill that would work only where and when it would cause nobody inconvenience

Unfortunately for industry and for the state, effective laws just don't come that way.

Red Loss In Korea Put New Light On Indo-China Matter

By JOSEPH & STEWART ALSOP

WASHINGTON

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THERE IS A simple test of the
real importance of the crushing victory of General Ridgway's
United Nations forces, which has
been received with remarkable
the bloody failure of the Communist offensive in Kores markedly reduces
the likelihood of an attack on IndoChina by the Chinese Communist
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and the Nationalist Indo-Chinese forces are being strengthened in Indo-China. With every day that passes, the season of the low clouds called the "craghin", which conceals troop movements from air attack, is drawing to its close. In short, for Mao Tse-Tung and his Chinese Communist armies, time is running out.

is running out.
PLANS ABANDONED?
There can be no serious doubt that an invasion of Indo-China was planned by the Chinese and their Russian senior partners up until very recently, whether or not these plans have been abandoned. nussian senior partners up until very recently, whether on not these plans have now been shandomed. Whether the senior of the senior of the 250,000-man "liberation army." on the Indo-Chinese border, under a Sino-Soviet Joint staff; the switch in the propaganda line of Indo-Minh, stressing the glories of being ibberated. By the Chinese; the strategy agreed upon at the Peking meeting of Asiatic Communit leaders more than a year ago, armed struggle: "first of South Cotea, then of Indo-China, then of all Southeast Asia." While the United Nations forces. While the United Nations forces, this

list. Yet the schedule cannot seem so practical now, which is un-doubtedly the main reason for Mao Tae-Tung's reported mission to Moscow.

Moscow.

For one thing, De Lattre de Tassigny has transformed the internal situation. Far more politically astute than his colonial-minded predecessor, General Carpentier, De Lattre has reneated continuously astute than his coionia-minded prefecessor. General Carpentler, De Lattre has repeated continuous-to-china as allies rather than maters of the Indo-Chinese; and that French forces will depart as soon as the security of the new state achieved. As a result, the actionalist, anti-Communist forces, long dormant, are beginning to quicken into real life. The arming Army is proceeding, abend of schedule.

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and Nationalist forces, but he can
most certaintly had his last chance.
Thus the local risk involved in a
Chinese invasion of Indo-China is
growing daily, so is the global risk.
produced by a decisive defeat of
the United Nations forces in Korea, the invasion of Indo-China
could have been undertaken without grave danger of genere war.
When the Chinese invaded Korea, Secretary of State Dean Achenoproposed a form of "limited
war" on China, but he wa. If Indochina is invaded, however, the
French are wholly committed to
fight. With Malaya and Hong Kong
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Bitter Susie To Assume Matter Of Her Protection

By ROBERT C. RUARK

WE HAVE, occasionally, some peculiar administration of the law his this town. I told you once of the cap who bought himself to the cap who bought himself to the cap who became the code, we have a clear case of breaking and entering, with a potential of murder, robbery, or disorderly conduct and a probationary status awarded to the culprit.

tionary status awarded to me cu-prit.

A girl I know, whom we will call Suise, inhabits an apartment I used to live in. To get into the apartment you must have a key to the vestibule, and then walk up, wo flights and unlock another door before you are home. It is on the top floor of a three-story build-ing in Greenwich Village.

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Suise awakened at 4 30 A not long ago to a hortifying noise. She saw a pair of male feet producing into her bedroom. The feet had just kicked her door down, and had shattered the mirror on the state of the same of

NEW YORK sitonally, some stration of the state of the stration of the told you once bought himself because the arresting officer had

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Susie was told the man had not been fingerprinted, "because he was wearing nice clothes and was not a bum." He was arraigned on the disorderly conduct charge and turned loose on probation. This despite the fact that earlier in the night he had been thrown out of a cafe for loud obscenity and warned by policemen. He said the usual — "everything went black."

MORE THAN DISORDER

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It seems to me that a strange man, partially uncled, who crashes anyone's house and kicks down a door is something more than a Drunk, sober or insane, he has no justification for his present in any person's home at 4.30 A. M., unless he has come there for evil. To book him summarily on a misdemeanor looks to be a resident of the properties of the pro

'Always Glad To Loan My Neighbor A Shovel'



People's Platform

Erich Brandeis And Air Raids

Editors, The News:

J WOULD like to disagree with the opinions expressed in Erich Brandeis "Looking at Life" article of Feb. 22, lest his obvious lack of experience and imagination mislead some of your readers. He seems to imagine that in a civilian air shelter "hiding from a million-to-one possibility" of being hit, or go bravely about his business and "die like a man". He has evidently never heard off thing glass injuries, blast injuries, or the hundred other hazards which can be lessened or pre-tion the fact that if Mr. Brandeis tried to sleep bravely through the noise of an air raid for month after month he would be in no condition to work efficiently during the days anyway. Ear-stops are cowardly, but most particular to the concrete shelter in a bed syard, or a table shelter in the house. If the need ever arises, and people who use them are able to carry on with everything from school homework to the read of the control of the contr

Speech On Economy Lauded WASHINGTON

Editors, The News:

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J HAVE received and noted with great interest the recent speech made by your publisher. Mr. Robingon, Before the Midwestern North Carolina Press Association.

This is just the kind of language we need to get the message across to the people. I have read it carefully and I cannot find any errors in it.

The Charlotte News is certainly a bulwark of strength in this campaign to get the Government on a solvent basis. I am very grateful.

HARRY F. Walance,

Charlotte F. Walance,

United States Senate.

On 'Honoring' Budenz

Editors. The News:

"TWHIS letter is to comment upon the recent visit to I Charlotte and other cities in North Carolina of Fordham University's Professor Louis Budenz, "Catholic turned Communist turned Catholic again," Catholic turned Communist turned Catholic again, to use reporter 500 Sain a catalog of Budenis grassing the state of the Sain and the state of the sain and the sai

ful. unpunished, criminal career? I doubt it, repentant though he may profess to be.

A deep sense of shame and an attitude of meekness for the disgraceful conduct done is most beheist of presumptiousness for a man of such shameful experience to lecture a loyal and law-abiding citizenry whose civic virtue is so far above his above. The political instability of this man has been should not be rewarded by honorable recognition. He was no rash youth adventuring for "kicks" but a mature man obviously incapable of sound judgment, and, so far as we know, attil incapable. Can present profession of lovalty as counterfeit as the pretense he made in 1940°. His record justifies the designation "suspect".

When honor and seed and a made the rewards who honor a man of such diserputable character in our midst.

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Favors Liquor Referendum CHARLOTTB

Editors, The News:

I AM addressing this letter to the members of the North Carolina Legislature opposed to granting the people a referendum on the sale of alcohol in Two years ago the N. C. Legislature, despite the request of the Governor, through gag rule or other subserfuse, denied the people a choice of expression on the North Carolina. And from the present outlook the current session will also deay them this free American privilege. The papers quote many members outspoken in opposition therefore, the continuation of the propers of the

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

Big Four To Meet In Washington In April

Merry-Go-Round

Washington

DiPLOMATIC circles are now convined the longantic
be held this April but will be held in Washington.

The meeting between Secretary of State Achson.

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Helping Small Business

THERATENING jail for five per centers, Mobilization

Boss Charles Wilson promised Congressional watchdors
the other day that he would establish a small business office to circumvent influence peddlers and help small firms
set Government contracts.
He made the offer behind closed doors of the Joint
Cagnressional Committee on Defense Production, at the

suggestion of Chairman Burnet Maybank of South Carolina.
"I hate to see five per centers around," morted Maybank. "You should do something so that a man can come
to Washington to find out what is what without paying
some fellow \$2.000 or \$3.000."
"I find that, the two of them will go to jail," warned

some rions action of them will go to jail," warned Wilson.

He agreed to organize a small business office "that will be complete to give all help and information that we know how to give to ald small business."

Wilson warned against overexpansion of industry. "We have too to with the Congressional watchdogs:

Wilson warned against overexpansion of industry. "We have too to strike a balance on the program for increased facilities, particularly in such things as steel and aluminum," he declared, "because if we just go willy-nilly and cap ourselves in the production program for military items."

Advocates Trailers

WILSON advocated trailers instead of temporary houseling to house workers in defense areas. "I would hate to see the taxpayers' money wasted in building shorterm house, because it would be a complete waste," he warned.
"I do not think the copper shortage is quite as serious as it has been made out to be. But we could use more copper," he said. "In my judgment, you can get more copper fyou will take the two-cent duty off copper; that comes from Chile and other places."

tal philosophy in my office—we must really make America mighty from a military standpoint and at the same time keep a sound-economy in the country, "declared the defense mobilizer. Then he added firmly: "I believe it can be done."

Washington Pipeline
PRESIDENTIAL Assistant John Steelman may try to defy
a Senate subpoens. He sourced an invitation from Ray
Murdock, chief counsel for the Senate labor-management
subcommittee, to testify at the railroad hearing. When
Murdock where the state of the senate labor-management
subcommittee, to testify at the railroad hearing. When
Murdock warned that a subpoens might be used. Steelman
replied folity: When I act, it is the same as the Presithe Senate hearing into "influence and favoritam" in the
Reconstruction Finance Corp. Subcommittee Chairman
Fulbright of Arkansas is statisfed with President Truman's
plan to reorganite the RFC and is willing to wind up the
hearings. However, the Republicant, led by Senator Capehard of Indiana, hope to drag out the hearings another
the President again on appointing Marriner Eccles of the
Federal Reserve Board as the new RFC boss. Truman is
sour on Eccles, has already turned down one Fulbright
feeler. However, Fulbright has tried again, pointing out
this would be a good way for the President to remove
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after the war. He has told Senators that he is through
with industry. ... The Army has secretly tested a new,
58-ton supertank, which will beat anything the Russians
have.