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TRUMAN IS RUNNING TRA-LA TRA-LA

A POLITICIAN down to his fingertips" is
A recent apt description of President
Truman. And while Governor Wright and
Senator Byrd have been tiking again about
bolting the Democratic Party, while the
Republicans orate and divide into Taft and
Eisenhower camps, those little fingertips
have been busy pulling strings and opening
backroom doors.

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Truman's nomination, if he seeks it—and it seems obvious that he will—is fairly certain. But his recent actions indicate that he's already working on the election itself, and making considerable progress.

The President has made his piece with influential Bernard Baruch, who returned from Europe echoing the Taft-camp cry of Senator Brewste'; that General Eisenhower is heeded in Europe more than he is needed in the U.S. political areas. As noted here previously, Eisenhower's continued stay in Europe is perhaps, as Senator Brewster say, "indispensable"—not to the nation, but to the nomination of Taft as the Republican Prasidential candidate. Thus the GOP interest in keeping the General abroad. But Truman supporters of course realize that a Taft-Truman campaign would be fine from their point of view.

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their point of view. Likewise the Presidept has disarmed the opposition by appointing a strong and pop-ular. Republican governor, Youngdahl of Minnesots, to the Federal bench, thus re-moving a man who could have carried many Presidential votes along with him had be

chosen to run zgain. And Washington rumor has it that Governor Warren of populous California may be offered a similar Presidential plum.

Moonwhile party regulars like Montana's Senator Murray are publicly urging the President to "run" (wed asy he's going at a right fast canter now). Ohio's Governor Lausche, who throws a lot of weight in his heavily-googlusted state, emerged from the

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And more-THE Missouri mulishness and Presidential pines apparently enter into the Transma Gouglas fight in Illinois where Truman's recommendations for Federal judgeships are tied in with a battle for control of the Democratic organization in Chicago.

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running hard and tast. And unless the Re-publicans match his political wizardry with a few tricks of their own, Mr. Truman may hornswoggle the American people out of another four years in office.

A LESSON FOR THE FUTURE

The Senate subcommittee report on last year's Senatorial election in Maryland falls into the crying-over-spilled-milk class, but it may have some positive value in the

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The report did not recommend a etion against Senator John M. Marshell, who skidded to victory over Senator Tydings along a trail litered with slippery factics. But it denounced in strong language the "despitable" back street" campaign" conducted by "non-Maryland outsiders", and said that Buttle was "negligent" in fulfilling his responsibilities as a candidate for high office.

Had those responsibilities been compiled with, there would have been compiled with, there would have been no improper political slush fund, no campaign of lies and distortions, no widely-distributed fake picture of Tydings and Communist Earl Browder "posed" together.

Buttler's campaign organization proved a

part of Lincoln's dictum that you can fool all of the people some of the time. By capitalizing on anional hysteria over the threat of International Communism and preying on the lamentable tendency of 20th century Americans to believe anything bad about their public officials, Butler's brain-frustees their public officials, Butler's brain-frustees and to self him error work unknown candidate to the people of Maryland.

Variations of the new techniques were worked successfully in the North Carolina and Florida Senatorial primaries, and there have been signs that they might be used on a national scale in next year's general election.

The subcommittee's report will not rectify the wrongs and injustices of the past. But it may well alert the American people to this deliberate debasing of political ethics and thus help to prove that other Lincolnesque line about fooling all of the people all of the time.

NO TIME FOR BACK-SLIDING

A FEW days ago there were reports that several Charlotte property owners were planning to oppose full enforcement of the slum clearance ordinance's section requiring bathing facilities in each dwelling unit.

Apparently they have given the matter further thought, for it appears now that there will be no protest. Such a protest, it it is forthcoming, will most assuredly get little attention now that the Charlotte Board of Realtors and the Property Management Association have reaffirmed their strong support of the progressive law they originally

sponsored.

In a forthright letter to City Manager
Yancey, President J. P. Hackney Jr., of the
Board of Realtors said:

"In 1945 our Board sponsored the Standard Housing ordinances which are now the laws of the city. Our position has not changed since the ordinances were passed and we think the enforcement should be continued with the usual discretion shown

continued with the usual discretion shown by Mr. J. E, kitch and his department."

Since the ordinance hecame effective in 1948, more than 6,100 substandard welling units have been brought up to standard and 650 others have been demolshed. Progress toward the lofty objective of decent housing has been both rapid and steady. The City Administration and the enlightened property swhere who worked together for the adoption of the ordinance must never weaken their resolve, no matter what protests are in the offing.

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH LAFOLLETTE?

SINCE last, November, the names of members of the Subversive Activities. Control Board have been pigeon-bled, in the Senate Judiciary Committee. Several weeks ago the board began holding hearings on the Attorney-General's request that the Communial Party be forced to register under the McCarran internal security act.

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under the McCarran Internal security act.
Not until this week, however, did the
powerful—chairman of the committee. Neweek accrusty Pat McCarran, permit any of
the names to go to the Senate. And then he
passed only three of them. Still pigeonholed is the most important member of all,
Chairman Charles M. LaFollette.
Senator McCarran has not explained why
he-continues to sit on the LaFollette nomlantion. And indeed, he might have some
difficulty making a convincing explanation.
LaFollette has had a long and distinguished
carser. member of the Indiana General
Assembly, the U. S. House of Representatives, deputy chief of counsel in the Nuero-

man Seth W. Richardson.

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law to carry out a very important function.

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lend more credence to the growing impression that he result is not interested in
the enforcing of the law he wrote and
pushed through Congress in a moment of
hysteria last year.

From The St. Louis Globe-Democrat

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'I Get Around'



News From The Capital

Tar Heels Back Oil Bill

By TON SCHLESINGER

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This North Carolina House delegation decided in
force this week that the states have undisputed
right to the riches of their submerged lands for
three miles out to sea—ten and one-half miles in the
case of Texas.
It was the third time similar legislation surtives the states and passed the House. One previous bill was stopped by a
veto in 1946 and another died in the Senate in 1948.
In the Senate this week, opponents were making
a concerted effort to substitute the so-called fluid
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willis Smith who, although in the past have strongy clung to the states right position, aren't announcing their positions on the present legislaBoth will probably end up voting along signi-

Both will probably end up voting along with the House proponents, but the die is far from cast at the moment.

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Incidentally, three separate Supreme Court de-cisions have affirmed federal dominion over off-shore lands.

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THE week's most interesting coincidence: in the House Ways & Means Committee hearings on the new tax bill (page 870, Feb. 23, 1951), William webb off Statesville, N. C., testified in favor of increasing taxes on mutual insurance companies. Webb testified on behalf of non-mutual insurance.

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In the same hearing of Representative Bob Doughton's committee—but about aix months later energy of the committee—but about aix months later energy of the committee professor of the committee professor in the committee professor in the comment of the later of the National Tax Equality Association. It has now been discovered that the testimony of Webb and Professor Saxon is exactly alike, word for word. Professor Saxon is exactly alike, word for word of the comment on the issue connection in the Congressional Record. He alleged that this National Tax Equality Association "is now trying to raise colossal looby funds totaling more than \$31 million for use in attempting to high pressure and intimidate the Senate in connection with the pending tax legislation."

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"I noted when I was a member of the North olina Legislature that many of the lawmakers o ranted and raved never got to be Speaker,"

can Bar Association never got to be president either," he observed.

But, despite the fact Smith gained these two posts, he denied any higher aspirations here in Washington in following his tried-and-true pattern.

THE Basil Whitener "presidential campaign" has a laready begun here. With elections in October for the post of national president of the Young Democrats Club, local politicking has started in earnest.

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Incitentality, Senator Smith, who consistently opposes public housing legislation, may be undenoting a change of heart as far as the military
aspects of the issue goes.

He plans to take a dozen Senafors—at his own
expense—to view the squalld housing of Marines
around Camp Lejeune and Cherry Point. After a
recent tour, he termed the conditions as "deplorable." Since the Senator's guests will be aming
Midwestern lawmakers not familiar with seaport
like, he is planning to take them on a cruise of the
Inhibitory of the current situation
to the Wherry Act which forbids the Department
of Defense to build new housing at camp that are
militarily designated as temporary. Both houses
are considering legislation to improve the obvious
needs.

The Hosy Investigating Committee is making a Typeliminary" investigation into charges made by the St. Louis Post-Dispatch against William M. Byle Jr., Democratic national charman. However, no formal move will as St. Louis. Boyle reportedly received \$8,000 in fees from a St. Louis company which was granted a large RFC loan. . . Capus Waynick, High Point's gift to the N. C. political whirt, told intimates at a reception synonized by Waynick and the state of the St. Louis company which was granted a large RFC loan. . . Capus Waynick, High Point's gift to the N. C. political whirt, told intimates at a reception synonized by the load of the St. Louis company which was granted a large RFC loan. . . . Capus the left which the large strength of the St. Louis company which was a reception of the North Revision of the St. Louis company which was left for the North Carolina Maryland game here on Oct. 20. . . Visitors in lova game here on Oct. 20. . . Visitors in lova in Charlotte, and Lou Anne Bissett, of Wilson, attending the American Legion Austliary's Gif's Town courses here on the workings of the Federal Government. . Sernican Legion Austliary's Gif's Town courses here on the workings of the Federal Government. Sernican Legion Austliary's Gif's Town courses here on the workings of the Federal Government. Sernican Committee Investigating Communist influences in the government. Barmine Communist influences i

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By MARQUIS CHILDS

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No Grounds For Complacency In China's Rebuff To Russia

By JOSEPH & STEWART ALSOP

CHINESE Communist Director

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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

Ghosts Wrote 17 GOP Canned Speeches

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Washington Pipeline

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