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### FEPC THROUGH THE BACK DOOR

That question has been raised by a clause in new contracts that would compel banks handling Commodity Credit Corp. loans to hire their employees without discrimination ows by a few weeks the creation of a lederal commission headed by Vice-President Nixon to enforce compliance with a clause forbidding discrimination in hiring workers for the contracted production.

werkers for the contracted production. The new CCC policy brought a vigorous protest from Gov. James F. Byrnes of South Carolina, who warned President Eisenhower that "the farm program may be endangered" because Southern banks will refuse to handle the loans. "Many, if not a majority, of the banks will refuse to algree the substance will refuse to algree the contract." Mr. Byrnes said in his telegram to the White Houses.

House.

This week Sen. Burnet R. Maybank of South Carolina demanded of Secretary of Agriculture Benson that the controversial section be stricken from the contracts. "It would be the sheerest folly for a bank to render a voluntary service under your con-ditions." Maybank said in a letter to Benson.

The new policy has provoked spirited pro-ests in two South Carolina newspapers. The reenville Piedmont charged that "the Eisenhower Administration is placing the power and prestige of the United States Govern-

ment behind an effort to speed up the grad-ual breakdown of segregation in those states where it is a part of the hiving pattern and where, in most instances, it is a matter of law." And the Cherication News & Courier described the current Administration policy as a "continuation of the New and Fair Deal drive to force FEPC on private employers." These protests are well founded. It is clear that the Federal Government cannot and should not discriminate in the provision of public services. For example, CCC losses are made available to white farmers and Negro farmers on precisely the same terms, and that is as it should be. But it is a quite different matter, of dubious legality at best, for Uncle Sam to try to force non-discriminatory employment

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dubious legatily at best, for Uncie Sam to try to force son discriminatory employment practices upon privately run banks as a condition of handling OCC leass. Such a policy, carried to extremes, could be used to force FERC upon any company using the public properties of the use of Federal-aid highways. for example, if it discriminated in employment. Mr. Truman's FERC proposal had one virtue, at least. It was an open-faced, frank attempt to set up a Federal FEPC with legal powers of compulsion. The Eisenhower Administration policy is far more devious, and seeks to accomplish by indirection what the Congress has refused to do by law. The policy has given a rude joilt to those Southerners whose main motive for bolting the Democratic Party was opposition to the Fair Deal civil rights program.

## THE DEMOCRATS ARE AT IT AGAIN

IF INTRAPARTY squabbling is any measure of vitality, the national Democratic Party still has a good deal of life left in it.

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In North Carolina, the president of the oung Democratic Clubs, William B. Har-In North Carolina, the president of the Young Democratic Clubs. William B Harrison, took. Senator Holland to task, said the Senator's attitude was "all wrong" and warned that Southern Democrats "carit afford to have a closed mind." And David McConneil. Mexiclenburg County Democratic chairman, said it was his duty to strend the rally and try to get "the North Carolina viewpoint impressed upon Democratic Party nolicy."

polity."

A good deal of this pre-rally controversy
can be discounted as early jockeying for
position and prestige at the 1986 convention.
Nontheless, the spit in the Democratic
Party is just as wide and just as irreconcilable as it ever was. And the hubbub of
the moment reflects that spit.

How the Democrats will solve the "loyalty
pleades" problem we don't know. No party
can ong exist if minority factions reserve

exist if minority factions reserve the right to secede during election years and oppose their party's candidates and platform. Yet there is a certain humiliation in having to give a prior pledge of loyalty for men

Who have long led the Democratic Party in the area where the party has traditionally been the strongest.

The Disis Democrats will put up a vigorous gight to repeal the pledge of party loyalty, and their most effective weapon will be the threat to boil party lines, as many of them did in 1852. They should remember, however, that their power in national elections is not so great as they imagine. The myth was exploded by Dr. Alexander Heard in his book, A Two Party South Dr. Heard found that none of the nine successful Republican Presidential candidates and the successful Republican Presidential candidates when Democratic candidates and provided the successful Republican Presidential candidates when Democratic candidates and provided the outcome have been changed had all of the Stuthern electoral votes gone to the Republican Party.

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Thus it is that both major parties may find Thus it is that both major paruses mag, that it is easier and less bothersome to I for their electoral margins outside the So than to make a play for Dixie affecti. There may be little balm for injured So ern sensitivies in this state of affairs, the facts might as well be faced.

#### SOLUTIONS

THE Administration, reports to the Wall Street Journal, has done away with the farm "surplus" problem How?

How?

It simply decided "surplus" was a bad word, will use the term "excess reserve".

Secretary of Agriculture Benson used the new term, instead of "surplus", in his Darlington speech yeslerday.

We are anxious now to see how the Administration disposes, grammatically, of the national debt. Perhaps "accounts payable"?

3. The proposal would provide additional highways instead of widening existing ones.

4. It would improve the value of indus-trial properties along the way.

5. Invariably, railroad curves are flat and the grades are the best available.

Railroads with non-profitable routes could be permitted to reroute these lines, and make their rights-of-way available for expressway construction.

The Ford official said he had discussed his idea with officials of the New York Central and Chesapeake & Ohio railroads, and that they were "very favorably inclined" toward

And well might they be. The great success

of most of the new public turnpikes has made them good investments. Railroads might even build their own elevated turn-pikes, and reap the profits from them.

Merit? We hold that the Crimmins plan has plenty of it, and that it ought to get a complete study as one way to free the United States from the closing grip of motor vehicle

#### A BOLD IDEA FOR EXPRESS HIGHWAYS

WHY NOT BUILD express highways above or alongside existing main railad lines? And why not use the st the vast railroad yards in congested urban

These two bold and challenging ideas have been tossed into the public forum on highway needs by George J. Crimmins, an official of the Ford Motor Co.

In an address to the national Project-Adequate Roads Committee, Crimmins said that the "fantastic" costs of new highway construction might be overcome if elevated expressways were built over railroad tracts, or surface expressways on railroad rights-ol-way adjacent to existing tracts.

Crimmins cited these advantages:

1. Railroad lines provide good routes which fan out from downtown areas to residential sections.

2. Elevated expressways would attended to the control of the contr

wated expressways would eliminate pensive condemnation and destruction of perty, and avoid excavation and relocation sewers and public utilities, all of which we run the cost of a new expressway in troit up to the astronomical figure of \$8 User new rule.

#### From The Cleveland Plain Dealer

#### DRIVER, NEVER DEMOTE A POLICEMAN

NE WHO, having run afoul of the law.

A citizen of Louisville, who did these foolbeforese a patrolinan as "sergeant", or
ish things, paid a fine of \$100 and had his
who calls a lieutenant "inspector", does noteing to further injure himself. Conversely,
one who smashes into a State police conmissioner's automobile, who then calls the
commissioner "sergeant", and who ends up
your ranks, and never, never, never speak of
thy wondering aloud if there inn' "some
if its. Honest policeme don't like this, and
thing we can do to fix this up," is not wise.

'Never Mind The Blips. Get Out And Listen For Burps'



People's Platform

BEEMONT

#### Murder Is Murder

Editors, This News;

ETS face it. Murder is murder. Black or white. I when Miss Helen Swink was killed. I said to myself that if a colored man had anything to do with it, I wanted him caught, even if he was my father.

my father.

My work takes me all over the Negro sections of the city. You would be surprised to know how many Negroes feel just as strongly about this killing as the white-people do.

What are we going to do about these murders with the second of the control of

# Well, Whatta' Ya' Know Dept. LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

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Editors. The News:

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A Thought that you might be interested in knowing that it is believed the first unofficial united Nations Day was celebrated in Norristows. Pa., on June 6, 1941, at a program in City
Ball there about axis mothla before the United Nations was efficially though JOHN MURRAY.

#### More On 'Subsidy'

CHARLOTTE

dies to "U. S. newspapers" but conveniently omit the fact that the magazine publishers are those most under fire in this matter.

I will be the second of the second of the second of the second of the News is trying to put itself in a class with the New York Times and Life Magazine. A review of circulation figures covering the same period of time to which you refer, shows the following. The main bulk of the 502.739 difference between Sunday and weekday figures, consists of those papers which are mailed to all parts of the papers which are mailed to all parts of the second of the News, which you list at 68,463.

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"DOROTHY A. PRESSER
(Note: The News editorial of Aug. 28 made nor to defend the whole publishing industry ne charges of "subsidy". It made the point that newspaper delivers all but four-tenths of one cent of its copies to the subscribers' doors, out using Uncle Sam's malia. Eds. The News.)

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other part of the country?

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Press thinks these factors are
dominant:

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By MARQUIS CHILDS

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# **Democratic Pow-Wow Plans** Are Thoroughly Fouled Up

By JAMES MARLOW

WASHINGTON er who tried for the nomination last year, will be there, probably hoping the lightning strikes light and 13 is as fouled up as the preparations for it, there should be lively, if not harmonious, in the preparations for it, there should be lively, if not harmonious, in the lively, if not harmonious, it is seen that the preparations for all this John, J. 1833; the Democratis have been poligrims for a political deptr., look, in the light at land of the replanations that his idea, dense with the preparations that his idea, the complete strikes the latest the preparations that his idea, the complete strikes the latest the preparations that his idea, the complete strikes the latest the preparations that his idea, the complete strikes the latest the preparation that his idea, the complete strikes the latest the preparation that his idea, the complete strikes the latest the lat

we will be a welcome occasion for Adlai E Stevenson. As and the silenthower administration's first eight months.

Preparations have been under way for weeks for this meeting, which will cover a lot more ground than just lambasting the Republication of the silenthouse of the sile

## Drew Pearson's FDA Investigates Deaths From Diaper Rash Drew Pearson's

THE Federal Food & Drug Administra-A tion is quietly gathering evidence that the so-called "harmless" borie said con-tained in buby take and ointments has infants in recent years.

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"When all the evidence is in." said one FDA official, "we're going to insist manu-facturers put some type of warning label on their products.

"In the meantime," he continued, "we're neouraging manufacturers to stop the se of boric acid in any product where substitute can be found."

For years, borated talc and ointments are been standard items in almost every some medicine chest. Mothers have considered it a routine, safe treatment for ninor cuts and rashes—diaper rash in par-

minor cut was ranses—slaper rass in par-vivolence, knoos how many infants have died as a result of boricacid poisoning, Generally, such deaths have been attrib-uted to some other cause. According to Dr. James Duere of New York's Roose-well Hospital, "infant deaths often attri-buted to mentilists and preumonia actual-ties of the control of the control of the applied by mothers in a mintaken belief that it has soothing therapeutic value. "The error in diagnosis occurs," says Dr. Duere, "Decause autopies in these cases are so rare. Relatively large quanti-ties of the control of the control of the best of pute boric acid are available for the other pute boric acid are available for containing boric acid."

## **Early Warning**

WHAT started the Food & Drug Admin-istration's probe of boric acid in baby tale was medical reports such as that by Dr. Russell Fisher, chief medical ex-aminer of Baltimore, who as early as 1951

te numerous warnings by medical the Food & Drug Administration nat some manufacturers of boric-oducts have been hard to convince, sult, unsuspecting drugstores con-llions of cans of borated tale and do ointment with no warning labels t the unsuspecting housewife or

tain minoboric-acid ointment was
to alert the unsuspecting housewaymother.

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be another year before the Food & Drug
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