Not Illiberal

Covernors of North Carolina have seldem evaded the Negro problem, but few of them have come out flatly, as Governor Cherry did last week, with the proclamation that North Carolina's fullest development depended upon a guarantee of equal educational, econo-mic and political opportunities for its Negro citizens.

He was far over from tradition into new liberal ground, taking a positive stand where Georgia's Eilis Arnall, half-ed as the South's leader of liberal thought, had taken a negative stand. The Governor was not ranting, or calling for FEPC, or insisting upon overthrow of North Carolina custom. Instead, he pointed out that equal rights for Negroes in North Carolina vere airready, in some fleids, becoming fact. And he was not whitewashing the problem, either.

He mentioned steps toward equalizing educational opportunities in the length of school terms and teacher salaries. of school terms and teacher sainties. And his claim that North Carolina was becoming a model for the South was supportable. When he looked to the fu-ture he saw great changes.

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That, coming from a man who was expected to make a mildly progressive Governor, mainly holding the franchise for the stewards of the Democratic organization, is decidedly worth noting. ganisation, is decidedly worth noting, and likewise to be commended for its tone of obligation to the common wel-fare. Those who see only the spirit of reaction in the South should remember these words in the times to come when North Carolina joins the protest against frantic attempts to revise race relationships through FEPC or some other equal-ly distasteful means.

A Day Dawns

We can imagine that sackeloth and ashes are the vogue in the CIO camp at the moment; the boys surely mourn the coming of Judge Lewis Schwellenbach as Secretary of Labor. They aren't bach as Secretary of Labor. They aren't accustomed to hearing such statements as the Secretary made in his first speech. They lost their second assistant secretary when the Judge appointed Carl Moran, a former advisor to coal operators. They see the AFL man, Dan Tracy, as first assistant secretary—and though they have word that a CIO man will also be named, they have every reason to believe that the merry-go-round ride is over.

Fide is over.

Secretary Schwellenbach's first public statement was one to win confidence. While he was caulioning management that there must be no attempt to cut wages and destroy unions during reconversion, he was also admoistabling the cunions to keep the no-strike piedse which has so often been violated. He wanted them to know that the streamlined Department of Labor expected them to bear responsibility.

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them to bear responsibility.

All the while, the Judee is about the business of re-oreanization. Not only will he bring all agencies concerned with labor under his root. He is going to make some chances, here and there. His first series of conferences with labor leaders, focused his attention upon the Bureau of Labor Statistics (the agency has been telling us that the rost of living has increased very, very little. The Judge pulled he punctes. The work of the Bureau, he said, had been longy. He said that it must be revamped or abolished because its work is academic and not realistic.

he is going to call 'cm as he sees 'cm, regardless. That will mean that a happy time is over for Clo, in particular, but it is not a sign for an upsurge of reaction. The Judge looks like the man to do the job.

Perhaps the most grateful body of men in Charlote over the week-end was the City Council. Going beyond gratithe City Council. Going beyond grati-tude and exuding downright thankful-ness was the Council's committee to recommend a man to take the place of the resigned Chief Anderson. The Chief, thank Heaven, had re-decided to, stay on the job.

The vastness of the Council's relief, the instantaneousness with which their perplexity and uncertainty were replaced by that oh-what-a-beautiful-morning by that oh-what-a-beautiful-morning feeling, may be taken by Chief Ander-son as perhaps the biggest compliment he has ever received. It is, surely, a testimonial to the excellence of his work and his character. But, without putting any feel-handed English on the compliment, it is something more.

When Anderson resigned, the Council began to look within the department for his successor. His premise was that surely in so large a department an able executive could be found, and that promotions within the department would be good for its esprif de corps. But the more it looked, the more uncertainty it developed. This man was a good man, and that man was a good man, but— er—well—can we be sure?

In any organization, private or public, certain individuals are likely to emerge over a period of time as unsquestionably qualified for the top jobs when they may open up. If these individuals don't emerge, it is either because (i) they aren't there or (2) cause their employer hasn't observed his hird hands closely enough to be certain of their capacities.

Gravy Train

In ante-bellum days when North Carollan was sweatling out its first in-dustrial expansion, it worth beavily into debt to build the old N. C. Raifread, which ran west from Geldsborn and was eventually extended into Charlotte, via Greensborn. The road is still there, though it is all but indistinguishable from the Southern, which holds it under lease.

It is still mostly under State owner-ship (though there are private stock-bolders with at least 7,582 shares), and each year it is the custom for the Governor to name directors. Thus it is a ernor to name directors. Thus it is a first-class source of political patromage. Membership on the board is simply a formality, because operations are limit-ed to checking on the Southern--seeing that tracks are kept in repair, and col-lecting the annual rental fee.

There are eight public members of the board, in addition to the President and Secretary, and they draw salaries up to \$1,500 a year, and are given passes on other railroads. Each year the Governor is privileged to name ten new members if he pleases, with the possibility of passing out this little reward to 40 party wheel-horses.

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Between the State's stock majority, the interested eyes of the private stock-holders, and the standardized operation of the Southern, there is little chance that the fiscal affairs of the road will go awry. But the Democratic Party clining to the ancient custom of patronage. It's a pretty small pork-barrel, by most standards, but no one seems willing to give it up It comes in mightly handy for every Governor, in his time.

It is decided the foreign press can circulate freely in the Redeh Thus the Kraut can pick up an American news-paper and learn to his astonishment about a Nazi mass crematory two miles out of town.

Statesmen At World

(Serious, facetious and comic excerpts from the Congressional Record).

PEP. HAVENER CALLS WE Speaker I see November 1944. This notice the tanding Committee on Understead in the daily press that the standing Committee on Understead is the standing Committee of Understead in the Portle case to the variable reports of Committee and Understead in Southern Collection of Committee and Understead in Southern Collection on the Portle case to the Speaker I are the mean account of right to the best and in the United Standard Committee of the Speaker Commitee of the Speaker Committee of the Speaker Committee of the Speak

The Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON HARY TRUMAN his farm boy firm independence, of the British artistoracy whose satistation to negotiate independence, of the British artistoracy whose ancestor was the Duke of Mariborough, and with the steely-eyed product of the Geogram mountains to the steely-eyed product of the Geogram mountains and the steely-eyed product of the Geogram mountains are steely as the steely steel that the steely-eyed product is granted bills which tower above them. It will be President Truman's greatest test.

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Orne of the men—the revolutionary represents a country with the world's greatest land mass which has been straining at the leash to get a warmwater scaport for well over a hundred years.

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water-seaport for well over a hundred years.

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Stalin's Demands

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But now the man who slist down on the other side of Truman wants Russia to have a voice in the control of Tangler, the African port Just opposite Britain's famous base of Olbraitar. Whoever countrol's Tangler can partly neutralize Olbraitar.

This man on the other side of Truman also wants Russia to have a representative sitting on the board which controls Sure, Jusuitar vein of the British Empire. And finally he wants Russian dominance of the Darda-neiler.

That may help him. Truman is known to feel that the British took advantage of us somewhat during the European war. As a Senton, he sometimes dropped hints that the Powers that were in the White House could have stood up more to Churchill's Cham. But at the same time, Truman has been it ked at the way the Roussian weight over us in certain matters alone the Roussian weight over us in certain matters alone the

armistice.

So Harry Truman is likely to do his beat to stand up to both men who sit beedde him. But at the same time, Truman has strong convictions about the importance of getting along with our neighbors and working out a permanent peace.

permanent peace.

In fact there's nothing wrong with Truman's basic ideas. The big question is whether in sitting down with two old hands skilled at playing international poker of the most ruthless sort, Harry will have the finesse and background.

background.

One thing he may have to watch is his temper. His is a little short. So is Justice Byrnes? Both are quick on the trigger, shoot fast, and straight from the hlp. In international discussions where big things are at stake, this tendency can break up a poker game.

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Anyway, that is the stage setting and the east of characters for this, one of the most important of all light Three meetings, many continuous particle couriers back and forth across the Atlantic, here are the main points on the agenda which the Big Three will talk about.

Agreement for an early peace conference for

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2. The war with Japan.

3. The Dardanelles; whether Russia will finally realize her century-old ambition to control this yital waterway.

A permanent site for the new United Nations or-ganization.

Bringing Italy into the United Nations, and set-

thing Italian peace terms.

7. Guaranteeing free elections in various parts of Europe, including Poland, where the U. S. is watching Russia, and Greece, where Russia is watching the British.

8. Feeding Europe next Winter.

9. Regionsi treatles, such as the Anglo-French treaty and Soviet-Cecein-Polish treaty, how are they to tim to the United Nations security plan.

10. World aviation bases aild routes; many of these problems still remain left-over from the Chicago air conference.

This is along and complete force to be used by the United Nations to keep the peace.

This is along and completed agenda for a new President no particularly reset in foreign affairs. No wender President Tuman took with thim more than 100 experts to beho active him, at Berlin.

nelles.

These are revolutionary demands. They cut squarely across policy which has been "must" for the British Empire for centuries. But Stalin is a revolutionary.

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Trumon the man who atts in the middle, is no
revolutionary. Neither is he an aristocrat stand-patter.
He is a common-sease, middle-ef-the-road man, who
believes in changes when the majority of the people favor
change. He doesn't speak with the same broad "a" of
Winsten Churchill and Franklin Roosevelt, and aside
from his experience as an attilleryman in France in the
last war, he does not have the same knowledge or background of Emorphan affairs.

The is primarily a product of the Middle West, backhe of America.

Our Changing World





These Killing Decisions

By Marquis Childs

WASHINGTON

THE story Congressionan Clare Lare tells about the fort armer and his new hired man profes well among the hot of other people, too.

It seems that the farmer finally got a hired man and he was a bear for sork. The first day he cut the has the farmer finally got a hired man and he was a bear for sork. The first day he cut the has the farmer finally got a first different hin had ever done, ascring seed potators, in the hazement in the late afternous his employer found the model hired man with intend, had a based or protein. Extend, But it's these decisions that kill you."

We're sit the end of one car and at the beginning of another. That means decisions—on any transportation on communications, on military service and at least a down other vital Issue. In the facture planes, that Summer Welles used as the title of his buildant book. It is, in more ways than one, a "time for decision".

Summer welles med as the title of his brilliant book, it is not one ways than one a "time for decision". Take the husiness of world communications—the network of electrical impulses that the globe into a small kind, with ne community more than a few seconds away from any other community. Will there be competition between American companies? Or is that kind of company that will—theoretically, at least—compare with the memorphy companies of other nations? Questions like these east a long shadow into the charter the Senate is about to debate. So much can turn on the answers—far more than the words of the charter the Senate is about to debate. So much can turn on the answers—far more than the mere matter of profits for one group or another.

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Recently a Senute subcommittee broard by Scrator Patron Wheeler of Montana made a long of Europe and the Middle Bast. They were under the chaperonage of Admiral Joseph R. Redman, Director of Communications, experimental and the middle Bast. They were under the chaperonage of Admiral Joseph R. Redman, Director of Communications, experimental and the sent of the Saveta Sent and the Saveta Sent and

tield could also be in the international field. In other words, you would have a very closely regulated monepoly. Some Senators, Wheeler among them, arme that if you can no that far, shy not go the whole way and have Government ownership.

The best statement for connectition has been made by Assistant Secretary of State William L. Claston. He rates, for competition in service, in skill, in inventiveness. This is the view, too, of the Department of Justice. It seems to me it is hard to answer these arguments. Admittedly the problem is fearfully completed.

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"Don't fail to mail your mother and sister this item about civilian travel being stopped, well before the time they usually pay us their annual visit!"

Beyond The Charter

By Samuel Grafton

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NEW YORK
WE can become too proud of the United Nations Charter, 900 hours, it isn't so wonderful to do in a laboratory will learn his way through will learn his way through will earn his way through will be error, and it has a known with the word way to be error, and it has a known with the word will earn his way through will be error, and it would be a xearn tond a petion for peace until it would be a xearn tional action for peace until it would be a xearn tional action for peace until it would be a xearn tional action for peace with the word will be will be a considered with the word will be a considere

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No Sich As Sass?

By HORACE HORSE.
In Stably News & Press.

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"Well that's all been changed; concludes Mr. Driscoll. We're take people just now."

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