

# EDITORIAL PAGE THE CHARLOTTE NEWS

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### All The Way

When it became apparent from the test local elections that France was moving sharply to the left the world was not surprised Long before the trend became clear in Britain, France was already drifting toward a new form of socialism. Since the very day of the liberation of Paris the country has been liberation of Paris the country has been stirred by social resilessness such as it has not experienced since the bloody and glorious days of the Revolution. The moment that General de Gaulle arrived to assume power he bowed to the left. and set in motion a mixed system of state socialism and private enterprise. In last week's elections the people were annlanding

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Political parties of the Right, which might stand somewhere to the left of center in the United States, lost stround awiffly, and their defeat became a rout, early in the same. The party of the Center (Radia-Socialists—what would have be called here?) was also falling beak. In the industrial regions, the vortex of the control of the control

And the French, after all, have even more reason, to react against the suffering of war than the British. They escaped buze bombing, but were forced to be an onerous and vicious occupation, and suffer through the fierce battless of ilberation which swifted across the land for long months. But the French elections, rather than reflecting war weariness, seem to indicate that the posple are turning from reaction and conservatism because they hold these forces guilty of the blane for war and defeat.

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at. ( camed with a leftish government in Teamed with a leftish government in Britain and the encouraging watchers from Moscow, France might indeed become an important member of a Western European bloc. She may not stand ern European bloc. She may not stand as a great power again in our time, but as a charter member of a new order in European politics she may bridge the gap between Russia and Britain and march in the lead as Europe seeks a new remedy for its file.

## Sliaht Error

Don't miss the spectacle of Nebraska's Senator Kenneth Wherry waving his serms and shouting about the Reds again to cover his acute embarrassment. Brother Wherry, sided and abetted by Baseball Commissioner-Senator Happy Chandler, picked himself a lartar when he decided to scalp Dean Acheson of the State Department. Senator Wherry was outraged that the State Department should call Douglas MacArthur's hand in Japan. It is not likely that he paused to reason, but he somehow came to the conclusion that MacArthur's should have the final say in Japan, regardless of authority and bandwith the somehow came to the conclusion that MacArthur's should have the final say in Japan, regardless of authority and country to that the State Department had set policy for Japan, and would continue to do so, the Nebraskan could not contain himself. So Senators Wherry and Chandler moved to postpone Mr. Acheson's confirmation, and cried that the General must not be molested.

And when confronted with directives from President Truman setting forth definite policy in Japan, and outlining in detail General MacArthur's authority. Senator Wherry had little to say. He reacted normally, and began shouting that the Reds and radicals in this country were trying to smear the General's name. From this point, do not expect the issue to be joined assain; the pack is out on the trail once more, and Republicans in Congress will cry it out to the end.

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State Department and General Mac-Arthur, all right; it's no more than we have a right to expect. But when Pres-ident Truman and Dean Acheson be-come "all the Commies in the country", the Senator is merely off again on one of those senseless political tirades which serve only to muddle an already con-fused state of affairs.

#### Room To Grow

The City Planning Commission's pro-posal of a new library for Mecklenburg may sound hifalutin to a good many ritizens. But there's always tomorrow to think about. If it seems that a big new

think about. If it seems that a big new building and a five cent increase in both City and County lear rates are too much. If it seems that a 250,000-volume book collection is more than we need, we have only to think ahead 30 or 40 years. This present building will soon be 50 years old, and the city outgrew it years ago. The plaint would be linadequate for a much smaller city, and within the next generation there is every reason to believe the proposed new library will be none too larre for the community's needs.

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eeds. Under the most severe handicaps the Under the most severe handicaps the present blarry staff is offering increasingly valuable service, but despite all its efforts will scarege? Be able to remove us from the-bottom of the list ours is still the poorest library in any American city of 100,000 or more people). And because the book collection rannol be increased to decent size in the present building, a move of some kind is imperative, it would be foolish economy to build in suit our present occess, for the life of a library must be the property of the life of a library must be the property of the life of a library must be the property of the life of a library must be the property of the life of a library must be the property of the life of a library must be the property of the life of a library must be the property of the life of a library must be the property of the life of a library must be the property of the life of a library must be the property of the life of a library must be the property of the life of a library must be the property of the life of a library must be the life of the life of a library must be the life of the

needs, for the life of a library must be long.

The proposal calls for a coord deal of spending. Aside from a capital multay of about \$500,000 for the building and purchase of additional property, there will be more than \$100,000 a year in lineome from the five cent tax rate increase. By all past standards, that's quite a sphurge. But by comparison with Noat is being done in cities of like size the goal is more too high and the time is more too spons. We hope that the public will realize the worth of the project and the dividends it may pay to community progress.

# No Substitute?

Not only did the Government find its labor machinery out of order when the automobile industry was beset by a wave of strikes. In the passing of the War Labor Board it finds hundreds of perplexing problems left hanging in the air, with no sign that a powerful agency will be ready to step in and fill the sap. There is yet-hope that the reorganized Department of Labor may move into the field quickly enough to relieve some of the pains of industrial strife, but there will surely be a period of unrelieved struggle because of the unfinished business WLB will leave behind.

Close home, there are the four textite strikes already under way, with many more threatened. All of these, so the frought book because of the control of the strikes already under way, with many more threatened. All of these, so the frought book because of control of the strikes already under way, with many more threatened all of these, so the frought book because of control of the strikes already under way, with many more threatened, all of these, so the frought way and the strikes already and the strikes already under way, with many more threatened, all of these, so the found of the strikes already and the strikes already and the strikes already in the strikes already and the sound of existence, there is going to be open war.

Washington observers certainly realized that when the lid was off and warrine compromises were thrown out, there would be a general tug-of-war ail never the country. Because they were not prepared, and because they were not prepared, and because there was no agency ready to assume immediate responsibility for labor struggles, the country will suffer unrecessary delays in its return to peace. There will sure by be abuses of the situation to the strike the second of the strike sure and the strike the second of the strike sure and the sure of the situation to the strike sure and the strike sure of the situation to the strike sure of the situation to the

If the Jap scowls he is unchastened; if he smiles he is obsequious, if he looks blank he is schemling new tracheries. All in all, he would be better off without a face.

# Statesmen At Work

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By Drew Pearson

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and Patterson.

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Fatterson in the War Department to replace Slimson as
Secretary of War.

"One of the things that disturbed me about your
appointment." Truman continued, "was the probable
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the fact that Governor Lausche of Ohio, a Democrat,
tons can appoint a Democratic Senator to replace Burton, a Republican.

"So I talked it over with Alben Barkley." Truman explained. "and he advised that if I was convinced you were the right man, I should appoint you and let political consequences go hang. The property of the political consequences go hang. The property of t

#### Patterson Side-Tracked

GOP Joy

Most Republican leaders were delighted at the Burton Supreme Court appointment for several reasons. Straight GOP line, was too independent for party hack Senators. Secondly, his Senatorial exit now paves the way for ex-dovernor John Bricker.

Bricker. Dewey's recent running-mate, had been straining at the leash, trying to make up his mind whether to get had the Senatorial exit. The didn't like to So, although the Republicans figure they lose one vote temporarily, they expect to gain it back next election.

#### Army Run-Around

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Here is the Army run-around again to one group of 182 Air Force personnel—all with more than 100 points. Unfortunately it is typical of the run-around given to a great many men entitled to immediate discharge-ment, despite the well-meant promises of Chief of Staff Marshall, individual commanders seem clitter unwilling or unable to cordinate discharges.

This group of 182 airmen arrived in New York harbor late. July. But despite their points, most are not out of hard July. But despite their points, most are not out of hard July. But despite their points, most are not out of hard points. See in the play-180-play history of wait happened.

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# It Seems to Be Getting Results



## Jumping Toward Disaster By Marquis Childs

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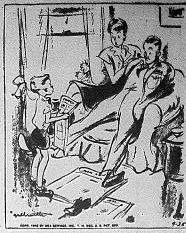
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"Pop, why don't you try to look like these Marines in the comic strips?"

Our Labor Board By Dorothy Thompson

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