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Through The Keyhole

A new wage-price formula was un-veiled in the White House last night, surprising nobody except possibly the us Congressmen who predictout of the Administration. The national comony is being officially cranked up another turn on the infiationary spiral in order to guarantee higher retail prices in return for higher wages. To accomplish this, the President has given Chester Bowles a new job and turned Judge Collett out to his Missouri pasture. accomplish this, the President has given Chester Bowles a new job and turned Judge Collett out to his Missouri pas-ture.

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The brief, carefully worded executive order looks, at this early reading, like another Truman compromise. Since it gives manufacturers and labor about, that they want, it should settle current strikes in short order. The consumer will, of course, foot-the bill, but that was expected, perhaps inevitable. More to the point is the strange background of the formula—the frantic White House meetings that have stirred the headline writers for over two-vecks. We have had copious, apparently complete information about these essions, but all of it has come from high Government Soutres. Officials Close To The President, and Un-Named But Responsible Administration Spokes. Close To The President, and Un-Named But Responsible Administration Spokesmen. Yesterday afternoon, for instance, the blow-by-blow account of the last-minute tilting between Chester Bowles and John Snyder was provided by Officials In A Position To Know. We are puzzled by the strange new system of press relations that seems to have grown up under President Truiman's brief administration. The President inself used to be a great off-the-cuff speaker at press conferences: larding the president of the president president president president president president president press of the president p

ing his remarks on the weather with earth-shaking announcements that sent the reporters racing for the telephones.

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many North Carolina senatorial districts may come up for discussion at the March meeting of the Democratic Executive Committee. It is high time.

However, few. If any, of the Party officials question the validity of these "gentleman" as greements," under which senatorial nominations are rotated on fixed schedule among the various counties of a district. The protests, Raleigh Correspondent Lynn Nisbet notes, sound loudest in the 25th District, where Iredell'gets a senator every term and Catawba and Lincoln alternate the other seat. The good Democrats of Catawba feel that they are entitled to Iredell's favored position, since their county has now outstripped the others in population. If they don't get a better break, Mr. Nisbet reports, they may go so far "as to throw the election wide open to all comers from any county."

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Such a proposal, of course, will be regarded as heresy by a majority of the Committee. Extra-legal though they may be, the Democratic Party recognize these district arrangements in 1937 and made them a matter of record, for-bidding their abrogation except by con-sent of a majority of the counties in-volved.

This provides a neat illustration of

A good many strange and terrible things seem likely to happen the day the United States Navy drops that atomic bomb on Bikini Atol. In 10 seconds, while earth and sea and sky are colored by purple light and tidal waves race across the Pacific, these things, according to a variety of experts, may come to pass:

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The battleship may become as obsolete

as the four-masted schooner.
Representatives of the UNO's Atomic

Energy Commission may be convinced of the futility of settling international

differences through armed conflict. (There seems to be little chance of con-

From Collier's Magazine:

After being caught short a couple of times (notably on his Reelfoot Lake pronouncement on the control of atomic power he understandably became a little more cautious. And now it appears that he, or someone, has extended the Presidential immunity to direct quotation to his entire cabinet, official and kitchen.

The anonymous spokesman has become far too commonplace these days to allow the suspicion that the boys in Washington are using an ancient jour-

Washington are using an ancient jour-nalistic device to palm off their own opinions. They are dealing in facts, and obtaining them in return for their promise not to quote the fact-giver by

name. Everybody, we think, understands that the evolution of a satisfactory wage-price formula is an enormously difficult task. Mr. Truman and the other officials concerned would receive a large measure of public sympathy if they recounted their troubles openiy and under their own names. As it is all Washington correspondence is reduced to the level of own names. As it is all wasnington correspondence is reduced to the level of Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round and the American people are placed in the position of listening at the White House keyhole.

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An effort to conceal intra-Administra-tion squabbling might be understand-able, but the impression of confusion and division is conveyed and heightened by this flow of authentic but unofficial information.

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In the case of the new wage-price formula anonymity has been as dam-aging as it is pointless; the public has received the President's magic panacea against a background of doubt and dis-sent. The impression has gotten around that the Administration doesn't particularly like its own baby: it is highly doubtful if the public will like it any better.

Catawbans

the manner in which party politics which means, of course, Democratic party politics) has worked to limit the franchise in North Carolina. In the hame of Justice to small counties, the field of candidates is restricted and the voters are deprived of the free choice they are guaranteed by law.

Perhaps there is some merit in protecting small county politicians against being swamped by the favorite son vote of a candidate from a larger county. We're not so certain, however, that the voters are coming out as well as the politicians. Suppose, for instance, that Lincoln elects a Senator who serves the entire district well. His public record is meaningless; he has to step down after one term for no good reason expect that it's Catawba's turn to send a man to Raleigh and he is bound not to run against the Senator from Iredell. against the Senator from Iredell.

Like most such political deals, these "gentleman's agreements" are highly practical. But, like most of them, they practical. But, like most of them, they don't quite jibe with the Constitution's declaration: "The legislative authority shall be vested in two distinct branches, both dependent upon the people..." The only way to carry out that provision, it seems to us, is to accept the suggestion of the frustrated Catawbans and let any man be elected to the Senate who can persuade a majority of the voters of his district.

Bikini Atoll may disappear completely, Bikini Atoll may disappear completely, to the regret of nobody in particular.

A chain atomic reaction may be started which will blast this planet right out of the universe. (The great majority of the atomic scientists hold that such

a result is impossible, but several of the more nervous physicists are reportedly

making out their wills and putting their

However, barring the last possibility,

there is one thing we can count on. The whales floating aimlessly off the coast

whates floating almiessy of the closes of Washington State won't be disturbed. We have the word of the Fish and Wildlife. Service of the Department of the Interior, which sent biologists to Bikini to check.

It's nice to know, isn't it?

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Consolation Prize

Pearl Harbor

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Mr. Truman Could Be Mistaken, Too

From The Belmont Banner:

"Tricky Mecklenburg At It Again"

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the worst in North Carolina, with Gaston's not much better. (2) Why in a judicial district containing 239.357 citizens, should 87.531 of those citizens have the right te nominate the chief law enforce-ment officer?—Eds. The News:

The People's Platform

Note For A Menu

By CLAYTON C. ROYLE RALEIGH

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by the stroke of a pen, but out of years of struggle.

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loreign control of potts and important industrial cemers has been bilterly resented.

SET A LIMIT

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Samuel Grafton

New Line For The Russians



IN HIGH DUDGEON:
Dudgeon hards seems an adequate answereven a large digeon. It seems to me that,
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Commendation For Cherry

rect delinquency among all races.
In Florida a few months ago, a Negro r indictment for attempted rap under indictment for attempted rape was smatched from jail by a mob and shot to death. Governor Millard Caldwell of Fiorda said he didn't consider this a lynching. He went on to opine that the mob had saved courts, etc., considerable trouble and added:

The ordesi of bringing a young and lanceent wittim of rape into open court

About a year ago, a fourteen-year-old
Negro broke into a Wilmington, North
Carolina, house, raped a pregnant
woman, was caught next day, confessed,
and was sentenced to death. Recently
Governor R. G. Cherry of North Carolina commuted the colored boy to life
imprisonment, remarking in part:
The crimes are revolting, but a part
of the blame. - arises from the neglect
of the state and society to provide a
better environment. - Our public
achools, equipped with capable teachers
, (and) an effective compulsoryattendance law, would do much to correct delinquency among all races.

The OPA says no. Otherwise the man-ufacturer with 4,000,000 of them laid away would gladly give you the shirt off his back shelf.

With a general lifting of the wage scale, the quiz contestant who has to stop and think may demand the \$64 and overtime.

"I admit the post war world is disappointing, Madam, but you'll be truly amazed at the wonderful things a Industry has planned for the post strike world!"