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The Spanking of Boss Petrillo

WE now see a new, and perhaps a more honest Congressional approach to labor matters. The gentlemen on the Hill are polishing up an anti-Petrillo Bill, a piece of Federal legislation expressly designed to curb the powers of the Czar of the Musician's

Union.

It didn't turn out to be much of a bill, after all, but it is significant; we think, that none of its proponents made any effort to disguise it as a measure designed to preserve the American Way. This was a frontal assault by Congress upon an individual union leader; if the resulting legislation brings acout an improvement in the nation's musical fare it will be incidental.

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Mr. Petrillo, of course, is one of the most expined and completely reprehensible union bosses now doing business in the United States. He is a violent reactionary, whose handling of the Musican's Union has violated every decent, progressive union practice. He has raised feather-bedding to a high art, and on any given night in the United States there are probably as many musical and frawing pa, for doing nothing as there are making music. As a matter of policy, Mr. Petrillo and his union stand foursquare against progress; an ideal musical situation, from their standpoint, would result from the immediate destruction of all phonographs and radios, thereby creating smaller audiences for more live musicians. more live musicians.

Yet, despite Mr. Petrillo's many and varied faults, and the obvious need for curbing his considerable power, we wonder if Congressional passage of an anti-Petrillo bill is the proper approach. The legislative function, as we understand it, is to deal in principles, not personalities: a harmful union practice may certainly be outlawed, but we question the propriety of outlawing an individual. The precedent established here might

The precedent established here might lead to punitive legislation aimed di-rectly at John L. Lewis, a gentleman who frequently causes Congressional blood-pressure to mount dangerously. Or at Philip Murray, or Walter Reuther, or Dan Tobin, or any other unpopular union boss. And some fine day, when pro-Labor Congressmen attain a clear majority, some earnest member might propose a measure that would outlaw Charles E. Wilson.

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We have remarked before upon the
need for defining Labor's powers and
privileges. The time has come, we think, for a complete re-examination of all existing labor legislation. But these perennial forays against union bosses, undertaken in the heat of righteous anger, will hardly serve that purpose. uncertaken in the neat of righteous anger, will hardly serve that purpose. Instead they only add to the mass of conflicting legislation already on the books; the pleasure we derive from the spanking of James Ceasar Petrillo is not sufficient to outweigh the suspicion that the anti-Petrillo bill is the product of pique, not statesmanship.

Can You Barter Democracy?

PRESIDENT TRUMAN once remarked that true international understand-ing must be based on the Golden Rule. We seem, however, to be putting into practice an earlier biblical injunction: an eve for an eye and a tooth for a

In Korea, General Hodge, the American commander, refused to permit a Russian correspondent to enter the American zone. "Will welcome Mr. Varshowski in south Korea when American correspondents are permitted to go above the 38th Parallel," he informed the Russians, thus establishing a principle that has since received the indirect blessing of General MacArthur.

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Perhaps this is the only method of doing journalistic business with the Russians. Since they have consistently refused to recognize freedom of the press, as we interpret that battered term, we shall exchange correspondents with them on a barter basis. If Pravda sends a man to Washington to misinterpret America to Russian readers, we shall send a man from The Chicago Tribune to Moscow to misinterpret Russia to American readers; if The Tribune man is restricted to Moscow, the Pravda man

shall be shackled to the Washington

But somehow this scheme doesn't seem quite practical. We properly regard Rus-sia's coziness in the matter of permitting journalists freedom of movement as proof that she has something to hide proof that she has something to hide at home, and in the countries she now occupies. If we adopt the same practice we shall lay ourselves open to an identi-cal suspicion; the world, we fear, will not understand that we have abandoned a traditional democratic principle sim-ply because Russia abandoned it first.

sary on occasion, but it is always a destructive practice; if, in the name of destructive practice, it, in the name of even-handed justice, we adopt anti-Democratic practices we seem likely to suffer far more than the Russions we would punish. And, on the purely pracwould punish. And, on the purely prac-tical level, it would seem that our cur-rent plea for free access to news the world over would be considerably strengthened if we could point out that we permit it automatically because it is keeping with established American tra-dition.

Fighting fire with fire may be neces-

Once upon a time there was a diplomatic principle known as leadership by example. What ever became of it?

Conservative View Of OPA

An objective view of price control is trare in these days of violent controversy. The country seems to be divided into two camps; those with goods to sell are engaged in a mighty effort to force the abolition of OPA, while those with seeds to have removing. with goods to buy are struggling to re-tain it; public discussion has degen-erated to the level of the continuing argument over labor unions-you can be for OPA or you can be against it, but you've got to go whole hog one way or the other.

the other.

A man who comes out four-square for continuing price control, and at the same time bitterly criticizes the operation of the OPA, seems almost schizophrenie. James H. McGraw, Jr., having done just that in an editorial appearing in all 28 of McGraw-Hill's trade papers, seems likely to raise a few eyebrows.

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Preadent Truman's new wage-price policy won't work. Mr. McGraw asserts flatly: the new program contains no guarantee of consistency, and without it the country is heading for chaos. "The explosion will come in one of two forms—either in a continuance of industrial strile, or in a rocketing inflationary boom that can end only in collapse and depression."

The one constructive feature Mr. Mc-Graw could find in the President's pro-nouncement lies in its clear definition of inflation as the major danger now of inflation as the major danger now facing us. But, the barrier being erect-ed now by Chester Bowles is bound to collapse, he thinks, unless these six steps are taken without delay:

Congress must provide sufficient price relief to yield profits normal to high-level operation.
 The basis for price relief must be clearly defined and geared to actual costs of operation at the earliest possible date.

 OPA administration procedure must be speeded up and streamlined, or the delays that characterized past adminis-tration will become intolerable. 4. Congress must see that, once estab-lished, the new line is held as long as wartime controls are continued by en-forcing restrictions on wages as well as

S. Congress must set an early date for the termination of all wartime controls and profits; progressive and bold steps for de-control to be taken before that take, as soon as production levels in any

field are sufficiently high to restrain run-

away prices.
6. It must proceed without delay to marshal fiscal and monetary policies to combat inflation, in order that price controls may be discarded at the earliest possible date.

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Mr. McGraw's program is, of course, debatable. But as an expression of conservative business opinion it is unique, for it is based on the premise that price controls must be maintained until the danger of inflation has passed; it aims as making OPA work, not at destroying it. It is roundly critical of Governmental fumbling, but, without calling any names, it is equally critical of Overnmental fumbling, but, without calling any names, it is equally critical of the position taken by the National Association of Manufacturers, which is now campaigning for the removal of all price and production controls.

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The OPA, heaven knows, is an imperhe ora, heaven knows, is an imper-fect instrument, and it would certainly be strengthened materially if it were subjected continually to calm, dispas-sionate criticism. The trouble is that Chester Bowles stands in the vortex of a tornado; if he yields on any point the entire price control structure may disintegrate. And, as bad it is, it is considerably better than nothing.

erably better than nothing.

It is doubtful if Chester Bowles will be able to hear Mr. McGraw's voice above the roaring of the great wind, but perhaps a few businessmen will be impressed by his missionary work. We have an idea that it is in the field covered by the McGraw-Hill trade publications that the success or failure of price control will finally be determined. No anti-inflation barrier can long survive the constant effort of the business community to batter it down. to batter it down

Great interest attends the showing of George Allen, White House jester, in the new government finance job. It was supposed that everything funny had already been done to money.

needs is more romance. And what would be prettier in the Springtime ahead than the suburban steam shovel bowing and scraping to a mate near by?

The Mountain's Labor



People's Platform

Defense Of John Q. Civilian

As a recently returned veteran, please allow me for a change to speak for once in defense of a forgotten man, Mr. John Q. Civilian, the non-veteran, who according to some so-called veterans, should for the state of the angry and unjustified letters to the papers, and shear on the street other so-called veterans who apparently expect the world to beat a path to their door and exalt them above all as the saviours of this countries. We have a state of the sta

line material.

Many veterans who seem so desireus of putting non-veterans in the lowest possible category and critize the government, and all who dare to offend their trigger-like feelings would gladly have remained home if the draft had but passed them over. Others went because it was simply their duty, and they were qualified.

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I am sure that if we veterans will manifest the proper attitude and realize that we number millions, and that it is impossible to immediately grant each state of the proper and a carporation, vice-presidency, we will fill million post-war tanget straightened out as soon as possible.

It was our lot to see in the numerous foreign countries in which we fought, the actual results of poor government and it should make us appreciate our great mation all the more

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In order to justify my right to speak my piece. It can say that I was a volunteer, with five years service, did not have an arm-chair position, and saw Engles, and the same and t

Of Drinking Men

CHARLOTTE.

By this is the kind of news you are going to give GBurke Davis' liquor series.—Eds., The News my subscription to your paper will be canceled immediately! Who wants fine school buildings if we have to send our boys and girls to school past a liquor store? If ABC stores are opened in Charlotte my home will be broken and a divorce will result, for I am married to a man who could never pass a liquor store without entering. He doesn't want anyone to see him at a bootlegger'sli

I would gladly have my name printed if it would do any good. I see now where your newspaper stands

on the subject—therefore, what I could say would be useless. However, this is a signal to me to go to work through other sources, which I shall do immediately. Please leave a bad attention along the country and the shall be used to the shal

n. The News).

The People's Platform is available to any reader who cares to mount it. Communications should be less than 300 words, tape-written, if possible, on only one side of the paper. Libel and obscenity will be deleted otherwise anything goes. Each letter must be signed, ellhough we will withhold the uriter's name upon request.—Editors, The News.

Alerting The County

JPLESS the good mothers and fathers of Mecklen-burg County wake up and begin speaking out for the good things for themselves and their children, the lovers of the liquor traffic are going to legalize the sale of whisty in Mecklenburg County, Legalizing an evil will not cure the evil no matter how much money it might bring into the coffers of the etgy and county. The abominable propagands being published and talked by those win expect to profit in the liquer business if they can get it legalized stinks to high Heaven Goodness knows that, a neen into the beer-

talked by those who expect to profit in the liquor business if they can get it legalized stains to high Heaven Goodness knows that a peep into the beerqueiling joints in Charlotte is enough to make a decent citizen sick, and that is a mere sample of what would happen if whisty were sold legally in Charlotte. Thousands of citizens who rarely took a drink of whicky in Wake and Durham Counties before ABC ing much of their time at drinking parties which cost more even at ABC store prices than they pay for stroceries or schools in which to educate their children. We have also visited in some of the ABC store constant of the control o

Marquis Childs

end it with a vote for a new prober prober. White was spoken in jest. White publicans make no secret of the test set in the test problem is not relief that threem years of uninterupled De moor atle rule have provided binnders, stupidities and scandals which can be dug up for the edification of the evera. Considering the wast sums of morey spent, first under he were would be surprising if there were not some irregularities. Mayor Curley's conviction by a Federal court is regarded as a happy omen by the GOP.

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UNDERSCORED FOLLY
All of this underscores the folly, from the Democratic point of view of appointments such as that of Edwin W. Pauley. The Pauley appointment touched off protracted hearings, with charges and countricentaries, and in an atmosphere

pointment touched out proviscoes of other recrimination. It opened as what all the provision of the present of

G. O.P. Strategy

WASHINGTON
A group of Republicans, the other
A day, were discussing what
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leader Joe Martin to sak him how
the would conduct the House when
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seried itself and the probability now is that Pauley will be approved.

What a waste of time, energy, emotion! The net result has been integrity and effectiveness of government.

At a time when government in a teady and sure in its direction and purpose, the pattern of investigation and atslemate is likely on the pattern in the years between 1990 and 1923. They were years that the locuste consumed, years that the locuste consumed, years that of south and uncertainty like-and did nothing.

RIDING HERD

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The Democrats, having gained control of the House in 1931, proceeded to ride herd on the Republicans. In power in Congress for twelve years, the GOP was withering rapidly into decay. A Democrat regarded as a dangerous radical—John Nance Garner—was in-

erms raphny mo decay. A Lorent cal-John Nance Garner-was introducing bills calling for what seemed like higgs sums of most seemed like higgs sums of most seemed like higgs sums of seemed like higgs sumpotent. The American system of checks and balances was all checks and no balance. Today the margin between Re-Today the margin between Re-Today the margin between Re-Today the seemed like t G. O. P. STRATEGY

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Republican strategy in this critical election year is to concentrate on Congressional districts when the Democratic Congressions with the Congression on the Congression of the Congression of the Congression of Congression of That is shrewd strategy. Where the odds seem to be hopeless, as in ancient Tammany districts in New York, the GOP will not waste its resources. When the Congression of responsibility looms large. As the party in opposition, the Republicans have a responsibility to send up appointments that will not generate the kind of the Congression of

Buel W. Patch

The Pakistan Plan

ONE of the principal stumbling blocks to a solution in India is the division between Hindus and Moslems. Some people are Hindus; and the Hindus and Hindus and Hindus; around 90 million are Moslems. The differences are religiour-rather than racial, for most Moslems. The differences are religiour-rather than racial, for most Moslems. The Hindus in a self-governing India. These fears are responsible for the Hindus in a self-governing India. These fears are responsible for lower of the Hindus in a self-governing India orward in 1940 by the Moslem League, headed by Mohammed All Jinnah. The plan calls for division of British India into two separate of British India into two separate Ortiginally, Pakitam was to comprise only areas in which Moslems were in a majority. Now Jinnah demands inclusion of the whole of most of the Moslems and the Moslems of the Mo

Moslems are generally in the ajority in the three small pro-most of Sind, Northwest Frontier, and Baluchistan 1 In Assam, ex-cept in one district, they are in the minority. While Moslems are cept in one district, they are in the minority. While Moslems are a majority of the whole population in Bengal and the Punjab. Hindus are in the majority in the western half of Bengal and the eastern half of the Punjab. Bengal is the largest province of India. having a population of over 60 million. and it contains India's largest city, and it contains lineas largest city.

Colcutta, in the southwestern part
of the province. The Punjab is
India's fifth largest, province, with
a population of over 28 million.

The Congress Party, representing
the Hindus, at first opposed the
Pakistan plan outright. But in

JINNAH'S DEMAND

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six provinces is over 100 million.

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the Hindu areas may reflect a beiller, shared by others, that they
would be needed to make Pakistan
comomically feasible. His opposition
as to the strength of Moslem support for Pakistan.

MOSLEM BONINATION

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Justice Frankfurter And The Emperor Drew Pearson's . Merry-Go-Round ? waste, or being fed to hogs and chickens because of a "consignment" racket practiced by some bakeries. It works like finis. It works like finis. It wing to grab business away from a competing bakery, it will begin supplying grocery stores on a "consignment basis," which means that grocers' shelves are alreaded up with supplies of bread in excess of what they can sell up the unsold lowes and replace them with fresh stock, charging the grocer only for the bread actually sold. Idea is to promote sales of a particular brand of bread because of its "freshness."

WASHINGTON

NOT many people know it, but Supreme Court justice Felix

Frankfurter for some time has been looking behind the

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in the establishment of an Austrian legion which was to help re-take Austrian.

The legion was doomed from the start, due to terrific political opposition from Croats, Slovenes and Austrians in the United States who did not like the Hapsburgs. Finally it was absordanced.

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Frankfurter's Visit

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waiting finally got in to see Franz Josef.

He listened attentively to the mother's story of her son, who had brilliant possibilities, but who was barred from a high property of the story of her son, and the Emperor, making an exception, ordered the school opened to young Frankfurter came to the United States, graduated from grankfurter came to the United States, graduated from the story of New York and Market of the States, and the story of New York and Market of the States, and the story of New York and Market of the States, and the states of the highest court of the land. But he never forgot the kindly Emperor who had permitted him to attend a better school in Austrian, and he has continued to try to help the grandsoms of that Emperor regain the throne.

Gerald L. K. Smith Again

POTING to A. SHRIM AGAIN
POOTIN' toolin' Gerald L. K. Smith, the America First evanL. Smith, recently charged before the House Un-American
Activities Committee that Eddle Cantor. Ingrid Bergare,
Frank Sinatra and Orson Welles were "Communist fellowtravelers."

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Bread Waste Scandal

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE aleuths have been doing some quiet checking of unscrupulous bakeries which violate breids alse regulations in order to kill off competition.
Despite the fact that the nation has been incred on a "dark bread" diet to help feed war-starved propoles of the world, thousands of lowers of good bread are still going to

ing the grocer only just the war food order No. 1, but it hasn't promote sales of a particular brand of bread because of its Treshness.

I would be a food order No. 1, but it hasn't stopped certain bakeries in Rouston, Richmond, San Francisco, Cleveland, Kansas City, and -8t. Louis from carrying on the practice on a huge scale.

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