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The Case For Case

An unholy alliance of 106 conservative ats (most of them Southerners) and 152 Republicans have now slam-banged an anti-strike bill onto the floor of the House. The measure was con-

of the House. The measure was conceived in anger, and is being debated with intemperance, and de spite the modifying amendments now being ofered, it will probably be a right toothy piece of legislation when it reaches the fillbuster-bound Senate.

We heard Representative Case, sponsor of the bill, defend his baby in a radio debate with pro-labor Representative De Lacy the other night, and we were entranced by his logic. Organized labor has grown too big for its britches, he insisted, and must now be shorn of its special privileges. His bill, he said, guarantees only absolute equality of treatment for management and labor.

sentative De Lacy paraphrased Representative De Lacy paraphrased anatole France: "Your idea of equality is to give the rich man and the pauper an equal right to sleep under a bridge." His main point of attack was the provision of the Case bill which would restore to local courts the right to Issue injunctions against picketing, a right which he characterized correctly as the greatest strike-breaking instrument ever

put in the hands of employers.

The Case Bill, it seems to us, makes The Case Bill, it seems to us. makes sense only if you accept its proponents' basic thesis—that all strikes are evil. We are not attempting to minimize the abuses of union power that have been all too conspicuous in recent years, but it seems to us the current strike wave, uncomfortable though it may be. Illustrates (1) a considerable increase in union responsibility, and (2) the fact that management has lost little, if any,

of its still overwhelming economic and

political power.
Aside from a little light skull-rapping in California, there has been a marked lack of disorder on the picket lines.

in California, there has been a marked iack of disorder on the picket lines. Why? Because the present labor lawa, which the Case Bill would emasculate, prevent, management from employing the old free-style strike-breaking practices that were common prior to the adoption of the Norris-La Guardia Act and the Wagner Act.

We don't seem to be able to work up a great deal of sympathy for the poor corporations Representative Case would restore to "equality" with the unions. They seem to be doing fairly well—the auto union demand for a 30 per cent wage increase was whitted down to 15 per cent in the contracts signed by Ford and Chrysler, and, in the Ford contract at least, binding guarantees against work stoppages were incorporated at the company's insistence. Is there anybody left in thouse to whom a 15 per cent wage increase seems exhorbitant in these infatted times? flated times?

The history of this century, indeed of this republic, affords abundant proof that the big, impersonal corporations will not pay their employees a decent wage unless they are subjected to constant pressure. Given the right to strike, the worker can take care of himself. If that right is abridged the Government will soon find that it will have to substitute pressure of its own. The truth is that the strike is an instrument of free enterprise, and it is passing strange that 106 Democrats and 182 Republicans should set out to preserve the American Way by insisting on Federal control over labor-management relations. ated times? The history of this century, indeed

A Hotel And History

The Tryon Street property purchased the other day by the Pittman interests turns out to be the most historic site the town affords. Mrs. R. A. Fore, digging into the life and times of cobonial Mecklenburg, reports that the original Queens College was built there after it was chartered in 1770, becoming,

after it was chartered in 1770, becoming, as the says, "a nursery of freemen" in the stirring days when the colonies were pulling away from Mother England.

The College, renamed "Liberty Hall" in a burst of anti-royalist feeling, served as hospital for both the British and the Cohonials when Cornwallis was marching in these parts. Later it became a high school, and after it had served a dozen public purposes, the old courthouse was erected on the site in 1868. At one time or another every moted clitteen the region has produced citizen the region has produced trod that soil.

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It is significant, we think, that the history Mrs. Fore turned up after the sale was announced should be news to most Charlotteans. The rapid expansion of the city has wiped out most of the physical landmarks that once pansion of the city has wiped out most of the physical landmarks that once served to remind us of our storied past, ond only a curious few have seen the little marker placed on the site of Queen's Museum by the Daughters of

the American Revolution.
We hope, therefore, that the Pittmans will bear in mind these historical mans will bear in mind these insortest associations when they undertake the design of their new hotel. It would be fittling, indeed, if the name of the new establishment could be derived from the rich history of the site, and the scenes enacted there preserved in murals displayed in lobbies and public rooms.

The tide of commerce has almost blanked out Charlotte's regional Identity and proud past. A hotel, located in the very center of the town and in con-stant public service, will prod the memories of thousands of natives who never bother to dig into the history of Charlotte or view the historical ex-hibits tucked away in the museums. And what better greeting can we offer a visitor than an introduction to the departed Presbyterian giants who estab-lished the character of the city two centuries ago?

turies ago?
We commend the project to Dr. Pittman and his colleagues. They could give
their new hotel no better start than
to recognize an obligation to the past,
an obligation that too many Charlotteans now ignore.

Jimmy Byrnes, Expatriate

With the exception of John C. Calhoun, no South Carolinian has achieved higher office than James Francis Byrnes. (We refuse, of course, to credit that obscure Palmetto claim to the birthplace of Andrew Jackson.) He has performed the amazing feat of remaining loyal to the Democratic faith of his fathers while riding to fame aboard the New Deal bandwagon, and if his conservatism and

bandwagon, and if his conservatism and the accident of his birth finally cost him the Presidency, his a bility has nevertheless earned him a permanent sast among the mighty. And what else has his political dex-iency earned him? The usual prophet's curse; he is without honor in his own home town. The Charleston News and Courier day after day rings changes on this theme: "Does or does not holding office to the eachiest of Harry Truman office in the cabinet of Harry Truman Esq., President, make James F. Byrnes an expatriate, a foreigner so far as South Carolina is concerned? Mr. Tru-man is pressing for the passage of the FEPC and Senators Maybank and John-ston are filibustering against it . . "

Was it an overt act of his own that caused Jimmy Byrnes to fall from grace? Not at all, his associations alone have cost him his birthright. The News and Courier damns him with his own words, words that august journal once praised: "Mr. Byrnes, when in the Senate declared, he was the first' to so declared, that the Negroes have come into the control of the Democratic Party." Where is the Southern white man who feels at home in that party?"

Where, indeed? But in what other South Carolina political party would he feel more at home? Not the Republican Party, certainly—the cannon at Fort Sumter grow warm at the mention of that dread a name and St. Michaels' churchyard is filled with the sound of the revolving dead.

The News and Courier placed the Republican Party out of bounds to South

publican Party out of bounds to South Carolinians a hundred years ago. it writes off the Democratic Party. hundred years ago. Now writes off the Democratic Party. We can see how that terrible verdict makes Jimmy Byrnes an expatriate; we can't help wondering just what it makes The News and Courier.

From The Wilmington Morning Star:

Note On Free Advertising

Word comes from New York that "a little shower" of nylon hosiery, some four million pairs in fact, is to be re-leased to retail dealers next week. Thi women who get them surely will be the

happier and those who do not a degree or two more disappointed than ever. or two more disappointed than ever.

Whether it is by design or not, what astonishes us most is the amount of advertising the American press has freely given nylon stockings. Column upon-column of type in the news columns of newspapers everywhere has been deveted to their escretty, their distribution, the rough-housing that has happened in stores with a few pair, the useus of prospective purchasers lined up-non didwalls when news passes that such and such a store has a supply.

As it happens, the business adminis-As it happens, the business administration of newspapers generally is as well devised as the administration of any other business. But in this one case advertising managers and, alas! editors have gone overboard to give space to an article of apparel without thought of the revenue they should be deriving from its advertisement.

Yes, we are as guilty, but in the present instance only to note that nylon, stockings have had, we hope, their last

Unsated by Moscow banquets, Uncle Joe Stalin casts an interested eye on a Black Sea strip of Turkey—or, as we say, dark meat.

Taking Over

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MEXICAN OIL DEAL

under Pauley or a friend of his.

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Relationship between Davies and
Pauley has been extremely close.
Davies was executive vice president of Standard Oil of Califorrelationship between Califorrelationship of the Califordent of Standard Oil of Califordent of Standard Oil of Califordent of Califordent of Califordent of Califordent of Califordent oil company. Later,
Pauley brought Davies to Washington, introduced him to Ickes,
following which Davies became
the Califordent of Califordent of

After Acheson had finished, Ickes turned to Pauley's friend, Ralph Davies, and asked: "Why didn't you tell me

"Why dight you tell me these things?"

"I didn't know them either," replied the red-faced Davies. Then, turning to his aid, he alibied: "Why didn't you tell me these things?"

me these things."

Ickes immediately reversed himself, threw his weight againstelf, threw his weight againstelf, threw his weight againstelf, threw his weight againstelf, and a stopped. Davies, of course, is an able, intelligent operation, too intelligent operation, too intelligent operation, the medical particles of the state o

TAX GRAVY

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Senator George of Georgia, who has more to say about setting U. S. taxes than any other man except tax lobbyist Elisworth Alvord, whose advice he follows, has called the senate of the sen

gate.

Already business has submitted claims for a cool \$3,000,000,000 and a total of \$8,000,000,000 may be drained out of the Federal Treasury through this neat clause loboled through Congress when nobody was looking.

Quote, Unquote

I HAVE never done anything un-usual or startling in my life, but I have lived it the way I wanted to live it, and I am satisfied. —Gov. Walter S. Goodland of Wis-cousin, 83.

cousin, 63.

Santa Claus forgot to stop in Germany, but it was the merriest Christmas I ever had. I'm happ because I can walk outdoors without fear. I don't have to hide in shelters all the time.

—Gunder Knoblach, 15. of Frankfurt, Germany,

The Oil Twins Will Soon Be-



From The North Carolina Health Bulletin:

Epitaph For Amanda Bunch-Midwife THREE AT ONCE

By IDA H. HALL, P. H. N. Wake County Health Department

Wake County Health Department
AUIT AMANDA died ast eek
after 11 years service as mawife in one community. It seems
a pity that the story of Aunt
Amanda was not written while she
was alive, she would have been so
proud of it. She was proud to be
proud of and of her starched
white mop-cap and apron that she
always put on a fresh whenever ahe
went out excepting for church.
The records kept since 1934 show

The records kept since 1934 show The records kept since 1834 show that she delivered more than a thousand babies during this time. In one month in 1837 she had 30 deliveries and helped a dector on two more. She 'helped-out' the dectors and they helped her out, and when she had to call a doctor he never delâyed. Every doctor semed to feel the same respect and personal affection for her and during her liliness this last year they voluntarily save her their beet attention.

The People's Platform

DEING the "local merchantman" mentioned in the Charlotte Observer's editorial of Jan. 28, in might be able to throw some about in Mr. Roy Reddie's letter of today's The People's Platform. Actually the 46,000 auits were about in Mr. Roy Reddie's letter of today's The People's Platform. Actually the 46,000 auits were might be also a server of the serve

THREE AT ONCE

Three fully equipped bags were kept in order by her and a good were folded away in a trunk. Sometimes she cared for three deliveries in 24 hours, often she had keveral slow cases on at the same time and would shuttle between time and would shuttle between felt apologetic when she missed a call, not because she lost a fee, but felt as if is hen all ets someone down. She caw a man wasting money while in debt to her and once in a while employed a collector. She said there were no hard feelings but folks shouldn't get too careless.

STILL LEARNING

ATPLA LEARNING
AF Prenatal Clinics she was welcomed by everybody and the Cliniclian treated her as an equal and
had her feel and listen to interesting conditions. She often said that
she was still learning. The doctor
would often have a little chat with
her on the side regarding their
leatest fishing luck.

No home was too poor and dirty for her to do a good Job, leaving the patients neatly liked up and in a good state of mind. Her automobiles were not much assistation and her grandsons took them out, got drunk and wrecked them and then sent for her to ball them out of Jall. She was mightly proud that her friends lent her the needed money so cheertally.

EXTRA UNDERSTANDING
ALIA Amenda had something
that few people have, an extra sense
of understanding that did not require going into detail. She asid
little, listened and observed closely
and spoke everybody's language. Her
success was remarkable.
For the spoke of the spoke of the spoke
penny. There was a little hump in
her nose and she thought she was
part Indian. Her 74 years were full
of hard work, self-sacrifice and
charity for all. Love and esteem
were expressed by the immense
were expressed by the immense
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pictual standed her funeral and
heaped her grave with flowers.

EXTRA UNDERSTANDING

Samuel Grafton

Civil War Or Lover's Tiff?

THE big question is whether the Repub-licans are going to win a majority in the House this Pall: and to win the Re-publicans must find a way to acquire some labor votes, or liberal votes, or Nego votes, or some similar leav NEW YORK

piblicans must find a way to acquire some labor votes. The source of the conservative load. So far the Republicans base their hopes on the conservative load. So far the Republicans to the conservative load. So far the Republicans to the conservative load of the conservative load. So far the Republicans to the conservative licens to the conservative licens to the conservative licens and the republicans are made to the reflections of the conservative licens and the republicans are licens and Thomas E Dewey.

The argument against Mr. Truman is somewhat involved: the Republicans save he is inrifective. But the first licens and the conservative licens are licens and the conservative licens are also with the Southern Democrats to make him so. The banana peel on the sidewalk claims the man has a poor balance. Mr. Truman can't get along with But the argument cuts two ways: Mr. Truman might ask for a Congress he can get along with But the argument cuts two ways: Mr. Truman might ask for a Congress he can get along with But the argument cuts two ways: Mr. Truman might ask for a Congress to their old customers; yet, carried forward by the lust of static they cannot designed the Senate fillbuster, and they are complications and contradictions which are extraordinarily revelatory of the intricate relations between the major parties of the process that the Southern wing of the Democratic Party, upon whose fillbuster the

deserve credit for it. But here, too, there are complications and contradictions which are extraordinations between the major parties today.

It happens that the Southern wing of the Democratic Party, upon whose filluster the Organical Contract of the Co



"I admit it'll break up the picket line, Sedgwich —
after all, they're our employes—and the casualties
might be terrific!"

The Tale Of The Frozen Suits

CHARLOTTE merchantman was a street of the Charlet o

it 18 pass unnoticed.
Your newspaper is comparable
to a liberal 'coats' in a conservative "desert". One spa is the daily
column of one of our great new
columnists, Samuel Grafton, whose
progressive ideas and logical thinking find expression in only the
that, Orchid No.
The second

more courageous_news sheets. For that, Orchid No. 1.

The second spa, is the reprint in your Jan. 22md Issue of Millard Lampell's Town Hall Broadcast. A stempt to speak for all the Or. 1.8, he echees the sentiments and thoughts of all of us who donned the uniform because we believed the uniform because we believed were willing to fight. For that, Orchid No. 2.

You're darned right we want a world of security, of peace, of living in harmony with all peoples. I would be the order of the order of

-T/Set. Sol Hyman

The Filisbuste

Is Treasonable?

These Senators fillbustering against PEPC about be brought against PEPC about be brought constitution. They know that our constitution fries know that our constitution forbids any discrimination against American citizens for race, creed or color, Senator, Clorks W.—

see, creed or color.
Senator Civié Hory is against the PEPC; Senator Hory is guilty of treason against both the constitution and the Sermon on The Mount. "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." Senator Hory should stop teaching Sunday School classes in our churches.

-Mrs. J. D. Biggers

(NOTE: These seem to be right strong work for Senator Hoey's mild filibusier. Anybody care to make a rebuttal?—Eda., THE NEWE.)



A Showdown THE conviction is growing that organized labor.



Marquis Childs

Steel Wants

mands.
First a \$4-a-ton increase in price was apparently satisfactory. Next. it was \$6.25, parently satisfactory. Next. in the satisfactory in the strike.

It class seem true, however, that the only

the stitle.
It does seem true, however, that the only or the industrialists hold open is the door inflation. A battering ram of propagands aimed at wiping out all price controls, we let prices rise, then we'll get full procition, so the argument runs.

THE PRACTICAL VIEW
Looking at it from the point of view of actical politics, to yield would be to invite.

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TRUMAN'S DECISION
Then, once again, the decision is up to President Truman: He would have to veto such a bill. It would go back to Congress and the political decalock would match the investment of the political decalock or inertia or timidity or whatever, no one in the Senate has moved to investigate the steel strike. In other days, the masters of fire of questions from men determined to get the truth.
What a prospect it is? If this is what the industrial bosses want, then they are indeed question is whether the victory will be worth anything.