## Pity The Homeless Progressives

national wind.

When the Progressives departed from the GOP, camp twelve years ago they did so because it appeared that the hope-leady reactionary Republican Party was certain to founder in the liberal currents then running in America. The New Deal was young and vicrorus, and the once-moribund Democratic Party, newly equipped with a positive economic and acolal, program, had had an astounding revival. It wasn't politically expedient in Republican Wisconsin the state heard good and the progressive state of the New Deal bandwagon. It might be noted in passing that the decision of the Progressives to break clean with the Republicans was an act of political honesty that might well be emulated today by the disaffected Democratic since last with the Republicans was an act of political honesty that might well be emulated today by the disaffected Democratic of the South.

In 1934 the liberalism of the New Deal turnished the Progressives with a motive the Progressives departed from

WE can think of no political event for departing from Republican ranks. The Misconsin Progressives to return to the Republican fold after twelve years to independence. Still, the admission by Toung Bolta Follett that there is bit of independence in the Republican fold after twelve years to independence. Still, the admission by Toung Bolta Follett that there is bit of independence in the Progressives alone, or as an affiliate of the Democratis, prompts and affiliate of the Democratis, prompts and affiliate of the Democratis prompts and affiliate of the Democratis prompts and progressives alone, or as an affiliate of the Democratis, prompts and the pressure from the left nullifies the pressure from the right and, the Democratic Administration has lost all forward motion.

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But if the Progressives are abandoning a Party without a program (their independence was tantamount to formal affiliation with the Democrats) they are joining a Party in similar condition. Just as it did in 1934, when it became unbearable to Bob La Follette and his followers, the GOP, stands foday only for opposition to the New Deal and all its works, and a sort of wistful desire to return to the never-never land that vanished forever while it was last in power.

The Progressives are certainly under no delusion that the GOP. has suddening adopted their liberal principles, or is likely to. At a time when their own Progressive movement clearly can no longer stand alone, they were faced with a choice of joining a rapidly disintegrating Party that has lost its old vision, or a Party that has lost its old vision, or a Party that has lost its old vision, and a fairly simple task, to pick the winner in the national elections of 1948.

### **The Commission** Wasn't Set Back

The Commission Wat When Charlotte's new Zoning Commission held its initial meeting a couple of weeks ago, we wrote a gloomy little editorial noting that an atmosphere of defeat seemed to hang over the proceedings. Several of the members had been quoted as wondering if it would really be possible to pass a set-back law banning buildings closer than 25 feet to the center of downtown streets, and we concluded that the errors of the past were spilling over into the future. We are more than pleased, however, to offer the Zoning Commission an apology, which it has not asked for. It appears that the members were simply pondering their revoluens at their initial session, not abandoning all hope of solving them. They have since declared themselves in favor of a rigid set-back, ordinance to apply to all sections of the city, and they have even asled upon City Council to take immediate sellon on a proposed ordinater that had seen shelved pending their final action. They may be some time in completing their final report, they explained, and they think builders now initiating construction should be overed by a set-back law.

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This is heartening indeed, for despite all the arguments that can be brought against widening downtown streets (the principal one, of course, is expense it is clear that the job eventually will have to be done if we are to solve our worsening traffic problem. If new structures are allowed to go up along present building lines in the period of construction now beginning the chance of eventually opening up through streets will become that much more remote. As a matter of fact, we have been favorably impressed by the manner in which the Commission has gone about all its business thus far, and we have an idea the report it finally turns in to Council will be a valuable contribution to the town's further progress. If the commissioners are willing to face up to the problems of street-widening in such a forthright manner there is no reason to believe they will beg the other decisions that will certainly bring criticism down upon their heads. Starting out 30 years late to set up an adequate zoning plan for a city as by as this one is a tough job, and it will take a tough-minded Zoning Commission to do. It begins to look as though we've got it.

## The Glass House We Live In

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It is becoming an established custom for
visiting jurists, arriving in Mecklenburg
to preside over Superior Court, to publicly
supress horror over the state and extent of
the criminal docket. Judge Luther Hamilton is the latest; he. like a good many of
is predecessors, opened a court session
blis week by remarking upon the contrast
between the County's reputation for piety
and its astounding crime rate.

Perhaps Judge Hamilton makes too
mach of the obvious irony inherent in
charlottes reputation as the City of
Charlottes reputation as the City of
Churches, and also as the homicide capital
of the South (sometimes of the nation).
But there is no reason to question his
Judgment that the eternally crowded Superior Court docket is "perfect testimony
to what the citizens of this community
think of law and order."

The remarkable thing about these indical indicements, handed down with increasing infrequency, these days, is that
they produce no perceptible reaction. No
patriots arise to scream. "It isn't so", or to
damn the jurists as medding outsiders
seeking to besmirch the fair name of an
upstanding community.

\*\*Anallon Variance\*\*

Yet these blasts are printed by the newspapers under rather large headlines, and they are presumably read by as many Mecklenburgers as, say, the reports on bank clearings and postal receipts which prove our prosperity. But we have never been asked to soft-pedal them by a committee of Boosters willing to admit the truth of the allegation but convinced that it's better not'to discuss our shortcomings in public.

Are we no longer concerned over the

Are we no longer concerned over the strange spectacle we present to the outside world? Have we broken so many panes in our glass house we no longer care what the neighbors think? Are we even becom-

the neighbors think? Are we even becoming perversely proud of our reputation for lawlessness and violence?

The complete lack of embarrassment at Judge Hamilton's charges indicates an obvious answer to these obvious questions. The meaning of the community's reaction, or lack of it, is clear—atrophy of the public conscience makes reform impossible, and we'll be hearing Judge Hamilton's refrain repeated many, many times in the years to come.

#### **Another** Voice

### In The Course Of Reaction

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the all but solid Republican phalanx to de-east every them of progressive legislation to which their party is committed. It is a solid indictment, particularly as coming from this source, but a timely and a accessary one.

For out of the unblessed union has come delivery into the hands of Republicans of the power to destroy a program which have a solid to win at the polls but which were now becomes theirs merely for the nexts and complacent withing. And now sever now becomes theirs merely for the salve and complacent waiting. And now has bemeerate from the South, of all re-port of the salve and the salve the salve the incorruptible, the unassuageable belo-have taken actually to catusating a severe with their Republican part-

IT nothing can be done about the betrayal of Democratic policy and prestige by
Southern representatives of the party in
Congress, at least the brand of a politically illicit relationship may be applied to
them. And this is what Robert E. Hannesam proceeds to do.

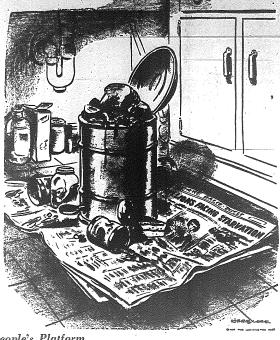
One may see pretty clearly the frustration and desperation which impel—the
callition of Southern Democratic National Commiltee, whose obvious function it is to keep
the party lines intact against the common
foe, to stand up and publicly stigmatic
the coalition of Southern Democrats with
the all but solid Republican phalanx to deline in two of them toogether sufficient
to carry the day for reaction on any test,
one may feel with the shocked Mr. Hannesam proceeds to do.

The latest disclosure is the joint action of
the groups to groups to fight the 65-cent minmum wage bill, and simultaneously to pile
up more obstacles to price control. An efoff by Chester Bowles to stop speculation
in cotton futures, which tends to force upward the price of the sick and pampered
staple. So opposed by Southern Senators
and because the Price Administration is
involved, they can count on their Repub-

involved, they can count on their Republican associates.

Thus, they drive on in the course of reaction—on the one hand denying better standards to the wage-earning masses of their region; on the other, furfously lighting to inflate the profits of the dominant vested interest of the South.

No principle appears involved, except the principle of like-minded reaction. That the majority of Southern Democrats in Congress are nothing loath to serve the purposes of their party's opposition, even though aware that the purposes are those of political expediency, its something indeed to draw the indignant protests of the party's chief of staff.—Louisville Courier-Journal.



Still-Life Drawing-

### People's Platform

# The Redcoats Are Coming

The Redcoats

CHARLOTTE

TWO years ago I sent the enclosed copy to another newspaper and they failed to publish it. I feel it is rather a proper time to ask for its publication. Charlotte, N. C., March 24, 1944.

Diplomacy is an "art." and "art" is the application of skill to bring about successfully some determined results. A statesman is one skilled in the art of the control o

all times!

Since I wrote the above God gave us the atomic bomb, as the chief of police, our guaranteer of peace, supplies the policemen with the best of fire arms, so let us for God's sake hold it and quichen the coming of His Kingdom and Peace.

—T. F. MAGUIRE.

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(NOTE: Up Dev! Sure. and we'd been wondering what ever became of the I.R.A.—Eds., The News.)

Greek Independence

NEW YORK, N. Y.

O'N March 25th, Greek Independence Day will be celebrated again. Calavria, the britishnes of the Modern Greek State, where, on March 25, 1821. Germains, Bishop of Patras, unfurded the banner on which the Greek cheletains awore to fight to the last march 25 the property of the Modern Greek Cheltains awore to fight to the last march 25 the numerous Greek towns unit to the ground with the Aust horder, a teggic reminder of the incredible sacrifices of the Greek people for the cause of freedom and human decency.

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#### Antidote For Anger

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READ some time ago R. J. Wade's article of the Veterans' anger and' the whispering on the streets of civilians.

Veterans Are Bitter' and rend President Roosevelt's prayer to the American people when war was declared. I hope every one kept that prayer. Then Mr. Wade would know why so many veterans are annry and way there is so much talk on the streets and the street of th

The People's Platform is available to any reader who cares to mount it. Communications should be less than 300 words, typewatten if possible, and on only one side of the paper. Libel and obscently will be deleted—otherwise anything goes. Each letter must be signed, although, in exceptional cases and upon request, we will withhold the writer's name.—Editors, The News.

# A Stitch In Time

Marquis Childs

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Politically conscious leaders in India feel they have had many disillusionments during the war. Some have come from America. They believe that President Roose-

WASHINGTON
THE declaration by Prime Minister Attlee granting independence to India-has come just in time. A split second itset and all information indicates that India's millions are on the brinkt of revolt. Their leaders will be satisfied with nothing less than complete independence in Parliamenth as resonable sound. Given as choice, political leaders in India may elect to join the British commonwealth in spite of their long as my elect to join the British commonwealth in spite of their long amy elect to join the British commonwealth in spite of their long amy elect to join the British commonwealth in spite of their long amy elect to join the British commonwealth in spite of their long amy elect to join the British commonwealth in spite of their long and the spite of the Allies. Later, according to make a valiable, the political independence may not be enough to grain must move during the next long the spite of the spite

ONE MAN'S LIFETIME

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The change has occurred in the lifetime of the stout, ruddy-faced visitor who has been America's guest for the past two months. In his autolography, "My Earl's county has been a more than the lifetime of the past two months. In his autolography, "My Earl's county he can tell how he went out to India as a young man. It was the India of the durbar. It was the India of the United States of the India of fast polo. Of the Pukka States of the India of fast polo. Of the Pukka States of the India of the India of the India of the White India of the White India of Kipling and the white man's burden.

A few native princes like the Aga Khan still live in sumptious splendor. On his birthday, the pecta presented him with list weight in diamonds. It was a handsome seature out of the Arabian Nights past, even though the proceeds were intended for good works.

Kow, for better or score, India way in which this happens may determine whether the government of India is a willing partner for the future in world co-operament of India is a willing partner for the future in world co-operament of India is a willing partner for the future in world co-operament of India is a willing partner for the future in world co-operament of India is a willing partner for the future in world co-operament of India is a willing partner for the future in world co-operament of India is a willing partner for the future in world co-operament of India is a willing partner for the future in world cose move.

## Samuel Grafton

# Torture Of The OPA

THE Office of Price Administration is being subjected to a kind of refined torture at the hands of Congress, Congress knows that it must on no account gift the agency. The public of the public is a simple of the public of the content to concentrate on the alexance when the state of the process and the smell of singer dich rives in the Summery Washington, and the semilar of the state of the price control and whole of the damage to OPA can be done by remote control, and whole who clays and the summer of the price control and whole who

# Drew Pearson's: Ireland Favors U. S. Loan To Britain Merry Go-Round:

WASHINGTON
WHEN Former Congressman Joseph E. Casey of Massachusetts, now a TWA executive, was in Ireland recently to attend the memorial services for the late
Cardinal John Glennon of St. Louis, he had several discussions with Prime Minister Eamon De Valera and Sean
OKelly, President of the Irish Pres State. He especially
talked about the proposed \$8.400.000.000 U. S. Joan to Great
British.

Britain. Much to Casey's surprise, both De Valera and O'Kelly took him that they strongly favored the British loan and greatly help the economic stability of Great Britain that they strongly favored the British leaders argued, and this in turn would said Irlain, the Irish leaders argued, and this in turn would said Irlain, which is dependent on Britain for most of its trade.

Note—Trealnat ships large quantities of butter, eggs, ham, and other farm products to the British market; also linen.

### Expensive Jackson Dinner

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Some Democratic bisways in Washington are hot under
the collar about having to pay what they consider a
double price for the \$100 Jackson Day dinner, to-be
held next Saturday.

Last year, the Jackson Day dinner in Washington was
many of the \$100 -subscriptions to the banquet were almany of the \$100 -subscriptions to the banquet were almany as 10 -seals for the banquet, meaning that they
selled out \$100 dilt get their money bank, some of these
politicoss think that the tickets they bought for 1887 years

Auto Price Boost

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ANGLING, Kentucky-wed Paul Porter expected no bed of roses when he became boss man of the Office of Price Administration. He hasn't been distillusioned the received the other day from a group of liberal Congress men who he thought were his supporters.

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### Affects All Reconversion

canceled dinner should be good for this year's affair.

Newever, the Democratic National Committee has replaced the the state of the

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In fairness to him, however, it should be noted that the radjustment price' formula will affect not only the auto industry, but all reconversion industries. It is based chiefly on papied Poter to the meeting and did most of the talking. He repeatedly emphasized that, due to the talking. He repeatedly emphasized that, due to higher labor and engineering costs, the auto makers faced losses on this year's models unless they got further price register. To this argument the Good failed to take into accordance to the control of the summer of of the

of California, Savage of Washington, Sadowski of Michigan, and others.

Onogressman Hook blumly charged that the OPA order violated the President's wage-price formula of Peruary It which bases price relief on production profits for the next "What can I say to my farmer constituents, who have been demanding higher prices for what they raise, if further auto price imcreases are allowed? demanded young Congressman Gore, supplicates to me that this adjustable price amountments should come out just two days after the General Motors strike was settled." e-himed in Michigan's Hook has been been called the demanded of higher prices before deciding to meet union wage demands of the new price pollery, but he did not indicate that he would change it. The chances are 100 to 1 he won't.