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The OPA Argument Comes Home

TODAY Charlotte's meat packers are scheduled to begin a strike against the OPA that will, by next Monday, leave the town's table virtually bare of beef, veal and pork.

The complaint of the packers is involved, but it boils down to their claim that they can no longer make a profit under existing OPA ceilings.

Accepting the packers' case in its entirety—which we do only tentatively, since there has been no official review from the OPA—it stands as a mighty argument for the removal of all price controls.

THE principle of price control, which we have frequently defended here, is sound, but no principle can long survive the necessities of a practical application.

The Republicans Look To 1948

NORTH CAROLINA Republicans have concluded their largest and latest state convention in 50 years, and hope is burgeoning in GOP bosoms today.

Their primary business in Winston, we gather, was to look over one of the leading Republican presidential prospects—Harold Stassen of Minnesota.

It would be foolish to assume that North Carolina's Republicans, in listening attentively to Mr. Stassen, are applauding in the right places.

But, it seems to us at this early reading, that there is an excellent chance that expediency may finally dictate the nomination of Mr. Stassen.

It also seems to us that there is a real opportunity for the Republicans to make headway in the South South with Mr. Stassen's name as a candidate.

The vast complexity of the national economy, freed of Federal controls except for the OPA's bugging ceiling, is exerting an upward pressure that no single, under-staffed agency can hope to check.

There are venal men involved in the effort to destroy the OPA, but they are a minority. Many a businessman, convinced of the need for price control, is also convinced of the futility of the present effort.

YET our hope of avoiding ruinous inflation still rests with OPA, imperfect instrument that it is. If Chester Bowles, Paul Porter and their assistants can hold their ragged ceiling together, even though they raise it again and again, they may yet insure a gradual rise in prices until the great volume of goods now in production is turned loose, and the old laws of supply and demand take hold again.

The great danger is that the general public, acting in anger and disgust, will insist, as the venal have insisted from the beginning, that the entire structure of price control must be broken up.

It would be well to remember, in the meantime days to come, that maintenance of price controls is a mighty and complex issue. It cannot be decided in terms of the disagreement between Charlotte's meat packers and the OPA.

On The Make

A break in the one-party system based on real issues, not the temporary hysteria of the Smith campaign, would represent a permanent gain for the Republican Party.

I SEE by The News you all are well. I was too, until I fell out with a heavy and dence ball across the road from my home.

Strong drink wasn't ever intended as a beverage as far as Dad's bed full of old apple-juice. I should get on much. Did need it as a tonic, and so did my boys, but never as a beverage.

It seemed at this writing that world peace might have a chance, unless another Russian secret agent in Canada or somewhere suddenly decides to go straight.

The later conciliatory speeches of Stalin have been an agreeable surprise to one and all. Unusually early in the year, isn't it, for the ice to be breaking up in Uncle Joe?

People's Platform Opposition To The Bond Issue

ANYBODY who thinks it will please stand on his head. The fellow with the big army might be top dog, but what's to keep the other dogs from gangging up on him?

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I would like to ask some questions as I live lived at 1816 North Park Street for the past 53 years, in the Belmont and Douglas Heights sections.

In 1934 or 1936, I was sent to a meeting in the Central High School Auditorium. At which time a million and a half dollar bond issue was under discussion. They agreed to spend \$100,000.00 on Tech High, but only spent \$25,382.00.

I would like to ask if what became of the rest of the money? All of the section north of the Seaboard Railroad and east of the Southern Railway does not expect to receive any benefit from the park and playground bonds, as nothing has ever been done for parks.

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