How To Build Up The PAC

THE CIO's Political Action Committee,

THE CIO's Political Action Committee, which intends to throw its weight it around in 100 Congressional contests ias yet unspecified) is receiving quite a bit of ree advertising from the Southern Congressional bloc. These cood Democrats charge that PAC now dominates their Party, that Chairman Bob Hannegan is Sidney Hillman's stope, and that mild little Barry Truman receives his orders directly from CIO headquarters. Political blocs, whether they be made up of dissident Democrats, union members, or manufacturers, leave us with a distinct bad taste, and we have long considered the PAC a blot on the body politic Although we are in general agreement with the platform outlined by the Committee this week, we bridle at its standard left. whire nomenclature, which includes "people's party." "orces of reaction." and "hopes and prations of the common people of party." "orces of reaction." This language. Fallenge of the case. "This language. Fallenge of the case." This language. Fallenge of the case in the cause of a minority group of union nembers, has the same hollow ring as a he National Association of Manufacturers." Tree entermies." broaddiscip. the National Association of Manufacturers

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The PAC. In areas where unions are strong, is already a potent political factor. Since it employs smart and frequently unscrupulous tacties wherever it operates, if could probably cause a candidate considerable trouble in any Concressional district it selects, even one in the rural South. If is bound, therefore, to have some influence with the professional politicians who make up both Party organizations. It should not be forgotten that PAC has supported liberal Republicans as well as liberal Democratis. But to give it credit for dictating Administration policy strikes us as ridiculous; Mr.

Truman's policies are those of Franklin Roosevett, and they were conceived before PAC was even a gleam in Sidney Hillman's eye.

The Southern Democrat-Republican challing, which uses PAC as a whipping box is we think making a grave error. The Roosevelt-Truman program is still population. hey is, we think, making a grave error. The Roosevicii-Truman program is still popular in this country, if for no other reason than because it is the only positive program in sight, and the effort to wrap it in red ribbon'and present it to the PAC certainly strengthens the unions' hand. If the Southerners persist in their present course they will make PAC the sole repository of progressive politics, the last refuge of the country's liberals; they may even succeed in converting it from a pressure group into a full-fledged political party by conferring upon it credit for legislation that properly belongs to their own party. An outfit like PAC, representing a single special interest, has no place in a healthy democrave. But it thrives on the sort of blind opposition suspiled by the Southern Demorats, who are rapidly becoming or canized obstructionists. The PAC has a legislative program: even if it did borrow

canized obstructionists. The PAC has a legislative program, even if it did borrow it from the Democratic Party, while the Claghorns offer nothing to counteract it except an appeal to weary old prejudices. There are a couple of political maxims that should be pasted in every broad-brimmed hat south of the Mason-Dixon line: (1) You can't beat something with nothing (2) Nothing succeeds like success. They should have been the basis of yesterday's strictly-from Dixie caucus, but they weren't. The Southerners still persist they weren't. The Southerners still persist in their curious effort to recapture the Democratic Party by giving aid and com-fort to their natural enemies.

The Contrast On The Draft Bill

We are pleased to note that one of the few Congressmen to emerge with redit from the House's disgraceful performance on draft lecislation is our own Judge Ervin. While his colleagues were skulking behind an anonymous vote on crippling amendments, and then proudly recording their vote for passage of the fraudulent bill, the Judge got up and made a speech setting forth his own position.

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The Judge opposed amendments exempting 18-and 18-year-olds from service
and suspending the draft for five months,
and he voted to send the emasculated
measure back to Committee in the hope
that the damage done might be repaired.
When it appeared the bill would pass anyway he voted for it, but only "in the hope
that (the Senate) would amend the measure by restoring the provisions removed
therefrom by House amendments."

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In explaining his stand, Judge Ervin stand, among other things:

The privileges of citizenship carry with them corresponding duties. Among these duties are those of paying taxes and of serving in the Armed Forces in times of national emergency. To my mind, it would

be just as logical to depend solely upon the contributions of voluntary taxpayers for the support of the Government as it is to de-pend solely upon the service of volunteers for our national defense in times of national emergency.

But even as we commend Judge Ervin

But even as we commend Judge Ervin for his forthright stand, we are conscious of the fact that he is one of the few members of the House who has complete freedom of political action. He is filling his brother's unexpired term and is not a candidate for re-election, which means that he did not have to worry over the possible uncopularity of his position. It was for this reason, perhaps, that he refrained from any direct criticism of his colleagues. But the contrast between his honesty and the action of his more vote-conscious brethren is a measure of Congressional weakness. The manner in which the fraudulent draft bill was passed is evidence that most Congressmen agreed with the Judge but were afraid to vote their convictions, It is not surprising that the general public is reluctant to put much faith in a legislative body dominated by men who would rather samble with their country's security than risk their re-election.

Footnote To L'Affaire Poston

WHEN Mrs. Warren Poston, English war bride, departed hastily from Rowan County with the announcement that she souldn't stand this part of the country there was a great drawing up of editorial battle lines. There were some who sided with the distillusioned 16-year-old and her complaint that the hast had the list of the standard of th

with the dislulusioned 15-year-old and her compilant that she had been led to expect roses around the door. There were others who sided with her husband, holding that rose and the district of the fickle mate. And a few, at least, read into Mrs. Poston's description of her husband's farm house an indictiment of the South in general. We are pleased to report that there is now evidence at hand indicating that Paffaire Poston was not a commentary on the region as a whole; but no more than a tabilod sagn of a brief and unhappy marriage. Another British war bride, with a background identical to Mrs. Poston's, has found Salisbury a place where all her ferams came true. She is Mrs. Milton Palmer, lately-arrived sallor's bride, whose mother has written from Dorset to the editor of The Salisbury Post:

As an English mother I want to thank you, and through you the people of your conditions of the people of your people of your young the people of your people

to strengthen and not weaken the link.

Mrs. Palmer's happiness is not of course, final proof of the beauty, charm and prosperity of Rowan County, nor of the success of all international marriages. Her experience, which has been pleasant, is as personal as was Mrs. Poston's, which was unpleasant, and neither establishes a case for or against the region. We concur in The Post's verdict: "Marriage success or failure rests pretty much on the individual abilities of the parties who say 'I do'."

Another Voice

O Tempora, O Mores

WAKE Forest College trustees are pondering over a proposition that the college be moved to Winston-Salem in consideration of a gift from the Reynolds estate that would put the institution on a financial basis wider and stronger than has been dreamed of. The Reynolds foundation proposes to provide an additional annual shoome of at least \$350,000 "with no strings." and a location of 300 acres comprised in the Reynolds country estate near the city, for many years a show place. The trustees are pondering and perhaps some of the more plous ones are praying over the matter. But we have no doubt that the more prous ones are praying over the matter. But we have no doubt that the more prous ones are praying over the matter. But we have no doubt that the more prous ones are praying over the matter. But we have no doubt that the more prouse of the minister's wife who was downstairs when the minister's wife who was downstairs money is cigarette money. Yet no one raises a chirp about that. When the Dukes may be cigarette money to Trinity, treawards Duke, the protester and to high away, But again the practical minded was preparing to move while the more brothers were praying. Cigarette

money made a rift in the Conference that continued till Dr. Kligo, called by Judge Clark 'the milker,' finally smothered opposition. The making and smoking of cigarettes were then considered by many as in which should not be tolerated. The Methodist brethren had a difficult situation which the Baptists will not have to deal with Now cigarette smoking begins in the cradle and lasts to the grave, without regard to sex, color, creed, race or previous condition of servitude.—R. F. Beasley in the Monroe Journal.

East is east, and west is west. Yet there is something vaguely familiar in a report that Tojo is losing his memory, presumably on advice of distinguished counsel.

It is hoped Vassar knows what it is about in admitting an occasional male student. In the never-ending war of the sexes one must keep a wary watch for spies.



Easter Season

People's Platform

The Submarine Monsters

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brief time, torn and bleeding, moduling on the advance. Only then do we get a glimpse of an Ivar Krueger, a Startskey.

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Health In Biddleville

WASHINGTON

CHARLOTTE

Last week this letter and questionnaire were sent to as many homes as possible in the Biddleville com-munity:

Dear Parents:

We want to help clean up our community and to make it a more healthful place in which to live. Will you help.

Pites and mosquitoes are our enemies: they are germ carriers. Holes and containers with atagnant water breed mosquitoes. Tall grass, tin cans, old shoes and other rubbish are unhealthy. We want to do away with all unsanitary conditions in our community. We need your help.

A MERICAN diplomats literally burnt up the wires between A New York, Washington and Tehran to prevent Iran from windrawing its dispute from the Security Council agenda. But they faced a lough customer and they got nowhere.

or united Nations until Russian troops were withdrawn May 8.

Premier Qavam, however, was quite frank in admitting he was ready to yield to the Russians. He said that If Iran didn't withdraw its case from the United Nations, all the good work Iran had done to soothe its Russian relations would be undone. He appealed to the United States to ment, however, he finally agreed that he would delay giving instructions to Ambassador Ala in New York until he received further word from Secretary of State James Byrnes.

Simultaneously, Ed Stettinius in New York talked to Ambassador Ala in order to stiffen his backbone. Ala, however, needed no stiffening. His backbone—at that time—the Security Council until Russian troops were withdrawn May 6.

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May 6. He told Stettinius that he had asked Premier Qavam for an explanation of the Tehran statements that Iran was ready to withdraw its case. Qavam, he said, had described these as "just the report of the irresponsible press."

Please check the following ways that you will help. Return this blank to us properly checked. 1. Buy a garbage can with cover. 2. See that garbage is out twice a week for col-

lectors.

3. Screen windows and doors.

4. Collect tin cans and all trish from yards and put in garbage can.

5. Fill holes with dirt or oil.

Biddlevill School and several other schools in the City of Charlotte are working in the Area of Health in connection with Curriculum Construction in Modern Living—co-operating with Teachers' College, Columbia University. Each acheol in the City of Charlotte is co-operating with Teachers' College.

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Are you a Good American?

—COERIE B. HAMPR.

—CORRIE H. HAMER, Chairman Health Committee. —MRS, STERLETA P. SASSO, Principal,

Meritorious Service

PEFERENCE is made to the article and photograph printed in the Monday edition of The Charlotte News, 15 April 1946, covering the award of the Meritarious Civilian Service Emblem to two of the employees of this Beadquarter to two of the wish to convey the appreciation of the staff as well as my con for your co-peration and recognition of the faithful and meritorious services performed by those two employees.

of the fatititul and meritorious services performed by these two employees.

I am certain that such recognition will serve as an added incentive for our other seven hundred employees to improve the quantity and quality of their work performance. Sincerely yours.

-WILLIAM G. READ. Lt. Col., AGD. Chief of Branch Civillan Retirement Accounts Branch.

Room To Live

ACOURT 10 LIVE

MORGANTON
A PPROPOS the excellent articles you ran on Paleaphrase "absorbive space" when Jows were murdered
in crematoriums, gas chambers, lime pits, flaming
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-S. R. CHESLOCK.

The People's Flatform is available to any reader who cares to mount it. Communications should be less than 300 words, typewriten if possible, and on only one side of the paper. Libet 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,

Drew Pearson's . U.S. Tried To Keep Iran Case Before U.N. Merry-Go-Round .

In the end, of course, Qavam did exactly what the "irresponsible press" reported him as ready to do, and ordered the Iranian case withdrawn from the United Nationa' genda. NOTE—Premier Qavam owns considerable property in the Russian sphere of influence along the Caspian Sea, has become wealthy during the war partly through Russian favora.

ssut they faced a tough customer and they got nowhere.

U. S. Diplomats were interested in the all-important problem of strengthening the United Nations and building up machinery for world peace. Iran, on the other hand, was interested in escaping with its hide reasonably intact.

All last week, U. S. diplomats tried to show Iranian officials that the issue was bigger than just a fraces in a dusty, desert country. dusty, desert country,

First, the U. S. charge d'affaires in Tehran called normaine avant and un premier Qavan and urged that Iran keep its dispute before the United Nations until Russian troops were withdrawn May 6.

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British Policy On Franco

British delegate Sir Alexander Gadegan has issued a denial of this column's recent report that London had instructed British delponats at the Security Council to post-pone or complicate procedure on the Spanish Issue until France could work out a compromise in Spain.

While this columnist naturally did not dream up the text of the British cables on Spain, we are delighted to carry Sir Alexander's denial, which follows in full:

"That part of Mr. Drew Pearson's column purporting to quote from Foreign Office instructions sent to me on the Spanish case now before the Security Council is not only in-accurate; it has no foundation in fact whatsoever. I have received nothing remotely like the so-called instructions revealed in this column. It seems a pity that the American public should be so grievously misied."

It is interesting to note that just a few hours before a companies of the security Council of the American state of the Spain Spain and Spa

John L.'s Objective

Marquis Childs

THE coal strike is not on Page 1
—not yet. Give it another week
or two, with the steel industry gradually closing down, and, it undoubtedly will make the big headLevit' objective.entity is John i.

The Mahatma of the coal miners
has played hard-to-ere before. He
has been downing and aloof, stubrother time seems to have been no
more than a rehearmal for his present act. This time, John t. has
no more than a rehearmal for his present act. This time, John t. has
seen as the wage demand he may or
may not ultimately make.

One of Lewis' aweeping proposals

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may not ultimately make. One of Lewis' sweeping proposals is that, the coal operators contribute to a health and welfare fund of the union. Those who have looked into this proposal believe it would be lilegal under the National Labor Charles and Charles and

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There was a fairly clear course
that might have been taken, beginning back in early March when
the Lewis volcano began to send
up smoke. The President could
an hour was the celling on any
increase to the miners. They were
entitled to that and no more.

Then he might have begun to
prepare public oplinin for the effects of a coal strike. He might
have shown how destructive such a'
atrike could be in throttling reconversion. He could have put the responsability right where it belongs.

That would at legat have been

aponability right where it belongs. That would at least have been preparation for warfare if it proved necessary to go to war. As it is, there seems to be no preparation for any course except finally to yield to the kind of bargain that will mean a major rise in the price of coal to compensate for a healthy rise in miners' wages.

However, hints have come from the Lewis camp that John L. might take the proper dramatic moment take the proper dramatic moment take the proper dramatic moment ation. He would accept a moderate settlement in the interests of national welfare. The odds on this last are, in my opinion, very long the proper settlement of the coal strike, steel production is failing off. Between the steel strike and the coal strike, the Carnegies Mow, in the third week of the coal strike, steel production is failing off. Between the steel strike and the coal strike, the Carnegies and the coal strike, it was down to 68 per cent, and the estimate of the Pittsburgh plant of the same corporation was 80.5 per cent, reached in the week ending April 6, it is the somewhat less this week.

That is a barometer of what is appening throughout the steel industry. Some companies had larger they will keep going for a longer time.

But the end is in sight. Next

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But the end is in sight. Next week, if the coal strike is still in progress, the cuts in steel production will be drastic. By the end of April, the industry will be operating at less than half of capacity.

STEEL SNARLS

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This comes just as the snarls left
over from the steel strike are beinto the steel strike are bein the steel strike are bein the steel fabricating industry
are being settled, so that today
fewer than 30,000 steel workers are
still on strike.
The coal strike can snarl it up
again. At this point, it's impossible
to see how or when the strike will
end.

Bertram Benedict

Poland And Franco

POLAND wants the Security
Council to take action against.
Franco Spain: and in certain
American editorial circles of leas
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creases.

But a graver point is that opposition to Franco is not only a Russian idea, it is also a French idea, and a Mexican idea, it is an idea, and a Mexican idea it is an idea and a Mexican idea. It is an idea and a Mexican idea in the idea i OPPOSITION POPULAR

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Three are large sections of the West in which opposition to fascist Franco is extremely popular, as popular as fishing, even as popular as fishing, even as popular way of discouragement, to these sections of Western optinion to discover that they cannot get a clear channel through Mr. Byrnes and a contract of the contract of the

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For there is a larger issue, like

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Franco issue, and that is the basile

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for democracy on the Council. We

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Spain or anywhere, ought to run so deep that it can withstand support from any quarter.

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Bilbo On New York

A NEW YORK acquaintance encountered tron-tonsilled

A Senator Theodore Bilbo of Mississippl bustling down the
corridor from his office.

"Well, I see Life Magazine has been giving you some
free publicity," said the New Yorker.

"They can keep lit." blustered the man. "That blanketyblank magazine is silways attacking me. I wish those New
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"This was con much for the pint-sized Senator." Why
forth Bailt' the raged. "Listen, why don't you need from
the union. There wouldn't be a shot fired against fil!"

Capital Chaff

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PRESIDENT TRUMAN has received reports from many
steel mills that because of the coal shortage they will
have to shut down after next week. . . . Republicans aren't,
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will run for the vacant seat of Hatton W. Bummers.
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Luther Johnson when Johnson went on the Court of Tax
Appeala.