### Judge Parker And The Supreme Court

THEST are saying in Washington that the man President Truman selects to fill the Supreme Court vacancy left by the death of Chief Justice Stone will provide valuable clue to the President's thinking

a valuable clue to the President's thinking at the moment. If a prominent liberal is chosen it will be assumed that Mr. Truman is still hewing to the New Deal line. If he names a jurts of conservative leanings it will be taken as evidence that he has had a great change of heart.

All of this strikes us specious reasoning, hased on the wistful hope that somehow, sometime Mr. Truman will suddenly emerge as something he obviously isn't. There are still many who can't seem to understand that the President is the executor of Frank-lin Roosevelt's political estate, one who shared his platform and is bound, insofar as any politician is ever bound by campain pledges, to carry on the program he inherited.

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But it is possible that Mr. Truman. But it is possible that Mr. Truman, win is a wily politician, will take note of the speculation in Washington concerning the Supreme Court vacancy. If he should con-sclously seek an appointee calculated to please both liberals and conservatives, es-tablishing a sort of personal neutrality, he will be bound, we think, to consider the qualifications of Judge John J. Parker of Charlotte.

As a Republican, Judge Parker meets the

requirement that the next Court appointes come from the minority party. As a jurist with long experience in Federal courts, and a towering legal reputation, he possesses every professional qualification. And, ass as added non-political consideration, his appolitical consideration old wrong would correct an old wrong the Senate without real pointment would correct an old wrong done him when the Senate without real cause rejected his previous nomination by

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Judge Parker certainly fits nobody's conception of a New Dealing radical. But neither could he be properly classified as a reactionary. He is, in fact, a liberal in an almost forgotten sense, a student of law and history who seeks a basis for his judgment in the political theory upon which the nation was founded. He has been prominently mentioned for the Surgmer Court many times before, and it

been prominently mentioned for the Supreme Court many times before, and it is noteworthy that the last time, early last year, no voice, from the far right or the far left, was raised against him.

Judee Parker, we are convinced, would have been an acceptable Supreme Court appointee for Franklin Roosevelt, as he was for Herbert Hoover. He is, in a real sense, above partisan politics, and it is tragic that his nomination should hinge, as it certainly does, upon political considerations. But that's the way it is, and we can only hope that a political condition has at last developed that will insure his elevation to the Court.

## A Weapon For OPA's Enemies

THE argument against price control on cigarettes has become a prime weapon in the arsenal being employed all too effectively against OPA these days. It is pointed out that supply of tobacco products

pointed out that supply of tobacco products in In balance with demand, as evidenced by the fact that there has been no shortage for almost a year. Why, then, should elling prices be continued in this field?

The OPA this week met the issue by a sort of compromise, raising price cellings to guarantee producers a broader margin of profit, but maintaining rigid control on the retail price. This, of course, does not answer the basic question, although it may mollify the tobacco people. And it only adds support to the frequent charge that OPA is more interested in controlling profits than prices, and is plotting to hang rofits than prices, and is plotting to hang ato its broad powers permanently, or at

least as long as possible.

We can think, offhand, of only one effective argument in favor of continuing price controls on tobacco products. If the ceiling is removed, and the retail price of eighrettes advances a cent or two per pack, the cigazelle producers will enjoy a hand-some profit margin denied other manufacturers still bound by essential price controls. And this, of course, will only fan the enthusiasm of the opponents of OPA who are determined to remove all ceilings.

Recognizing this as a practical argument, we still doubt the wisdom of continuing controls on tobacco products, or any other goods being produced in sufficient quantity to meet current demands. If this were a simple battle between a government agency and a small minority of the population, and if so me permanent and enduring principle were at stake, we might applaud when OPA makes the point that price ceilings should not worry the tobacco companies if they are so sure competition will keep prices at their present, standard level. But it's not that kind of fight—II's a rearguard action against inflation, and it threatens to become a rout. OPA, which, with all its inefficiencies, we still regard as an essential safeguard of the American people, is struggling for its life in Congress and it is vulnerable on a score of points. It's chance of survival celarly depends upon a demonstration that it is willing and account of the contraction of the first stance of louisidate stell at the first. upon a demonstration that it is willing and anxious to liquidate itself at the first

and anxious to liquidate itself at the first possible moment.

The decision of OPA to set a new celining for cigarettes instead of abandoning the field entirely will inevitably be regarded by many Congressmen as evidence of the agency's reluctance to relinquish any of its controls. That charge, we think, may do far more damage to the national economy than an increase of a few cents in the price of a pack of cigarettes.

## Who Ya Calling A Bum, You Bum?

IT has long been recognized that base-ball has created a language of its own, a glossary of special terms passed from player to player, or, more frequently and more raucously, from spectator to player. attendant to follow this specialized ver-nacular; the words that come hurtling past the ears are violent, explosive and usually

the ears are violent, explosive and usually indistinct.

It is noteworthy, therefore, that a good many of them are being read into a court record in New York this week. They are, morrover, being supplied by a long-time habitue of Ebbets Field in Brooklyn, the very citacle of the uninhibited epithet. The occasion is the trial of Lippy Leo Durscher, manager of the Brooklyn odders, who allegedly summoned one John Christian from the stands, exchanged in suits with him, and proceeded to break his lew before chasing him from the field. Here we thought, is a Resven-blessed opportunity to examine at our lesure, after has been reduced to cold type, some of that tanat and sally reparties for which has one processed that the stands of the control of the con

Mr. Christian shout from his seat on the rim of the grandstand that so aroused Mr. Durocher? Well, it seems that Mr. Chris-tian called Mr. Durocher a bum. That, ob-viously couldn't have angered him, for it is well known that "bum" is a term of en-dearment in Brooklyn. He also called Mr. Durocher a crook, but we would have cer-

tainly expected that one to be shrugged off on the ground that it was obviously intended for the umpire. We find that Mr. Durocher was driven

We find that Mr. Durocher was driven beyond endurance by a remark addressed not to him but to one of his players, a Texan. "It's a good thing you got oil wells in Texas," Mr. Christian bellowed at Catcher Sandlock, "Otherwise you wouldn't be able orarn a living." This, of course, is a completely devastating in a ult, but we are pleased to report that Mr. Durocher gave as good as he got. When Mr. Christian had been hauled into the locker room by a park attendant and allegedly stroked gently with "a black object about eight inches long," Mr. Durocher snaried at him: "What's the idea of calling my boys names?" How would you like for me to call your mother names?" Touche.

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mother names? Touche.

Mr. Durocher was acquitted of all charges yesterday afternoon, the court finding that he was given undue provocation by Mr. Christian. This may set an historic precedent, leading to the abridgement of the free speech of baseball fans. But, after all, Mr. Durocher obviously had a powerful plea for the mercy of the court. Wasn't he acting in defense of his bumm—er, players, not to mention American motherhood? We look upon the trial as a fitting pre-lude to the greatest baseball season in history. It sets the tone, clarifies the terms, gets the Dodgers on the front page.

Play ball!

## Better Sharpen Your Claws

Another Voice

Detter Sharpe.

EVERY responsible quarter in America has been tighting against inflation for the past five years.

Today most responsible quarters are still righting against inflation.

The fight is about to be lost.

The Office of Price Administration is reeling under a series of blows which presage a knockout.

To all intent and purpose the House of Representatives has abolished OPA. If the senate concurs, "dog et a dog," will replace held the line" as the national economic stogan.

Sogan.

Unless you have a direct wire into the sense closkroom, there is not much you can do about it.

But mark this down in your little access book: If OPA goes out the window, your savings are going out the window is, and your standard of living, at

best, will be hanging on the sill within six

best, will be hanging on the sui whinin sia months.

Things are bad as they are. There is no mistake about that. But get a clear picture of existing conditions in your mind. You may want to hark back to it before 1947 as a picture of "the good old days".

OPA has been about bungled as any government policy known to modern history. Those who yammer for its abolition have talking points which stetched end to end would reach back to twenty-five cent turkey gobblers; but all that can be substituted for OPA if it is abandoned is the law of the jungle.

The heart-touching thing is that, being so wealthy in oil. Iran may never know if anyone loves her for herself alone.



## Food For Strutting Armies?

Food For Stra

CHARLOTTE

WE have been hearing on the radio and reading in the newspapers, the strident pleas for more help for Europe, including our very recent enemies, and I wonder if it would not be a good idea to indust into the straint of t

Greece, Yugoslavia, and others.

NOTE: No American food alone the war ended, has gone to support any foot alone the war ended, has gone to support any foot alone the war ended, has gone to support any foot for starving Buropeans—men, trying to provide food for starving Buropeans—men, women, children—whether they be victims of aggression or participants in it, but, largely because of American insidence, &le not using food for political American insidence, &le not using food for political character of the UNRRA's handling of the little we've sent, see the report of Herbert Hoover, who is neither Socialist, Communist, nor so-called Democrat.—Eds., The News.)

White Supremacy Eclipsed?
FORT JACKSON, S. C.
WHITE supremacy in South Carolina, like pure
Aryan in Germany, seems to have suffered an

eclipse. The Southern voter is not so susceptible to rabble-rousers as of yore. The South of Cotton Ed Smith and Tom Tom Heflin is, like them, dead!

—PFC. E. R. FURBER.

(NOTE: Things are booking up, but don't place any bets until you see how Gene Talmadge comes out in Georgia. Gene, like The Man Bilbio and Brother Rankin, is still very much alive.—Eds., The News.)

### The Ranks Thin

THE NEWS is to be congratulated on "dropping" the column of Randolph Churchill. It is easy to "acquire" a columnist, but takes some courses to congrature as columnist, but takes some courses to work the column of CHARLOTTE

ner and thinner.

-P. L. EINDSEY
(NOTE: Communism makes strange bedfellows, among those who believe in it and those who fear it beyond reason.—Eds., The News).

### What's Wrong?

WHAT'S wrong with our outlook anyhow? Instead of headings all on one side such as "Coal Strike Reduces Sized Production to 70 Percent", how about some atreamers. "Coal Strike Greatly Aids acted, bricks and mortar? Can we see nothing but sized, bricks and mortar? This is a call for volunteers on the human production line!

"NOTE: 11 we thought John L. Lewis was really interested in aiding the national health program, or even the coil miners health program, death of the coil miners health program, we'd announce it in the biggest headline you ever saw.—2ds., Turk News.)

The People's Platform is available to any reader who cores to mount it. Communications should be less than 300 words, seminated 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 pequest, we will withhold the writer's name.—Editors, Tie News.

### Quote, Unquote

ARMY control of the manufacture of actual (atom) bombs may be appropriate but there is grave danger that Army control of scientific research will lead to national scientific suicide.—Prof. Henry De Wolf Smyth of Princeton J.

Marquis Childs

## Holmes' Era Ends

The feeling on the court in re-cent years went very deep. Stones ambition was to lead a court in which a sizable majority if not all the eight Associate Justices, would follow his lead. He was downed to disappointment as his court spile different directions. In several inferent directions.

### Samuel Grafton

even when they were in the mority in viewpoint went a warm friendship the transmission of the two men had in common a sturdy farm background. They shared a realism that seemed to come out of the soil of an earlier

## **Short-Range Firing**

OUR sights on the world famine are set desperately low. Mr. are set desperately low. Mr. hover gave us a glimpse of how low they are set when he admitted to the set of the set

MAGIC WORD

and hunger.
Third, our main drive is directed toward shipping cereals; to read current reports on our famine activities is almost to come to believe that there is only one useful food in the world, and that is grain. But there are other foods: meat,

300 persons; drop, drop, on the outstretched tongue.

No one knows how much fat wê could save by rationing, by a real collection program, and by limiting the use of edible oils in non-edible products, like soap and paint; but it would certainly be a lot in any medicine dropper.

COVER-ALL TERM

# Drew Pearson's : Truman Cold To Anti-Hannegan Suggestion Merry-Go-Round :

sick Nacy to discuss the Southern rebellion against Bob annegan.

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Slitting Byrnes' Throat

Russia,

One small start toward counteracting this is an illustrated magazine "Amerika," published by the State Department and circulated in Russia to the tune of 1,000 copies.

This is all the Kremlin will let inside Russia, though negotations are now underway to increase the circulation to

DADOS.

In the middle of these negotiations, however, niggardly Representative Louis Rabaut, Michigan Democrat, neatly ran his knite through the State Department's appropriation ran his knite through the State Department's appropriation trating the Soviet "iron curtain," he and a majority of his Appropriations Subcommittee decided in effect to tell Byrise what he should or should not do in Russia. Meanwhile, here is a confidential report from an official Meanwhile, here is a confidential report from an official range of the state of

### **Cutting Soviet Curtain**

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"In the past month a hospital director requested 50 copies of
each Issue for patients, saying it was excellent reading
matter; a radio repair man said he would give priority on
radio repair work to any customer who got him a copy; in
were reading the third Issue of "Amerika." They didn't go
out between soits.

"Boon a large group gathered around them. The women
read the headlines sloud. Everyone commented on the interact of the articles, the quality of the paper, and color
work. Everyal weeks ago, before simply of the paper, and color
young office worker from a certain commisserial made her