

THE CHARLOTTE NEWS

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Jimmy's Fancy Footwork Isn't Enough

To those who consider Ambassador Gromyko's round-trip walk out of the UNO Security Council and back in acain a great triumph of American diplomacy Jimmy Byrnes has become something of a hero. We agree that his footwork was excellent throughout the first Iranian crisis, but, since the second Iranian crisis is due this afternom, we have a reservation or two about the extent of his vic-

is due this afternoon, we have a reservation or two about the extent of his victory.

Mr. Byrnes was acting in accordance with a lofty principle when he insisted on taking the Iranian matter before the Council whether the Russians liked it or not. The right of a small nation to bring an appeal ageinst aggression by a big nation was Mr. Byrnes' ace in the hole, and it is, of course, a principle fundamental to the success of the UNO. But in crisis number two, now forthcoming, the Russians have an ace of their own—a Russo-Iranian accord, signed by the duly constituted Government of Iran, which condones everything the Russians have done in the past, and practically anything they might want to do in the future. They will arcue that any effort on the part of the UNO to question that agreement is a violation of he sovereign right of Iran to decide its own destiny—and that too is a principle fundamental to the success of the UNO. There is little doubt that the Russo-Iranian agreement is, so far as the people

of Iran are concerned, extremely phony, But iff the Iranian people have had no chance to approve the deal with *Russia, neither, did they have a chance to approve the earlier American-sponsored protest against Russian activity in their country. They are not a free people, and so all this time we have been defending, not Iran, but the Iranian Government, which, according to all reports, is thoroughly corrupted.

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The Russians have made it quite clear that they will support international principles only if they are favorable to Russia. We have not mode our own position clear by any means, but our acts to date indicate that we are operating on the same basis. Perhaps this is a dillomatic necessity, but if has no place in the workings of the shaky UNO. charged with the establishment of principles that will bind all member nations, regardless of individual loss or gain.

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Perhons, by still more fancy footwork,
Jimmy Byrnes can work out some sort of
satisfactory compromise to terminate the
second Iranian crisk. It is to be devoutly
bood that he can, for even with the bufettin if has been given, the UNO is still
our best hope. But we cannot expect any
real pracerses toward world peace so long as
the UNO remains an arena where any nation, great or small, can win an individual
victory.

Starting From The Wrong End

"It is not only your right to vote, it is your duty," proclaims the Committee for North Carolina in a booklet written and distributed by the UNC, chapter at Chapel Hill. The Committee, it is carefully exolained, is not telling North Carolinians "for whom you must vote—it's aim is to let you know what you must do in order to vote." Four paces of detailed in structions on registration, primary and general election balloting follow. Well, it's a worthy project, and a desnerately needed one. There will be a few who condemn the effort simply because it is made by an affiliate of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, an orcaniza-ference for Human Welfare, an orcaniza-

made by an affiliate of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, an orcanization that had as soon see a Negro vote as a white man. But even these will not argue openly against getting out the vote—most of us are automatically for a lieavy vote.

But, sympathetic as we are with the effort to shake out all potential voters, we recognize its limitations. It takes a spirited

recognize its limitations. It takes a spirited contest to bring out a heavy vote, and except in one or two Congressional districts and a county or two, such contests do not exist in North Carolina in the Year of Our Lord 1946.

In our own Congressional district, for instance, there are, technically, 'mo Democratic candidates, and it should follow that these gentlemen would now be bringing their qualifications, if any, to the attention of the voters. There is not, however,

anything remotely resembling a political campaign under way in these parts—no placards, no speeches, no free clears, no hacards, mo speeches, no free clears, no handshaking. The voter who wants to find out how these two potential Concressmen stand on any of the pression issue of the day will have to write them a letter. Certainly this political rigor mortis is no healthler than the other kind, and the Committee for North Carolina is outleted to the committee for North Carolina is outleted to the contract when it warns the citizenry: "You will never have the laws you want unless you elect nood men to make these laws." A prerequisite to electing a good man is an examination of his record, and an un-

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A prerequisite to electine a good man is an examination of his record, and an understanding of his views on eurent affairs. It now seems certain that this Coneressional district will send a man to Washing who could, for all many of the free-holders know of him, have two heads.

The Committee is starting at the wrong end of the problem. It would be a far simpler task to attack the terrible apathy of North Carolina's politicians than to awaken the mass of voters. When, and not before, two or more good men of conflicting views offer for office in each congressional district there will be a heavy vote. We doubt if the effort to whip up the balloting by mailine out pamphiets and ringing doorbells will make any appreciable difference. We suggest that the Committee write off the '46 camma'un, and start now on a "get out the candidates" drive for 1948. drive for 1948.

A Chance To Rout Another Killer

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THERE are five major killers at large in the United States—infantile paralysis, tuberculosis, cancer, diabetes, and heart disease. The public has long been alert to the first two, and has, as a result of annual prodding by well-organized agencies devoted to fighting, the two diseases, contributed generously for research and for care of the afflicted. Last year Americans volunteered 394 for each known case of infantile paralysis, and \$22 for each case of tuberculousis.

The last two killers on the list—diabetes and heart disease—have been subjected to no such organized attack and public contributions have been needicible. The danger of cancer, possibly the most dreaded disease of the lot, has been only partially sold to the public, which for many years considered it somehow indecent and unfit for polite discussion. The American Cancer Society, however, has made great strides and managed last year to collect in voluntary contributions about eight dollars for each of the 500,000 cases now under treatment in this country. It hopes to do

much better this year.

Mecklenburg County's queda for the annual Cancer Society drive is only \$16,425, and the head organization is attenuative to meet it between new and Anril 17th. Their chances are excellent, for last year North Carolita showed up on the list, as one of the most cancer-conscious states in the nation, leading the South in contributions. There is no need, we think, to dwell on the importance of this campaign. Cancer still the great unitown, and although a portion of the funds collected will go for easy the contribution of the funds collected will go for cancer is a disease that strikes regardless of environment.

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Another Voice

Reece Is No Departure

SELECTION of Rep. Carroll Recce of Tennessee as chairman of the national Republicank executive committee does not, we think, mark any distinct departure from the practice of the G.O.P. of con-

we think, mark any distinct departure from the practice of the GOP of considering the southern part of the United States conquered territory. For that matter, we see no evidence of a desire on the part of the national Democratic leadership to refrain from the same sort of exploitation of the vote in these parts.

Not that we intend to go back and fight he civil war over, or even to suggest—as Col. Billy Ball of the Charleston News and Courter frequently suggests and we some times feel like demanding—that those section of the union which would not letter that the country of the section of the union which would not letter the country of the section of the union which would not letter the country of the section of the sun of the section of the sectio

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*Conceding that Chairman Rece is not the greatest of political strategists, we still believe he might have the diffidence if not grace to refrain from the sort of thing the Democratic national committee through its thouse organ, the *Digest*. This been doing to those southern Democrats who had planning enough to vote for a minority bill which they deemed directed at the best interests of the nation.

Call us provincial, sectional, reactionary or what you will, we still believe there is or should be such a thing as mannerliness even in the conduct of party business.

Too, Mr. Rece. although he comes from the South, could not possibly be dumber than the average of Republican national chairmen of the past quarter of a century.

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No marked enthusiasm is noted in Administration circles for Henry Wallace's proposal to promote scarcity by plowing under every third Democrat.



People's Platform

'If That Be Hypocrisy...'

PORT BRAGG PORT BRAGG PORT S. Kerr. re-cently came to North Cardina and made a speech, but he failed to give you the benefit of our reperiences out there with the whisky question. My trends at home would get a huge kick out of the reperience of the reperience of after keeping our state soldly dry for almost 40 years, or since statehood in 1907. Well keep it dry for another 40 years, and to hearten some of the wavering faithful here. I'll explain how its first than the reperience of the properties of the reperience of the properties of the reperience of the reperie

practicing law, and running a babia. And to feature of the dist church. The attitude which I reflect will be largely typical, but I doubt if I'll be as frank after I return home. The attitude which I reflect will be largely typical, but I doubt if I'll be as frank after the property of the property of

we prefer the old moonshine days, when there was seen less drinking our patient design and you can yell from the house-tops about drinking in the dry areas being greater than in the wet areas, but we know it len't so because the same Ittle dollar bills have sharpened our observation to an actue extert. ever your reason or motive, take heart, put your shoulder to the wheel, and fight. If that he hypocrise, then make the most of it, for the trend is unmia-takable, and North Carolina can be made completely dry in two more years.—

SGT. MARTIN I. OWEN

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The Baboon's Point

WES. Mrs. McGaha's rum-soaked baboon can show his point this way—no one can say no drunkard can enter the Kingdom of Heaven and prove the

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we do we don't know, and no one else knows, which
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ABC stores, and let him take his drink who wants it. He can be just as much of a gentleman as the one who doesn't. Whether we are drunkards or not we can be intemperate, as when those who would judge others tell them they will go to helt.

—T. T. OSTROM

Peacetime Conscription

INTERNATIONAL news of this last week-end was more encouraging and less hysterical. The cumulative effect of international tensions such as that over Iran is very dangerous but responsible states mer in all nations have said there will not now be turbing news it is evident the governments of the world are still supporting UNO. We have yet time to build.

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Another 'crisis' seems to be behind us—but the military, who a month ago admitted that popular opposition of all groups of Americans had killed compulsory peacetime conscription, are how pressing Congress to gain their ends indirectly, by extending Congress to gain their ends indirectly, by extending Congress to gain their ends indirectly, by extending the congress of the congress of their ends indirectly, by extending the congress of the congress of their ends indirectly, by extending the congress of t

How Do They Sleep?

AST Summer I read in the letters to the Editors which the food that was fed the dogs in the U. 8, would keep the people in Europe from starving. The dogs still get the food. The people are starving, might knowing that a child is dying for the want of the food he is feeding his dog.

Didn't one man beg for the scraps from the rich man's table? What happened to him?

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

Marquis Childs

What About Egypt?

WITH Iran at least temporarily, disposed of, the United National disposed of, and the United National disposed of the Unite

arise in almost as acute a form as the Iranian Issue.

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Samuel Grafton

Iranian Case Notes

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menta.

2 The Security Council seems to be becoming excessively legalistic. It did not permit oil to be mentioned during the Iranian discussions; it lore itself apart over the quite narrow procedural question of whether the Soviet Union was entitled to a poetponement until April 10; and the Soviet Union, by producing an agreement with error for a postponement was not entirely admines, nor wild, nor designed solely to give her time for evil-doing, The picture is one of nations of the council mentions of the council members and in and border rights, outside the Council, while Council members and in the council members beat each other about the ears over quite marrow procedural matters, danger of becoming a kind of drab prothonotary's office, to witch legal appers are turned in for atampling and handling, while the real busi-

tiate in their aleep; and the possibility exists that the Iraniana made smart use of the Council to affect the course of those negociations; the course of those negociations; nical legal position, as one sometimes can in the courtroom, by finding the right demurrer on the portions. The court of the course of

Drew Pearson's : Rep. Ervin Puts In Word For Mrs. Tillett Merry-Go-Round :

In the bag.

Die-hard Representative Roger C. Slaughter of Missouri, who represents President Truman's home district, summed up the general sentiment when he shouted: 'Tm dammed, if I'll ever clear my Democratic position will henry, Wallace, the Pacific Northwest or the New York

Henry, Wallace, the Pacific Northwest or the New York East Side."

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I what Slaughter was ruing about was an article written with the property of t

ed this apology when the group met, explaining: "he lett (who lives in Charlotte, N. C.) is as much a ern Democrat as John Rankin actually is and as Clashorn claims to he."

Apologies Don't Count HOWEVER, it was Hannegan and Wallace whom angry nembers were really out to get, not the women in charge of the Democratic Digest. The apology went un-

heeded. Description of the secret caucus in a lengthy statement, pointing out that the secret caucus in a lengthy statement, pointing out that the secret caucus in a lengthy statement, pointing out that deal more to say about party policy. The Administration on only has not consulted the Southerners, he said, but for years it has followed a legislative line which it knows Southerners oppose.

for years it has followed a legislative line which it knows Southerners oppose. Southerners oppose. Wearly half the Democrate in the House are from the South, he warned, "and the day is coming when the Administration is going to have to listen to us or else set no support from us. And how far could they get without us?" More than nail a dozen members spoke bitterly against Worker than nail a dozen members spoke bitterly against Worker than the property of the state of

Byrnes Pleads

THE incident was hushed up, but the Russian's weren't the only delegation to walk out of a N.N. Security Council. The Australians also walked out, but they did so at a closed-door session.

door session.

After Russia and Iran replied to the U. N. notes, Chinese Chairman Dr. Quo hastily adjourned the meeting until 11 A. M. the next day, Following which, Secretary-General Trygve Lie called a secret meeting of the Council in mid-town Manhattan. At this point, the Australian

delegate, Col. W. R. Hodgson, protested both to Lie and Dr. Quo against secret meetings. Australian Foreign Min-Ister Evat. He said, opposed Evat's belief that the Security Council owed it to the world to carry on open di-plomacy, Quo and Lie assured Hodgson that only pro-cedural matters would be discussed, that the Iran isaul probably wouldn't come up and that they have new would be concerned with selection of a site for the stowed up-seembly meeting sheet September. So Roogson showed up-showed up-seembly meeting sheet September. So Roogson