A New GI Political Organization

WHETHER he wills it or not, military service seems to set a man apart from those citizens burdened in time of war with heart ailments, essential jobs, old age, or

heart allments, essential jobs, old age, or an excess of dependents. He becomes a Veteran with a capital "V", and as such he finds himself an object of special interest to politicians, who shower him with flowery words and slip him an occasional cash handout. His vote becomes a major political factor, for good if he cares to use it that way, or for evil if he allows it to be exploited.

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Something of this must have been in the minds of those Veterans who gathered at Plinehurst Sunday to orealize "The GI-Democrats of North Carolina" and initiate an ambitious plan to oreanize the Veteran voting strength in every county of North Carolina and use it in the furtherance of high-minded program for better state and level (Government).

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Their platform has none of the professional "liberal" tinge. Rather it deserves that fine, old-fashioned adjective "progressive". It includes planks urging renewed efforts for world peace and an adequate national defense in the meantime, guaranteed rights for labor and for management, full economic and educational advantages for minority racial groups, participation by all citizens in elections, a substantial increase in the pay of school teachers and other public officials, an accelerated program of secondary road improvement, and equalization of freight rates, among other things. None of this less madical, none of it is even new, but certainly it its all sound.

What we like best about the platform is that nowhere does it set forth any claim

for special rights for veterans. There is no mention of a state bonus, which several of the conventional veterans' groups have already urged upon North Carolina. Even on the subject of housing, of immediate and pressing interest to every veteran, it simply calls upon State and Federal Governments to "provide for the construction of low-cost housing" so that veterans' priorities may take on some real value.

The "GI-Democrats" now have a nucleus in each Congressional District, and they will push their efforts for immediate formation of active organizations in each of North Carolina's 100 counties. Once that has been done, a state-wife convention will be called to translate the pulson of definite action, almed, sipse the promocratic primaries are already past, at 1948.

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1948. Such an organization could be of infinite value in North Carolina politics. It could nievet a new spirit into the apathetic Democratic primaries, bring out new and enretic candidates, force some of the old heads who have thrived on public apathy to bestir themselves or get out of office. Or it could degenerate into another political machine headed by smart manipulators who have added the title of "Veteran" to their other notice modifical equipment.

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The choice, of course, is up to the Veterans themselves. The "GI-Democrats" are off to an excellent start, free of suspicion of representing any interest except the public's, an organization affording an orderly channel for that zeal for reform which erupted into violence in Tennessee. There is every reason to believe that it will maintain that reputation, and so long as it does it will have the blessing of every thoughtful North Carolinian.

How To Perpetuate A Legend

ORSON WELLES, actor, director, playwright, etc., in a recent radio broadcast told a terrible story of Isaae Woodward, Negro, being dragged from a bus in South Carolina by police officers who promptly gouged his eyes out. Welles fixed the scene of the crime at Alken, charging the local police with full responsibility. Alken officials promptly investigated and saured a flat denial. No Negro, they said, had had his eyes gouged out in their town, and they demanded an apology from Welles. His ungracious reply, also broadcast, was that the incident occurred somewhere between Augusta and Columbia, and that it was up to Alken to proper its innocence.

that it was up to Alken to prove its inno-cence.

This sainine arrogance is, of course, in-defensible. Welles has been guilty of spec-tacular irresponsibility, and worse, in spreading an unsubstantisted story that is a gross libel upon an entire community. The burden of proof falls always upon the accuser, and through always upon the accuser, and through publicly. Unfortunately Alken's outrage at Welles', unseemly conduct has taken a turn that

an only be described as petty. Police Chief J. M. Rawis has taken it upon himself to ban a motion picture featuring Welles in a minor role and has ordered Alken policemen to selze and burn all posters advertising it. His action, Chief Rawis said, is "a protest against adverse publicity given to Alken by Welles." In the first place, it is apparent that Chief Rawis far exceeded his authority when he ordered a motion picture theater owner to halt showing of the Welles picture. In the second place, such a protest against the adverse publicity given his town by the Welles broadcast will surely earn Aiken far more adverse publicity than it has ever had before. In the third place such childish retailation is plain silly. Somebody, we think, should remind the Chief that the nebulous Isaace Woodcand story had almost with his ridiculous movie than. His anger is now giving it substance in the minds of thousands of outlanders who may very well misinterpret his extravagant gesture as proof that the ubiquitous Welles was right after all.

Welcome To The Carolinas, Comrades

THE august Columbia State, discovering that the Communist Party has established a Carolinas headquarters and undertaken the systematic distribution of Red propaganda, shies wildly as though it had suddenly stumbled upon a snake in the grass. "Thus the danger of Communism-menthing that reg a rd less of rumors seemed far, far from our own state—is very definitely upon us." The State cries, and proceeds to recount some of the Communist proposals "for common ownership of mines, mills, factories, and banks under a government of the people led by the working class." This leads to a gium conclusion: "Free speech is very desirable. We must have it. But there is a limit even to free speech."

must have it. But there is a limit even to free speech. Well, we disagree with The Stafe's analysis of the Red Terror on a good many counts, the most important of which stems from our conviction that an active Communist Party is the best possible safeguard against the spread of the late Dr. Max's perheliculos but plausible philosophy. In the abstract, the Idea of the workers of the world arising one bright morning to throw off their chains has a powerful appeal, but in practice it turns out to be a most discouraging business. The Stafe can calm its fluttering heart by recalling that the American Communist Party probably has the highest turn-over

Party probably has the highest turn-over of membership of any organization in the

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country. The demands made upon a Party member are such that membership becomes a full time occupation. Long hours on the picket line, longer hours of word for mouth indoctination, and still longer hours of reading inordinately dull tracts, pamphiets, and guides to revolutionary action—this is but part of the price and the individual from the faithful. More that the individual form the faithful. More that part is the insistence upon logger as Party Line dictated in Mossich the includent the individual form the faithful more than the properties of the includent the faithful more than the properties of the faithful more different to support the faithful faithful

Notes On Southern Womanhood

THE finest and most interesting creatures we know on this earth are Southern women, though we admit to certain fascination in the Scothe collie, the duckbilled platypus, the lemmings of Sweden, and Joan of Arc.

But we are provincial for the most part. And in one respect at least we are happy in a provincialism which conviews us that if the Southern women we love and revere in the South were transported to Nova Zembla or the Appingi country we would still love and revere them.

And in one of the proscribed respects in which we are not provincial we are determined on this: "Southern womanhood" as a fettlail is exactly the same sort of film-flam as "cancer cure."

Southern womanhood in roludes such minor social necessities as prostitutes, gunsolis, unwed mothers, and prohibition lead-

ers. It also includes a proportionate share of such social superfluities as female liars, cheats, gossips, perjurers, arsonists, thieves, butterflies, exhibitionists, nymphomaniacs, alcoholics, kleptomaniacs, and "good wom-en."

A virtuous brilliant, useful, inspiring, or in any other way admirable woman can stand on her own feet in the South or elsewhere. But for abstract consideration to assume that she is any one or more of these simply because she resides in a certain part of, the world is nonsense so indeent as to insult every daughter of Eve on earth—Salisbury Evening Post.

That strange, yellow stuff, priced at around 75 cents a pound, turns out to be a substitute for butter substitutes.



Omar Nelson Bradley

For A GOP Revival

EDITOR: THE NEWS:

PELATIVE to your fine editorial of August 6th,
Departunity For The GOP". It is sound and
logical. However, it is a sorry spectacle, from a
Republican standpoint, when a Democratic newspaper
becomes the one to point out the disadvantages to the
South of continued and complicated one-party control by the Democratic Farry.

trol by the Democratic Party.

You present the abstract idea. You also point out one concrete example of opposition to one-party under Carolina is not as distinctively a one-party state as other states in the South. Notwithstanding, one would not support the idea of turning as it is. Republicans in North Carolina have failed ocetablish and maintain county organizations. They have failed to flight for local office as effectively as an opposition party might have done. No one, not even the most regular party Democras, will say that man party. Therefore, the Republicans ray in North Carolina is without trained leaders, to a great extent.

Republicans who might be able and worthy are unknown. The convention system, where a small group can control in the state and in the counties, has been a drawback. Before the Republican Party can be strong in the state it must become strong in the counties. It will never become strong in the counties until local office becomes an object of its efforts. It is reasonable and logical, and consistent with our concept of government, to believe that the greater number of voters there are the better government we will have.

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The attitude of the national Republican Party has had much to do with creating and Insterling a solid South. It is the opinion of this writer that if the convention system and enter all primary elections: seeking out and find the ablest and best leaders, even ex-Democratis; and direct list satemation more to local control and less to Federal office, it would acquire the quality of ieadership it lacks and experiences a great accretion of strength and power in North Carolina.

-HOYT H. EAVES.

Hushed Up?

CHARLOTTE Editors. The News:

THE State has just unwittingly admitted that their case against. Ward M. Bianton in the alleged cases against. Ward M. Bianton in the alleged designed to get find of a critic of its made in the control of the medical editors. Referring to alleged gambling and liquor nuckets in Buncombe county, carried on with the comivance of city and county officials, your August 7th issue of city and county officials, your August 7th issue of city and county officials, your August 7th issue of city and county officials, your August 7th issue of city and county officials, your August 7th issue of city and county officials, your August 7th issue of city and county officials of the county of the

peen "watching Blanton for two years. And what have they managed to find so far? A few charges of "conspiracy to suborn perjury", which is cutting it pretty fine as far as charges go. On top of that they have been a far as charges go. On top of that they have been a far as charges go. On top of that they have served offence, against the perple who admitted their perjury in testimony before the same grand jury which indicted Blanton.

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Why have not the charges which Blanton measurement of publicity? If they are unfounded, these officials fact, let's have them aired in public.

Honest citizens resent the use of State power to hush up a man who has the guits to make charges against public officials. Hitler and Mussolini and they Long used those toucks and we don't want them here. The time has come for an investigation of the investigators.

—E. J. PRESSER.

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(NOTE: The State has permitted Mr. Blanton complete freedom to discuss his claim that he is the victim of a vast Federal-State conspiracy, and that claim has been given wide publicity. His allegations are sweeping, but vague as to details, and frequently libelous. Soon, however, he will have his day in court public of the properties of the state of t

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. Libei 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. This News.

Quote, Unquote

A NATION is not measured by wealth or population alone. It is judged by the quality of its citizenty. To the improvement of that quality nothing contributes more than does education.—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York.

The atom bomb dropped over Bikini has not produced domestay. But it has explored something more essential than a pair of outdated and the considerably undermined confidence in the schosures of American talk about atomic disarmament.—Pravda, Moscow official newspaper.

Marguis Childs Good Congressmen

THE members of, the 79th Congress are back home. For an office of the 19th Congress are back home. For an office of the 19th Congress the popular at thinking before they begin to campaign.

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One goal has been to get some-thing done about the notoriously bad hospitals in the District of Columbia. Here again, Mrs. Bol-ton has expert knowledge, having had probably more experience in hospital administration than most non-professionals.

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DEFINITE PROGRESS

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Peter Edson

Potsdam's First Year

(NOTE: Peter Edson's NEA Washington column is being carried in this space for a month while Samuel Grafton is on vacation. Todays column is the sixth and last in-series of articles on the Potsdam agreement during its first year of operation. — Eds., The NEWS:

THE peace conferences now being heid in Paris to write treatles with Italy, Finland, Hungary, Ro-mania, and Bulgaria were three months late in getting started.

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NO SHORT-TERM JOB

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VIENNA
THE place where the United States and Russia have come closest to grips is not Berlin but Austria.

Here the Red Army got in first and for a time it kept the other Allies out. Here the Russians immediately appointed their own Austrian Government and expected to run it and here—in a little country almost completely surrounded by Russian-dominated Yugosiavia, Czechosiovakia, and Hungary—Moscow planned to establish its economic capital for the Danube.

The amazing thing is that with all the cards stacked in their favor the Reds have completely failed. This is due partly to the ruthlessness of the Red Army, which has altended veryone it has come in contact with, and partly it is due to the shrewdness of an American General who has outstanded the Russians at every turn. He tactics are worth studying. They may be the key which the United States should adopt in other ageas, perhaps even as a national policy.

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Vienna, of course, is the most famous city in history when it comes to Oriental invasions. For centuries, armites from Asia have swept up the Balkan Peninsula or across the Caucasus in attempts to conquer all Europe—only to be stopped at Vienna. The Turks came to the very gates of Vienna before they were turned back. The Mongols got as far as Budapest and left behind them the Magayars of Hungary. The Slavs penins the Company of Hungary Characteristics of the State of Company of the State of Company of

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finally came to a crisis when Clark proposed that the Russians reduce their costs to 123,000,000 schillings for the next quarter. The Russians, however, said "No"—that 200,000,000 schillings was the least they would take—and they threatened to walk out of the Council.

Veto Humbles Reds