The Emergency In The Public Schools

SOUTHERNERS, having contributed a heavy share of their income to the cause of education, have every reason to be proud of the remarkable accomplishments of the past half-century. And there is comfort in the fact that their sacrifice is gradually being appreciated clsewhere. Says The New York Times, in commenting upon the establishment of university centers in North Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee and Louisiana under a Carnegie Foundation srant: tion grant:

Our just pride in this accomplishment, however, must be minimized by the knowledge that the Southern educational system is seriously threatened even as it pulls abreast the national level. The threat comes from the bottom—from the grade schools in rural counties where officials are lightness a loging hattle to held together a lightness a loging hattle to held together as

in rural counties where officials are light-ing a losing battle to hold together ade-quate faculties for the 1946-47 terms.

This is one problem money can go a long way toward solving. The great exodus of public school teachers, which has throw achoolmen into panic, is directly attribu-utable to the teaching profession's low-the minimum wage in North Carolina cot-

ton mills is now higher than the average school teacher's pay. Small wonder North Carolina's teacher shortage now stands at upwards of 3.000.

upwards of 3.000. School officials argue, with complete justice, that this is not a problem that can be postponed. If our schools are allowed to operate with reduced and incompetent staffs for only a year or two a whole generation of our young will have been injected into the educational system without adequate basic preparation, and the results will show at every level for many years to come.

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For this reason some school officials are approaching Governor Cherry with the recommendation read a special whose the recommendation read a special without the recommendation read a special without the recommendation read to the recommendate by State Auditor Pou and now accepted by most politicians as inevitable. Additional costs could be met initially out of surjust state funds now on hand, it is argued, and the entire educational problem could be studied in detail by the legislature at its regular 1947 session.

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The suggestion seems to us to have considerable merit, for September is almost upon us and there are few schools outside the cities, where teacher's pay is locally augmented, in shape to begin the new school year. Certainly Governor Cherry should consider the suggestion carefully, for the situation, as we remarked the other day, is an emergency demanding emergency

Another Athens Takes Care Of Its Own

ATHENS, ALABAMA, has demonstrated ATHENS, ALABAMA, nas demonstrated an excellent method of preventing outside interference in the South's internal affairs. Athens, like its namesakes on two continents, had itself a right lively riot, one with racial overtones. It was an uply and pointiess business, as such affairs always are, but it at least resulted in remarkably little bloodshed and property

markably little bloodshed and property damage.

The news that gangs of white men were roaming the streets of the little town, and had, in fact, driven out most of the large Negro population, could very well have brought on a torrent of abuse from "meddlinf furriners." It dish't, because local and state officials moved promptly to take care of the situation on their own, and have done a remarkably good job of it. The aheriff sent a call for help and set out himself to quell the riot. The state guard was alerted without delay, and reinforcements were sent in from nearby towns. The riot died aborning.

But, most important, Athens officials haven't let the matter reat now that peace has been restored. "I will not tolerate mother than the matter reat now that peace has been restored. "I will not tolerate mother than the matter read that the matter read given the the matter read given will be asked to indict all those connected with the disgraceful affair for riot and rout, which carries a maximum penalty of five years imprisonment. . . . I will ask the circuit judge to set the cases for immediate hearing and will push them to the limit."

The "meddlin' furriners." far from calling upon the FBI, President Truman, and the Pôpe to intervene, as they have in so many other cases, have been loud in their praise. There seems to us a clear moral in this: Everybody recognizes that the South's own unique fashion, and when Southerners move to take care of their own they never have to worry about interference from any quarter.

Notes (Prejudiced) On A Strike

READERS, we think, are entitled to be acutely suspicious when newspapers start tearing their shirts over matters affecting their own well-being. That fine quality of objectivity, which even the most

quality of objectivity, which even the most parlisan editors profess, is bound to seem a little strained when editorial space is devoted to an argument that child labor laws covering newsboys violate the sacred principle of freedom of the press. We are, therefore suspect when we proceed here to hand down a few unkind words for the American Communications Association (CIO) which has clamped an embargo on all international press mesages. Our own budget of wire news is affected adversely by this sympathetic strike, and we make no claim of impartiality.

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It seems that 300 employees of Press Wireless, Inc., which is one of several agencies transmitting news matter from overseas, went on strike because they had specific grievances against their employers. Then 3,000 members of ACA, who appar-ently have no quarrel with anybody, reently have no quarrel with anybody, re-fused to move any overseas press message over Western Union, Mackay Radio and RCA. All foreign news, therefore, must be transmitted by telephone, a slow and ex-pensive process.

Any sympathy strike places employers in a curious position. Since their own workers have no grievance against them, it is mossible for Western Union, Mackay or RCA to take positive action to get the cir-

cuits open. The union theory is that they, the innocent, will bring great pressure to bear on Press Wireless. The guilty, to give its workers what they want so all the cables will hum again. We doubt, somehow, if it will work out just that way.

At this moment, when men are trying, not too successfully, to put together a peaceful world, it seems to us of the first importance to keep the news wires open, come hell, high water, or wage disputes. We concede the possibility that the Press Wireless workers may have legitimate claims for higher waces. But what of the clother 3:000 ACA members? With no direct economic stake in the strike, and probably without any very careful examination of the issues involved, they too walked off the job. Does their sympathy for their striking brethren outweigh their concern for getting the news through to a confused public?

A strike that shuts down a public utility, it seems to us, can be condoned only as an act of desperation, if then. There's nothing to indicate any high degree of desperation on the part of the ACA sympathiters. Certainly they, in their turn, will receive sand sympathy from the press, projudiced by its failure to obtain a full they will receive any of the conduction of the strike depends upon these 3:000 men for its knowledge of what's going on in this troubled world.

Another Voice

A Campaign Issue Or A Booby Trap

THE OPA has taken price controls off of canned dried octopus and evaporated goats milk. We can just see Joe Martin Goats milk with the worse comes to the worst. Off Mr. Market Something of it. For Mr. Goats and the party is in search of campaign issues, and hopes and expects to fund nen in price-rises from now to Novembra Goats with the Mr. The Republican Party, which did its utmost to whittle OPA down to a silver, now proposes to make a campaign club out. of OPA's futility, if anything of the sort comes to light. The Republican Food Study Committee, the publican Food Study Committee, the publican Food Study Committee, the public is informed, is checking price lists. The Republican Food Study Committee, the public is informed, is checking price lists. The Republican Food Study Committee, the public is informed. Is checking price lists. The Republican Food Study Committee, the public is informed. Is checking price lists. The Republican Food Study Committee, the public is informed. Is checking price lists. The Republican Food Study Committee, the public is informed. Is checking price lists. The Republican Food Study Committee, the public is informed. Is checking price lists. The Republican Food Study Committee, the public is informed. Is checking price lists. The Republican Food Study Committee, the public is informed. Is checking price in the propiety at the price of octopus, etc., to speak for itself. In the bland statement of the GoD bigsing we can't help seeing a onfession that the and his fellows were subject to the price of octopus, etc., to speak for itself. In the bland statement of the GoD bigs we can't help seeing a onfession that the way the will be copied at the propiety at the price of octopus, etc., to speak for itself. In the bland statement of the GoD bigs we can't help seeing a onfession that the and his fellows were subject to the price of octopus, etc., to speak for itself. In th

'Any Prospect Within The Next Year Or So?'



People's Platform

The Awakening Veterans

Editors, THE News:

THE millions of Veterans of World War II represent a potential force that will guide the destiny of our country for many years to come. If your editorials can grasp the power that lies within their hands and help guide and direct the destiny of our country for many years to come. If your editorials can grasp the power that lies within their hands and help guide and direct the destiny of these military of the power of the power of the power of the country of the power of the power of the power of the power of the path of least resistance, with shortages of sugar, shortages of meat, shortages of building materials, failure of production, questionable contracts, have brought about a situation necessary for correction. The GI has been greatly misunderstood and has met with many a rebuil on his term, all over the country the relaxation of regimentation appears through the clouds like a bright sun. It is time now to face a new power, politically and economically in this great country of ours. The ideals of the past and the fine traditions of Southerners are not to be lost in a "new deal" or any other kind of deal. The politicans result in the hands ould take a vacation and see where such a representation of the power lies and how powerful it is getting to be.

The GI has awakened to his responsibility—short-ages that grow shorter—promises of sugar that never appears in the home, but does appear in the bottle or store bought products), labor that increased the post becomes almost impossibile, jobs that peter out, trail enter the control of the post of

Your blessing is needed on a real GI Association for the real growth and everlasting greatness of our Country.

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JOHN NEWITT.

(NOTE: We gave it yesterday to the GI-Democrats, as we have guen it to all veterans organizations dedicated to the common good, and not to the
special interests of veterans as a class—Eds. TMI
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Marquis Childs Tragedy In Palestine

WASHINGTON
THE news stories out of the Paris
I Peace Conference read at times
like the accounts of a big-time
prize fight. Round by round, we
plon is on top, then the Russian.
But whether, in this first vacationing Summer since the war, the
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Peter Edson

Lobbyists' Nightmare

WASHINGTON
THE high-pressure boys of Washington are worried. What bothers them is "The Federal Regulation of Lobbying Act" which slipped
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Drew Pearson's: Austria Suffered From Pauley's Blunder Merry-Go-Round:

HAROLD ICKES did the U. S. Navy a great favor when he blocked the ebullient Ed Pauley from becoming Underzecretary of the Navy but, unfortunately, Ickes wasn't was the property of the property of the Navy but, unfortunately, Ickes wasn't was the property of the Navy but, unfortunately, Ickes wasn't was the property of the Navy but, unfortunately, Ickes wasn't was the Navy but of the Navy but of

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ANGTHER thing Pauley forgot was that in 1938 when Hitler took over Austria, he nationalized all Austrian industry. It therefore became officially German and under Pauley's reparation rules it can be seized by the Russians who are wasting no time in seizing it despite the fact that, actually, it is 100 per cent Austrian. All this has contributed to the head-on clash between Russian and American forces in Austria—a clash which is the most significant in Europe and which may set a pattern for future U. S. Russian policy. General Clark, who did his best to co-operate with Moscopian and Clark, and the set of the conference of the Russians make. When the Red Army started, to take over Austrian industry General Clark itselfly entire and the conference of the Russians make. When the Red Army started, to take over Austrian industry under the Austrian Government itself. This really put the Russians on the spot for mational industry while the Austrian Government itself. This really put the Russians on the spot for a coording to the terete of Gommunism, incustry-should be nationalized. Thus, while trying to spread Communism

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By wanting Austrian industry for themselves, the Russians even had the gail to demand that the Austrian Parliament be overruled by the Allied armies of occupation. It was at this point that Clark made as neat a use of the famous veto as Comrade Molotov—if anything, neater. The American commander had persuaded the Allied Council to adopt a rule that any act of the Austrian Parliament shall be the Council to Austrian Parliament shall be the Council to Austrian Parliament shall be the Council to Austrian Parliament and the Council to Austrian ediction of the Austrian ediction to the Council to Austrian ediction to the Russians are out of luck. The Austrian edict nationalizing industry then becomes law and the Reds can't selze it.

Vienna Sings Clark's Praises

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WITH the Soviet drive on to take over Austria industry,
Clark phoned Secretary of State Byrnes and got his
O. K. on a plan to return to Austria the factories in the
American Zone, The declaration of Moscow specifies that
Austria was dragged into the war by Hitler and is to be
unit; un after the war. So Byrnes agreed that the factories should be returned to Austria. Amid paeans of praise
from the Vienna Press, therefore, and with thousands of
people watching, Clark held an impressive ceremory at the
fermann Goering Works and handed to back to Austria.
Naturally this raised U. S. prestigs aky-high and made the
Russians and their seture policy look very sick indeed.
Meanwhile, the Russians have been frantically trying to
premote Communism in their zone—the wealthiest and largeset of all Allied occupied areas. The only real progress
they have made is through the policy of hitling Austrian
workers in Russian-managed factories at a much higher
wage level than is paid in other Allied areas. In addition—and in a country which is starving, this is all-important—
Russian employees get Sool ofod calories per day as againt
1,300 for workers in the rest of Austria. Naturally, therefore,
Austrian workers flock to Russian factories whenever they
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What the Austrian workers don't, know is that 'extra wages come out of the Austrian treasury and their food comes. in part, from the United States. Whappens is that the Russians collect extra occupation from the Austrian Government and use the money to

Played Into Reds' Hands

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HERE is the inside story of how this happens: Last Winter, General Clark had been feeding the Austrians in the American zone their full calory ration but the French were falling behind and wanted UNRA to relieve them of the burden. Also, the British, though having considerable food on hand proposed seiling it to UNRAR and letting UNRAR distribute it in the British zone. This meant, of course, that Unice Sam would pay '70 per cent of the cost since 70 per cent of UNRAR's cost is borne by the United States. All of this played right into the Russian hand, as a during these forms and the search of the cost since the search of t

and penalise the Russians for sinping 1000 due to AustThese are some of the problems in that part of Europe
where democracy meets the frontier of Balkan dictatorships
and where the most important test of Soviet expansion is
being staged. Austria, prior to senure by Hitler, had deceloped a pretty good Pralimentary system and the Ausfrom cars to Soviets—both dictatorships—as did the Russians, and today there is no country in Europe where the
Russians are fees popular. In last Winter's Austrian elections the red-fixed Soviets found themsleves polling list 8
in other words, a country which had some experience in prewar democracy and which is given half a chance to support itself ten't going to rush enthusiastically into the arms
of Soviet Russia.