# Democratic Sounds Of Discord

THE Associated Press dispatches from Raleigh lately have been concerned with the news-presumably regarded as bad—that the Legislature is runnings behind schedule and may not adjourn as early as it did two years ago. Our own Mr. Nisbet is reporting the odds with his usual accuracy and attention to detail; the other day he forwarded a tabulation of like in front in that particular, spille, the Senate is in a dead heat with its 1948 counterpart. A good many adtorialists are viewing this circumstance with alarm, urging the Legislators to nose up to the grindstone, stop this stilly bickering, get their work done, and come home.

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This would make a good deal of sense
if, as in South Carolina, the Legislature
were in the habit of sitting for six months
or so at a stretch—and-if there were no
matters before that body likely to senerate
any controvers. But the fact is that the
1945 Legislature faced no problems of the
magnitude of those with which our Representatives are now wrestling, and it hardly
seems reasonable to accept its speed record
as a measure, of Legislative efficiency.

The clamor for early adjournment comes largely from firm supporters of the Cherry Administration, and is, therefore, understandable. Controversy stems, as usual, from money, and the Administration has a budget all worked out for the next blennium. If the Legislature would accept the Governor's fiscal recommendations it could, indeed, so the could, indeed, so the could not a support the could indeed, the hones to debate such significant sections of the budget as the teach-

ers' pay provision indicates a fundamental disagreement with the Administration's view of what can, and should, be done to meet the crisis in education. And, since budgetary provisions are necessarily tightly interlocked, one section can't be thrown out of kilter without making necessary a revision of the entire fiscal pattern.

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Although we have a good deal of respect for both the Governor and his budget, we can find no cause for alarm in the fact that the Legislature may sit a few days longer in 1847 than it did in 1845, it would be far more and an entire that the fact that the Legislature may sit a few days longer in 1847 than it did in 1845, it would be far more and an entirely membring from the Capitol. The fiscal difficulties facing North Carollina durin the next two years are towering and difficult. It has been said often, and it is true, that the pattern of our future may be set by the decisions taken now in regard to education and health. Certainly our Representatives would be derelic in their duty if they did not examine critically, and alter 'it' they see fit, the 'program of progress' proposed by the Administration.

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We seem to detect a note of fear in some of the cries for early adjournment—a fear of what the people's Representatives might do if they can't be chased out of Raleigh in do if they can't be chased out of Raleigh in short order. If we see any signs that the boys are dallying in the fleshpots of the city, we will add our voice to the chorus. In the meantime we shall listen to the cheerful, democratic sounds of discord in Raleigh with genuine pleasure, secure in our conviction that a government that operates too smoothly may be rated as ef-ficient, but not as representative.

#### Are You Pro-Or Are You Anti-?

No more curious a proposal has come No more curious a proposal has come out of the current portal-to-portal debate than the suggestion of Senator Eastland of Mississippi that Federal Judge Picard, who rendered the original decision in the Mt. Clemens case, be impeached. The grounds are simple enough. The Judge is accused of being pro-labor.

Whether he is or not we have no idea. An attorney for the Chrysler Motor Company told a Congressional committee that Judge Pleard once said he was. The Judge himself has announced that he is both "pro-labor and pro-capital" but that his decisions have never been influenced by either of these stitutes, which we presume Senator Lastiand would regard as Inimitesi.

There is no intimation of anything improper in Judge Picard's conduct, you understand—no allegation that he was bribed by the union or anything like shat. Senator Eastland would bring impeachment proceedings solely on a basis of attitude.

This is interesting on several counts. In the first place it must be remembered that the portal-to-portal suits do not arise

from Judge Picagd's decision, but from the Supreme Court decision that upheld it and went considerably beyond it. It must follow then that the Supreme Court, or at least a majority of it, is also pro-labor and therefore subject to impeachment.

We must presume that what Senator Eastland really seeks is judicial impartiality. Eastain really seeks it judicial impartiality. In that case, how about anti-labor judges? Surely they would be considered as suspect as pro-labor judges. An impressive case then might be made out against Judge Goldsborough, who slapped a heavy fine on John Lewis and the Mine Workers, and perhaps even against the minority of the Supreme Court which voted against Judge Plear's Action.

The portal court by the unions seem to us ridiculous—a stampete through a loophole, as we remarked here the other day. But they don't, somehow, seem quite as ridiculous as Senator Eastland's proposal to impeach a Federal Circuit Judge because he deem't happen to agree with a decision upheld by the Supreme Court of the United States.

# Awright Chillun, Let's Politick

If it is true, as the theatrical tradepaper Veriety claims it is, that the political bug has crawled inside the Oil Professor's academic gown and bitten Kay Kyer, North Carolina may be in for the sort of political excitement she hasn't seen since Bob Reynolds was rolling out the red carpet for Cam Morrison.

Bob Reynolds was rolling out one recarpet for Cam Morrison.

Variety quotes an official of the Ted Bates Agency, which handles The Professor's theatrical fortunes, to the effect that his "present anxiety stems from his concern over the governorship of North Carolina, which he has had in his craw for a long time." In Raleigh the political observers are pool-pooling the report, saving that Variety has probably confused Kay's activity in behalf of the Good Health Program with a symptom of political ambition. It could be, but those who saw the reducible Kyser in action during his vacation last Summer will recall that a good many politicians gazed upon his manner with the crowds with unconcealed awe, and some, at least, told him, "Thank heaven, you're not coming down here to run for office." The political bug has bitten far less vulnerable men under those circumstances.

Mr. Kyser gained his first fame as a musician, or at least as a band-leader, and hit the big money as a radio comedian. This puts him at least one jump ahead of Pappy O'Danlel of Texas, Jimmy Davis of Louisiana, Big Jim Folsom of, Alabama, and Glenn Taylor of Idaho, all of whom won office solely on the basis of their musical ability; nobody, so far as we have learned, now considers any of these gentlemen very funny, although some were inclined to snicker in their early days.

Any speculation on the sort of Governor Any speculation on the sort of Governor Kay Kyser would make is obviously premature. But it is not too early to speculate on the sort of candidate he would make a rintailed lolapslocra, if we may borrow some of his own archaic language. What the entry of such a citizen into the hustings would do to the careful arrangements now being perfected in Raleigh and elsewhere is beyond imagination; sections of political fence would fly in all directions and we might seep he treated to the sares. and we might even be treated to the spec-tacle of some of our sobersided politicos suddenly signing up for a course of guitar lessons.

Is evabuddy happy?

## Another Voice

#### Subterranean Tragedy In Rowan

THE Almighty's promise to man that the Earth would not be flooded for a second time was not made to the lower forms of animal life.

of animal life.

Continued rains in this vicinity have flooded the world recently so far as the earthworms are concerned, and the humble little creatures so essential to human life are perishing by the millions.

are perishing by the millions. "When topsoil becomes completely saturated with water for an extended period, the earthworms drown. In a last desprate effort to survive they coine to the surface, oftentimes to die after they-iray/crawled onto impervious surfaces. Doubless you have noticed their remains thick on the water than the control of the contr

Backlot gardens will require better spad-ag and more fertilizer than would have sen the case had the earthworms not been scinated by the flood.

Rowan's earthworms are worth millions of dollars to Rowan agriculture in their labors of underground cultivation and fer-tilization.

But this year the rains have sold them short.—Salisbury Post.

A Western court cancels a deal by which defendants were to swap wives, as a thing like that is contrary to the principles laid down by baritones in "to each his own."

Great minds, figuring ways to beat the ortal-to-portal rap, have thought of about verything but locking the gates and making the boys climb over.

A misguided inventor claims to have per-fected a noiseless bowling alley, which somehow seems as unsatisfying as smoking in the dark.



Portal To Portal

## People's Platform

# All Very Simple

Editors. THE NEWS:

[IN regard to your "parking ills of Charlotte." It is very simple for anyone who has been around or very simple for anyone who has been around or the property of the prop

pals. Why can't we have a nice city, a city we can be proud of? Why can't we set our watches by our bus service and no bus to run apart over 15 minutes. Some bus stops should be every 5 minutes and if Duke Power says they can't get all the busses they want, why can't they?

why can't they?

—LARRY B. COOKE.

(NOTE: People who have been around tell us it
may be because every other city is also short of
buses and hollering for same.—Eds., The News.)

sins an argument with a newspaper unless he or she also owns a newspaper. There is no argument to be won one, the question of liquor stores, except by the judges of this debate—not editors or contributors. The eposition of the great cause of temperance, in opposing ABC stores for the good of humanity, is sufficient to the store of the good of humanity, is sufficient to the store of the good of humanity, is sufficient to the sufficient to th

(NOTE: Thanks, without a humph.—Eds., THE NEWS.)

#### Rose-Colored World

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Fire Price England furning to socialism—which
is nothing but Red Communism. (Churchill was the
man over there, not a Red like Attlee).

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-E. T. OSTROM, One True American.

CHARLOTTE

P. S. Don't know what all that's about down in Georgia. It couldn't happen in any other state. Give me good old North Carolina every time.

#### Senator Soaper Says:

A WORD of holiday cheer goes forth to Congress-men, that they are about to receive the pay boost they voted themselves. From me to me.

"If the portal-to-portal rule is affirmed, indus-trialists plan many changes in plant layout." Some-thing new will be the drill press set up in the entrance lobby.

It was "an old Southern custom," said Bilbo, speaking as a satisfied customer.

Great battles were fought with firecrackers, gongs and Halloween masks, and a good time was had by all. Such was war in the Far Eastern countries, before we came along.

The smuggling into Britain of jewels cached in turkers is a new dodge. The careful British shopper will see to it that his bird is not loaded with dia-monds, emeralds and other makeweights.

A salute to the one-pants suit, in passing for its wartime performance of carrying on, alone, through the great struggle-a thin blue line between us and humiliating disaster.

#### Marquis Childs

# Small Business Probe

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# Harold Ickes

# **Deficits & Education**

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# Drew Pearson's: Justice Dept. Avoids Ga. Intervention

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No Secretary of State since Charles Evans Hunbes has
been as frank with the press Byrnes. Hughes handled all

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Marshall has been quite a "leaker" himself. In fact, one cable seized from the files of the German Prockin Office now reveals that General Marshall was worduly indiscreet in the important scores to the cent and indiscreeting let out the process of the first process of the first process of the most amazing cables they unearthed was sent by Nazi Consul General Hans Borchers in New York. Marshall had with a high American society woman. The cable read as follows:

"Mrs. Herbig told that she sat at a dinner between General Marshall and a member of the Government and the that it was definite that Greenland, Iceland, and the Azores should be used as bases for troops in order to facilitate invasion of Norway, Northern Prance, Spain, and Portugal. A Fitth Column to Spain among prisoners and immigrants."

At that very same time American newspapers were being bitterly condenned when some of them Inhited that the Case of the Cas

# Sweet Harmony Blows Away

THOSE who sat in President Truman's recent meeting with the six Congressional leaders — three Dems and three Reps — say that, while useful, it does not mean sweet harmony between the White House and GOP leaders on Captiol Bill.

itol Hill.

Despite what you read in the newspapers, the bi-partisan big six" of both Democrata and Republicans will not function in any sense as did the Democratic big four, which conferred with the President once a week on legislative matters

when the Democrats were in power. This practice would be continued if there is to be harmony and on-operation in a real sense.

However, it was mutually agreed to hold by six merings 'from time to time,' at high all of the President, and the president and the president of the p

## Truman Advises Congress