

THE CHARLOTTE NEWS

A Coalition Isn't The Answer

In A proposal which is frequently mentioned in connection with the Presidential candidacy of General Eisenhower. The Salabury Post calls for a "temporary coalition of the Democratic and Republican Parties and their joint nomination of the best man who can be found for the Presidency of the United States in the next general election". The Post editor asserts, in what seems to be a subtle request for a dicwhat seems to be a subtle request for a dic-tatorship, that the United States needs a storamp, that the United States needs a "living, breathing, active, able, dynamic hero in the White House"; and since traditional political procedure offers scant chance of such a man winning the 1948 election, he concludes that a four-year vacation from politics is our only salvation: "The world needs proof that the United States is not a nation divided against italies."

The Post admits that its solution is with-n the daydream category; and well it night, for it is inconcelvable that our two might, for it is inconceivable that our two major parties, split into hopelessly antag-onistic factions as they are, would ever consent to coalition Government—even if such a more entialed only the unanimous election of the President. If such a coali-tion were possible, we seriously doubt that it would offer more efficient government procedure or a more intelligent outlook than we have to accept from Washington today.

today. Certainly in abandoning our two-party system and in placing the government largely in the hands of one man, presumably of no particular party affiliation, we would deny before all the world, that democracy is adequate to meet the needs of the time. That concept is the one major weapon we possess in an ideological war we

must win to prevent a war of military force. The United States has engaged in its great quadrennial debate in time of grave crisis before, and never has the na-tion emerged from an election in such a time with its unity impaired.

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However, The Post has struck at a fundamental weakness of the democratic system, and one which commends itself to the consideration of every thoughtful American as we enter the early stages of the 1948 campaign. In an hour-when the future of elvilization depends up on our decision, when the world looks to the United States for affirmative leadership in the cause of peace, it is imperative that we abandon a erassly partisan determination of our course of action. We still have a nominal bi-partisan foreign policy; but our domestic program, in which even new we taste the bitter fruits of past political expediency, is a vital component of that foreign policy and requires no less objective an approach.

The situations are not yet so desperate, and some decisions are not yet so obvious, that we must stiffe all discussion. The American people are not yet prepared to demand an end to two-party government but they do demand acknowledgment from the Republican and Democratic leadership that the security of the nation is vastly more important than the security of either party. It thus belonger sever public figure. important than the security of either par-ty. It thus behooves every public figure from Henry Wallace to Robert A. Taft to bring an end to bitter villification of the opposition, and to wild-eyed stump-jump-ing, and to ergage in a debate on the level merited by the gravity of the issues in-volved.

The Return Of The Heroic Dead

The Return Of The He YesterDay, Pearl Harbor seemed cons away, lost in a past America seems to forget in a time when the war drums are booming faintly seain. Today, it all comes back in a rush. It comes back with the state of the season of

watching their maps in anxiety, and waiting almost without hope for news they
dreaded to hear. They died in the time of
disease and starvation and butchery onBataan, or in heroic sacrifice while they
held against great odds at the beginning
of the offensive on Guadalcanal. They died
in the Pacific nights when our ships went
down before superior numbers. There were
so many to the after them, all over the
world, that it was easy to forget.

But they began to come home again to-

world, that it was easy to forget.

But they began to come home again today, and the newsreel images of Pearl
Harbor came back; the flaming ships and
the pall of smoke that marked the ruin of
a fleet and the end of an era of troubled
page. These are men who died in the long
tradition of Carolina fighting men who did
not come back from their wars, but stayed
to sleep in the soil of legendary battleflelds: Brandywine, Guilford Courthouse,
New Orleans. Chamultages.

fields: Brandywine, Guilford Courthouse, New Orleans, Chapullepec, Antietam, Getysburg, San Juan Hill, Chateau Thierry, Belleau Wood.

They are back home as honored heroes to lie in home soit. And though they come in a day not given to celebrations and parades and monuments they return to living memory, and to awake old memories themselves. People back home must be sobred by their coming, and spurred to new efforts in the building of a peace which has scarcely begun.

Truman And Taft In Wonderland

PRESIDENT TRUMAN apparently is running a race to the right with Senator Taft of Ohio, the Republican champion of uncontrolled enterprise who hopes to be Truman's opponent in the 1948 Presiden-tial finals. The President's statement this tial finals. The President's statement this week against restoration of Government price controls carries an Old Guard fervor which should put him out in front of the Chioan as a defender of the everyman-for-himself system.

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Ohioan as a defender of the everyman-for-himself system. Mr. Truman's assertion that Government controls are the methods of a police state draws a protest from Senator Pepper, the Florida New Dealer, who declares that Congressional measures to "bring a be out equal distribution of scarce foods and macerials at prices all can pay" represent democracy at its best. We agree with Mr. moreover the senator of the senator of the property of the prop

tarian methods.

The Democratic President's devotion to the laissez faire philosophy now has reached the point where it places him to the right of raft even on self-control. Mr. Truman seems to regard Taft's advice to "eat less" as a leftist declaration. He prefers the more conservative "waste less". In

the conservation campaign, he is careful to leave no impression that either the White House or the Federal Government is putting undue pressure on the people to observe voluntary rationing. It's entirely up to the individual, and the President wants you to understand he feels it is none of his business if you eat hamburger on Tuesday.

Sou to uncersain a feets it is none of his business if you eat hamburger on Tuesday. There is a curious air of unreality about all this which leaves us wondering if we should feel good or bad about what's coming. We have that dreamlike sensation because the real argument is or should be over the question whether Government controls offer an effective way to deal with the present high-price-and-searcity problem, but no one who discusses the actual issue is able to make himself heard.

The evidence collected by Mr. Truman himself, which he promises to divulge soon to the great embarrassment of Senator Taft, is that controls did the job for us before Truman and Taft hastened to get rid (them. Mowever, this proof that we have found the solution) o our difficulty has made no Impression hastever on either the Democratic President or the Republican made no impression hastever on either the Democratic President or the Republican convincing them that we should hafered exconvincing them that we should hafered less control. If that doesn't take us into Wonderland, then where are we?

From The Washington Post

Atomic Education .

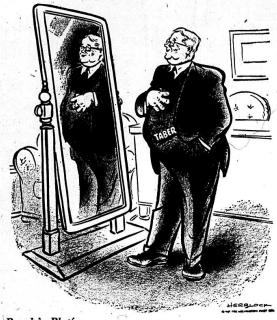
ATOMIC energy will be brought under democratic control only as ordinary citizens—as distinguished from scientists, statesmen and soldiers—understand the imperatives it poses. No special knowledge of science or engineering is necessary for this sort of understanding; what is needed, as Chairman David E. Lillenthal of the Atomic Energy Commission put it in an address a few weeks ago, is simply a "ense about human relations, about standards of airness, about principles of self-government and self-education" and the application of these to the tremendous new force that science has unleashed.

Well before Mr. Lilienthal had made his plea for this kind of citizen approach to the problem of atomic energy, the people of Prince Georges County, Maryland, had begun the planning of a local atomic en-

ergy week to be devoted to exploring and studying the role of the ordinary responsible individual in respect of atomic energy control. The slogan of the Prince Georges program is, "You can do your part". Observance of the week started on Sunday. Urtually every facet of community life has been given a part in the country program. The week was started significantly by services in the churches—"because the use and control of atomic energy is more than a political issue." Schools of the country will hold assemblies, have lectures, see movies and special exhibits. From Monday through Saturday, 44 civic organizations will participate jointly in seventeen meetings to be addressed by atomic scientists and other authorities.

Here, it seems to us, is a splendid example of the democratic process in operation at the grass-roots level.

'I Don't See Anybody That Looks Undernourished'



People's Platform

Self-Interest In World Order

Editors. The News:

You're Oct. 9 editorial feature. "World Federalist
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Mr. Eaves says United World Federalists is to strengthen the

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on law, with limited powers adequate to prevent war,

in which all mations—demonstrates or any other

nation refuses to participate, the world government

should be formed anyhow, leaving the door open al
ways for late-content to join freely on equal terms,

A federation of part of the world would not be ideal,

and would hold a hope of peace. Our present course

scarcely affords that hope. No one can so predict

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I hope, from the principles of justice, Christianity and morality to which Mr. Eaves rather cynically refers.

But I fear Mr. Eaves overlooks the hard realism of the world government idea. It assumes, Mr. Eaves, that people and nations will probably continue texten they now share those tritis. But I for propose that maskind, as a matter of self-preservation if nothing else, should establish on a world level a continuing machinery for settling disputes among the type which is fairly well accepted locally in the form of courts and police to settle civil disputes and the case of the country of the coun

to that effect.

Action now to achieve world law and order is not based alone on the ideals of justice of which Mr. Bot based alone on the ideals of justice of which Mr. Bot latic and selfable interest as well. In these days of atomic and bacteriological warfare, it is time to recognize that law and order among nations must replace dog-eat-dog diplomacy and war while there are still dogs left to how!

—1AMES B. McMILLAN, Chairman, Charlotte Chapter United World Federalists.

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Railroad Fables

Editors. THE News:

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In this instance they mean that if they should run a train four times the safe-length—100 cars or less—then they should pay for the amount of work done. So far, it is impossible to run a train of such fabuluse length. Of course, their intentions are not to sitck to realities but to groundy minimorm the employ they might convince some people of these "manufactured mistatementa"!

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intrincads fail to mention the millions they "put-inthe-other-pocket" by buying so much new equipment
and improvine their roads. No, nor will they even
mention anything of this sort.

—ROBERT B. QUINN.

The People's Platform is available to any reader who cares to mount it. Communications should be less than 300 words, typewritten if the should be less than 300 words, typewritten if the control of the should be shou

Marquis Childs

New Plan For France

But how to carry it out under prepare circumstances?

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culties. 'It is a grave problem no alone for France but for the United States, since aid given to an un-certain Government is not likely to contribute to recovery and stability. HAND TO REDS

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Drew Pearson's: Running Up Cost Of Arctic Pipeline

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The War Assets Administration has just sold the famous Canol pipeline built in the Canadian Arctic during the war to pump oil to the Alaskan seaboard. President Truman, when a Senator, raised Cain about construction of this line. He called it wasteful and unnecessary mann Administration is sufficiently asset to the same Truman Administration is proposing to build another pipeline for a pittance, while another branch of the same Truman Administration is proposing to build another pipeline in Alaska, not far away.

In the proposition of the same truman Administration is proposing to build another pipeline in Alaska, instead of selling the Canol line for junk and buring new pipe for the new project is hard to understook highly important oil explorations in Alaska, which, if successful, should prevent, seasing attounts in the Old, selectivities prevented that if the explorations bear out the first Alaskan oil samples, deposits will be discovered richer than California's guiling oil lands.

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