WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1947

#### \$20,000 Cast Upon The Waters

MEXT week, thanks to the co-operative deprits of City and County officials, the doctor will but his atchoscope on City Hall and the Court House-for the very first time. The Institute of Government will set its experts at the huge job of going through every department of Charlotte and Mecklenburg governments, looking closely at the functions of all departments, studying duplications in costs, efforts and personnel. They will examine ments, studying duplications in costs, efforts and personnel. They will examine the conflicts of authority, and the overlappings of authority. For several months, will be applying efficiency tests to departments which have grown up casually over generations.

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City-County consolidation may not be a stirring cause to most citizens, who lose themselves in the mase of technical glicussion, but there are simple facts about it that challenge the interest of every taxpayer. The \$20,000 City and County are spending on this survey could save us millions. If the Chapel Hill examiners find the duplications we suspect are there, we will not be long in feeling the results in our pocketbooks.

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our pocketbooks.

Consolidation may or may not come out of this survey, for our own findings, while made after careful and honest research, were by no means final or scientific. But even if no more than partial consolidation and savings come out of it, we will be fully repaid. To cliteris who have looked caulty at our present system of local government, things like these are trouble-

1. We maintain two police radio towers, each with their operators and equipment, standing within a few feet of each
other—one to speak to City cars, the
other to County cars.
2. Trouble in the urban area just outside the City limits must be attended by
County police, not by City police. The
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3. Health Departments, housed in the same building, and financed by a strange juterpiay of bookkeeping entries, must oversee entirely different laws in their balliwicks—with County people not nearly so well protected in their food supply and sanitation.

4. We keep up two separate tax staffs, at almost doubled costs, which are over-worked and confused by the two present dates of jesting tax rates, and the resulting confusion of writing thousands of receipts.

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5. We keep up two courts, neither of which is usually very busy through the week, in many cases duplicating effort— and soubling our costs.

Whatever the outcome of the survey itself, this kind of close inspection of the way of doing public business at City Hall and Court House has been valuable. The acceptance of this principle by City Council and Courth Commissioners means that our executive heads are ready and willing to throw the doors open to inspectors, and that others are co-operative when the welfare of all the County's taxpayers is at stake.

### Royall's Hint To His Friends

SECRETARY OF THE ARMY KENNETH C. ROYALL reports that his 1948 gubernatorial candidacy is "more doubtful" now than two months ago, when he told a Raleigh press conference he would like to be Governor, but could make no definite decision in view of his Washington post-

be Governor, but could make no celimic decision in view of his Washington position.

The deadline for filling for the Democratic primary is in March, and by that time the Secretary should be able to leave his responsibilities, with the War Department in good conscience—if he chooses to run. However, his ultimate choice will be based on consideration of the chances he has for victory.

A man who, as Secretary of the Army, has been in constant association with President Truman, General Eisenhower, and other Washington figures of national prominence would be assuming a tremendous risk in song before an electorate whom he has had alight occasior in the past few years to meet, and in running against men whose eminence is limited to the confines of the State. Secretary Royal knows the folly of risking his prestige in this manner, and the "doubt" which he ex-

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be received.
Obviously, the citizens who are interested in the candidacy of this outstanding North Carolinian must not hesitate to manifest their interest to the Secretary himself. Mr. Royall cannot dabble in state politics in his present position; he can only rely on his friends to do his politicking for him.
North Carolinians should welcome for the control of th

Away back in 1894, a virtually prehistoric

date by Southern standards, Dr. Shepard was a Doctor of Philosophy when such lu-

minaries were rare indeed in our section.

#### The Loss Of A Leader

THE death of Dr. James E. Shepard, president and founder of N. C. College A president and founder of N. C. College for Negroes at Durham, robs the state of one of its most valuable and distinguished citizens. As much as any man of his generation, he was responsible for the high degree of amilty which marks race relations in North Carolina. In his later years he was prominent among educators of the nation, but his real contribution to our State was in the diffitualt and courageous ploneering of Negro education in North Carolina.

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His college was the first State-supported in the country, and his labors in opening its coors 37 years ago revealed his vision, and his confidence in Tar Heel members of both races. Dr. Shepard was one of the first Negro leaders to understand that his race could best improve its condition by educating itself, by building its place in the South (and within the existing framework) through determined and continuing effort. His dedication to this principle made his leadership far more effective than that of many who followed him, both whites and Negroes.

From that time on he never ceased to work quietly and faithfully toward his goal of improving race relations in North Caroimproving race relations in North Caro-lina through education and betterment of his people. How well he succeeded is shown in North Carolina's superior record in this field as compared with those of our neigh-bors, as well as in the superb standing of his college—which is recognized by many associations and agencies as first-class in every respect.

every respect.

Dr. Shepard was by no means alone in his struggie; he was fortunate in having the struggie; he was fortunate in having the struggie; he was fortunate in having the struggie; he was not become the struggies of th problems. The general absence of veno-mous social friction is a tribute to his

From The Louisville Courier

### An English Nightmare Returns

IT IS only four years since the British
Government released from prison a
couple of disgraced would-be traitors, Sir.
Owald and Lady Mosley. And Englishmen
growied in mighty indignation at such easy
treatment for a pair who would have sold,
a thousand years of free tradition to an
enemy of their country. The fire bombs,
it seemed, had cauterised from English
bearts the last tissue in which Fascist ambition and intolerance could take root.
Yet today Sir oswald is back in London's
East End, preaching his same old dogma
of undisguised fascism, complete with antiSemitism and economic isolationism. If he
has not yet dared say it, everyone knows

Semitism and economic isolationism. If he has not yet dared say it, everyone knows that Mosley still wants what he wanted before the war—is corporate state, to suppliant the parliamentary institution of this country." He has gathered in 10,000 members of the British League of Ex-Service Men and Women in London, perhaps as many more in other cities. And if the number is insignificant compared with the surrowful import of this little band cannot be escaped.

escaped. Want spawns discontent when its frustrated without promising happiness ahead.
And British difficulties in Palestine have
invited anti-Semitism for troubled and unthinking men.
We cannot condemn the British for har-

Silvershirts, the Columbians and the Ku Klux Klan.

But we can sympathize with the British dilemma. During the war it would have been possible to deal with the Fascists under powers of defense of the realm. Now the British respect for freedom of expression forbids interference with Mosiey's preaching, even though his preaching takes advantage of that freedom to oppose everything else it protects. London policemen stand by the Mosiey meetings to take notes and keep order—for militant Englishment of the Communitation of the Mosiey's meetings to take notes and keep order—for militant Englishment of the Communitation of the Mosiey's the Mosiey's meetings to take notes and keep order—for militant Englishment of the Mosiey following is that if gives propaganda fuel to the Communist cause. For what news could better be distorted and enlarged upon than the appearance in England of the philosophies of Hitler and Muscolini?

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It is an additional symptom of the nar-rowing of the middle ground between Com-nunism and the feudal capitalism of the robber baron days. And it imposes new difficulties and responsibilities on those nations which would preserve the middle way.

'I Think They'd Like Theirs Straight'



### People's Platform

### The Middle Class Is Honored

Editors. The News:

NEVER before have I been so proud of the fact.

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that I am an average, middle-class American citizen. https://discharge.

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not, accussomed to sacrifice and Sparian diet. We must not injure the "elect" to succor the weak. No. Mr. President, the honor and the responsibility belongs primarily to the sverage, middle-tule Dirope. Do not make our task harder by delaying to dicker about grain allotments with distillers and brewers. Keep the rich well-red; and the lixury hotels flourishing; lest we forget to what a state of the state

#### Baptist Protest In Rome

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(NOTE: The offending word, "bigotry," appeared in the caption but not in the body of the editorial. Its use was ill-advised.—Eds., THE NEWS.)

The People's Platform is available to any reader who cares to mount it. Communications should be less than 360 words, typeuritlen if the paper. The control will be signed anything goes. Each letter must be signed anything to be seen to be signed at though, in exceptional cases and upon request, we will withhold the writer's name.—Editors, Tux News,

#### Quote, Unquote

#### Samuel Grafton

#### A Dull Manifesto

and passion, but this seedy serrpy is not one of them.

One has a turious feeling, reading this pronunciamento, that European Communiste don't really an experience of the service of the

difficult to explain.

There are many such holes and gaps in the tirade issued by the Communist functionaries in Polsand. The Marshall Plan is pictured as the current speachesd of American capitalist aggression. But there is no effort sepain why so much (perhaps most) of American capitalism opposes it, including the official publication of the National Association of Manifectures.

## Marquis Childs

back down again.

As a people they have an extraordinary vitality, and they have demonstrated during the past two years a will to work that has few parallels in Europe. Industrial production has risen from only about 20 per cent, and agriculture is even closer to the pre-war level.

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Younger men in the Government
of Premier Alcide de Gaspert have
contributed as great deal to this recovery. Men such as Perrari Agreedly
Committee on Reconstruction, have
worked tirelessly to help get production going again and to cut the
strangling embrace of an ancient
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But if shipments of wheat and coal are cut off or drastically curtailed for very long, then the whole effort will have gone for hothing, the component of the comp

UP TO US

# Dark Days In Italy

# Drew Pearson's : Whisky Distillers Reluctantly Bow

n. So you ought to clamp down for your own good." Distillery spokemen agreed that this was true, but dog-luy held out against a complete moratorium. Potatoes are not a good substitute. Engelhard and colleagues argued, because they are 30 per cent water, mee the industry can get only one gallon of aichoid out five bushels of potatoes, whereas one bushel of grain es tive gallons or alcohol.

WASHINGTON

NEWSPAPER besilines made it appear that reducing the season of the season

certainly been on parole the last two years."

Secret Argentine-Red Deal

HEETS the inside story of the URA-URSR voling deadlock at the United Nations last week over seals on the
all-important Security Council.

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for the Anglo-American group. the Arab delegation of
the Anglo-American group.

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with the Arab- on Palestine. For some mysterious reason.

Visitinsky turned down the deal—though it would have meant
countries of the seal of

The Diplomatic Pouch
A SSISTANT Secretary of State Jack Peurifoy, who was refixed a visa to visit Russia, now-like friends he's thinking of writing a book called "The Failury Of My Mission To

#### Reds Fear U. S. Air Power

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