

A 'Neat Trick' For Taft's Party

SENATOR TAFT is beginning to flounder and show signs of distress on the issue of compulsory controls to curb inflation.

The Republican policymaker and President-elect let the cat out of the bag the other day when he declared in a New York speech that 'by April there will be a great shortage of meat.'

Sometime later it occurred to the Senator that this confession of the prospect for rationing didn't square with the stand that there is no occasion for the rationing and other inflation controls proposed by President Truman.

It now is clear that Taft and the GOP are attempting a neat trick. That strategy is shown in the program for voluntary controls which they are submitting as a substitute for the Truman plan.

devoid of any attack on Mr. Truman's request for standby wage-price and rationing authority, a significant omission in view of the Taft violent assault on the Administration's program when it was first announced.

The Republicans are leaving the door open so they can fall back on some form of compulsory action if the voluntary method fails to halt inflation. They are thus admitting that they do not expect their scheme to work. They are going ahead with their innocuous substitute on the long chance that it may do some good, and thus save Taft and the party from the necessity of reversing their policy.

It seems to us that the Republicans are making another serious miscalculation in thinking it will do no harm to try the ploy. Unless all signs fail, by next April the inflation will have wreaked much more harm on the nation's economy and then we will have to wait several more months before the Taft program is being set up.

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To The Showdown On Germany

FOREIGN MINISTER MOLOTOV moves to the fore in the Moscow conference in London over the German question.

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the true champion of German restoration and that the Western powers are exploiting the Western zones for their own political and economic purposes.

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John L. Lewis In 'Isolation'

IT IS difficult to believe that there is nothing political behind John L. Lewis' latest explosion in disaffiliating his United Mine Workers from the American Federation of Labor.

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Other labor leaders objected to the oath but refused to follow Lewis' example in boycotting NLRB. They had done so, they are depending for representation in organizing and bargaining advantages offered by NLRB, and thus weakened their

hands in competition with rival labor organizations, such as Mr. Lewis' District 50. They aren't quite so self-sufficient as Mr. Lewis and the miners.

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People's Platform North Carolina's 'Oligarchy'

SOMEONE has said, 'Let me write the songs of a nation and I can make the laws of that nation.'

It is beyond dispute that the children in the public schools of this state are being taught the propaganda of the party that controls the public school system of North Carolina.

Therefore I make the following statement: The political oligarchy in North Carolina, has controlled for generations, and depends for control, upon the partisan interpretation of history taught to little children in the public schools.

Those circumstances an election is not the registration of the sentiment of the people upon national current questions of public policy.

As he is looking down the puppet show, sectional prejudice away from the average voter of the oligarchy in this state and he will be as helpless as a baby that has lost its toy.

Great harm comes from the low percentage of voters who are actually taking part in the election. North Carolina than in any other state where politics are sectional, but that is because there is a write or

position to the oligarchy. However, the vote in this state does not compare with the vote in states where the school system is not political.

On the basis of the vote 71,000 voters can control the destiny of the state of Mississippi which has a population of 2,183,000. This shows that where political oligarchy is crystallized and one party dominates for a long period, opinion travels in a rut and politics degenerates into a condition of dry rot.

In North Carolina we have had domination by one party for 75 years (except a temporary revolt of the Whig party in 1848-49) and just as many take part in elections as in states where politics are decided by the opinion of the citizens upon current issues and not in response to prejudices long ago injected into the impressionable minds of little children. So it is.

Complex Civilization CHESTER, S. C.

Due to our economic and social life, our civilization has become a very complex, bringing about many changes overnight in our standards of living.

We are thankful to be sound of limb and alive. Our longevity we attribute to the grace of God and His mercy and aid are getting so we together like ham and egg or beef stew and onion.

A lot of Republicans are beginning to think that Chairman Reece is their biggest mistake—Greenview Piedmont.

THE most hush-hush job of printing paper money was done by the Bureau of Printing & Engraving in the Federal Reserve Bank at the U. S. Army.

The rest is largely a matter of history. Nagasaki's business district was wiped out—18,000 buildings leveled to the ground and another \$2,000 severely damaged.

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Marquis Childs FBI's Work & Policy

Some time ago, NEW YORK called in this column, to a statement by Clifford J. Durr of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

It goes without saying that Durr had no use for the FBI as it was carried, as many Americans are, current, state-hysteria over Communism that seems at times to be meant to intimidate those who do not see the narrowest and most conservative view of the FBI.

J. Edgar Hoover, head of the FBI, told me in a letter clearly the policy of the FBI. I want to quote the pertinent part of his letter.

This says emphatically that Hoover has often said before, both before and after he was in the FBI, that he has no desire nor intention to make policy in these matters.

It seems to me reasonable that he should pass on to other agencies the policy which should be followed in their operation.

It seems to me important that the public should understand the true function of the FBI. Perhaps in the future, if an investigation might serve a useful purpose.

proposed placing the Anglo-American combined chiefs of staff—the British and the American—on a permanent basis.

Joseph Alsop Strategic Partners

IN tracing the development of the Anglo-American relationship since the time of the war, it is interesting to note that the main British attack shifted to the United States.

Officially, the combined chiefs were then only kept in being because of the need for a unified military interest, such as Italy, were asked to join in the Anglo-American alliance.

General Lemay after all, is probably the greatest genius in the American air force in the second world war.

It does not take a very powerful mind to guess that the Anglo-American relationship is on the spot.

Behind this state of affairs, there is a curious and important history. Not very long after V-J Day, when the story of the production of the Soviet's political and propaganda drive, London formally

Several special guards from the Treasury Department in Washington, and twelve plainclothes men from the Bureau of Printing & Engraving also kept a constant watch over the money.

News of the paper-money printing job almost leaked out when one truck driver, 'Bob' Magalia, had clutch trouble on his way to work.

When the currency was finally finished, it was shipped to Brooklyn by train. It was guarded by a special unit of the Army's Original Investigation Division.

Merry-Goround HOUSING EXPEDITOR

TANATOR Race Track near San Francisco. A prominent housing expert, a recent cover news promoter to rebuild the rest of its race track.

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