FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1947 Long Step In The Wrong Direction.

HOUSE Bill 167, one of the most peculiar

It is, as a matter of fact, as leaky a set of statutes as any on the books, with the possible season, was almost enacted into law this week before it was held up at the last minute for further hearings. The proposed act would amend the General Statutes to eliminate the necessity of filling affidavit in divorce cases affirming that there has been no collusion in bringing such action.

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The purpose of the measure, according to Representatives Taylor of Wayne and Ed-wards of Durham, its sponsors, is to dis-courage perjury. Well, perhaps, it would, but it seems to us it would also encourage but it seems to us it would also encourage collusion. And collusion, under the stand-ard legal definition, is "an agreement be-tween two or more persons to defraud a person of his rights by the forms of law, or to obtain an object forbidden by law ..."

The obvious question is why any party to a divorce action who has not "entered into an agreement to defraud a person of his rights by the forms of law" should object to signing a simple affidavit saying that he hasni? And the equally obvious answer is that he wouldn't. HB 167 and nonly be of interest to those who have fraud in mind, or seek to obtain such forbidden objects as a divorce for which proper grounds, do not exist.

We would be the last to argue that the divorce code in North Carolina is perfect.

But HB 167 does not represent an effort to tighten the divorce laws to prevent fraud; it is rather an effort to kick still another loophole in the code and permit fraud without fear of prosecution for perjury. If, as by logical extension of the basic argument for HB 167 we might be entitled to presume, it is now impossible to obtain a divorce in North Garolina without coltaison, then the proper point of attack coltaison, then the proper point of attack and the

obeyed the law.

There is a simple principle involved here that applies also to the prohibition question. It a law is not being properly enforced it ahould be strengthened or, if this is impossible, abandoned. The effort to make any statute inoperative by establishing elaborate legal methods of evading its spirit and intent inevitably weakens the entire judicial structure. To the great detriment of our courts we have strayed far from this principle in North Carolina, and HB 187 is another long step in the wrong direction.

Warhorses With Long Memories

DOTH The Greensboro Daily News and The Winston-Salem Journal have taken occasion to remark upon the fact that the latest assault upon academic freedom at the University of North Carolina was turned back by two old political warhores—Josephus Daniles of Raleigh and Cameron Morrison of Charlotte.

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"One cannot help but wonder." The
News said, "as the burden fell upon these
capable but older shoulders, where North
Carolina's Younger and nominally more
virile leadership happened to be when the
Issue was drawn." To The Journal it was
"perhaps ominous that the foremost champlons of the right of the University thus
to stand for freedom of thought, inquiry
and expression... were two old men now
in the twilight of illustrious careers."

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The answer, we think, has been supplied by Mr. Danlels himself, in the head-line he appended to The Mense editorial when he reprinted it in his own paper:

"Young Men Bound But The Older Trustees Didn't Give Tam A Chance To Talk." Certainly the overwifelming vote by which the Board of Trustees voted down John Clark's preposterous resolution Indicates that the younger members were cheering the warhorse on, even if they were somewhat stiffed by their eloquence. This being the case, it seems to us al-

together appropriate that two elderly Tar. Heels who themselves lived through Re-construction were the first to deplore the raction implicit in Mr. Clark's attack on Frank Graham and Guy Johnson. There could have been no more perfect a refutation of the charges he brought than the quagation from Charles B. Aycock offered by Governo Morrison. That credo, forged in the fires of the greatest racial difficulties this state has ever known, or will ever know, reads:

We hold our title to power by the tenure of service to God, and if we fall to administer equal and exact justice to the Negro inster equal and exact justice to the Negro the fullness of time lose power ourselves, for must know that God who is Love trists no people with authority for the purpose of enabling them to do injustice to the weak.

There is an Old Testiment ring to those There is an Old Testiment ring to those words, and properly so, for they were addressed to a people then emerging from a great ordeal that had tested their capacity for tolerance to the utmost. In the orderly procession of generations the words will lake them up and cherish itmen. But so long as there are those among us whose they also the solid properties of the solid properties. The solid properties who was not the solid properties of the solid properties of the solid properties. The solid properties when the solid properties are the solid properties of the solid properties. The solid properties are solid properties and the solid properties are solid properties. The solid properties are solid properties are solid properties. The solid properties are solid properties are solid properties and the solid properties are solid properties. The solid properties are solid properties are solid properties. The solid properties are solid properties are solid properties and the solid properties are solid properties. The solid properties are solid properties are solid properties and the solid properties are solid properties. The solid properties are solid properties are solid properties are solid properties are solid properties. The solid properties are solid properties are solid properties are solid properties are solid properties. The solid properties are solid properties are solid properties are solid properties. The solid properties are solid properties are solid properties are solid properties are solid properties.

The Danger Amongst Us

A BRAHAM LINCOLN, although he also ABRAMA LINCOLN, although he also deals successfully with a great many of the specific and pressing problems of his day, found occasion to speak in its generalities and lay down broad principles. This has made him a prime asset of the Republican Party, Just as the Democrata are able to turn to Thomas Jefferson and can be considered to the program, and the control of the program, so can the O.O.P. call upon Honest Abe to bless a ten per cent increase in rent ceilings.

This strikes us as a harmless enough practice, and perhaps even a healthy one since there are few politicians in either party who would not benefit more than somewhat from greater familiarity with works of Lincoln, Jefferson and Jackson. If we, being Democratic by both birth and inclination, are inclined to snicker when we find various Republicians invoking Honest Abe's memory on behalf of widely divergent tariff views in their Lincoln Day addresses, we shall not do so aloud.

After all, Jackson Day is coming along next month and we are certain to witness similar forensic calisthenics in our own

similar forensic calisthenics in our own camp.

But, in addition to the panting Republicans who wrestled with the Lincoln legend on his birthday, there were also a few scholars. One of these, the greatest of the Lincoln biographers, is now a resident of North Carolina. Carl Sandburg, in an interview published by The Hendersoneille Times-Wess, clied this passage from an address delivered in 1837 as most applicable to our own time:

At what point then is the approach of danger to be expected? I answer, if it ever reaches us it must spring up amongst us; it cannot come from abroad. If destruction be our lot we must ourservieve be its author and finisher. As a nation of free men we must live through all time or die by suicide.

The Republicans, we think, can be for-given any violence they may do Abraham Lincoln's memory if they will but accept this as the cornerstone of their party's faith.

'Another Voice

But We Need Doctors

A NNOUNCING the results of their recent confidential poll of the medical profession in North Carolina, and, incidentally, revealing their own identities, the members of the self-constituted "Fact Finding Committee of North Carolina Physicians" have dropped their "bombshell" into the Good Health program for the State

First, we believe, North Carolina ought to decide whether the expansion of the two-year school at Chapel Hill: to a four-year school is wise. In the first place, there is a school at Chapel Hill: To expand that school would seem simpler than beginning again somewhere else; but let's drop that for a moment and ask whether North Carolina needs another medical school.

Durham folk can answer from lay ex-perience and general knowledge that Dur-ham needs more doctors and Durham prob-ably is the greatest medical center in the state. Other sections probably would an-wer in the same vein. Some sections of the state are virtually without any doctors.

about one doctor for each 1,500 people and that's the average. Some doctors must serve, therefore, a great many more. Many of our doctors are specialists. That further distorts the figures with respect to general many more doctors the figures with respect to general mum of one doctor to every 500 to 1,000 persons is necessary. North Carolina has 2,300 active doctors; but it needs 1,300 more. It has been needing more doctors for a long time. It seems reasonable to conclude, then, that it needs more facilities for graduating doctors.

It is true that a crying need of many parts of %orth Carolina is hospital beds; but hospitals and their beds are not going to be of much value without medical talent.—Durham Sun.

The railroad charge account opens a dazzling new vista. Hardly less wonderful than the flying carpet will be riding to Kansas City on the cuff.

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Some Republic's circulation figures jump 60,000. It is not yet known if all these are Hank Wallace admirers or just the public that gathers whenever a high trapeze artist works thout the net.

'Well, It's Not Entirely Closed'



People's Platform

Not How, But Why

FLORENCE, S. C.

Editors, Twe News:

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property run the Schools. The teachers must be paid, sens that ergy time higher pay for teachers as membrated a heavy for hovers over the regislative halls. Everything becomes hary-buried in a deep, thick mist. Big question marks appear, voices are heard numbling: "Where's the money coming from?" the paid of the paid

do it.

The teaching profession is the one profession with no future. Perhaps it has inherited too much—public prejudices, insufficient monetary support, irregularities of work and employment of teachers. Only two things are permanent about the teaching profession—one is work, and the other is lack of

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The teaching profession should as the medical, legal and other professions, be such that the teacher can devote his life to it, and live.

The teachers can't always be expected to make all of the sacrifices. They are willing to give the best of the sacrifices. They are willing to give the best work.

It is a fair chance and a living wage while they do the work.

children the time while they are at home. Imagine what the teacher has to endure in order to instruct and manage classroom after classroom of these children—a job requiring patience and fortique. It's work and more work—often monotonous as the control of the patient of the pa

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Government surveys show that almost half of the families in the United States have incomes of less than \$2,000 a year. That's about \$38 a week. Pamilies at this income level "resist. 'infationary prices and continue to rent whether they want to or not.

—D. M. H.

The People's Platform is available to any reader who cares to mount it. Communications should be less than 300 words, typewritten if possible, and on only one side of the paper. Libel and obscently will be deleted—otherwise anything goes. Each letter must be signed, although, in exceptional cases and upon request, we will withhold the writer's name.—Editors, TRN News.

Marquis Childs

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The present record production has little or nothing to do with the fact that the mines are still being operated by the Government. To begin with, it is, a sellers' market. Industrial production remains at a high level, and the demand for coal is consequently also high.

As for the miners, they have felt the pinch of several strikes in recent years. They want to get in all pos-sible overtime to make up for their losses, and what is more, they must pay high prices for necessities. Miners pay has averaged \$60 to \$65 a week in recent weeks.

Harold Ickes

Count Sforza's Fight

A MERICANS have an under-standing and staunch friend

ways in his dreams.

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Enhasy on Sept. 11, 1940. Count
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Drew Pearson's: Assault On Lilienthal Stems From Taft

SEN. STYLES BRIDOES' week-end assault on David E. Lillenthal's nomination as chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission stems from a source other than Bridges himself. In the state of the s

Back Wages For Labor

Dark wages for Labor.

It was a quie, sleepy season of the House Judiciary Subcommittee sitting on the Gwynne Bill which would ban all
claims for portal-to-portal pay. Big guns of the CIO and
the AFL had appeared the day before. Only a few Government witnesses plus Irving Richert, JUAW-CIO legislature director were left but be lead.

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mandation and serious inequities you are looking in the wrong direction.

Hurrying lest he be interrupted, Richter accused the Wage & Hour Division of cheating workers out of 'millions of dollars in back pay through one-sided settlement of distinctions of the second o

run."
Richter read from trade journals telling employers how
to violate the law by claiming their workers were "independent contractors." And as the three Congressmen listened
in astonishing silence, Richter went on to expose sweatshop
conditions still existing in many parts of the USA.

Slave Conditions In 1943

Wage & Hour Division why no single corporation official was convicted, even though there were willful, planned methods of evasion, worked out by the industry?—
The Gwynne Bill, he added, would provide these violations are all the state of the provided by the provided by

The Mysterious Messersmith