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The Hedge On Permanent Improvements

IT is rather surprising that the \$45,000,000 permanent improvements bill a hot through the House of Represents without unlovad incident. The surprising the surprising the surprising the University of North Cardina, and the project has been violently opposed in the past by a highly vocal group of Tat Heels' who have shown themselves not too finicky in their choice of weapons.

It must be assumed, of course, that the measure had the Administration's blessing, and this alone seems to be enough to assure unanimity these days. However, there is also reason to believe that the opponents of the Chapel Hill medical college may be only biding their time.

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Both of these provisions are, of course, wise. Until building costs are reduced to something near normal, if would be folly for a state so poor as North Carolina to sink her sparse funds in inflated construction. And until the Federal Government meets its obligations under the Hill-Burton Act, the Medical Care program, as originally blueprinted, simply cannot be implemented.

The effect of this is to postpone estab-ishment of the medical college indefinite-y. The prospects of the Federal hospital id appropriation are not bright. It seems quite likely, construction costs being what they are, that none of the medical care they are, that none of the medical care money will be spent prior to the convening of the next General Assembly. In this uncertain season no one can forecast what North Carolina's fiscal picture will be two years from now. It could be that the reservef-post-awar fund will be exhausted in meeting ordinary bud get demands, in which case the unspent \$48,000,000 in the permanent improvements kitly would be a tempting target indeed. The present appropriations can be restinded as simply as they were first passed.

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These considerations, we suspect, have been carefully weighed by the opponents of the medical college. It would not be surprising, therefore, if they had decided there is no point in expending time and energy in open battle now, when they are likely to have plenty of opportunity to reopen the issue before a cornerstone is ever latd.

The Erosion Of Basic Liberties

It is logical enough for the Government of the United States to expect loyalty of every person on its payroll. And it is logical enough for the Government to question the loyalty of any member of the Communist Party or any other organization dedicated to the ultimate overthrow of the Government of the United States.

These are the principles upon which Mr. Truman stood when he issued his executive order cailing for a sweeping purge of all Federal departments and bureaus. Since the principles are beyond debate there has been virtually no criticism of the order itself; instead Mr. Truman's action has been greeted with a round of editorial applause.

greeted with a round of editorial appaisse. There is no reason to question the statement of a White House spokesman that no witch hunt is in prospect, for Mr. Truman is certainly not a witch-hunter. Nor is there any reason to doubt that the system of boards of review, with provision for ultimate appeal to the courts, provides a reasonable safeguard for any Federal embedding of the court of the provision of the

The executive order reverses the prevailing theory of Federal employment. Up to
now it has been assumed that any American citizen is loyal to his Government untilkproved otherwise. Only when there were
reasonable grounds for suspicion was an
applicant for a job, or a person already on
the payroll, subjected to a loyalty check by
the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Now, however, this system is no longer regarded as adequate—even though the President himself believes that Communist influence in the Government is negligible.

Henceforth the Government will assume Henceforth the Government will assume that every employee is disloyal until proved otherwise. Every applicant for a Federal job, no matter how routine, will be given a loyalty check by the FBI, with Millitary and Naval Intelligence assisting if need be. Every filling clerk and typist now on the Federal payroll will be investigated at once if a previous check has not been made.

The results of this tremendous investiga-The results of this tremendous investiga-tion will be carefully compiled and made a matter of permanent record in a "central master index". The cost of the operation will be between \$15.000.000 and \$20.000.000, and a major expansion of the FBI staff will be necessary.

In the opinion of The Washington Post In the opinion of The Washington Past, which keeps loving watch over the interests of its bureaucratic subscribers, "no impairment of constitutional rights of free speech will result from the executive order." Octainly none is intended. But we wonder how free the Government employee will feel now that he knows that the constitution of the const and that his every utterance may be meas-ured against an arbitrary standard estab-lished by the secret agent assigned to keep an eye on him.

We accept Mr. Truman's judgment that such drastic measures are essential—even though a far less complete counter-espion-age system provided an adequate safe-suard in time of war and enabled us to preserve the most sought-after military se-cret in history. But the necessity, if not the executive "purge" itself, provides a cause executive "purge" itself, provides a cause for mourning, not celebration. The mass loyalty check is symptomatic of the steady erosion of basic American liberties; we are, all of us, measurably less free than we were before the President signed the order.

Vermont's Displaced Politician

THE record of the (Republican) Party.

in the 79th Congress was not impressive . . . The election in 1946 was won in spite of this record and not because of

"The record of the Party on international affairs is also unenviable. If the Republicans are to win the national election in 1964, it will be necessary for the 80th Congress, which they control, to present a more impressive record than the one made by the Republican Party in the 78th Congress.

gress ... "
Who is thus giving Republican Chalrman
Recen nightmares? Some loyal Democrat
trying to whip up the flagging spirits of
his own colleagues? Some Washington
commension reading the signs and portents in the heaven's Far from it. The author of, these gium remarks its Republican
Senator George Alken from the GOP
stronghold of Vermont. Writing in The New
York Times Magazific, Senator Alken indiZates even greater depression as he considers the current scene:

"Frankly, I am discouraged with the out-"Frankly, I am discouraged with the out-look. The opposition of leading Republi-cans to the appointment of Dayd Lillen-thal to head the Atomic Energy Commis-sion; the determination-to put tax reduc-tions ahead of national financial security, the avowed intention to enact labor legis-lation which would not merely be "correc-tive" but would effectively cripple organi-zations of the working people; and the at-titude on the part of some to build a fence around the United States and let the rest of the working people; and the at-titude on the part of some to build a fence around the United States and let the rest of the working poly does not encourage hope for 1948."

Of course, Senator Aiken is a self-confessed liberal, and this is a bad season for liberals of any persussion. We can ofter him sympathy, not only because dim views of Republicary prospects are always welcome to a Democratic newspaper, but because Southerners are peculiarly equipped to understand his, dilemma. The Senator

comes from a one-party state, in which the party happens to be Republican. The Republican Party does not reflect his views, but he has no choice but to wear the label if he wants to be elected. This, after all, only puts reverse English on the situation most Southern Congressmen have suffered for sixteen years. Senator Aiken will feel better if he wanders across the aisle and compares notes with those Southern Democratis who are asporting Democratic defeat and compares notes with those Southern Democratis who are asporting Democratic defeat as the is finding Republican victory better.

The London Times runs a cartoon, first in its 164 years, and a new audience must now be wised up to the finger of scorn, the square cap on labor and the wringer label-ed oppressive faxation.

The February award for originality in a divorce allegation goes to a Halifax (N. S.) petitioner. Says, the wife hit him with the kitchen stove, instead of everything but.

The press in a Western town alludes gloomily to a local "uncollected garbage crisis." We thought some collector of crises might like to know what's available.

An interesting new element in the job picture is the coming withdrawal from In-dia. After '48 the sun that never sets on the British Empire may be working only half-

Izvestia reports our Republicans ready to join Britain in fighting against Russia. As to the civil war with the Democrats, this would continue on the side, in the quaint Chinese manner.

'Here We Go Round The Mulberry Bush'



People's Platform

Dangerous Corner

Editors, The News:

A Nopen Letter To The Chief of Police:
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A Take this method of calling your attention to a very dangerous situation with regard to pedestrian traffic at the awardering if something cannot be done to help the situation.

At this corner, the pedestrian has absolutely no chance to get a green light, as no marker how, or chance to get a green light, as no marker how, or chance to get a green light, as no marker how, or chance to get a green light, as no marker how, or chance to get a green light, as the light was not considered to the standard and wait for twenty or thry minutes at this corner, seeking to cross the street, and finally, as the light was not considered to the difference of the fault of the driver of the car, but the blame will lie to find the driver of the car, but the blame will lie that is intersection are its designed to said the pedestrian, but are there entirely for the benefit of the motorial.

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It seems to me that the light directly in front of the new bowling alley now under construction, could need to be seen to be se

Appreciation

CHARLOTTE

I wAS instructed by our Board of Directors to write you a letter expressing our appreciation for the fine work that The Charlotte News is doin, not only for Charlotte but the Carolinas. You back us in our work always and it is appreciated.

It gives us pleasure to express our appreciation to you at this time.

-c. O. KUESTER, Executive Vice-President, Charlotte Chamber of Com

The Fascists

CHARLOTTE

Editors. THE NEWS:

THERE is a lot of talk now about the Community
Party in our country. What about fastless What
about people who didn't do anything during the war
for our country. Whose who were drasted to save and
got out of it. They housted everything they could
get. They used the war for their own selfish gain
and profit. They helped Hitler instead of our country.

They created every kind of disturbance shey could with all kinds of class privileges and racial disturbances and discriminations.

These are the kind of people that are crying so loud about Communism. Anyone who does not coperate with them is a Communist.

When the veterans came home from the war and ne from the war and

found that these kind of people had not been made to do their duty and had used the war for their own sellish gain they were stunned. They have a right to be bitter.

Yet we take no action against such people. We might as well not have a Constitution.

The Feorle's Platform is available to any reader who cares to mount it. Communications should be less than 300 words, typeuritten it possible, and on only one side of the paper. Libel and obsceptily 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. The News.

The Hard Way

BACK in 1937, a friend of the late Senator Josiah Balley of North Carolina asked him why he deliberately bucked the New Deal when it would be so much easier and profitable to go along with the tide. The Senator's "political declaration" follows:

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I remember one Pontius Pilate. He pleased his
the sear way. So he lied the governorship. I do not
admire him, but he was a smart politician!
'I remember one Peter-a fisherman, who declared to the people demanding that he agree we
hard way. They tell me he lost his life on a cross.
But I admire him.
'I remember Christopher Columbus, the mafority of whose sallors demanded that he turn back,
way. But he was most unopoular with his crew, Buthe glesovered America!
'I remember Robert E. Lee who returned to

"I remember Robert E. Lee, who refused the com-mand of the Union Army, and all the rewards of the National gratitude, to do his duty to his State. He went the hard way. There were some who called him a traitor! And there are those to whom he is an inspiration.

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'I remember Moses, who chose to dwell in the tents of the wandering tribes of Israel rather than the palaces by the Pharoahs. He went the hard way, He died in the wilderness, but God gave him a mountain!

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"I remember Him who said to the Pharisees
Your fathers stoned the phophets and you build
monuments to them." He knew the hard way. He
died on the instrument of the slave's torture. But
all men look to Him on that cross.

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"None of these were popular men. They, unlike Pllate, went against the tide of public coinion. None of them was ever governor!

"So, if I have made my choice, you must say that I choose the hard way; that I gaft not choose it because I was a fool, or wifufully that I choese it unscifathly, not for my own case or interest, but for the people who have trusted me and hospored me."—Houston Pest.

Marquis Childs

Anti-Red Hysteria

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the Communist against the society media has been consumed as a single that therefore the Communist Parity should be outlawed is a dangerous exercise in false local. If the objective is to prevent close in the communist parity should be outlawed in a dangerous exercise in false local. If the objective is to prevent close in the communist parity should be called in the case of the objective of the communisties of the case of

WASHINGTON festo appealing to farmers, workers and the middle class. Among the signers was Tim Buck, who was still interned.

RE-ELECTED

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Samuel Grafton

Pursuit Of Happiness

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But it says here, in the Declaration, that the pursuit of happiness is one of the big things; and our country was wirturally founded on get sore at a policy that doesn't see that the state of the pursuit o

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Drew Pearson's: British Cabinet Rowed Over Greek Action Merry Go-Round: British Cabinet Rowed Over Greek Action

WASHINGTON

MORE diplomatic details are gradually leaking our regard-ing the sudden British dumping of the Greek dilemma into Uncle Sam's lap.

For-feweral months there had been a bitter row inside the Labor Cabinet over both Greece and Palestim. The Foreign Office wanted to continue British operation in both coun-dwhdling British finances, was opposed.

The dispute dragged on for some time. Rumblings reached the State Department and this was the source of reports on Capital Hill that Secretary of State Jumine Byrnes had been warned lass Cothor that British would have to put up, but there was no definite decision until three weeks ago.

Then, British weather plus the internal economic of played into the hands of British budget balancers. Poreign Office was given an ultimatum to dump Greece.

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Note-Some people wonder how the British can get away with the argument that it is too expersive for them to 100,000 troops in Palestine. The answer is that they can't, Palestine also will be dumped shortly. Tracely is that Palestine wann't turned over to the United Nations long ago before Jewish passions had reached such a frenny that a solution by the United Nations, the United States or anyone ske will be difficult.

PAUL PORTER, President Truman's economic expediter for Greece, speaks with a delightful Kentucky drawl. Foreign languages are not his forte. In Greece, however, he wanted to learn enough language to be polite, and the first phrase he tackled was "thank you" which in Greek is The pronunciation proved difficult. Finally the Greek

Interpreter suggested:
"Maybe you have a friend in Kentucky named F. Harry
Stow." Just think of him and pronounce it P. Harry Stow."
"Effristo."
Porter did prety well that night at dinner and thanked

one every time they passed anything. "P. Harry Stow!" claimed on any and all occasions. ext morning after breakfast, Paul tried to be equally

polite.
"Harry F. Stow," he said, bowing graciously.
His hosts looks puzzled. Porter had reversed the initials of his "friend in Kentucky."

By-Passing United Nations

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THE more the diplomatic corps scrutinizes the Truman
dectrine for Greece and Turkey, this more its members
are inclined to think or Greece and Turkey. He more its members
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denging any matter containing direct count control ine Dat-danglies. Secret that Russian agents have been extremely active in parts of Latin America, and the day may come when Communits governments in one or more of these three countries will appeal to Russia for help against the USA. As sovereign nations they could aruse, just as do Turkey and Orecce, that they have a right to appeal to the con-trol of the control of the control of the con-linguistic case. Russia would have the precedent of the Truman doctrine and could argue that what's sauce for the goode is sauce for the gander. According to this doctrine, Russia would have the right to send military equipment to Panama and Micrargua regardless of our opposition.

Stopping Russia In Iran

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2. As a reverse illustration of what the United Nations can do to stop aggression, diplomata point to the case of Iran. This was the greatest victory so far archived by the United Nations, and came just as the great state of the Control of the Control

to do in Greece—set up a Communist government friends of the USSR. However, strong facilities to the United Nations The United Nations had no police force, no international impactors, no international organization to speak of . It had only the force of public option. Yet its the force of public option. Yet its the Kremlin scarcely knew what had hit them. They complished to his heaven, but the United Nations stood firm and won a great victory. That victory, according to the complished to his heaven, which was not to the United Nations simultaneously with his measure to Congress explaining his contemplated Green-Turkish action and asking iong-range ton Conference Turkish action and asking iong-range ton March 18 the Conference of the United Nations simultaneously with his measure to Congress explaining his contemplated Green-Turkish action and asking iong-range on March 18 the M

Under The Dome

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Palmer, who has just come back from there.
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