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Marshall's Legacy

ous area that is the public mind. The only effective counterattack is through a continuing demonstration of labor responsibility, undertaken with the understanding that every misstep will count ten in the tally against the unions.

People's Platform

any means. Some may yet be enacted into law, but none will slide through the Legislature unnoticed and undiscussed. The rendering and amending process has brought them to public attention, delayed them, and allowed their opponents to rally their forces in opposition.

Controversy, as The Institute concedes, "is helpful in arriving at a fair balance of interests". This, it seems to us, is far more important than the speedy adjournment the absence of controversy would permit. We hope the unusual number of eagle-eyed members will remain primed from now until the end of the session—whenever that may be.

Whether the people of North Carolina would support the South Piedmont scale in its entirety, we don't know. But we do believe that, for once, the rank and file voter is out in front of his Representative in his willingness to increase public expenditures. Legislators are usually adept at sounding out sentiment among their constituents: *The Enterprise's* poll indicates that it is high time to place an ear against the ground in every county of the state.

In Yugoslavia a ban is pronounced on boogie-woogie, trucking, the Carloca, the Conga and Big Apple. This repeats about everything back to the stately Charleston.

"If," a commentator asks, "the Attlee Government resigns because of the fuel crisis, who is there to take its place?" And as one man the primary class in punning answers, "A coalition."

Conant of Harvard says "education is contagious." We supposed it was a teacher shortage that was closing the school-houses.

Now that Morgenthau has offered to give the 900-volume diary back, we've forgotten what it was we wanted to look up.

The iron-handed Tito cracks down on all fortune-telling; but is this the smart procedure? Hitler let the astrologers read the stars, after he rearranged them.

Keep Moving

Editors, THE NEWS:
My home is not in Charlotte, but I am a frequent visitor, and I certainly agree with Mr. Mark about the bus situation and the walking on sidewalks. I dread a visit to Charlotte because of people

MONROE

family reunion or waiting on the busses. Let's keep them moving.

—FREQUENT VISITOR.

Question

Editors, THE NEWS:
I AM coming to you as my source of information for I can't get the answer. I should judge from what I read, if there is another war, it will be fought on entirely different lines and our present weapons

CHARLOTTE

that would be a waste of time. I would like to use the same equipment of the last war? Perhaps the answer is we are not. I just don't know. You are always ready to help.

—ROSE BLANTON.

(NOTE: Reads that she is not always Miss Blanton and asks if she has a try at answering this question? 684 question?—Eds., This News.)

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Senator Soaper Says:

REJECTION by Los Angeles cops of a murder confession doesn't necessarily imply a lack of literary merit. Maybe it just didn't happen that way.

There is talk lately in New York of building a bus terminal, and a town that big could probably support road shows.

Scotch whisky is sold too cheaply in the United States, thinks Winston Churchill, whom we prefer to remember in the old role, of an understanding pal.

"My latest speech has been roundly denounced by Pravda," sighed the world diplomat, happily. "For a while there, I feared it had missed fire."

WASHINGTON

A NEW Secretary of State never begins with a clean blackboard. The record has been written by his

peace treaty with Japan had been agreed to.

Byrnes and Molotov having checked each other, there the matter

the Kurnee and Samkinin were a closed issue and not subject to discussion. Thereupon Byrnes reminded him that this was contrary to a previous agreement specifying that no territory was to be considered permanently acquired until after the

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PARIS
THEIR can be little real understanding in America of how thin a thread life hangs by in France and Britain. The Army and Navy have been in France from one year to six months, partly because of a shortage of military equipment. It was decided to have a huge national export program in compensation, to get the money to pay for occupation out in the fields. But there is almost no money in the pockets of the young men in the villages of France one sees the young men kicking their heels in the village newspaper, tied with striding.

HEAT OR POWER
The United States has defined movement on the British Left too, to disband as much as possible of the

to set its face sternly against labor demands for a "vital minimum" of 1,000 francs a month. It has a master plan for more exports, but it is not offering to let the franc rise. It is saying that it can't allow higher wages, it says, because goods would then cost too much to be exportable, just as there is no really substantial hope of a franc rise. At the moment, when a good meal for two costs nearly \$20. One can see the young men in the need for increasing "respect for the state" so as to put the hard problem of the difference between national poverty the difference between Left and Right seems to blur. The young men are not in their material lives some of the ordinary qualities down near ab-

age is the chief reason. After a man has been cold enough, there is no more to be gained. It is not enough, therefore, to get to feel an Army is a luxury. The choice in Britain is whether to have a small army, or a big one. The trouble is that when the alternatives are that close you end up with neither warm feet nor a good margin for a secure choice. A world power is one which doesn't have to count on the kindness of heaven, or on the clemency of buy.

And in France an answer comes happily. Things are not so bad. There are a number of

Western Europe could increase the productivity of labor if it had more machinery. It could have it only if it had enough labor to build it; it is caught in just that kind of whirl inside a closed circuit. The peasants of France are reluctant to ship food to the cities and the cities are reluctant to ship the francs they get for it will have stable value. The way to reassure them the government must accept the responsibility to cut prices and avert inflation. And so it turns out, with remorseless logic, that the only way to

"Is that good?" I ask.

"Certainly," he answers. It is a good thing to know forward, and that speculators are being caught; the atmosphere will be better."

One wonders whether this curious news bulletin would cheer the boatmen, who are waiting around for word of football.

So then a thread does life hang by, and the thread is the obligation of some of the dancing between right and left. The left is not a government here, but it has had

city worker can hope to get enough food is to be hungry for a while. But when will that be?

But when you have so little room for maneuver as you, you lose a certain controlability. And the more you lose, the more you have to want or to be able to want. And then you know the thread is hanging by a hair. The thread is hanging by a hair, and then even protest feels to have to find new forms, outside of the usual. And then, suddenly, don't, any longer do.

For Brother-In-Law

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leagues from the Magnolia State.

"For a long time John has been riding the front seat of two wagons—Veterans Committee and Up-American Com-
mittee," explained Handin's friend. "He had the reins of both in hand and he drove his teams hard, fast, high, wide and handsome.

"The rushing breezes of publicity, or notoriety, were the very breath of life to John.

"Now that the Republicans have taken over, John is no longer so busy. He is riding the tailboards almost un-
noticed. That's the situation.

"Yes," concluded the Mississippian, "it is a serious question as to which will happen first—John's suffocation back on the tailboards, or a shattering explosion of his pent-up wrath. Either would be fatal."

MOST people don't realize it but the U. S. NAVY is one of the world's greatest users of paint. However, because of the present critical building situation, the Navy has done a unique job of curtailing paint purchases in order to make more of it available for veterans housing.

This has been a tough job. For saving part of the fleet up in mothballs means that it must be thoroughly protected by paint for effective preservation. Also many ships, during the war, now should require

However, the Navy, by drawing on its paint stockpile, managed to squeeze through the year 1946 with a total purchase of \$5,224,000 pounds of titanium dioxide—the most important ingredient in paint.

There are only three manufacturers of titanium dioxide in the USA—duPont, American Cyanamid, and Titanium Pigment Corp. duPont is the largest, and because of the critical shortage some small paint manufacturers have been squeezed out, and some of the big corporations have blamed this on the Navy. Actually, the Navy used only 25 per cent of the domestic output of titanium dioxide during the past year, according to the *Wall Street Journal*.