MONDAY, APRIL 7, 1947

Mr. Albright And The Veterans Vote

CLARLY R. Mayne Albright figured the pointial veterans' vote into his calulations before he announced his candiators before he announced his candiators before he announced his candiators of the form of the many forms of the form of the form of the many forms of the form of the many forms of the form of the military service an asset, forms of the form of the military service and the prime political issue. A few candidates may have found their military service an asset, forms of the form of the forms of the form

Certainly the unimpressive record of the GI Democrate offers little encouragement. The organization seems to have acquired more critics than members in its year of imphasard operation, and it is facing up to its first test at the polls in the Charlotte municipal elections with a mixed ticket that includes GIs dating back to the Spanish-American War. This is certainly nestes that includes OIs dating back to the spanish-smerican War. This is certainly a far cry from its original platform which called for a new day in North Carolina politics to be brought about by the young, rigorous, progressive veterans of World War III.

There is no indication that the veteran's vote, organized or independent, has thus far been a major factor in any election anywhere. Certainly it was not a determinant in the 1946 Congressional contest, for

found the lack of a war record a handicap.

There could be a reversal of form between now and 1948, but thus far there is no sign of it. The veteran seems to have done a remarkably complete Job of abandoning his special status, assuming all his old habits of thinking along with his civil—is no clothes. A sharp economic recession might change all this of course, endowing the veteran sit is not course, and owner than the seems that no political conditions are the seems that no political consideration excites him—not even the abject failure of the Government and or the private building industry to met his acute housing needs.

All of which means that Mr Albright will

acute nousing needs
All of which means that Mr. Albright will
very probably have to take his chances in
the open field in 1948. There will be no
point in campaigning as a champion of the
Gls so long as the Gls have no apparent
desire to be championed There may come
a day when the veterans role must be
reckoned with in North Carolina, but it is
ertainly not here yet.

Good Bill Lost In The Shuffle

ONE of the good bills that disappeared in the race toward Legislative ad-One of the good this that disappears of the race toward Legislative adjournment was the "slum-clearance" measure that would have established minimum housing standards in all cities of over 10,000 in North Carolina.

Despite the social implications of its title. Despite the social implications of its title, the measure could hardly have been classified as liberal legislation. It, was sponsored by the North Carolina Association of Real Estate Boards, and was a pet project of its able president, J. E. Barrentine of Charlotte. Property or the country of the country

It would, of course, have eventually required the owners of sub-standard rental property to spend some money to meet prescribed minimum standards of construction, floor-space, sanitation, etc. But this would, as the fixel Estate Board recognized, be good business in the end for it would result in an eventual increase in processing the standard of t

It might be argued that the property-owners themselves are free to clear slums, as individuals, any time they feel like it. This argument, however, ignores the fact

that the proprietor of rental housing is in a competitive field, which means that the least responsible owners can hold down the rents, and standards of those who honestly desire to improve their property. The measure would simply have placed a floor under ucban housing in North Carolina and set forth the minimum requirements for dwellings that are to be inhabited by human beings. Applying with equal force to all a fair and reasonable means of whing out the blighted areas that mark all our cities.

The measure generated no particular opposition in the General Assembly. It expired quietly in committee, one of those things the members didn't find time to get around to—a rather typical reaction of a Legulature that showed no great concern with progressive legislation of any sort.

with progressive legislation of any sort.

Mr. Barrentine says his Association will
try again next session—starting earlier and
fighting harder for action. We hope the
realiors stick to their guns, for they make
an impressive cash behalf of their
measure. And perhaps two years from now
the Charlotte Housing, Ordinance, upon
which the state bill war modeled, will have
been in operation long enough to show concrete results.

Preserving The Democratic Monopoly

THE political deal, or arrangement by which one party, group or faction per-petuates its own power is a familiar, and perhaps an essential part of the political pernaps an essential pointed states. We doubt, however, if the deal has quite the standing anywhere it enjoys in North Carolina. It is, in one form or another, written into Democratic Party rules and sometimes even into cratic Party rules and sometimes even into law, Such arrangements as the rotation of the governorship between East and West, the gerrymandered Congressional Districts of the Republican belt, and the Mecklen-burg-Caston Judicial apolis division are hallowed by tradition.

These things are usually discussed openly by politicians without fear of adverse
public reaction. But apparently there is a
limit beyond which even the most cynical
politicians do not care to go, in public at
least. The limit was reached in the House
of Representatives last week. Representa-

tive Huskins, arguing against a bill that would require annual automobile safety in-spections, appealed to his fellow-Democrats to defeat the measure in order not to an-ger the voters of the mountain districts who might start voting Republican in retaliation.

Laintion. This brought a somewhat explosive re-action from Representative Umstead, who announced that if the Democratic monop-oly can be preserved only by endangering the lives of hishway travelers in North Carolina it is high time the Democratic Party went out of business A majority of his colleagues appeared to concur, and the incident was heatily closed.

This does not, of course establish a clear line between politics and the affairs of state, or guarantee that never the twain shall meet. But it does demonstrate that the conscience of the Democratic Party in North Carolina has not yet suffered complete atrophy, and such demonstrations are as welcome as they are rare.

Another Voice

Good Riddance To A Bad Bill

WHEN the House killed the "city option" liquor bill by unanimous vote
"ednesday we trust that it disposed of the
controverted liquor question for the femainder of the 1947 legislative session.

The merits of this legislative session.

The merits of this legislation can be argued interminably by partisans of both viewpoints. For instance, it can be said with truth that municipalities (of 5.440 population or over) are governmental entities which have a right to decide the question for themselves. And it can be said with equal truth that a county should be added to the country should be a supplied to the country should be a supplied to the said with each truth had a country should be a supplied to the said with the said w cipality where that business affects the elfare of the people of the county.

But these arguments are really beside the point. Without entering the debate t can be said, we think, that a measure of his design should not have been brought before the General Assembly in the last

lays of its seasion.

The slate should now be wiped clean of an issue which has dogged the legislators we since early January. It has produce some content of the state of the

which has run like a hidden current through the whole session. Is the question closed? Then it is good riddance—Ashe-ville Citizen.

A reported shortage of Army second lieu-tenants may be corrected by the budget slash. If deep enough, it may be decided to supplant he many surplus colonels with cheaper labor.

The experiences of veterans building homes of fresh lumber recall another, of a local smoker whose genuine French brier broke out the Michigan cherry blossoms in a wet Spring.

The congratulations of one and all to the court that is sending up the fast-talk-ing Von Papen. It finally got a sentence in edgeways.

Surprise of the Lilienthal hearing was testimony in regard to a Tennessee nuclist camp, bringing together the old romantic twosome, Atom and Eve.

Though we lived through it all before, in 1920, we never cease to be startled by a post-war price getting its second wind.

'I Thought Your Friend Couldn't Stay Long'



Progress Report

The Industrial South

Manufacturers Record.—Eds. The News).

A with expansion of the concern effected notable gains, ing especially outstanding result. During the period since the last national census of outstanding result. During the period since the last national census of outstanding result. During the period since the last national census of the surgest of the surges

Group	1939	1945
Pood Manufacturing	\$2.096.366.000	\$3,813,415,000
Pextiles	1.431.798,000	2.343,731,000
Chemicals	967.617.000	2.042.962.000
Petroleum-Coal	1.081.595.000	2.013.693.000
Transportation Equipment	156.185.000	1.771,928,000
Tobacco Products	1 034 066 000	1.621,127.000
Iron-Steel	813 206 000	1.172.263.000
Lumber-Timber	458 823 000	938,813,000
Apparel	474 170 000	753.021.000
Pulp-Paper	341 279 000	673 635 000
Machinery (except Elec.)	205 856 000	567 290 000
	370.159.000	502 916 000
Printing-Publishing	355 404 000	498.516.000
Purniture, etc.	361.357.000	457.605.000
Stone-Clay-Glass	234.266.000	419.407.000
Nonferrous Metals	112.388.000	388.976.000
Electrical Machinery	259 036 000	297.305.000
Leather	291 665 000	113 232 000
Automobiles		99:691.000
Rubber Products	79.611.000	000,1000

THE growth easily recognizable from these conf-parative figures is further mirrored in the in-creased flow of raw materials from Southern farms, mines and forests.

Transportation and power facilities likewise have Transportation gains, consistent with the restric-tions placed upon them out of resard for more vital wartime, precessities. Each of these accessory indus-tries made impressive gains and turned out remark-able war records.

ability of the South to weather economic storms and squals more effectively than might otherwise have been the case. In this stability should be come noticeable to those holding capital seeking profitable investment. During the period of the nation's most recent depression, the magnitude storm of the magnitude that the same time the well-established industries in the South state of the same time the well-established industries in the South state of the same time the well-established industries in the South state of the same time the well-established industries in the South part of the same time the well-established industries in the South state of the same time the well-established industries in the South part of the same time to the same time that production up to that time. They cannot however, reveal the much higher peak that has been stating direct that production up to that time. They cannot however, excelled the much higher peak that has been stating direct that production up to that time. They cannot however, excelled the much higher peak that has been stating direct that passes of the time to the South have done so because of the time hasher that has been stating they can be counted on to remain, each beat setting they can be counted on to remain, others,

Senator Soaper Says:

SOMEONE traces the hog shortage back to Wallace and the slaughter of baby pigs, and we guess it's OK, as Hoover took the rdp for conditions portrayed in a 1938 revival of "Uncle Tom's Cabin"

Maybe an Army-Navy merger can be pulled off wishout untoward incident; but would those pup-tent poles support a sea hammock?

If "unauthoritative" is a recognized word, why aren't there unauthorities—like McKellar, on the A-Bomb?

These strictly local jokes interpolated in network condeasts out of Hollywood are not code messages, some surmise. A code message can be fathomed, you're sharp.

It is suggested the British cousin make applica-tion for admission to the USA. This accords with the ancient political precept. "If you can't beat them join them," after 170 years.

Today's opportunity. Assuming he gives back the 900 volumes and that each is two inches thick, Hank Morgenthau with all that shelf room becomes a live prospects for 50 yards of books.

Politics: An endless process of tossing out bu-reaucrats drunk with power and setting up drinks for the new crowd.

Marquis Childs

Atomic Timetable

HERE is a timetable. It is a time-table that speaks eloquently of the terrible dilemma of our time. October 21, 1939. Pirst meeting of the President's advisory com-mittee on uranium; the first step to consider whether atomic bomb

to consider whether atomic boms as possible.

was possible.

1941 — Decision reached for "all out "effort to cache the common the control of the control of

Commission.
January 27, 1947 — Hearings on
Lillenthal appointment start before Senate Atomic Energy Com-

mittee. March 10, 1947 — Confirmation reported to Senate for debate. March 24, 1947 — Debate on confirmation begins. April ? — Pinal action of Lilienthal appointment.

TOO OPTIMISTIC!

Consideration of the control of the

prevent the confirmation of Lilien-thal
That came out finally from Sen.
Robert A Taft of Ohio. Sen. Taft
wants to give atomic energy back to

OMINOUS OVERTONE
Conservatives such as Sen. E.
Moore of Oklahoma oppose Lili
Ital because he is a New Dealer
favor of public power. That is
respected it is the Intriguing
the Ohlo twins, Taff and his
reague. Sen John W Bricker t.
gives an ominous overtone to 1
all-important debate. It makes
timetable look like a timetable
Armageddon.

Stewart Alsop

An Outdated Luxury

JERUSALEM

O'NE point at least its crystal ciear
the Middle East from the vantage
point of this intensely political city.
America can no more limit its intensely political city.
America can no more limit its intensely political city.
America can no more limit its intensely political city.
America can no more limit its intensely control of the control
that the hopeful lady in the pike
could remain just a little hit prectangent Having begun the pike
could remain just a little hit prectangent that its political control
that the pike
could remain just a little hit prectangent that the pike
could be a settlement in balestine
shib be a settlement in Palestine
ability to a settlement in Palestine
control of the control of the control
tensel control of the control
tensel control of the control
tensel control
tense

IMMODERATE INDULGENCE

vy should be pursued without of-fering to shoulder the slightest re-sponsibility for its implementation. As one British official remarked to seen asying. You do it. George-Cone of these days, we are going to seen asying. You do it. George-Cone of these days, we are going to say. Why short you do it. George-Cone of these days, we are going to call for immediate unlimited im-migration into Palestine, while set-sual for immediate unlimited im-migration into Palestine, while set-sual for immediate unlimited im-migration of the second of the suggestion that the United States should open its doors an extra crack-reting miterably in the European displaced persons' camps. Nothing has tended more thoroughly to un-mited the second of the second of the part of the world.

able contributions to a nationa magazine.

TIME FOR BANKRUPTCY

If Mr. Crum's articles are conwould seem to be Frist, that the Arabs who form the large majorit in Palestine and who inhabit the Arabs who form the large majorit in Palestine and who inhabit the county disregarded in any settlemen of the Palestine issue, deep lit. The palestine issue of the Switch of the Palestine issue of the Switch of the Swit

Drew Pearson's: Spotlight Focused On President's Aide Merry-Go-Round

FINE speech which Jimmy Byrnes is making at Westminster College Fution, Mo. focuses the spotlight on one of the most interesting of President Trumaris many unique friends—his blustering, Feb-poly military side, Mad. Gen. Harry Vaughan

most interesting of Preident Truman's many unique triends—his blasteria, Pol-poly military size. Mai Velen. Harry Yaughan

When Winston Churchill took the long trip to Fullon. Mo. to make his famous speech proposaling and charles. Mo. to make his famous speech proposaling and the mystery of the poly speech speech to my the choice we with the college, an institution with only 300 students. The answer was that it is Harry Vaughan's alma materime Byrner' first speech lines his retirement. And are reason. In both cases, the President of the United States personally requested two of the world's most entinent statesment to speak at the alma mater of his military side. And the college of the co

Meddlesome Harry
CENERAL VAUOHAN has not
on the Russian black market
merely turned a pig loose in the
and got a great kick out of the
not merely told the D. C. District
prosecute, and told the Attorne

States whom he should not prosecute in addition, this of estignable greatening has also need to tell the Secretary of Agriculture how to run his department and has stuck various mignleystrenches into State Department machinery on behalf of his royalet friends regarding Great of Agriculture.

Vaughans attempt to dictate to Secretary of Agriculture various mediclesome shows which meddling Harry has made backstage in the Truman Administration.

Last year when Europe was sharving and the American people were eating one siles of breat part of their other properties. The properties of th

"Tell the General." replied Anderson, after carefully listening to his assistant, "that he was not confirmed by the Senate to act-as Secretary of Agriculture."
Anderson's previous reduction in distillers' grain quotas remained.

Vaughan And Greeks

OTHER officials have been more pilable. When Vaughan doesn't want a critic of the King of Greece to visit Athers. high State Department officials refuse a passport. And the most pilable of all seems to be the President himself.

Last year when Europe was sharving and the American people were sating one size of threaded to distillers and brewers. He felt that with the entire American public after of corego tracing the liquor and been interests could force part of the property of the story-telling posterior prop