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# Stilling The Voice Of America

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in the House of Representatives seems
erian to lop of the State Department's
foreign broad-site entirely, or cripple them
beyond reput. The amount of money inreput. The sum of the state bepartment's
budget is considerably small; as Columnist
chom Creaby pointed out the other day the
State Department's 1947-48 broadcasting
budget is considerably smaller than that of
some of our leading soap and tobacco manfacturers. Economy, therefore, does junct
provide a full explanation for the-ondangit upon the State Department information program.
A good many of the State Department's
critics are motivated by an understandable
fear of prophagmada. They argue that entry
of the Government into the field of communication sets a precedent that is dangerous and at variance with American tradition. Their protest is sincere, and there is
merit in it, but the realities of the world
attuntion now outweigh it.
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Out of the first organizations to point out "the dangers inherent in government dissemination of news" was the American Society of Newspaper Editors. More than a year ago the ASNE set up a committee to look into the matter and it was, by and large, a hostile group. But, after twelve months of rather intensive investigation, the committee reported:

The work of the OIC in general and the Russian broadcasts particularly are still in the experimental stage. Considering that the assignment given covers the whole world, the expenditure of the office is mod-est. There may be waste in some respects,

and further experience may suggest that some aspects of the undertaking are ill-advised. That will be a matter for Departmental or Congressional determination. We are convinced, however, that the Ruisering an important purpose. We believe the State Department would be justified in asking for the funds necessary to provide a clearer signal reaching further into Russia and less subject to the natural interferences which are now of request.

rose a center seaming matterly into terferences which are now so frequent.

This, it seems to us, is important testimony in support of continuing and expanding the foreign broadcasts. Some of the editors who served on the ASNE committee are professional watchdogs of the Government, eternally alert for signs of encroachiment upon the private domain. Yet they recognize the important fact that the State Department is providing a service no private agency can duplicate. And they further recognize that if the Voice of America goes off the air is till be replaced by a foreign, hostile broadcasting service which will quickly substitute anti-American for pro-American propasanda.

The State Department broadcasts cannot of them selves bring understanding of America to the world. But they can consider the world But they can be considered to the services on being undertaken by any ascency We are engaged even now in a show of strength in the world by way of demonstrating our acceptance of global responsibilities. It would be particularly trage if, while we demonstrate that we are willing to fight for our moral principles, we still the voice that explains to the world just what those principles are.

# The Vindication Of Louie Newton

THE Southern Baptists, being the inde-pendent, aggressive, and outspoken churchmen they are, rarely sget through a Convention without a rather explosive dif-ference of opinion. One such arose in their meeting in St. Louis last week, and the Convention president, Dr. Louie D. Newton of Atlants, was squarely in the middle of

This time the incident was more political than theological. Dr. J. Frank Norris, fundamentalist leader of Fort Worth, hurled a charge of "Russian appeasement" at Dr. Newton from the floor, and kept firing questions until the Convention shouted him down.

down.

The basis of Dr. Norris' charge was Dr. Newton's tour of Russia made last year at the invitation of the Soviet Government. There are thousands of Baptists in Russis; the denomination, in fact, is the largest outside the Russian Orthodox Church. Dr. Newton set out to find out how the Baptists had made out during the war and under the Communist regime, and he discovered, to his surprise, that they had fared as well as any other group and were, indeed, accorded full freedom to worship as they saw fit.

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when he reported his findings upon his return to the United States he was imme-diately attacked. Dr. Norris and others

charged him with making out a case for the Russian Government, Milder critics the Russian Government. Milder critics said he had undoubtedly been misled by said he had undoubtedly been misled by the clever Russian propagandists who conducted his tour. Through It all Dr. Newton steadfastly maintained that I I he was not defending the totalitarian Russian Government. (2) that he had been allowed to go anywhere in Russia he wanted to go, under escort of course, and 31) that so far as the Russian Bapities were concerned they were not persecuted in any way because of their faith. But there were still away who believed that his faiture to critically and the statement of their faith. But there were still away who believed that his faiture to critically and the statement of their faith.

they were not persecuted in any way because of their faith. But there were still many who believed that his failure to criticize Russia somehow constituted a positive endorsement of Communism: some even seemed to be bitterly disappointed that he had not found the Russian Baptists in dire distress. suppose, still believe that Dr. Newton is an unwitting pronagandist for the Soviet Union But the measurements to St. Louis made it clear that the denomination does not share that conviction. They recognized Dr. Newton as an honest and courageous minister who calls the truth as he sees it and refuses to trim it to fit prevailing prejudiese. In the best Baptist tradition, those who disagree with Dr. Newton on many points joined with those who support him all the way to unanimously re-cleet him president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

# The Egg And Union County

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grant needs are a predominant characteristic of Union's lovely countryside. And last year the barley, cats and wheat raised there fed one and one-half million broilers, three million baby chicks (sold as such), \$7000 barkeys and \$4000 laying hems. The poultry-business in Union now grosser upwards of \$25,0000 a year, and it has brought the country a solid, continuing prosperity the like of which it has never known. Today grain fields are a predominant characteristic of Union's lovely countryside.

The dramatic change is best illustrated by the simple statement of a man who knows—Olin B. Sikes, executive vice-president and cashier of the American Bank &

Trust Company at Monroe. Twenty years ago, Mr. Sikes says, the great majority of Union's farmers were borrowers at his bank: today the great majority of Union's farmers carry substantial cash balances in

bank; today the great majority of Union's farmers carry substantial each balances in their accounts.

In addition to financial benefits, Union's conversion to poultry-raising has established a new and healthy community of increast. A poultry expert has been added to back him up there is an advisory council on which the leading farmers of the country are proud to serve. In addition there is an organization of hatcherymen which is experimenting co-operatively to improve local poultry breefs. Already they report heartening indications of intereasing resistance to disease.

All of Alis adds up to a remarkable record of community planning and development. It is act forth in detail in a special edition of The Carolina Farmer in today's Mess. There is a moral in-Union's story, we think, and great enouragement for all Carolina farmer who are facing up to the problems of a changing agricultural economy.

## Another Voice

### That North-South Differential

Franklin D. Roosevelt and others.

Maybe a Southern coal miner's cost of living is a little less than that of his Northern brother. He doesn't have to put as much money into fuel and heavy clothes, perhaps. But he has to put more money into refrigeration and light clothes—and probably more into those things which make the difference between aubstance and real living according to the American standard.

Mr. Roosevelt, whom most Southerners considered their great friend, probably did more to discriminate against the South-

WELL, at least there is not hing about which we agree with John L. Lewis. We see no reason in the world why the pay of Southern coal miners should be lower than that of the mifters in other sections. That sectional differential in pay scale is one of the worst things that ever happened to the South. And Southerners themselves are to a large degree responsible—though they had lots of help from the late Franklin D. Roosevelt and others.

Maybe a Southern coal miner's cost of livings a Bittle less than that of his North-

The sooner we of the South quit considering ourselves a class apart—a lower class apart—the better it will be. North Caroliniand are among the worst offenders. We brag that we pay our school feachers more than any other Southern state—or do this or that better than other Southern states. When are we going to get around to using the Nation and the national average as the Section and the real-sooner the better—Bigh Point Enterprise.

'Whatsamatter-You Going Soft?"



# People's Platform

# Liquor And The Bible---IV

Editors. The News.

M. R. E. L. Henderson, pastor of the First Wesleyan, M. R. E. L. Henderson, pastor of the First Wesleyan M. R. E. L. Henderson, pastor of the First Wesleyan with the pastor of the pastor of the pastor of the Bible. Although fully realizing the possibility that his sort of thing might so on forever. I nevertheless feel desirous of filling what we lawyers sometimes call a resinder. I should like to submit these points

probably made a more thorough study of ancient creek and Herves than has Mr Henderson. I am in-direct the control of the contr

The son of man is come eating and drinking; and we say. Behold a difference may that I quord scriptural necessary shall be a difference of the same and a winebber?

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-A. Z. F. WOOD

### Pro-Cole

The People's Platform is available to any reader who cares to mount it. Communications should be less than 300 words, uppearitien if the control with the control with the control will be delited -adherente anything goes. Each letter must be signed, although, in creptional cases and upon request, we will suithhold the writer's name.—Editors, Tus News.

## Senator Soaper Says:

A N accused Nazi joined the party, he says, think-ing it was a course in gymnastics. Anyone who has combed our arthetic clubs for athletes will rec-ognize the absurdity.

Another hour of destupy is at hand, and that happy character is the veteran voice of radio, trotting out the accent of doom he regretfully laid aside on V-J Day.

No matter how they wrap the Palestine problem for presentation, the U.N. probably won't think it looks like a gift particularly.

Marquis Childs

# Lame-Duck Writers?

than before."

That is Frank R. Kent in his syndicated column. This same theme has been sounded, by an interesting coincidence by market, by Mark Sullivan in the New York Heraid-Tribune, and by others. It is echoed in a national magazine which editorialized about "lameduck columnists."

duck columnists."

Now Messrs, Krock, Kent and
Sullivan are eminent and important
men who have been writing in the
press for many, many years. The
latter two are widely syndicated.
When they join in chorus in an
opinion, it has the weight of experfence and erudition behind it. DOUBT RAISED

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portion of the press.

They were especially whement in their criticism on the three occasions when Roosevelt was running for re-election. Yet it seems difficult to discover any effect that these and similar strictures may have had on the course of political events in those years.

Perhaps it is nearer the truth to any that commentators may inform the truth to the truth the truth that the truth the truth that the truth the truth that the truth the tr

a postive influence on the course of political events, three is a great deal of room for doubt.

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### Samuel Grafton

# Change In Climate

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are heading, as we leave below
us a strange period of lost and
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# Drew Pearson's : Lobbyists Feast As Vets Pound Pavement Merry-Go-Round :

WASHINGTON

WHILE several million referana and other continues pounds
in the paymentic trying to find homes, the anti-housing behystes staged a gala dimer at the Statel Hotel here.
The dinner was enginered by acc-lobbytis Morton Bodish,
executive vier-president of the U.S. Savings. Clana Leasure
to certal so many Congressmen for the jamboree that it took
on minutes to introduce them.

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### Pull The Right Wires

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DOFFISH is also satute in placing his henchmen on key both the congressional committees where they can aid the building and kigan associations. Last Nowmber, a GOP Congressionan, Charles Fletcher, who happens to be president of the San Diego. Call: And very mysactionisty, Fletcher—though a freshman—suddenly found himself a member of the power-lattices and the control of t

ciation Bodfish is president of the First Federal Savings & Loan Association of Chicago.

Lobbyte Bodfish had waved his Congressional wand.

Southern Saving Committee as two hereinnen on the Banking & Currency Committee.

Note—When the Veterans Housing Bill came before the Banking Committee has year herebman Riley voted against compe of its most important previolens.

Steak And Oratory

With lobbyst Bodfish began organizing his recent Statler
Hotel dimer he tried to get Speaker Joe Martin to
attend. But Joe was too smart. About 40 other Congress
men shoped to however, because the statler of the

Note—Helping Bodfish organize the dinner were Abnet Perguson, who left the Pederal Housing Administration to become an anti-housing loborist and Horace Russell, who was dropped by the HOLG after he used a Government frank to recommend O. B. Taylor, a Massisippi ex-judge ar-strongy to a long late of lean companies. Ohio Gang

government."

O'Daniel poured such vitriol on his fellow-Democrate
that Republican speakers who followed decided that flay
couldn't do any better. GOP Senator Reed of Kanasa contented himself with telling a story on O'Daniel which can't
be repeated here, while Rep. Director compared the free enterprise of his home in Pekin. III., to political Washington,
bounder boby. — Though some of the Congressione present
sevent influenced by the steak-and-oratory, many obviously
were.

OHIO'S GOP Congressman Johy Vorys was addressing a dinner given by Senator and Mrs. Bricker for Governor Thomas Herbert of Ohio. While near the Egyptian pyramide on his Near Eastern trip, Vorys said, be met soothsayers. "At first," he continued, "I refused to have my fortune told but finally they asked me if L would just ask them a

"Tinquired what it would cost me to have a single question answerd and the realy was one bound. This seemed pretty ex-bensive, but I thought I had better go alead with it, so I gave them the bound and watched the soothsayer go into a sort of trance precaring to answer my question.

"Finally I popped the question. It was: Will it be