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Carolina Shares Britain's Troubles

IN 1946 the British consumed 364,000,000

Pounds of American tobacco, sending to the United States \$220,000,000 to pay for it. North Carolina, of course, got her share of that bonanza, which represented an increase of about one-third in British consumption over pre-war levels.

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But the British Government is now moving, and with sood reason, to slash British tobacco bill. Chancellor of the Exchequer Dalton has pointed out that the income from all spoods sold to the United States by British in 1946 is only equal to the cost of the American tobacco imported and the control of the Contr Our own Government experts believe it certainly will—probably by at least one

tertainly wine-protocol to the translation between the mean terms. Last year 45 per cent of the total American tobace farmers. Last year 45 per cent of the total American tobace power to the total American tobace power to the translation of the translation of the translation of the translation prosperity and depression, for tobacco, under our system of sales, is as immediately responsive to the laws of supply and demand as any commodity we produce. Moreover, the increase in British duty poses a grave threaf for the future, for curtailment of American exports to British duty light of termendous boost to tobacco production in the British colonies, and in other countries where the trade balance is production in the British colonies, and in other countries where the trade balance is more favorable to Britain and import duties can be adjusted accordingly.

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Reviewing these disturbing figures in an address the other day, Concressman C. B. Deane of the Eighth District thought be could still detect somplies you continued referral substitution of the property of the control of the concede that "the question arises how long the Government can continue this pro-gram." A significant straw in the wind, per-haps, is the Republican Congress' failure to

appropriate funds to finance Federal research into new uses for tobacco.

Mr. Deana also sees some hope in the
International Trade Conference over under
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international trade barriers, and tobacco is
coming in for special attention. But, while
the Southern Congressmen from the tobaco districts are offering support for the
trade agreements, representatives from the
cotton-crowing sections are, for the first
time in history, beatinning to claims for
protection. Senator Maybank of South Carolina, for instance, in a recent speech betime in history, beginning to clamor for protection. Senator Maybank of South Caraolina, for instance, in a recent speech before the American Textile Manufacturers Association, voiced the opinion that the cotton industry cannot survive in a free world market. And the manufacturers endorsed his argument that no American obliar should be used abroad for the restoration of competitive texts on American obliar should be used abroad for the restoration of competitive texts on the restoration of competitive texts on the South's traditional faith in "tariff for revenue, only." But the South's major industry—textiles—and the sarriculture that supports it, seem to be swinging around to traditional Republican protectionist views. This may very well develop into one of the most explosive political issues in the reston, for certainty we cannot urge Britain to reduce her duty on tobacco while we increase ours on textiles.

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Both views, of course, are predicated pri-Both views, of course, are predicated primarily upon self-interest, as they always have been. But it seems to us the best hope of the future, in the long-range view at least, still lies in free trade. Tariff barriers abeget tariff barriers, as we discovered so painfully in the twenties, and those barriers alone are enough to divide the world. And, of course, the tariff is a form of inverted Federal subsidy which can only place a further strain upon an already overburdened treasury.

place a further strain upon an already overburdened treasury. American tradition — and particularly Southern tradition—ends for free competition in the world's markets. It may be that economic conditions now demand a temporary abandonment, or serious abridgement of that principle. But certainly we should turn away from it reluctantly, and only as a desperate last resort. If history has any lesson for us it is that we cannot stand alone in the world, as we certainly will have to do if we sever the bonds of free trade.

Stassen Cross-Examines

THE division of American opinion over

To Soviet Russia is so sharp as almost to preclude intelligent debate on the Truman Doctrine. The man who criticizes any part of the current program lays himself open to charges of undue sympathy for Soviet Russia—with results that were apparent in Congress where only the most outspoken and independent members dared stand out against it.

This of course is a vastly oversimplified This of course is a vastly oversimplified attitude. A man may criticite the Truman Doctrine on many grounds without climbing into bed with Josef Stalin, or even with Henry Wallace. As proof we need only point to the vote against it cast in the House by Representative Doughton of North Carolina. Mr. Doughton is no appeaser or crypto-Communist. Heaven knows, but like Senator Byrd of Virginia he doubts seriously if the United States can afford to assume the burden of austaining Greece and Turkey against Communist aggression. munist aggression.

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Perhaps a more significant criticism of
the Doctrine has been raised by Harold
Stassen, the Republican Presidential hopeful. Mr. Stassen accepts the need for unilateral action in the world to bolister the
democracies a g a in a t Russian expansion,
but he insists that the program set forth
by Mr. Truman is essentially negative. The

main effort of the present international effort will be to preserve a doubtful status quo, and he believes that, instead, America should spend her money to create something better in Europe than outworn monarchies and neo-dictatorships, something that would stand against Russian Communism on medical commission of the commission of the

that would stand against Russian Com-munism on meril.

Some of Mr. Stassen's Republican col-leagues have accused him of breaching the bi-partisan foreign policy. But it hat, it seems to us, is an irrelevancy, and would be even if Mr. Stassen held office, which he doesn't. As Samuel Oratton pointed out the other day the Republicans accept only that part of the bi-partisan policy which affirms American opposition to Russia; when, as in the case of the relief and in-formation appropriations in the House, they disagree with the Democratic method of implementing the policy they do not of implementing the policy they do not recognize any restraint against sabotaging

Our own idea is that Mr. Stassen—who cannot be dismissed in the airy fashion Henry Wallace invites—may render a considerable service to his country if he continues in the role of foreign policy critic. And it wouldn't surprise us if such a course also added considerably to his chances of obtaining the Republican nomination in preference to the silent Mr. Dewey.

The Veterans Hospital Program

EARLY in 1946 a Veterans Hospital EARLY in 1866 a Veterans Hospital building program was approved by Congress and funds appropriated. Construction of 75 hospitals, including one in Charlotte, was scheduled. But now, more then a year later, not a single hospital has been completed. And, according to the Disabled. American Veterans, construction if a cutually underway on only seven.

It is true that the Veterans administration has preased various temporary army hospitals into servee, and fine serveity army hospitals into servee and fine serveity army hospitals into servee and fine serveity army hospital and the veterans are at this moment awaiting hospital admission. What has happerfed to the building program? We presume that the usual delays and difficulties have been encountered by the Veterans Administration. It may even be that rising costs have made the original.

and difficulties have been encountered by the Veterans Administration. It may even be that rising costs have made the original appropriations a nitrely inadequate. But construction has not been impossible, as witness the amount of private building completed during the same period.

We don't believe the present Congress, economy-minded as it is, would balk at a supplementary appropriation for veterans hospitals if it is necessary to meet higher construction costs. And certainly it hose Federal agencies which control priorities on building materials would give the VA the very highest rating.

There is, then, no good excuse for the delay in finishing these hospitals. The usual arguments against Covernment spending do not apply in this case. The obligation of the Government to provide the best possible care for those, who were wounded or affract down by tilness while in the service is beyond any possible question. So long as

there are veterans in need of hospitalization, new-hospitals are as much in the
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but the need of veterans for hospitalization
cannot be measured in dollars and cents.
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popular amandate it only has to ask for it.
The general public, recogniting that it cain
enver-repay a fighting man for the loss of
a limb of of his health, has long since made
up its skind that he shall have the best
medical care public fundes can provide. If
those 75 hospitals are needed, they can and
must be built. must be built.

Modern divorce, though a great social evil, does give some office boys a new grandmother or two for burial purposes in the baseball season.

On the strength of accusations brought against him, a Jap decides to run for the national legislature—and if you don't un-derstand it, Bilbo will

If it's Cousin Winston who is washed up, discredited and passe, how come that Att-lee still seems to us the interloper?

While a survey shows no state in the union is entirely without some big game, we can't help feeling that Rhode Island is no place for the moose with claustrophobia.



Brave New World

People's Platform .

County Electrical Inspection

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Editors. The News

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Stewart Alsop

Can We Do The Job?

WASHINGTON

THE infinite boresom in a little room which trans-Atlantic plane travel provides leaves the returning traveler little alternative to hought. To one who has seen, however briefly, something of the control of the contr

is simply this: Can we do the job?

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the scode tonorror. Yet this month the humor's work at the coal face have been reduced to thirty-five, and played-out Weish mines, their seams almost run out, and the problem is partly human and partly has been seamed to be a seam of the partly of the partly human and partly has been seamed to be a seamed to be

street but setting good men to run the show.

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Samuel Grafton

'The Right To Work'

NEW YORK
THE anti-labor contingent in
Congress is making heavy use
of the phrase, "the fight to work,"
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INVITING DANGER

Drew Pearson's : Byrnes & Marshall Break Bread Together Merry-Go-Round

T didn't make the social columns, but Sectetary of State Marzhall has just held his first dinner party after re-tirring from Moscow, and the guest this indicates that some old vounds are healed.

The dinner was held in the home Nelson-Rocked-left has loaned Marshall. Guests included. Gen. Bedeil Smith, U. S. Aminssado: to Moscoy Mr., and Mrs. Jack McCloy, former Assistant Secretary of War, now bead of the Moscow Mrs. Burnet. not least, the former Secretary of State and Mrs. Burnet.

and last but not least, the former Secretary of State and Mr. Byrnes.

Mr. Byrnes and back from his own mission to Moscow—after a futiure no worse than Marshall—and was welcomed by a barrage of criticism from some of Presidents as welcomed by a barrage of criticism from some of Presidents as welcomed by a barrage of criticism from some of Presidents Leahy, urged Truman to drop Byrnes and replace him with Ceneral Marshall as Secretary of State. In fact a message was sent to Marshall, then in China, on a secret War Department code to that it would not be seen by the State Department. asking the Mr. Byrnes.

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arshall to be available.

Premature publicity, however, helped upset this plan, at even the goodnatured Jimmy rankled at these maneuvers though he pever blamed Marshall for them. As a sort of ken of friendship, however, and in order to compare notes Russla, both men sat down last week and broke bread-to-

Program For Greece

NOW that President Truman has been voted his money for Greece and Turkey, he faces the all-important question of exactly how he will spend it. Upon this largely depend two things:

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Pearson's Program For Greece

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3. Don't waste money on the Greek Army. They don't need any more weepons of hate with which to kill civilians, one of the state of the

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5. Use most of the American cash to rebuild the key ports of Salonika, Piraeus, and the railroad bridges. This will both give employment and get the trade of Greece back will both give employment and get the trade of Greece back banks or the World Bank can go in the second year with ordinary business loans to finance the rest of Greek reconstruction.

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John Scholmer and U. S. dollars are squandered on arms, plus goods which only bolser the ruling Royalists and sventually reach the black marget, then Greece will be back asking for more dough one year hence.

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