

THE CHARLOTTE NEWS

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Does The GOP Protest Too Much?

PRESIDENT TRUMAN got off a truisment the other day to the effect that there is no need for the present boom. It out to be a first the property of the property

This drew an immediate rise from the Congressional Republicans, who seem to be growing abnormally sensitive these days. "It's an old, old game for the White House to blame Congress, "thundered Chairman Knutson of the Ways & Means Committee." The President should furnish Congress with a blueprint. Congress has done everything possible to half an inflation spiral." Chairman Woolcott of the House Bankins Committee added: It is those Bankins of Committee added: It is the black of the b

to find anything in the record to sustain Mr. Knutson's assertion that Congress on its own has done everything possible to halt the inflation spiral.eMr. Knutson, in fact, is the leading proponent of the blan-ket income tax reduction which almost any economist would agree is highly inflation-

The fact of the Republican protest, how-ever, has some importance. It reflects a

genuine uneasiness. Up to now the GOP has been engaged in a dismantling job, getting the Government out of business as it is usually called. The Republican leadership, indeed, has argued that it had a bounden duty to do so; its mandate from the people provided for the specifiest possible, seture to defect the specifiest possible, seture to defect the specifiest possible, seture to defect the specifiest possible seture.

bounden duty to do so; its maneaer rom the people provided for the specialest possible return to a free and uncontrolled economy. Mr. Truman seemed to accept their victory in the same light, and the Administration has fought only a half-hearted rear-guard action to preserve appropriations for the various departments. Politicians on both sides of the fence now seem to be growing increasingly sensitive to the economic distocations that have readed to the second control of the secon

of today's cost of living.

None of this, however, presages any genuine shift of polity. Rather it is sparring
for political advantage which has some sigrifficance for 1948. The coming Presidential
contest seems certain to revolve around the
effort to place the blame for the inflation
that has cut into the living standards of
millions of Americans. If that oft-predicede mat 'maz' tit mor 'ring san-mat' maz' tit mor 'ring san-mat' maillions of Americans. If that or, or predicted recession arrives in widespread unemployment it may very well be the determining issue in the Presidential campaign. In the meantime we may as well resign ourselves to the prospect of a period of loud talk and little action. With an election looming the only domestic co-operation possible between a Republican Congress and a Democratic Administration is on the level of the agreement of two prize fighters to abide by the Marquis of Queensbury rules.

The Babbling Of Mr. Reece

MR. CARROLL REECE, Republican National Committeeman, sniffing the air like the legendary foxhound of his native East Tennessee hills, Old Limber, has babbled badly, a foxhound sin, and should be taken up from the cast. "This spt, if irrovlved description, is from the pen of Editor Raiph McGill of The Alfanta Constitution, a gentleman who welld not be expected to have kind words for Mr. Rece under any circumstances. But even Mr. Recev's bed firends, it seems to us, would have to concede that he asked for it.

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For the ababling Mr. McGulli refers to is
one of the most absurd public statements
of this or any time. Mr. Recee has unveiled
a new thesis and offered it as official Republicanism, the ultimate extension of the
doctrine of leiszer faire. The Government
has no bistiness dabbling in economic matters at all, says Mr. Recce, for there is no proper connection between the economic and the social and political aspects of our

A good many honest Americans have come to believe that there is in fact a rather close relationship between the economic, the political and the social, Mr. Recec concedes, but they are the victims of a victous

and deliberate perversion of the history books. And who did the perverting? Why who else but the Reds, who sent a gang of Communist authors to the United States some years ago to write our history books for us. These sinister characters, posing as honest and forthright professors, have colored our thinking with Marxist doctrine.

plained in economic terms.

Mr. McGil finds this "Thaw in Republican thinking" tragic, and he is inclined to brood bore what may happen to the country if it is taken over in 1948 by those who share Mr. Recee's views. We doubt if it's quite that serious. Mr. Recee is a political spokesman who is obviously more interested in effect than in logic. His devicement to be to state an impossible thesis and then explain it in terms of an impossible condition. The Reds serve him as a following the state of the

aganda.

Having no faith at all in, Mr. Recec's method, we are quite content to see him continue to lead the Republican pack. His babbling is the most effective Democratic propaganda we know.

The Cotton Fields Of Buncombe

A SHEVILLE, it appears, will have a group of distinguished and glamorous guests from Hollywood within the next few weeks. Headed by Van Heflin and Susan Hayward, a movie company is expected to arrive to film preliminary scenes for the forthcom-ing picture, "Tap Roots".

We are pleased, of course, that Tar Heel scenes will thus be immortalized on celluloid, but we are also more than a little pursiled by it all. "Tap Roots" is a novel about life in Mississippi between 1858 and 1862, and North Carolins figures in it only by virtue of the fact that its author, James Street, is now a resident of Chapel Hill.

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It could be that Walter Wanger is sending his crew to Asheville as a mark of respect for Mr. Street. But we fear that the
explanation is not quite that simple. We
fear, in fact, that the gesture is symbolic of
that prevailing American provincialism
which identifies the South as one vast, flat field of cotton stretching from the Potomac to the Rio Grande.

We dare say a satisfactory Mississippil background could be located in North Carolina if Hollywood really needed one. But not, we are confident, in Buncombe County, in its physical aspects, Asheville is closer to Denver than Jackson. It's going to require the highest cimenatic skill to pass off the towering peaks of the Blue Ridge as the gentle red hills of northern Mississippi, and it's go in y to be impossible to locate a stretch of terrain near Asheville that has any resemblance to the black fields of the Mississippi river country.

Asheville, however, is a cool and charming place to visit in the Summer, and this, along with the indublable fact that it is in the South, apparently determined its selection. Mississippians may feel slighted, of course, but we imagine Hollywood will make it up to them. If, for instance, it is necessary to shoot any location shots for the film biography of Thomas Wolfe next Winter we wouldn't be at all surgrised to see a camera crew set up in Gulfport or Biloxi.

Another Voice

Funds Versus Freedom

ALL who seek to preserve freedom of religion in the United States would do well to take note of the farsighted declara-tion of the Southern Baptist Convention against a cceptance of public aid for church-sponsored schools:

Acceptance of such grants upon any pretext whatever will weaken the Baptist witness in behalf of the principle of separa-tion of church and state.

tion of church and state. Churchmen who may be tempted to seek public support for sectarian schools might well take heed of the fact that what Governments pay for they tend to control. Churches, are free to maintain schools to teach their own religious dectrines. But they should not expect taxpayers who dissent from such teaching to support it.

The Baptis statement was partly evoked y the recent Supreme Court decision per-litting New Jersey to pay for bus trans-rotation to parochial schools. But it was bt simed merely at Roman Catholics, for points out that such a ruling would per-it 258 different denominations "to put

their hands into the public treasury for support of their sectarian schools." Along this road Americans could unwittingly travel to the gradual weakening and even-tual destruction of that pillar of freedom— the public school.

On this road also lies a danger that gov-ernment will first subsidize religion and then control'it. The Baptists are wise in re-jecting the subsidies. — Christian Science Montitor.

Some in Washington are for withhold-ing tax cuts and other such goodies until 48. While it is true politically that there is a Santa Claus, he only comes in election

Talking up a possible strike of film tal-ent, a cutie says "We would win because the studios couldn't make pictures without actors." No? They gave Crosby an Oscar for playing Crosby, didn't they?

Too Bad You Ain't The Voice of Snowy-Suds'



People's Platform

Jargon And Solipsism

A Charlotte, you may be interested in the following tester I work so George shooksky, columnist for The Control of the Control

recorded words arrive at a proper conclusion as no what his real position is in the world of letters and election.

He has used min of his radio time and column. He has used min of his radio time and column with the control of the

definitely reporting on this righteous solipalst Jar-soneer Watter Winchiel. The very fact he admired immed! so immed and the province and blasts have and all who have the temerity. as well as the bad taste to follow in his footsteps, is a difficient evidence of the quality of his self acclaimed purity of motive.

As a concluding reference to Jargoneer Winch-ell's tolerance. I refer to his suggestion that instead of Stalin's proposal to liquidate 30,000 Germans, the Jargoneer was in favor of liquidating 50,000,000. Is my designation 'solipats' proper, or not? —ARTHUR S. FLOWERS

Liquor Advertising

Editors. The News:

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and in the case of beer, over the radio.

No civilization can list that allows its youth to be mileted and exploited. The alcoholic beverage advertising that is being conducted in this country is afmed to connect oriniting and success as partners; and the connect oriniting and success as partners; but to the connect oriniting and success as partners; but to our youth who will try anything that they time will make jissen smart and successful. To executive at his desk with a bottle of liquor is still, so they must be trying to appeal to our youth and those who do not know better. We should all wheel the still t

Omission

Editor. THE NEWS

MONROE

N my letter of May 14 which you captioned,

"Liquor Prewnts A Bill", an omission was made
which destroyed my meaning that the estimated
annual cost of crimes from drunkenness is fourcost of 12 billion, which far exceeds the Government
tax of 315 billion collected in 1946 from liquor in
the Unified State.

In 1945, the estimated number of drinkers of liquor in our country was 40 million instead of 3 million as printed by you.

The People's Platform is available to any reader who care to mount. It. Communications should be less than 300 words, typewritten if possible, and on only one side of the paper. Libel and obscently will be deleted—otherwise anything goes. Each letter must be signed, although, in exceptional coase and upon request, we will withhold the writer's name.—Editors, Tim News.

Marquis Childs

Men Around Dewey

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ALBANY, N. Y.

GOV. TROMAS & DEWRY and the officers of a rising and sagresshe of the traditional position of the control of

There Governor.

INNER CIRCLE RULE

The rule in the inner circle is
unanimity or get out. Unanimity
may come after long discussion, but
when the Governor speaks the final word, there must be no public dissent. Dewey's admirers call
this order and efficiency. His foet
call it dictatorship.

Samuel Grafton

chief irom a second pleasantness.

Dewey's Budget Director and chairman of New York's Postwar Public Works Planning Commission is 39-year-old John E Burton. Burton was a specialist and lec-

Culture And Politics

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NEW YORK
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Drew Pearson's : Salute To Josephus Daniels, Great Editor Merry-Go-Round

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birthay he still writes a dayly selicorial and keeps his sense
of humor and his same same philosophy on life, and on
the same same philosophy on life, and to his
family and the nation as Josephus Danleis—then that's
news. And it's more important news than anything I could
dig out of a Cohinet menting or salvage from the backfoor
of So today—the day after his 85th birthday—I'm going to
write about Josephus Danleis. because, though
he's he'd high position, has "walked with kings," been flatiered by admirals, been taken up on the mountain, he's
never jost the common touch. He has remained just the
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never lost the common fourn. As the same.

His story is a story which perhaps could happen only in America. His father died when Josephus was two years old, and his mother opened a millinery store to support the same of th

Country Editor At 18

Early Champion Of Airplanes
IT is significant that Dailels. Sunday-school teacher that
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airplane and to the unification of the Army and Navy. As
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