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The Governor And The Telephone Strike

GOVERNOR CHERRY'S concern over the failure of Southern Bell and its striking union to settle their differences after thirty days is proper enough. The curtailment of a public utility is a serious threat to the well-being of all North Carolinians and the Governor is duty-bound to present and the Governor is duty-bound to prevent

if he can.

The method the Governor chose to call an end to the strike, however, was most peculiar, and the control of the c

The telephone union understandably regards this action as strike-breaking, and it bitterly accuses Governor Cherry of encouraging it. The Governor, in a statement couraging it. The Governor, in a statement issued Sunday, defends himself against the charge with the statement that "I have never ordered the strikers back to work at company terms." Technically, this is correct, although the effect of his original directive was to give them a choice between going back to work at company terms or losing their jobs.

In his Sunday statement the Governor also said:

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In my dealings with the union and with the company—and I have had just as many contacts with one as with the other—I have suggested that if the two saids cannot reach as a board of arbitrators to be settled here and that meantime the citizens of North Carcinas be given relief from the suffering and inconvenience that the contact of the said of the contact of the said of the contact of the said of the contact of the said contact

public would have the use of a utility it has every right to expect.

It is regretiable that the Governor did not include this elaboration of his position in his original blunt directive. Moreover, if the Governor believes—as he indicates here—that there are two sides to the dispute it is strange that he did not originally insist upon arbitration rather than upon termination of the strike at any cost. It might be argued that the Governor has no authority to order arbitration; but, so far as we can see, he also does not have authority to direct the telephone company to restore full service by hiring non-union operators. If he strike, he certainly has an equal right to insist that the dispute he arbitrated. That course is still open to him, and we hope he will follow it. Otherwise the suspicions will not down that when he felt it necessary to enter the dispute he came in on the ade of the company.

Mr. Stassen And Mr. Stalin

"I am not a propagandist," said Mr. Stalin to Mr. Stassen, "but a businesslike man." And it must be conceded that the transcript of the Stalin-Stassen conversa-tion in the Kremlin bears out that state-

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My. Stalln talked at great length of the need for mutual co-operation between Russia and the United States. Much of his conversation had a cheerful ring to it, but there were passages that indicate his own lack of understanding of the American system. Like the good Marxist he is. Mr. Stalln dismissed any discussion of conflicting political systems with the observation that "governments are a temporary Tactor."

that "governments are a temporary"lacthat the temporary solution of the conversation the Russian Premier observed that there is no essential difference between the German economic system under Hilter and the protestations that Nari Germany demonstrated the evils of runaway capitalism—
"imperialism, state monopoly, and the oppression of workers"—while the United State's represents regulated capitalism
based on fundamental individual freedoms did not impress Mr. Stain' fat all. "There was a difference of government but no difference in the economic systems," he insisted.

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sisted. This, we suppose, is the Russian counter-part of the common American attitude which refuses to recognize any real distinc-tion between Nati Germany and Soviet Russia. Americans who hold this view point to the political stimilarities—totalitarian-

Ism and oppression—and stubbornly ignore the fact that the two systems were based on entirely different economic concepts.

The Marxista, of course, interpret every sevent in economic terms. The American terms is a substantial terms. The American terms is a substantial terms. The American terms is a substantial terms. This difference in approach showed in several places in the Stassen-Stalin conversation. Both agreed that mutual understanding between the two nations would be aided materially by an exchange of ideas and news, of students and teachers, of artists and tourists. But Mr. Stassen, like most Americans, believes this process should begin at once in order to draw the two countries together. Mr. Stalin, on the other hand, believes that economic bonds must be forced first. This sectablished, he said, "for an exchange of goods will lead to an exchange of people."

Both the Russian Premier and the Respublican Presidential prospect agreed that the conflicting economic systems of American and Russia could co-exist without conflict. But both also agreed that there is a great danger in present tensions in both countries. Their major disagreement was over method of reducing those tensions, may be taken as one present difficulties with the Soviet.

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In this light, then, Mr. Stassen's interin this light, then, Mr. Stassen's inter-view may be taken as one of the few bright, spots in the international picture. Surely if two great powers believe they can and must co-operate differences over method should not divide them forever.

Washington's Mad Social Whirl

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It had always been our impression that Washington; except for an occasional spurt of feverish activity in wartlme, is distinguished by a rather charming lethargy unknown to other, more commercial etties in its population bracket. It appears, however, that underneath its placid surface the capital is a hotbed of social activity and life there is one mad round, of cockiali parties, banquets and leves.

At least Representative Fred Bradley, Whishigan Republican, finds it that way. The social whirl, he reported to his constituents the other day, is 'one of the most severe handicaps under which this Congress is attempting to function." Some of his colleagues, Mr. Bradley reports, find it necessary to rush around Washipston and appear at several receptions and banquets in one evening.

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We have no doubt that a Congressman who worked as it, tould, as Mr. Bradley says, receive "an invitation every night in the week and several on Sunday." But surely few of these affairs could be of an official or even a semi-official nature. Most of them must be tendered by grivate hostesses who consider a Congressman or two, like parsley, necessary decoration for a

formal dinner.

We don't understand, therefore, why Representative Bradley seems to feel any Representative Bradley seems to us, could be met with a polite rejection without any disastrous social or political consequences.

We also wonder if the foriorn Democrats in Congress are faced with the same problem that so disturbs Mr. Bradley. There was a time, as we recall, in the great days of the New Deal when Congressional Republicans were reported to have plenty of time aimost any evening for a quiet walk along the Potomac before turning in early. It could be that the Democrats, now that they are in the minority, have been stricken from the best of the minority of the problem of the control lists. It might be the control of the con

Another Voice No Bronze Jeeps, Please

THE Christian Science Monitor wonders how generals can be appropriately carred in marble without those prancing chargers, now that generals mount jeeps instead of horses to survey hattlefields. "Since the days of Alexander's Buccphalus the cavalry horse has been the standard prop for a statue of a general," asys our learned Boston Vondemporar," and the state of a general, asys our learned Boston Vondemporar, but white steed, of Thomas Jonathan (Stonewall) Jackson and his Old Sorrel, and—most famous of all-of General Robert E. Lee and Traveler, belong to the past." Imaginative sculptors should be able, to conceive heroic poses for our heroes simply y following history. Let them depict MacArthur striding ashore from a landing barge in the Philippines, Patton squinting, through Bincenlars at the Sicillan ahore

line, of Montgomery perched on a tank in the midat of the African campaign. Airborne division commanders could be shown leaping from an imaginary plane with pack on back. A harder problem would be what to do with top commanders like Eisenhower, whose vitally important duties were primarily those of planners and co-ordinators. Oould Imperhaps be shown at his probably would be art, but it would cerval probably would be art, but it would cerval. probably would be art, but it would cer-tainly be novel. — Richmond Times-Dis-

A customer who fancies himself a master of ceremonies was asking the butcher to-day about the "cheaper cuts", for a laugh.



People's Platform

Weeds In The Garden

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American primacy will rise in grandeur and power, if fate so decree. like the mighty oak of the forest, and as a symbol, with its roots deep in the rich soil of justice, individual liberty and tolerance, for these are the things for which the human race strives and yearing.

-HOYT H. EAVES.

Anti-Cole

CHARLOTTE

THE resources of subject material has apparently struck a new low in the field of journalism, when conditions seemingly force dipping of the pen into the pairry reservoirs of adulation to the extent of eulogizing a caricature of bufforers.

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Amid the hue and cry of the "newsprint shortage" it appears a strange contradiction in terms that otherwise good news space would be wasted on a "sugar coating" propaganda job, in which the only sensible reference made to the central character is that he "sounds like a farmer trying to imitate a radio announcer on Amacure Melti."

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Marquis Childs

A Myth From Moscow

WASHINGTON

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German reparations. Waan't Ritier who said something and
tiring. The bigger the lie, the more
certain it is to be accepted as truth. That somehow has a famillar sound, even though Hiller
has been dead two years now.

Stewart Alsop

England's Dilemma

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Drew Pearson's: Wallace's Wandering Embarrasses Family Merry-Go-Round: Wallace's Wandering Embarrasses Family

HENRY WALLACE'S European barnstorming trip caused most—his immediate family.

But the state of the Swiss Minister to the U.S., popular Charles Bruggmann. It was behind the spacious Swiss legation residence that Henry used to tend his vegetable garden in the days when he did not have to commute back and not close bond between Henry and his sister—will is supported by the state of the state of

Hill is Bit when diplomatic friends asked Mrs. Brugmann what she thought of her brother's European speeches attacking the Truman foreign policy, Mrs. Brugmann smiled wanly. "Mother wishes that which come home," she said. Note-Henry wallace's mother lives in Des Moines, lowa, and will be 80 years old next month.

Wandering Wallace

ist don't agree. They think France will pull through-despite of DeGaulle's operations. . The French are not worried about native Communists, on the French are not worried about native Communists, on the French are not considered to the constant of the co

Inside The Ku Klux Klan

MINUTES of the Ku Klux Klan—Klavern No. 1, Atlanta, Og., April 14: Because of leaks a new card system was announced so no Pearson agent can amuggle themselves inside Klan meetings.

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