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## Charlotte's New City Council

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THE results of a municipal primary in which is set than a fourth of the eliable voters participated and a general election that was little more than an empty formality might well have been disastrous. The happy fact, however, is that they weren't. Yesterday's confirmation of a foregone conclusion guarantees the apathetic, citizens of Charlotte much better municipal government than they have any right to expect.

The new Council is about as representative as a council about as representative as a council at Bouthart For contains two labor executives and an employee of a veterant's organization. Although elected from the city at large it adequately represents its various sections. Four of the councilmen are political veterans with solid records of municipal service behind them; the other three are budding politicians of considerable promise.

Although these seven candidates offered on a single slate, the "GI" tag with which can be a single slate, the "GI" tag with which all any sevenas, it is true, but their service ranges from the Spanish-American was to world War II. Only three of them could

possibly be considered representative of that new blood with which the state OI Democratic organization once promised to infuse the body politic. The slate, in fact, was the usual carefully-balanced coalition of old and new faces which often swings the balance in an apathetic campaign. One of the most encouraging factor of the election is that after properties of the election is that after the properties of the state of the election is that after the election of the with a prior endorsement from Mayor Baxter. This should quarantee an unusual degree of unity, in the beginning at least, for it indicates that all concerned share Mr. Baxter's progressive views.

Without reservation, we offer our concratulations to Councilmen Albea, Childs, DeLaney, Lambeth, Jordan, McKee and White—and to Messrs. Atkins, Glenn and Soberts who were simultaneously elevated

White — and to Messrs. Atkins, Glenn and Roberts who were simultaneously elevated to the School Board. They are taking over the City Government at a critical mo-ment in Charlotte's history, a time of rapid expansion and great dislocation. Their job will not be an easy one but, from the look of them, they are men who can han-dle it.

## The Communists Place An Ad

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IN THIS edition of Tux News there is an
advertisement of the North Carolina
District of the American Communist Party.
It conforms in every respect to the standards we have long since laid down for all
political advertising. There is nothing offensive in the text, aithough we regard
several of the statements contained therein as dublous in interpretation if not inbasic fact. Nevertheless, the advertisement
is a bid for public understanding of an
organization for which we have no sympathy at all. Why, then, do we publish it?
There are two related reasons. First of
all the advertisement, perhaps by design,
sevres as a clear test of this newspaper's
faith in civil iliberties. The C om m un is t
Party is a legal organization and as such
it is cloaked in the full protection of the
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ed because of our fundamental disagreement with the speaker.

ment with the speaker.

The fact that Communists seek to employ our advertising columns as a forum, however, raises a practical question, and the seek of the seek

Our faith in the ultimate wisdom of the Our faith in the ultimate wisoom or the people is absolute. That wisdom, we believe, is the product of conflicting social, political and economic theories— each of-tered freely in the marketplace of opinion and weighted according to merit. We do not believe Communist ideology can survive that test, and we therefore publish the Parly's advertisement without trepidation.

# Hedge Against Unpreparedness

REMARKING here the other day upon the American Legion's massive public relations program designed to insure adoption of Universal Military Training we noted our agreement with the Legion's basic premise: That UMT is essential to national security and therefore essential to the Truman Doctrine which extends the American frontier to the Russian border.

American frontier to the Russian border. That certainly seems to be the opinion of most of the generals and admirals who were, we thought, unanimously in favor of UMT. However, Hanson Baldwin, The New York Times military expert and probably the country's ranking civilian authority on military affairs, has now come forward with an eloquent attack upon UMT. And he had not be to the second of the commence of the second property of the property

time commander of the fighting Fourth Armored Division.

Neither Mr. Baldwin nor General Wood questions the need for taking adequate steps to guarantee our national defense. Theirs is not a pacifist or even a pro-IN argument. They simply do not believe UMT is worth anything at all in a strict military ment to support their views.

At the beginning of any war the time factor is vital; in an age of atomic bombs and long-range guided missiles, which multiply previous destructive potentials by thousands, the time factor is all important. Within ten years, Mr. Baldwin believes, these new weapons will reach such a stage of perfection "initial defeat or victory would not in anyfease depend upon a mass of semi-trained reserves for the ground army. If the war contract control of the

air and sea would be necessary before we could transport large armies overseas and time would be required to equip these armies. There would thus be time for training." In the decade before the push-button war is feasible ground armies of the type employed in World War II will retain their importance, he points out, but the United States aiready has "a reserve of trained manpower (declining in skill and usefulness as the end of the period is reached) aiready trained for more throughly by one, two, four or more years in the wartime services, than any ski-months trainee could be."

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the war of the future is written off as
theoretical. It seems to us he makes a teling point in regard to the present reserve
of trained manpower. Certainly the United
States could field an impressive ground
army at this moment by simply recalling
the millions of men who served in World
War II. Not is three anything unreasonable
in Mr. Baldwin's belief that they will retain
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### Another Voice

## Tyranny Of The Hemline

"I AM writing to you," writes an English Correspondent to The Washington Post, because I think your influential paper can do a lot to bring to an end a frumpish fashion, I mean these awful longer skirts that the dictatorial fashion experts are

that the dictatorial fashion experts are trying to make popular."

There! The Issue\_is out in the open, where no kith or drape or tron curtain can cover it! In these words and others, it beraids a revolt seafant the tyranny of the hemline, but with a caution.

We are not certain what good any protests will do, whether to newspapers indirectly or to ladies who make fashions by observing them. New York and Paris have sent down a ukae. The mid-calf, or longer, aktrt is the dictate of fashion. The best-dressed woman will wear out the fashion. The best-dressed woman will wear out the service of the servi

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trace a recession to 1932 (ten inches) and thereafter a slow rise until, in the '40's of the war period, there was a leveling off. Until the postwar experts got busy, the standard flight pattern was seventeen

It remains to be seen whether there will It remains to be seen whether there will be thorough-soin a ym pa thy, for the change on the distaff side. The Post's correspondent doubtless has spoken for the men. The ladies are another matter. If, as many think, they are the more conservative sex, then no rebellion is indicated. The tyrants of the hem-line will be in full sway—as usual—Asheville Citizen.

Homeless veterans in the East include one who describes himself as a Mayflower descendant. But you can't live in a family tree.

Housekeeping in the New York mansion of the weird Collyers must have been a little like holing up in Fibber McGee's

'Always Remember, Pal-I'm For You'



# People's Platform

# Liquor And The Bible--III

Editors, The News:

IN a recent issue of Titt News there appeared a reply to on yffirst article on Liquor and the Bible, by close the article in the following words: "In his letter, Mr. Henderson lifts sentence after semence from its context in the Bible and prevents his collections to context in the Bible and prevents his collections words against AGC stores." Mr. Wood thinks that anything can be proven by the Bible if this method is practiced. Then he gives exciptions which, he by on the scriptures which, he ly on the scriptures which, the Wood thinks with the context, and the scriptures which the Mr. Wood many in the comments on the scripture which Mr. Wood many the comments on the scripture which Mr. Wood many the comments on the scripture which Mr. Wood many the context, which was their proper setting with the context.

thus giving them their proper setting with their con-text.

He defining here is receaser, for the law of interpretation of the scripture in that all verse not plain within themselves are to be interpreted in the light of those verses that are plain on the same subject. On When and Strong Drink, Mr. James with the property of the subject of the subject of the "Taken together in this order, the two terms, White-and Strong Drink are continually used by Old Testa-ment writers as an exhaustive classification of the versal tasage in the Old Testament. In New Testa-ment Strong Drink is mentioned only in Luke 113, and is to restrict Whire to the beerage prepared from the juice of the crass, and to denote by Strong this classification of Wine and Strong Drink as men-tioned in the Bible, in view, I will make my com-ments. I am not quoting the scripture again for it mentioned in the Bible, in view, I will make my com-ments. I am not quoting the scripture again for it will be the proper of the proper already. I will give clip-ter and verse.

Psalms, 104; 14, 15. The when referred to here

the makes the heart glad is given him by his labors on the farm, under the blessing of God. If God gave it it was not intotacting. These were all given for the better appearance of man according to the second of the second of

milk and as a food and not as Intoxicating beverage. The fact that wine was an allowable drink in the Old Testament, and was not used under the head of Strong Drink' which was intoxicating could not be used to the strong Drink' which was intoxicating could not be used to the strong Drink' which was intoxicating could not be used as the wine gave out and he made of "Water wine to complete the wedding feast. This wine could used a few minutes after it was made. This wine could used a few minutes after it was made. This wine could used a few minutes after it was made. This kind of wine would not get to first base in an ABC store, the strong of the wine would not get to the strong the strong that the strong the strong the strong that the strong that the strong that the strong the strong that the

Marquis Childs

# Labor Bill Cloud

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The timing is of the ulmost importance. A labor bill will probably reach the President's description of the probably reach the President's disk and the probably reach will have to make his decision before the date on which John L. Lewis is expected to call a nation-wide coal strike.

Lewa is expected to cut in instona-while House strategists readily foresee the consequences of a veto. Since the mines would be back in the hands of the private owners, to the hands of the private owners, to deep the strike by injunction. That injunction was obtained on the ground that the strike was against the Government, since the mines were being operated by the mines were being operated by the

mines were being operated by the production cannot stop him, the Covernment might sit for weeks while the obdoards Lewis kept the mines closed down. This grim pix-ture needs tittle amplification. In time, steel plants would also close produced or the nation's industry slowed to a standstill at the behast of one man. The claimor that would arise in the country can easily be imagined The Republicans would be in splendid position to point the finger

labor.

That, however, is the prospect Among Democratic advisers are those who point out that the political power of organized labor is on the wane in any event. Purthermore, it is argued that the chief burden of blame would not fall on the President if he made it clear that he was acting with great yeluctance in the face of a compelling necessity.

## Samuel Grafton

# Wage-Price Whimsy

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# Drew Pearson's : Labor's Latest Unity Attempt Proves Dud

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THE backstage almosphere of the secret AFL-CIO peace
pariers, last week was about as relaxed as one of Clyde
Bactty's wild-animal acts. The performers never took their
eyes off each other. Least relaxed was John L. Lewis,
labor's double-trouble boy, who che was the molars.
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Jurisdictional Disputes

picture. His plan was to arbitrate jurisdictional disputes," Murray add, with a rish Scottish burr, "then the Congress is good to be considered by the Core of the

"We've got to put our own house in order," Murray said, "or we'll have to face the fire from Congress with little help."

Congress Of American Labor

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TYPIE AFI. conferees refused to budge on thia, however,

and turmed to the problem of organic labor unity. Green
suggested that all the CIO unions return to the AFI. on a
full and equal footing.

"You come to our convention in October. We'll give
each of your unions a vote and we'll all be one happy
then."

Oreen urged. "We can work out our problems
then."

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"It would cut down year per capita dues," argued Tobin,

"It's not a question of raving dues that's involved here,

replied Murray. "We've built a great organization and

we have pride in it. Above all, we've pride in the granization and

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Toward the end of the conference, Bill Green stood up,

delivered an impassioned half-hour talk Moving about the

room, Green became more and more excited, waved his

arms and shouted as if addressing a mass meeting rather

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these words?"

At the meeting next day, Murray was all set to "gromyto"
walk out of the meeting in a huif.

After more than an hour's hageling, Green again proposed that the CiO come back into the AFL as a junio
partner. Whereupon John L. Lewis, who had been on good
behavior during the two days of confirming exploded.

"Wer'd fooling around with words and agetting nowhere he funded.

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The soit-spoots rain samely represent the soil spoots anyone else, Mr. Lewis." he said.

However, Teamsters Dan Tolin called on Lewis to pidown. Later, Murray proposed the meetings he recess to be resumed at an indefinite future date. That each labor's latest and most serious atlamps at unity.