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Japan and in Germany the United States occupation forces are struggling rebuild light industry so that the deted saltons may become economically—sustaining at the earliest possible monit. One of the most important light instricts in both countries is cotton texture of the sound of the salton of the salt

e even more unfavorable for Southern strmers.

50 the Southern Senators, under the sadership of Senator floor, are girding or battle. Their battle cry is "70-30 or jath," meaning that unless at least 70 per sait of the cotton consumed in the occulded countries is bought in the United States "we plan to write legislation to include the proper ratio." We would be the last to condemn the other Senators for battling on behalf if the botton can get. Yet we can't help make the proper state of the method, which adds up to still another direct Federal subsidy. Clearly, if we intend to make the wrecked factories of the occupied nations pay the present in-flasted price of American cotton they canal produce goods cheaply enough to sell at a profit in their home markets. This

means that the Occupation Forces will have to make up the difference, taking the money out of the Federal Treasury. And it also means that the day when our exementes become self-sutakining will be postponed.

This effort to maintain by artificial means an important part of the foreign market for American cotton is worthy market for American cotton is worthy the into the international compation that the pattern the State Debrits of that pattern is free trade—the sort of trade the Southern farmers clamored for in the days when cotton was an American monopoly. There is nothing free about an import quota established by act of Congress and upheld by force of arms.

Self-interest now seems to dictate some sort of Federal protection for virtuality every commodity, meantactured and otherwise, produced in the United States. The Republicans are traditionally sympathetic to high tariffs, and there is no sign that their poth of view.

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Here again is evidence of philosophical cleavage. Can we bind the democracies to us by military alliances, while refusing to trade? If not, can we protect our home markets by using Federal funds to make up the difference between domestic and forcein prices? These questions enter into every Congressional eaclutation these days and they cannot be ignored the target of the control of the

You Get What You Pay For

WHAT salary would a corporation pay a man it placed in charge of a retail business grossing upwards of \$5,000,000 a year? Something, we suspect, considerably in excess of the \$7,500 Mecklenburg County will pay Chairman Frank K. Sims Jr. of its new ABC Board.

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And yet that stipend makes Mrr Sims the second highest-paid public official in the County, his salary being exceeded only by the \$16,000 paid to City Manager Henry Yancey. He will draw a higher salary than that paid to the full-time officials of the County Boards who appointed him. It also makes him one of the highest-paid public officials in all of North Carolina. His \$7500 salary exceeds the \$4,000 paid to State ABC Chairman Carl Williamson technically his superior. It places him on a financial per with the Attorney Gesternly, the Revenue Commissioner, the State Health Officer, and the Justices of the Supreme Court. It beaves him not too far behind the Governor, who draws \$10,500 a year.

There will be those, we super-read these comparisons and mort that Mr. Sims is obviously being overpaid. A more valid conclusion, it seems to us, is that Mr. Sims is receiving something less than his new job is worth, while most other respon-sible public officials are grossly underpaid. Suppose, for instance, that the salaries of the ABO Board members had been de-termined in relation to prevailing public ere will be those, we suppose, who will these comparisons and snort that Mr.

salaries. On a basis of relative importance, the ABC Chairman's salary would have been scaled below the County Chairman's \$6,500, which would have placed it in the \$5,000 bracket, with the other members' salaries ranging around \$3,500. In that case the County would have added \$8,500 to the hundreds of thousands of dollars it will derive from the sale of liquor each year, but it would not have been able to command the services of any of the present well-qualified members of the ABC Board. The chances are this would have been false economy of the worst sort.

In the case of the ABC Board the County had to enter a competitive market to find qualified men. The competitions were subtagenties but prive far bigher than those of the ABC parties of the ABC salary estandard. This is almost universally be case now. They are only a few public posts carrying with them sufficient honor and glory to offset low pay. With a few notable exceptions—such as the unusually able County Chairman, Sid McAdenthethe and the county of the public fob determines the capacity of the man who holds it, even as it does in private business.

There is a tendency to think of public salaries in relation to the incompetents who too often receive them. The only proper measurement, it seems to us, is in terms of the scope of the fob to be filled. Under this test the ABC salaries are more than justified.

The Significant Choice In Burke

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Durkt has now joined the parade of
North Carolina counties and municipalities which have voted new school levies
in recent months and, at the same time.
Burke has refuted the argument of the
more cynical observers that the remarkable success of the school elections is the
product of a prosperous and careless time.
The voters of Burke had two projects offreed to them on the same ballot. One was,
a million dollar bond issue to underwrite
a long-overdue expansion of the school
system. The other was a \$850,000 bond issue
to underwrite the construction of a new
countrolable three to one margin, while the
courthouse project went down in defeat.
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citizens to spend money for construction at a time when they have little chance of realizing full return on their investment.

realizing full return on their investment. The practical arguments that weighed against the courthouse, however, did not apply in the case of the achool construction program. The citizens of Burke, it is clear, are willing to sacrifice to shore up their educational system. Considerations of need in this instance overweighed all the natural objections to building in an inflationary period.

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This stands as further evidence that the people of North Carolina are conscious of the steady deterioration of their public school system and deeply carolina are conscious of the steady and deeply consistency of the standard stan

Another Voice

The South And Tax Cuts

O' THE 35 Democrats in the House who word with the Republicans to over-ride the President's veto of the tax bill 25 halled from Southern states that can be counted upon to support the Democratic Presidential, ticket through thick and thin. Thus it can be said that, with instanticant exceptions, President Truman need fear no e reactions within the party

position to tax reduction.

a his opposition to tax reduction, is by no means clear why support for reduction, should be so strong in the his at to cause a sizable group of House sheets to break away from the party in this instance. Southern support of labor bill is easy to understand, since flecia local popular sentiment for regulations of united But there is no reason. So

the country than another at the present time. All sections are prosperous, and there is an absence of evidence that the tax re-duction program was an outcome of pres-sure for tax relief by the people with moderate by low incomes who are typical of the South.

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Hence we can only conclude that some Representatives of Northern and Western states voted against tax reduction merely because of a desire to follow the party line, while less disciplined Southerners exercised their privilege of lining up with the opposition, as they a frequently do on specific issues.—Weathington Foot:



A Re-Dedication

The Roosevelt Faith

friend. His remarks are expirated below in their entirety. —Eda., The News.)

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We have more to give than to guard.

Our powers are not weapons but tools with
which to build the promise of democracy into the
purposes of mankind?

Sometimes that faith is hard to hold. Even
to an old man, who that place is lift with courage. Indeed, it is illuminated with faith. At warm
Springs today our task is not to dedicade a shrine,
but here and now to rededicate ourselves.

People's Platform

The Unsaid

Joseph & Stewart Alsop

Behind Third Party

It has often been stated in this space that the ultimate propulsion will come from the executive of the American Communist Farty. Now is the time to proceed to prove this statement.

INCUS-BEATING SIGNAL
"Recent political developments,"
wrote the planners at the plenum,
Make it incumbent upon us Com-nunists more effectively to promote
he movement for a new peoples
party." This can be quite simply
paraphrased: "Get busy, boys, and
seat the drums for a third party."
This has been done.

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Samuel Grafton

Taft-Hartley Dilemma

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Drew Pearson's : GOP Senators Feel Rent Repercussions

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ret GOP Tax Strategy

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