FRIDAY, JULY 25, 1947

THE only appropriate comment on President Trumany Midyear Economic Report, it siems to us, is Praise the Lord. Afterquickly ammarating the amasing record of the first for months of 1847, the Report eautions us that the "unprecedented prosperity of our Nation must not be a cause for fide self-compratiation", but it is difficult to restrain the impulse to break out in cheera, for here is proof positive that we are living in an age of miracles.

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Others may study the report to pick out the weak points in our economy and to weigh disquieting factors and trends, of which there are plenty, but our attention cannot be diverted from the one great point that 'our free, enormous and complex economic systems' is working in a faghion that no one was able to foresee even a few months ago. Person the second is the second that the second is the second in the second is the second in the second is the second in th

American Miracle, Midyear 1947

were extending an enormous amount of sa-sistance to people of less fortunate infact.

The Report also makes it dramatically clear that this was the work of a genuinely free system of private enterprise. Govern-ment control have been enterprise. Govern-ment control have been enterprise. Govern-ment control have been enterprise. Govern-to control measures advocated by the Persistent certainly are moderate. The op-crating sheet shows that the job of produc-ing poods and services at a rate of 225 bil-ilon dollars annually was done almost en-terly by management and labor working voluntarily to get her in the traditional American manner.

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voluntarily together in the traditional American manner.

Comparing the present reconversion pleture with the situation which existed after the First World War and produced the 1252 Depression, the President's Report states.

"Today we are wiser, with material minister and the state of the

Mr. Reece Warns Mr. Truman

THE Republican intention to exploit the Kansas City vote fraud scandal to the limit is stated with refreshing candor by Garroll Rece, chairman of the GOP national committee.

terpretation seems the likely one.

Fact of the matter is that a full investigation of the Kansas City irregularities in
the 1948 Democratic primary is now under
way. Agents of the FBI have been on the
scene for weeks, conducting an intensive
search for ballot crooks. A special Federal
prosecutor has been placed in charge of the
scan. A Federal srand jury recently rearch for ballot crooms, a special to consecutor has been placed in charge of the se. A Federal grand jury recently re-irned five indictments and still is at work.

There is no visible evidence anywhere that anything is being done to obstruct the op-erations of the Federal agencies.

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Mr. Reece's complaint is based entirely on the situation in political Washington, where six Democratic Senators in the Judiciary Committee combined with one Republican Senator to block a further investigation of the Department of Justice's original handling of the Kanasa City matter. Democratic opposition to that Republican maneuver was inspired in large part by the knowledge that the proposed Senate action was to be a flahing expedition to keep the vote fraul sizue alive in the 1948 Presidential campaign.

A more extensive airing by Attorney

Presidential campaign.

A more extensive airing by Atlorney General Tom C. Clark is something that should be encouraged but it is aiready evident that the whole effort to clear up the Washington end of the Kansas City mess has been seriously compromised by the biatantly partisan nature of the John Can attack. Air. Recen hant helped the fight for honest elections by his work in that direction.

They're Wild About Harry

T MAY be that Harry Truman's greatest

I political asset is the quality of simplicity
which is still his most notable characteristhe after two years in the White House. It
shows up frequently, and in heart-warming fashlon-when he takes the wheel from
his chauffeur to drive his own car, when he
suspends, the affairs of state to talk for
hours with wounded veterans on the White
House lawn, when he sits down with the
boys for a hand of stud.

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allowing him to take the floor, he said
humbly. He had never been received with
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These are the sort of things most politicians do, of course, but most of them are careful to see that the photographers are handy when they start acting folksy. Mr. Truman, however, give a the impression that the political effect of his warm and human gestures has never occurred to him. He comes closer, perhaps, to being Everyman than any President we've ever had.

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It is inevitable, therefore, that he shatters a good many precedents—as he did
this week when he has good unexpectedly
in the Senak ever white Senator Maybank
of South Carolina debated a fine point in
complete ignorance of his presence. The
Fresident had come up to The Hill, as he
otten does, to lunch quietly and privately
with his old friends in the Senate restau-

and sat, and finally stood up and spoke briefly.

The gentiemen had been very kind in allowing him to take the floor, he said have been been been been been to be a second of the same of the same been received with reader courtey any where. "And" he added thoughtfully, "I've been a lot of places." There was no reason to doubt the sincerity of President Pro Tem Vandenberg's greeting, or of the applicase that followed Mr. Truman's remarks. It was Republican applause, too, let it be noted, and some of it came from men who have publicly denounced Harry Truman.

There will be those, we suppose, who will attempt to calculate the political effect of Mr. Truman's impromptu visit; he will seem be criticized for making it. We don't believe, however, that any such thing was intended, or is likely to result from it. The said revealing incident—a brief, suspended moment when a popular former member of the world's most exclusive club stopped by to say hello.

Another Voice

Who Pays The Taxes

In the business of tax paying, Uncle Sam has 48,544,504 customers—all or most of them, we suppose, dissatisfied customers aince no one reliabres a tax bill. The distri-bution of this wast army by income and state is rather significant. It suggests an answer to the question: "Who pays the

According to a table of 1947 estimates finerted in the Congressional Record by Rep. Herman P. Eberharter of Pennsylvania, 48,501,801 taxpayers are in the "under \$5,000" bracket. Only 1,401 pay on incomes of \$300,000 and over. There are 10,286 taxpayers in the \$100,000-4500,000 bracket. Between \$50,000 and \$100,000 there

re 32,701 taxpayers.

North Carolina has more citizens than
my other Southeastern state save Virginia
the reach a regular March accounting
tith the Treasury Department. The numrer is 747,448, and in this respect we rank
8th in the United States. In the under
5,000 classification there are 750,108 Tar
feels, a few less than in Virginia. At the
ther extreme, oddly enough, North Caromakes 25 taxpayers who report on inmes of 530,000 and over. This is good
ough for list ranking in the nation and
cond ranking in the Southeast, where
toffe is the leader.

than 145,000 persons pay taxes on incomes from 225,000 up. It is the vast middle class which bears the burden of the cost of gov-ernment. This is true in North Carolina as it is true in the reat of the states.—Ashe-ville Cities.

In another 50 years, thinks a Harvard savant, physicists will know everything about everything, even after their sopho-more year in college.

In Massachusetts, the high court rules that a man with two wives is entitled to a hearing. And like the pedestrian, with his right of way, he can try and get it.

A Kansas City meeting of the National Association of Weather Forecasters will hear a discourse on artificial snow, and how it compares with probable, for relia-bility.

ough for MR ranking in the nation and county and the footbeast, where could similar in the Southeast, where the bulk of the taxes thus is paid by the firmful decree. This is not to say that is income surrow, wherever he is Less in of our Soviet chum.



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People's Platform

Tax Cut Logic

Marshall plan for the rehabilitation of Europe.

Frankly, I am doubtful of any seasible application of these war-time revenues. It / just does not
seem to be in the cards for a Demoratia administration to pay a debt or balance a budget, at any
rate, it has not been done since the days of the
rate, it has not been done since the days of the
pay debt or balance budgets. Taxes have not been
levied and collected. We should have a trust fund
ment compression payments but we don't. Instead
we have an increase of the national debt, by just
that amount.

ame with the recent N. C. law making women eligible for jury service?

Now, it is very possible that women will prove to be no more eager to serve than the men have been. Jury service, although an acknowledged social responsibility, is usually found to be highly inconvenient and serve those with no young children or dependents at homes will wagle out of the responsibility just as men have been doing.

But I should like to know if they have been given a chance, and if the jury list has been revised. There are culte a rew more women than men in Mcklenburg County-5,000 more—(18,325 females and 733.01 males according to the 1940 enems). So, Mr. Sheriff, you should have a much larger (and wavailable women are added to those of the men. Are they?

—MARION TOWNPYD

(NOTE: Women have served on juries here since the law went into effect, although the method of selection has been haphazard. A complete revision of all jury lists is now underway, and they will be listed without prejudice.—Eds., Thu Naws).

Democracy

I remember Christ saying you will know them

-J. M. SHIELDS.

The People's Platform is available to any reader who cares to mount it. Communications should be less than 300 words, typecritten if possible, and on only one side of the paperus to the sarticer should be stricted anything poes. Bach letter must be signed and though, in exceptional cases and upon request, we will utilihold the writer's name.—Editors, these summon—Tax News.

Red-Hunt Hysteria

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WASHINGTON

THE current Red scare is being
whipped up into a kind of typhoon of hysteria. As it whirls, it acquires new momentum, feeding on
the perfervid rumors of the frightened, the frustrated and the inse-

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of what is happening.

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Government agencies returns from
Eastern Europe with important information about one of Russiaties of the Company of the Company of the
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the State Department when I pass
this on?

DOMESTIC ISSUES

One of the keen younger men
in the State Department is a liberial about whom there has never
been any susplicion of Communist
of insecurity and uncertainty by
what is happening. He says he understands that in the State Deogeriment's loyalty cheek they ask
the Tati-Hartiey Act and tax reduction. He cannot see what those
tro purely domestic issues have to
do with Joyalty to the American
form of government.

General.

If those who are promoting the Red scare persist in their sensationalism, they may in the end do
more harm than could conceivably
have been done by the handful of
disloyal persons in the Government.
They will end by sowling such suspicion and distrust that Govern
Men with honest convictions will
hot work under a cloud of suspicion. HYSTERIA NO HELP

Samuel Grafton

The State Department's loyalty check is continuing. As announced some time ago, ten employees have been dismissed. A three-man board passes on the recommendations made by the PBI. The board may order a reinvestigation or they may order the employee fired or retained.

DOMESTIC ISSUES

As Seen From Mars

NEW YORK

If a man from Mar were to read
the record of the present Congress, and were to try to figure out
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might reach some strange concluy
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up before Congress.

Where there is no smoke there can be no fire (old Martian saying) and so the conclusion is inecapable that everybody in the United States must have enough space in which to live, conduct his hobbies and rear his children.

and rear his children. It would appear, however, from the Congressional Record, that many have from the transit were anxious to pay their landiords 15 per cent most but were prevented from doing this by a tyrannical law which Congress, in the haste to please the people, amended, giving them the necessary permission.

SPARED INFLATION

VACANT HOUSES

Drew Pearson's :Taft, Hartley Agree Labor Bill Faulty?

WASHINGTON

FRED HARTLEY, chairman of the House Labor Committee,
was speechless the other morning when Rep. Ray Madden,
slow-talking Indiana Democrat, interrupted a closed-door
meeting of the Labor Committee to come to the support of
his chairman.

feel toward each other.

"Every time he makes a statement about the Thi-Harlies Labor Bill, his co-sporaso, Semator Taffalkes lates at the coal operators were violating the law by their agreement with Mr. Lewis Benator Taff as much as said our chairman didn't know what he was tailting about. "Now here's the corrupt-practices section—Senator Taff is ready to repeal it, but our chairman still supports it." If one an utred of Benator, Taff kifting our chairman around. In the Taff does."

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that Is as Sensior Tatl. does."

Holde by the time was grinning broadly—but be direct so much for the rest of Madden's remarks.

"It seems to not that the two apponsors of this bill have already proven by their actions that President Truman was correct in his veto message when he said the bill was asturated with confusion and completely unworkable. Of course, when I heard the veto message read, I hardy thought the two sponsors of the bill themselves would hasten to prove the President correct.

Marshall Discusses Russia

when who argued that the Communist ideology would not when the Communist ideology would not will be communisted to the Communist in the Commun

fought for 500 years, and nothing was gained for either side, said the, Okidhoma Congressman. "That's about what would happen if war broke out now."

The Scretary of State agreed that "Inhing Communium is pretty much like fighting that the said of the said of the said of riving between our form of government and theirs.

Much more important than politics as a difference between 'us, explained Secretary Marshall, is their intense nationalism, and off such the critical economic situation in Marshall started to tell about negotiations are served, where the said of the said, he said it was a mistake to think of the said of Russia, he said it was a mistake to think of the said of Russia, he said it was a mistake to think of the said of Russia, he said it was a mistake to think of the said of Russia, he said it was a mistake to think of the said of Russia, he said it was a mistake to think of the said of Russia, he said it was a mistake to think of the said of Russia, he said it was the said cannot held together without a real morale and enthusiasm. It takes more than mere authority which are said of the said o

Why Men Hate

WARMING to his subject, Marshall tailed at length about propagands. He said that during the war our troops in the latest that the latest that the latest that the latest l