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#### Masaryk's Blow Against Tyranny

JAN MASARYK is dead and the tragedy of Czechoslovakia now is written in letters that all the world may read. Until Foreign Minister, Masaryk committed suicide yesterday by leaping from a second floor window of his office in Prague, American and European opinion on recent events in Czechoslovakia was confused. The fact that Masaryk remained in the Cabinet controlled by some observers as a sell-out, as evidence that Masaryk was playing the Quisling part to save his own neck. Others accepted it as a sign that conditions under the new order might not be as bad as they seemed on the surface; that the whole story had not yet been told.

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That opinion was heightened by President Eduard Benes decision not to resign after the Communist coup, although it was known that the venerable chief of the Czechoslovakian State was a sick man and it appeared that he was virtually a pris-oner in the Presidential Palace.

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All doubts have now been removed. Jan Masaryk has chosen the hero's way of sending a message beyond the Iron Curtain to leil liberty-loving people that Csechoslovakian democracy has been slain by another tyranny as oppressive as the despotime which his people resisted in two world wars. His action drowns out all the Communist communiques designed to represent the new order as a popular or democratic regime, and all the explanations offered by the Communist applogists.

This tragedy has a particular meaning for America for the names of Masaryk and Czechoslovakia are beaconlights in the

American freedom movement. Of all the nations in the world, Czechoslovakia was closest to America. In fact, America founded Ozechoslovakia, in a real sense—the country was established in Pittsburgh by Woodrow Wilson and Jan Masaryk's father and dozens of Americans of Bohemian and Slovak origin. They wrote their Constitution in this country and signed it in front of the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia.

Jan Masaryk, son of the first President of Czechoslovakia, was a democrat such as we Americans know. He beloinged to the school of Jefferson, Madison, Cleveland, Wilson and Roosevell. The last time he left showakia from the her sation of Czechoslovakia, was a democrat solvakia from the sation of Czechoslovakia, which is proposed to the proposed

people but not to the freedom he expected to find.

Now he is dead, but he has struck one of the most powerful blows thus far delivered against the Soviet tyranny. Reports from Prague say that groups of people assembled in the streets, some of them weeping at the news of Masaryk's death. People throughout Europe and Amazyk's death. People throughout Europe and Amazyk's death. People throughout Browned. Jan Masaryk in the limited provided in the streets of the moved of the streets o

#### All The Signs Favor Dewey

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I moved a step nearer his go al, the
White House, in New Hampshire's primary
this week when he corraied six delegates to
the Republican national convention and
Haroid E. Stassen took two. Although there
is nothing sensational in this news, it is an
important fact that Governor Dewey
emerged unscathed in this test with Stagsen, the dark horse who is baidly challengsen, experience of the sense of the sense
pewsy and Taft, in the contest for delegates.

The next test comes in Wisconsin in April
but that is complicated by the entry of
wascarthur, a native son of Wisconsin, who
will divide the votes with Dewey and Stassen. More interest attaches to the Ohio primary in May, which will bring a straightout contest between Stassen and Taft.

There have been predictions that Stassen
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himself and the contest of the contender for the nomination but the chief
beneficiary of this break probably would be
bewey. With Taft slipping, a rush to climb
on the Dewey bandwagon may be expected.
Another test comes later in May, when
Stassen will compete with Dewey for delegates in Oregon.

Any way you figure it, Stassen appears
to be more of a threat to Taft than to

Dewey, If he fails to make an impressive showing in any of these contests, it will be time for him and his followers to throw their support to one of the other candidates. Governor Dewey stands a much better chance than Senator Taft of attracting the progressives and Willike Republicans who have been looking hopefully to Stassen.

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Meanwhile, Governor Dewey can survey the pre-convention situation and find the Philadelphia prospect very pleasing. He equals or tops Tatt in estimated delegate strength. All the reports carried to his desk esterngth and the reports carried to his desk esterngth and the reports carried to his desk esterngth. All the reports carried to his desk entering the properties of the publican candidate in the various opinion publican candidate in the various opinion publican candidate in the various opinion publican candidate in the publican candidate in the publican candidate in the publican candidate in the publicant candidate in the second candidate in the seco

## No Longer A 'Country Town'

In THE People's Platform on this page, a citizen tells us what is holding up progress in Charlotte. Among other things, he writes:
"It gripes me every time I hear a visitor to Charlotte refer to it as a Country Town," but I can say nothing in -rebuttal, for I know it is true."

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problems can best be handled in the routine or old-fashloned way and that we simply are wasting money by hiring experts.

If Charlotte had undertaken traffic-and
smoke control programs ten years ago, our
parking, driving, pedestrian and smoke obe wose
would not now be giving us such a
headach. If Charlotte fails to carry out
and expand the programs it now has initiwill be something fantastic by 1901, unless
it should happen that our failure to plan
and build a modern city checked the upward trend in population growth.

Our traffic, our smoke, our school expansion, our sium clearance, our park development, our Master Plan, indeed all our programs must be long-range affairs. Our
problems are many and they are all comproblems are many and they are all complicated and highly technical be ca use
Charlotte has been growing up at a faster
rate than we can make plans and hire experce the citierus. The population estimates
show that we still are behind the times in
our thinking for the future.

From The Richmond Times-Dispatch

#### No Hiding Place

HEED NOT the night club siren's rhythmic "Bongo, Bongo" dedicated to the simplicity of life in the jungle—that currently popular musical outburst against the terrors of "civilization" There is just as much civilization in the Congo as there is, it is Peoria, "says a Methodist bishop just back from the heart of Africa.

In Elizabetville, in the Bedjan Congo, the bishop saw much the sort of life that he found on his return to Illinois. Moteratis honked and swore at pedestrians; pedestrians scowled and swore at motorists; telephones jangled, at ar m clocks screeched, breakfast cereal crackled and popped, and the man in the street talked of atom bombs and landfords.

World of the spiritual unification of the world's peoples through rapid communication. In the age of air travel and radio, Elizabethville and Peoria are neighbors, and Congo folk have many of the problems that Illinolans have.

But in spite of the bishop's testimony, we cherina hapoe that there may still be individualists in the depths of the Congo who refect Elizabethville's lare with a "No, no, no, no, no, no-no-o-o-o-ol' and keep right on swinging from tree to tree.

There's something to be said for the native's observation in the song, "They got things called the atom bomb, so I think I stay where I am." What's more the y-meaning us—have things called follics and Presidential campaigns, our advice to anybody holding out in the jungle is to stay there. It seas until atter the election.

'I Got A Secret Weapon Too'



## A Citizen Airs His Gripes

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#### What Is Your Opinion?

Drew Pearson is a highly controverted new paper writer. His following is believed to karge, but the respect he carries along with it uncertain. How do readers of The News Is about Drew Pearson's daily column? We would be interested in their opinions, either for publication or privately—Eds., The News.

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Editors. The News:
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You are not interested in my personal affairs,
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but with me. I wired her when I got the apartment, and
she was soon in my arms. Brother, money cannot
but what you did for me. You helped reunite my
old couple. I am 57 and she is 84. You should eat
some of the hot cakes she makes with yellow butter
and Georgia carie syrup.
as of next pay day, Saturday week; 84.22 is nothing,
I owe you a heart full of gratuited, for making an
old couple happy once more.
I enjoy your paper. I read every line. The ada,
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rooms.

May God bless you, for your help. Vote for anybody except Truman, is my stand. I am for Dewey.

—HINES W. WILLSON,
Watchman in Charge

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It appears as if he was right.
—CHESTER M. WAY.

The People's Platform is available to any roader who cares to mount it. Communications should be about the communication in the control of the control possible, and on only one side of the paper. Libel and obscently will be deleted—other was the capthing goes. Each letter must be signed although, in exceptional cases and upon require though, in exceptional case and upon require the will utilihold the writer's name.—Editors, Tux News.

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#### Looking At The GOP

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#### Samuel Grafton

## **Majority Problem**

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IN a sense, the problem of the American people in November is to "assemble a majority"—it can be which arises in any Western European country under the parliamentary system, when it tries to put a new government, together, or the put a new government together, or the put and the put together, or the put and the put together, or the put and the put together, or the put together, or the put together, or the put together, or the put together, and the put together and the put together and the put together, and the put together and th

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The result is an amazing el situation in which neither

# Drew Pearson's: Truman Problem Embarrassing Party Merry-Go-Round:

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THAS now been nearly four years sipec Democratic-Party
mogula met at a secret White House, dinner and persuaded Franklin Roosevel: to accept Senator Truman of
Missouri as Vece-Freshelm. They knew then, of course,
years were slim.

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of manpower. We not that ignt, but were not going to lose the first the second of the

The Secret Rollcall

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In the final secret vote, Keefe was deserted by all Republican colleagues except three: Gordon Canfeid of Nerwey, Ralph Church of Illinois and Karl Andersen illinois and John Negative of Rhode Island, also voided w him.

Merry-Go-Round
A T-HE time Franklin Roosevelt died he was writing
A Tode-not on politica, not on the war-but on the fails
of the American Navy-sohn Paul Jones. Billott Roosev
has discovered this unfinished manuscript on John PNavy mext year will ask Congress for about four bill
dollars to develop jet-propelled planes. . . . Henry Grady
an Francisco will be the new U. S. ambassache to Chil