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WHEN President Truman, Senator Taft.
and Governor Dewey all find fault
with a certain measure, we may be certain
that that there is something seriously
wrong with it. That's the diagnosis of
the Mundt-Nixon bill, designed to curb
Communist activities in this country, which
has been rushed through the House and
now is before the Senate.

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end of the proposed law. Governor Dewey has
questioned both the constitutionality of
some of the provisions and asked whether
the law would serve any praglical purpose in restraining Communists. Even
former Governor Stassen, who has indioraed the measure in principle, had declared
that it needs to be amended.
Wide concern has been provoked by this
proposal beause of the very real possibility
that the chief sufferers under the constitution
to exploit to their advantage. If the bill
became law, the Communists and their
front followers probably would go underground to escape the drastic penalties
provided for failure to register with the
Attorney General and for engaging in any
activities that may be construed as aiding
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Powers granted in the bill could easily be stretched to make it a club against

association. This aspect of the legislation is so pronounced that there is ground for believing that it was designed primarily as an instrument for "thought control" rather than as a weapon against real Communist agents.

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In any event, it is plain that this is an extreme measure, a police state device, whose use would be justified only in the event that this country faced a dire emergency from the Communist internal threat. One of the clearest points demonstrated in all the discussion over this proposal is that no such emergency exists and none is scatch has been and still is being deliberately exaggerated for partisan political purposes.

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Harold Stassen, in his effort to show there is a need for this law, points out that Communists aiready control 11 countries and 40 per cent of the American Communists are concentrated in our key city, New York. This sounds less alarming when the control of t

ary overthrow. It obviously is a product of false fear which would drive America into indemocratic ways.

Our Candidates Look Better

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EACH SPRING we are astonished at the change which lone works in ordinary men but right now we are mpre impressed with the transformation which the approach of election produces in politicians. All of our candidates are breaking out with the New Look. This campaign-title and the competition of American democracy but the competition in personality improvement this season is more vigorous than it has been for a bong time. particularly among the malor aspirants for public office.

For some time we have been hearing that President Truman has made an extensive rebration, and has acquired a New Outerhald of the competition of the West.

Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, remembered as the man in the blue serge suit of 1944, is reported by competent observers to have undersone a remarkable transformation during his barnstorming tour in the Oregon campaign, which ended Friday. He was photographed for the papers with his coat of with toolsted hair and a two-day beard, or with toolsted hair and a two-day beard, of externed dressed in bearaktins, a group identified as the pirates of Cook Bay. The recavemen dressed in bearskins, a group identified as the pirates of Coos Bay. The dignified New York executive entered whole-heartedly into the business of un-

bending with the elecorate and appeared to be enjoying himself hugely. We will con-sider the 1948 campaign a success if it does no more than take the stiffness out of Tom Dewey.

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Senator Robert A Taft, darling of the ultra-conservatives, has been busy of late developing into the GOP liberal. In the recent Ohlo primary he displayed a fire which made many observers revise their opinion that the Ohloan is lacking in color. Charlotte will have a chance to view the new Taft June 4.

We do not take the cynical view that the campaign face-lifting of the candidates is superficial chance. Some of the good effects will be lauting. The 1946 campaign has provided a particularly sternous course for the Presidential appirants in the Republican field, thank largely to the initiative of Harold E. Stassen, who shared has offinished in Devember, 1946, and has campaign in Devember, 1946, and has campaign per leading contenders owes much to his work in going am ong the people and his success on the stump undoubtedly will inspire candidates to follow his example in future campaigns. The nation owes him a vote of thanks for putting new life in a useful of political custom. tion owes him a vote of thanks for putting new life in a useful old political custom.

Will Dewey Be President?

TWAT THOMAS E. DEWEY may be the next. President of the United States is a possibility, or something more than a passibility, not to be capriclously dismissed. As much as we admire the sentiments of firebrand Cameron Morrison and as much as we feel, fundamentally, the convictions he expressed at the North Carolina Democratic Convention, it would be folly not to bear in mind the probabilities in the forth-coming election.

coming election.

Dewey's showing in Oregon against fastrunning Stassen may mark the turning
point. The Republicans have everything in
their favor this year, and with radicals and their favor this year, and with radicals and Dixiercats tearing asunder the Jeffersonian party, the Republicans' chances are improving of all. Stassen, a thoroughly capable man who seems to have been ill advised in such issues as making martyra of Communists, has been rubning so long of Communists, has been rubning so long party of the control of possibly peed plast around the control. Or possibly peed has learned, despite a constitutional aver-

sion, to make hokum plausible.

From a purely local or sectional viewpoint, the principal argument squants power of the property of the state well, but state administrations in the past few years, with tax collections in the past few years, with tax collections in the past few years, with tax collections of the past few years, with the state well, but she agod housiness man when you have no trouble fishing money from the treasury.

If Dewy does, Jecome President, it will be a triumph of the old-fashioned virtues of perseverance and morality over the handleap of an almost repulsive personality. For instance, many women vote for him because they like his mustache.

But the Democrats still have a chance, and someone more fascinating than the ex-haberdasher who rose to power as the tool of a corrupt political machine or the ex-chief of Staff who doesn't want to pull a Ulysses 5. Grant should be found.

From The Richmond Times-Dispatch

Who Are The Rulers?

THE MEN who really control America are THE MEN who really control America are the men whose ideas have influenced the minds and characters of Americans. Henry Steele Commager, distinguished Americans and the state of the state

North Atlantic States and the Midwest have produced the greatest leadership in industry.

The Virginians whom Dr. Commager believes to have had most influence we rewashington, Jefferson, John Marshall, Woodrow Wilson and Booker T. Washington. Another of the mind-molders whom he associates with Virginia is Dr. William H. McCuffey, the onetime University of Virginia professor who wrote the famous Readers. Dr. McGuffey, a man whom Americans should know better, taught for 28 years at the university, opposing slavery and war all the while, yet maintaining his Carlotte of the McGuffey.

Dr. Commager makes a good argument for the historians' iewpoint—that man is directed in everything he does and thinks by the accumulated influences of the past,

'That's Funny, She Said I Could Call Anytime'



People's Platform

The Case For Public Housing

Editors, The News.

A sustructed by the Charlotte Central Labor

Union at its last regular meeting 1 am writing
you in regard to your fair and enlightening editorial
published in The Charlotte News on Saturday, April

Nor editorial was read and discussed thoroughly by the representatives attending the Charlotte Cen-ral Edger Lindon meeting, who represent all Ameri-ral Edger Lindon meeting, who represent all Ameri-racy and the Charlotte Central Laws of the North Carolina; and vicinity, after which the follow-per resolution was passed. On the Charlot Laws Cunion write the editor of The Charlotte News commend-ing him on the editorial referring to the Taff-Ellend-er Wagner Housing Bill which was before the Blosse of the Charlotte Ch

of Representatives at that time. Unanimously carried."

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-CHARLOTTE CENTRAL LABOR UNION,
J. A. SCOGGINS, Acting Secretary.

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How to be parliamentary—and forceful Quoting Senator Tobey "I may not use the word but if I could use the word dannelest." I would tell senator he is going to have that kind of fight on this floor."—Kingxport (Tren.) Times.

A straight line is the shortest distance between two pints, but who between two pints, can nego-tiate it?—Louisville Times.

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Samuel Grafton

Symbol Of The Future

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Drew Pearson's GOP Chiefs Talk Draft Over Breakfast

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eggs. They were: House Speaker Job Martin, West Virginia's Rep. Mel Snyder and New Jersey's Rep. Frank Mel Snyder and New Jersey's Rep. Frank Mel Snyder and New Jersey's Rep. Frank Mel Snyder and Mathews argued that defense dollars could be better spent to strengthen the National Guard and Repersey. The Speaker gave his blossing to the idea but suggested the National Guard and the Receive.

"We already have a backlog of ten to twelve million battle-trained vertrams." Snyder pointed out. "Compulsory What the country needs, urged the West Virginia Republican, is not a big draft but an efficient receiver program. What the country needs, urged the West Virginia Republican, is not a big draft but an efficient receiver program. Under peacetime conscription, masses of young men would simply march through the "nilitary mill and follow the no place to keep them up to dare and on their toes, Under peacetime conscription, masses of young men would simply march through the "nilitary mill and follow the no place to keep their military skills sharpened for the program of the program

down. "I can go along with that," agreed Martin. "I can go along with that," agreed Martin. The final nation he added we have to watch our defense in the season of the country to support."

NOTE—After V-J. Day a far-frashing reserve program Reserves and National Chaird. Althugh, the samproved by then Chief of Slaff George Marshall and secretary of War Robert Patterson, it has been wantonly neglect.

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A total of 50,000 enlisted men signed up for the Reserve, but the Army hasn't even bothered to get in touch with them. As a yealth, more than 50,000 are expected to drup out this year. In addition, 278,000 officers signed up for the Reserve, but the Army has assigned only 28,000 to units. The others are merely marking time.

The conclusion seems inescapable that the reason for this gross neglect is that the Army wanted to build up its military might with peacetime conscription rather than use less glamonous manpower aiready available.

GOP Should Help Wallace
IP Henry Wallace neglects to enter a third-party annotate for Concrets in an indiamental orac, the republican source of the state of the carriers and the unions feet the results of the carriers and the unions feet the results of the positions of the carriers and the unions feet the results of the positions of the carriers and the unions feet the results of Speciating strateful to friends, Johnson suggested that so the control of the carriers and the unions feet the results of Speciating strateful to friends, Johnson suggested that we have the control of the carriers and the unions feet the results of the carriers and the unions feet the results of the carriers and the unions feet the profits, at the carriers and the unions feet the profits, and the profits of the provide the provide that the state of the carriers and the unions feet the results of the carriers and the unions feet the profits, at the carriers and the unions feet the section of the carriers and the unions feet the profits, at the carriers and the unions feet the profits, at the carriers and the unions feet the profits, at the carriers and the unions feet the profits, at the carriers and the unions feet the profits, at the carriers and the unions feet the profits, at the carriers and the unions feet the profits, at the carriers and the unions feet the profits, at the carriers and the unions feet the profits at the carriers and the unions feet the profits at the carriers and the unions feet the profits at the carriers and the unions feet the profits at the carriers and the unions feet the profits at the carriers and the unions feet the profits at the carriers and the unions feet the profits at the carriers and the unions feet the profits at the carriers and the unions feet the profits at the carriers and the unions feet the profits at the carriers and the unions feet the profits at the carriers and the unions feet the profits at the carriers and the unions feet the profits at the carriers and the unions feet the profits at t

Republican strategy. He admitted, however, that it wasn't such a bad idea.

More Troops To Alaska

REPORTS of troop movements to Alaska have been officially dismissed by the Army as "routine". Real truth, however is that they are not routined Of late the Army has kept only service troops in Alaska, but its now reintermined to the service troops in Alaska, but its now reintermined to the service troops and the service troops are a good-sized Boy Scout troop on our only frontier which faces Russia. Limited housing facilities in Alaska, however, will not accommedate mone.

Will Railroads Be Nationalized?

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