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Harry Truman Feels Wonderful

PRESIDENT TRUMAN starts his "non-political" campaign tour of eighteen states with the assertion, "If I felt better, I couldn't stand it."

A quick survey fails to reveal any change in the political situation which would account for the phenomenal elation and confidence expressed by the Chief Executive who is going to the hustings ahead of the usual time for such Presidential electioneering.

Our explanation of the President's high morale is that he is now convinced that he has reached rock-bottom in his political decline and from here on out there is no way for him to go except up.

Besides making it plain that he has nothing to lose and everything to win in the coming campaign, the Newsweek poll contained some cold comfort for Mr. Truman in one other respect.

GOP Economizing Is A Frost

ONE of the unpleasant sights in the final days of the 80th Congress is the sweating of the Republican economists as they labor to keep their promise that they would trim President Truman's 1949 record peacetime budget of some \$39 billion by \$2.5 billion.

Current efforts in the House to slash foreign aid funds by \$533 million are a part of GOP operation to bring Congressional appropriations to the level which it estimates. The painful fact for the taxpayers is that the Republican economists have proved to be greater spenders than President Truman.

When Congress started business this month it was faced with the task of slashing more than \$2 billion from the remaining appropriations bills if the \$2.5 billion Republican economy goal was to be attained.

Balancing up the savings and the extras, the Senate and the House spenders by June 1 had cut the GOP potentially \$782 million over the Truman budget.

The score on economizing, as compiled by Congressional Quarterly, shows the House made a fair start on 11 regular

Charlotte's Dr. Andrew Blair

A FITTING epitaph for Dr. Andrew Blair was penned years ago by Robert Louis Stevenson for the doctor. He brings cheer into the sick room and often, though not so often as he desires, brings health.

Dr. Blair, who died unexpectedly here this week, had practiced the art of healing in Charlotte for nearly a quarter of a century and was regarded as one of the outstanding physicians of the City.

A native of Pennsylvania, he served overseas in World War I, graduated with honors at the University of Pennsylvania Medical College, and came to Charlotte to establish his practice in 1925.

A specialist in the field of internal medicine, he devoted a large part of his time to family practice and in this field he was particularly successful. It was said that he had one of the largest practices of any physician in the Carolinas.

His enthusiasm for his profession, for the healing art, was boundless. Well versed in modern medical practices, he nevertheless had many of the characteristics of the old-time family doctor.

Outside of his profession he had few interests except his family and his church. His time was devoted to relieving suffering and to overcoming illness. Sickness was a challenge to him, and with suffering his main enemy.

Dr. Blair's passing will be felt keenly by the thousands who knew him and had benefited by his skill. His death is a distinct loss to Charlotte where he had conducted so greatly to the well-being of so many.

Toujours Memoire

IF this goes on, that mental case found prowling the metropolitan by-ways won't be a psychopath, he'll be merely a conscientiously well-read citizen muttering in his memorabilia. For the present at least, he is on the high plane of slightly appalling. The old Roosevelt palace guard is fast fashioning its gulps.

And whose "inside" is one to believe? In nearly every instance the author streaks modest hints that he and he alone, was the Frank Merrill who dashed in, a rescue Miss Columbia from a bad case of the flounders in the ninth inning, notwithstanding contemporary news reports.

Probably we can expect no exception in the case of the Tribune's another, another, while brain-truster not averse to turning a reminiscent dollar, who will bare his caustic soul in the Saturday Evening Post.

The harassed reader, handicapped by possession of only two eyes, will remember earlier components of the deluge, the me-



People's Platform

QUESTIONS FOR A COLLEGE PROJECT
The program now under way at Woman's College, is one that concerns not only the 2500 alumnae of this college but all Tar Heels who want North Carolina's free institutions to remain free.

A quote from the platform: "The program is a practical application in industry. The Foundation works in the business and public utilities of the state."

One part of the program is called "The Home Economics Foundation." New this year, from its founding, has had excellent courses in home economics. The new Foundation proposes to continue this training in the public interest and the home.

Indirectly, of course, the public generally, including W.C. alumnae living in North Carolina, would help finance them, since good business practices require costs to be passed on to consumers.

This college was founded as a free institution, free of domination of special interest to serve the people, the public interest. Let's keep it that way.

A refer to the \$75,000 recently given by the Burlington Mills. Some alumnae were quick to point out that this amount could be written off as a charitable contribution to the state.

Now we all know that if we, as individuals, would be practical—and therefore short-sighted—we must never look a gift horse in the mouth. But if we value our freedom as individuals, from the

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

IF YOU notice certain Senators moving to curtail the Justice Department appropriations for two years. However, the Attorney General Tom Clark has been quietly probing the

When Sen. Ferguson, Michigan Republican, with a great record for uncovering in Detroit did not stop. He was investigating his own colleagues. Tom Clark got busy.

Brewster has been shown up on the boom pad of Pan American Airways, has lobbied heavily for the Lusk accepted free Pan American airplane rides all over the map (Senators' travel is a separate free matter).

The bill of complaint lodged against Ralph Moore, Texas lobbyist Democrat, into the Republican Party.

Air Is Bldly Needed

ACTUALLY, this has only scratched the surface. Thomas' network of speculating friends included the notorious Mickey Rooster, first knight of the ring. The Lucky Luciano case; May Heilin, brother of movie actor Van Heflin; Tom Linder, the agricultural commissioner of

Marquis Childs Contrasting 2 Worlds

WASHINGTON THE contrast between the two worlds could hardly be greater. It is a kind of heightened drama characteristic of our time.

The contrast is sharp because it occurs within one man. The central figure is Paul Robeson, the actor who has made his name and the magnificent presence.

Robeson is a member of the Executive Committee for Henry Wallace. He has been in Washington the other day to testify against the Mundt Bill to control or outlaw Communism.

He expressed himself freely in spite of heckling from members of the Senate Judiciary Committee. As he has done often in the past, Robeson charged repression, discrimination and the danger of a Fascist state.

Traveling through the United States, he has made the same charges before large audiences. I saw him at a huge Wallace rally in Madison Square Garden, when 20,000 cheered his singing.

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Samuel Grafton

The Cosmic Congress

THE price of lumber for home building has again, jumped sharply up; fuel is up, metal prices are up, but almost nobody in business has a word to say for himself.

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The People's Platform is available to any reader who cares to mount it.

Whether these gentlemen visited any law remains to be seen. Certainly by using speeches and resolutions of a United States Senator to influence the commodity market, they are guilty of business ethics, and a report on their operations not only should be aired, but should be sent to the Chicago Board of Trade and the Securities & Exchange Commission for proper action.

Merry-Go-Round

THE Democratic National Committee is now so broke it is already sending money to the Democrats by the name of Philanthropy for bringing the Democratic Party to the Citizens' Brotherly Love. The Eisenhower boom is quiet. But it is not dead. Eisenhower for President is the order of the day.

Dark-Horse Hallock

OSCAR dark horse you don't hear much about, but who is a supporter of the hot waiting for Philadelphia is likely to get going. Rep. Charles Hallock of Indiana. The ambitious House majority leader has been holding secret conferences

if they could talk in some private room which was not in the official office, where he was afraid there would be hidden devices to pick up his conversation.

They went to a room on the second floor of the Embassy. There the former American told the official in a room that had been built in Russia many more. He was afraid for his life. He pleaded for help.

The official replied that unfortunately he was not the one to help. Only an American citizen has renounced his citizenship, he loses all right of protection in this country. The latter, in a state bordering on open hysteria, left the Embassy.

Standing at the second-floor window, the official saw plain clothes secret police, stationed near the Embassy, begin to follow the American citizen. He has never seen or heard of him again and he is presumed to be either dead or in a labor camp.

Of course, there is discrimination in the United States—and repression, too. But Paul Robeson can denounce it. And men with lesser education and ability than who can speak their minds.

In that other world of Russia, no protest of any kind is whispered. The answer to even a whispered protest is that you are not wanted. So strange is it that Robeson and others like him idealize that world.

While they protest loudly against the Mundt Bill, they actually welcome it. It would help to prove the charges they bring against our system. It would help to establish that they could go underground in the United States if they were so blindly idealistic.

This is not too hard to understand. A man of great intelligence and leadership must have seen the truth of the situation based on the accident of birth. And for those who are not native-born, the only way to survive is to exploit a sense of injustice and frustration.

What is really hard to understand is why the average citizen of the House of Rep. Karl E. Mundt seem to want to hand the Communists an issue, and then to allow the Communists to make the issue a matter of national security and other forms of attention-getting behavior.

The Mundt Bill, they create sympathy for those who are no easier for martyrdom.

Consumer Credit in this Country

more inflation on us. The present Congress seems to have got itself into a kind of Wagnerian mood; it is all right to spend money, to make a stroke, the making and unmaking of words; and a discussion of what current economic developments may mean to the cost of living and happiness of the average consumer.

Consumer credit in this country, for example, rose during April to an all-time record high of \$13,000,000,000. It is not that the cash buying is always a worrisome asset, economically; yet this new situation is not a new thing.

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