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Right Way In Slum Clearance

NOW THAT the City Council has made concessions in the matter of enforcement of the bathing facilities requirement of the Standard House Ordinance and given the property owners almost three years in which to comply with that part of the council of law, there can be no charge that the land-lord has been sacrificed in the public clamor for better housing.

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The attitude of this newpaper on the knotty and perplexing problem of slum riddance has long been known. It has earn-eastly and sincerely sought the lifting of the levels of living for the thousands of our less fortunate citizens, and in season and out has preached a gospel of economic and out has preached a gospel of comomic and out has preached a gospel of error with the control of the state of the season and out has preached a gospel of economic and critical state of the season and the season an

In this instance, we believe the controversial problem of installation of bathub or shower was approached in a reasonable and practical manner. It was a sensible approach, tick, in the view of the complete petture. It is standard House program, but the standard House program, but the standard House program, but the standard House program of the standard prediction of the standard requirement for bathing facilities was a cognession on the side of reason. Under the Council's newly enunclated policy the landford must admit that consideration was shown him even though

perhaps the five Councilmen who voted for postponement were thinking more of the tenant, who might find himself evicted to the street, than they were of the man who collects the weekly rent. But the result is the same and the house owner finds he has ample opportunity to get his house in or-

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There are sectors of our citisenship disturbed and aroused by the pollo epidemic of this Gummer, who schalbudy advocated for simple of the control of

of the dody notice. The ordinance calling for installation of Inside running water, sink, boilet, heating factors, and the state of inside running water, sink, boilet, heating factors, and the state of the state of the factor water of the factor of the state of the state of the state of the factor will be so beneficial that we can only imagine the changed conditions. The final provision of the ordinance will be reached ere long and we suspect that many conscientious land-lords will have bath facilities installed long before June 30 1951. Meanwhile, Chaglotte has real cause to congratulate itself on the start that has been made on a program that has long been the goal of the Queen City.

Charlotte's Blood Center

That I the service of the service of

gency treatment in snow and nemorrhage cases resulting from inlury, surgery, burns, childbirth, and to combat anemia, measles, certain kidney diseases and to control bleeding—the American Red Cross has un-dertaken a program deserving your sup-

The Red Cross will establish this Fall a The Red Cross will establish this Fall a regional blood center to collect and store blood to serve those needing it in 29 coun-ties within a radius of 75 miles of this city. Red Cross representatives already are at work explaining the program to communi-ties. in the area and response has been heartening.

Outlying communities will be able to parsend mobile units through the 39-county area with laboratory equipment. Doctors will accompany the units and will be pres-

ent wherever and whenever a venlpuncture is made.

The Charlotte center will be the second such blood-collecting and dispensing bank in the Southeast, the eleventh in the na-tion.

It we overwhite the first millions — not only the needy families who cannot afford to pay donors (the blood will be provided everyone without cost although a small charge will be made by hospituls for administering the fluid) but all disaster victims all whose life may hinge on the tims, all whose life may hinge on the availability of a few pints of blood.

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The program has been endorsed by thousands of doctors over the nation: Charlands of doctors over the nation: Charlands of doctors over the nation: Charlands for the charland forested the Red Cross for its humanizarian foresight in establishing it; the Mecklenburg County Medical Society—your doctors—has accepted it; Dr. M. B. Bethel, City Health Officer, and Dr. E. H. Hand, County Health Officer, and Dr. E. H. Hand, County Health Officer, have lauded the Red Cross for developing the program. Nationally the American Medical Association of the Namerican Hospital Association, the American Public Health Association, the Mareian Public Health Association, all medical authorities recognize the Red Cross Blood program as a vitally needed contribution to progress in medicine.

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When the Charlotte Regional Blood Center opens this Fall, Mecklenburg County will be asked to give 175 pints of blood per week as its part in the nation's annual quota of 3700,000 pints. The blood will serve this community; jou will serve this community; jou will serve community the program.

Miami Defends Free Press

PUBLIC OPINION has just defeated an effort to use the taxing power against a free press in America and the country has been given another heartening ex-ample of courageous journalism.

This fine demonstration of democracy in action occurred at Miami, Fia., where the City Commission this week voted, 3 to 2, a 1-per cent gross receipt tax on daily newspapers and five hours later rescinded that action by a like vote.

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The Miami case attracted wide attention over the country because the proposed tax on publications obviously sax designed as a means to muzzle or punish the Miami Nexs. Those papers had drawn the anger of three of the Commissioners in a controversy over conduct of the municipal Gowernment. The fifth Came friend the Mayor in a difference growing out. to a head after the high-handed three fired the Mayor in a difference growing out of an appointment of a public office holder, and the newspapers turned a glaring light on affairs at the City Hall.

Following the newspaper' disclosures, petitions were circulated to bring about a recall of the three small-time tyrants on the Commission. In retaliation, the Commission majority drew up an ordinance for

a tax on the gross receipts of "any newspaper, periodical or magazine printed and issued daily, weekly or at other intervals within the corporate limits of the city." The reversal came when one of the three Commissioners lost his nerve and changed his vole from aye to ino, with the explanation of the city. The reversal came when one of the horse that the formal superior court has upheld such a tax in Tampa and it is clear that the Horida Supreme Court has upheld such a tax in Tampa and it is clear that the Miami Commissioner changed his mind as a result of the storm of protest which had been provoked by the rank political and punitive aspects of the Miami levy. The Miami Junior Chamber of Commerce has assumed the lead in the recall movement and newspapers as far away as New England have taken up, the editorial cudgels in defense of the Miami papera.

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warning that regressive forces in American democracy are ever-ready to strike, and reminds us again that the power to tax is the power to destroy. That power is being directed against the people's freedom when the press is singled out by politicians for unfair discrimination.

From The Raleigh News & Observer

North Carolina Slipping?

PRELIMINARY estimates of population indicate that North Carolina, whose high brity are has caused it to be one of three States to gain members of Congress in the last two apportionments, may lose a Congressman following the 1950 census. That may happen, but it will be well to await the actual census. North Carolina usually fares better in the actual enumeration than in the preliminary estimates. Prior to the 1920 census preliminary estimates showed this State likely to lose a member, if the size of Congress was not increased. When the census was taken, North

Carolina stood to gain but Congress failed to reapportion until 1800. California and Florida, the only other two States which also gained by both the 1800 and 1800 fecanuses, are heavy gainers by migration. North Carolina always 10 se a some population that ways but usually gains some population that ways but usually gains such at it is easier to record those who leave the State than those who return to it. So long as it keeps the highest birth rate in the nation, North Carolina is not apt to lose many Congressmen.



People's Platform

Justice In Warlick's Court

CHARLOTTE

Editors, The News:

THIS is a copy of the letter I wrote Judge Warlick
In connection with his sentences for the Gastonia
boys that held up Mr. Garron Gordon last week
on Wilkinson Boulevard.

(NOTE: In the case of lilly co. Jones and Walter Moore, the two Giston men referred to in Mrs. McNeils letter, Judge Warlick changed his ordinal judgment in one important respect. The continual judgment in one important respect. The two relationships and abetting in the robberty. The judge then sentenced him to two years and specified them should be served at the juvenile prison camputes the service of the continual properties of the pro

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It seems to me that you have just committed two young boys to very unjust and severe sentences in view of their very young as least in the factor bulbladed in the newspaper. I think it is unjust by judging from the house of the sentences awen by You on the same days the sentences awen by You on the same days the beep sentences awen by You on the same days the beep sentences awen by You on the same days the beep sentences awen by You on the same days the beep sentences awen by You on the same days the beep sentences awen by You on the same days the beep sentences awen by You on the same days the beep sentences awen by You on the same days the beep sentences awen by You on the same days the beep sentences awen by You on the same days the beep sentences awen to the control of the sentences awen to the control of the sentences awen the sentences awen to t

ns me. Fortunately, in this instance the gun didn't go off as it often does.—Edit. The News).

Reds Convict Themselves

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Joseph & Stewart Alsop

Mistaken Identity?

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Marquis Childs

Taylor In Character

Drew Pearson's 'Battles Are Lost By Tired Generals--' Merry-Go-Round

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(tälitor's Note-While Drew Pearson, is en à brief vacation. The Washington Merry-Ge-Round is being written by his old partner, Robert S. Allen.)

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The the new Washington executive, however, with whom the pole was after p He is Undersecreasy; of the Army William H. Draper after The former Dillon. Read banker, once a subordinate of Clay, is now his immediate superior.

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Hidden Record

HIDDEN deep in the Treasury's archives is a very inter-esting biographical note on Secretary John stryder-esting biographical note on Secretary John stryder-cations from hundreds of minor bank officials with Demo-cratic connections for John sa "conservators" of closed or suling banks. One of the applications was Gom St. Jour.

CTO chiefs have inside word that the indictment of the twelve Communist Party leaders has thrown a monkey wrench into leftists' plans to set up a national labor organization of their own.

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The secret scheme was to pull certain Communisticuled unions out of the CIO as the modeus for a rist. Among these unions are the Electrical Workers, which was the control of the Cio and the Cio and

tions are being set up.
But annoarmity, the consulrincy indictments raised hob
with the scheme in the U.S. The Communists were going
to stage their labor coup soon after Henry Walker's convention. But for the time being, at least, they have pulled
Privately, CIO leaders are disappointed. They want the
Communists to get out. It would clean house at one full
awoop and save the trouble of rapping them out.

Optimist

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