## THE CHARLOTTE NEWS



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## Benes, Champion Of Liberty

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On MAY 28, 1884, Eduard Benes was born
On at Kozlany, Bohemia, the youngest of
ten children of a peasant couple, Yesterday
he died, a man of international fame and
one of this century's bravest champions of
liberty, Between those dates his story, like
that of his belowed Czecholowakia, was one
of struggle. Of the despair.
Eduard Benes despair, leading the comparison of
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Eduard Benes despred to die a happy
man, but he must have died a sad man.
Twice he had seen his labor bear fruit as
the Czech people became an independent
nation; twice he had seen the structure of
democracy reduced to shambles by the
crushing power of dictatorships. He must
have wondered, in his last days, if there
can ever be any real security and liberty
and hope for the little peoples of the entithat the path to peace is a slow and tortuous one. As a young revolutionary, he
fought beside Thomas G. Maaryk to overthrow the Austro-Hungarian Empire and
gained success when, in 1918, Czecholovakia became a republic. Masaryk became
President; Benes was his Foreign Minister.
For fifteen years he traveled Europe, constantly in quest of security, it was deeply
interested in the League of Nations, served
seven times as 1918 was eiter president;
despend to be compensated in the League of the compensate
of the 18th League Assembly, a post he resigned to become President of his nation.
But his twenty-year effort to hold the
republic intact came to a dimal end when
the Nazi shadow fell across his country.
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famous Munich Pact which sacrificed Sudetenland while Britain's Neville Chamberlain intoned, "Peace in our time!"
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Sudetenland did not satisfy the Nazis. The pressure became so great that Benes resigned, telling his countrymen that "our nation will never forget even if it bears its fate calmly." He went into exilt. Five montha later Hitler gobbled up the rest of Czechoslovakia.

months later Hiller gobbled up the rest of Czechoslovskia. In exile, Benes continued the flight for his native land, and when the Nazi machine crumbled made a dramatic return to Prague tor-restablish the republic.

This time the shadow fell from the East. Benes had to sign a twenty-vear mutual assistance pact with Russia, had to stand by helpiessly as the Communists built up their strength until, in 1946, they captured control of Parliament. Benes was re-elected President unanimously, but Communist Leader Klement Gottwald was installed as Premier. Sick and disheartened over this coup, Benes resigned last June-rather than sign a new constitution drawn up by the Communists.

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Even in retirement, his mere presence served to bolster the spirits of his people and make the Communist task more difficult. He was more to them than a man; he was a symbol of the liberty and security that had twice-been within their grasp, to slip away.

only to slip away.

Perhaps his passing will break their spirit. But more probably, when their sorrowing has subsided and they see the cold, bitter truth of their fate more clearly, their will to resist the Russians will become stronger. Then Eduard Benes will lead them in death, as he did in life.

### The Peckerwoods Take Over

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THEYRE a-warmin' up the greens and
a-settin' out the squeezins in Louisiana's political house: the peckerwoods
have come back homa.
Slogging up from the hayous and shuffling down from the clay hills the peckerwoods have come in mighty force in the
past two years to boost Earl Kemp Long
into the Governor's Mansion in Baton
Rouge and to hustle young Russell Long off
to Washington as Benator from Louisiana.
Of a certainty they're grieving that there
is no Huey Long, no "Kingitsh" to send
to the nation's capitol; Earl, his brother,
and Russell, Huey's son, will just have to
do.

and Russen, suery of the Ringfish has been dead thirteen years now; it was in 1935 that a constituent nailed him with a bullet. But the way "The Kingfish" taiked to his peckerwoods, told them how he was of humble origin hand to be was used and pecker-

told them how he was of humble origin himself, how he was just an old pecker-wood, too—that isn't dead.

The bayou boys and the clay-hill folks aren't hard ta gool if you tell them you're on their side, if you quote a little bit from the Psalms, snap a gallus or spit now and then, or let an "ain't" and a "yali" fall here and there.

Long the First knew the pattern to fol-low—he was one of them, he told them loud and long; and he would bring them out of the wilderness.

Talmadge the First knew The Pattern,

It's a simple pattern: you just make them

It's a simple pattern: you just make them feel you'd be a good governor or a good senator or a good president; they don't have to know you would, or even believe you would. It's a matter of emotion.

Emotionalism has played an important part in the politics of Louisana—and of the South. It will continue to play an important part a long as there are unscruptant to the sound of the South. It will continue to play an important part a long as there are unscruptant part as long as there are unscruptant to the sound that have been the sound that the sound that have been the feel and the sound that the Gene Talmadges and the Husy Longs; the very close contest between Russell Long and Judge Robert F. Kennon in the Louisiana senatorial contest this week would indicate as much.

But young Russell Long won out—by a narrow margin, by the margin of his rural parishes where the Long Legend lives. Education hant's beaten Talmadges and Long yet, but the future is bright.

### Bishop John Long Jackson

THE death yesterday of The Rt. Rev. John Long Jackson, bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of, Louisiana, stirred a keen sense of loss among a wide circle of friends in Charlotte as well as elsewhere in North Carolina.

Baltimore-born, Bishop Jackson came to Charlotte in the early days of his ministry and served as rector of St. Martin's Church from 1914 until 1940.

His interest in Charlotte and his devo-His interest in Chariotte and nis devo-tion to the community was shown through-out his stay here and emphasized by the difficulty he had in deciding to sever local ties and accept election to the Episcopal bishopric in 1940.

The success of his ministry was reflected in the remarkable growth of St. Martins. When he came to Chariotte in 1914 it was

only a chapel with a membership list of 140. Upon its dedication as a church in 1937 the congregation included 713 per-

sons.

A forthright and vigorous man, Bishop Jackson did not limit his efforts to the ministerial field. He was interested in the community as a whole and particularly concerned about the education and the welfare of the city's young people; so much so that he served a number of years as a member of the City School Board and rendered important service to the cause of the cause of

Bishop Jackson made important contri-butions to Charlotte as a minister and as a citizen and his passing is a cause of regret to all who knew him.

### From The Greenville (S. C.) News

### A Piedmont Builder

THE DEATH of Frank H. Cothran of Charlotte has brought to a close the career of one of the really outstanding citizens of the Carolinas and one whose long and active life of constructive achievement has contributed inestimably to the economic progress of this entire Pledmont section.

Pledimont section of the progress of this efficiency pledimont section. A native of the Greenwood area of South Carolina, Mr. Cothran was one of the ploneer construction engineers of the South. He began his engineering career in 1899 and was directly instrungatal in the development of a variety of projects which brought a great expansion of hydro-electic power production and distribution and electric-powered transportation in this part of the United States.

Mr. Cothran was one of a group of unusually talented young men of the section chosen by the late James B. Duke to aid in earrying out industrial, mining and rail-

earrying out industrial, mining and rail-road enterprises in the South and in Can-

on discourance of the Piedmont & Northern Railway when decision was made to build that electric line through this section of South Carolina. Subsequently, he was engaged in the engineering of the Quebec Development Com-

pany and other Canadian enterprises in which Mr. Duke had an interest. Later he returned to this section to become asso-ciated with the Southern Power Company and other Duke enterprises, and was chief engineer of the Piedmont & Northern Rail-way from 1929 to 1933.

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Mr. Cothran became president of the Piedmont & Northern and the Durham & Southern Railway in 1937, and held that post at the time of his death. As the administrative head of these affiliated raily roads he demonstrated his ability as a transportation executive. An of under his management the roads made steady progress in the expansion and improvement in their services to the shippers of the Piedmont region.

mont region.

People of the Greenville section remember Mr. Cothran as a man whose keep mind, was constantly on the alert to opportunities for the furtherance of the economic welfare of the region, and who sought to sign eall possible co-operation in promoting its industrial and commercial growth. His death is profoundly mourned throughout this area.

A hick town now is a place with only one

'They Say He's Very Prosperous'



This cartoon was drawn in May, 1947, and is one of a series of Herblock cartoons being reprinted while he is on vacation.

### Peoples' Platform

## More About 'Henry & The Egg'

Editors, The News:

Now that the shadow of Henry Wallace and his wild-eved band of malcontents and agitators has passed over the Tar Heel State, the self-righteous bleeding hearts and typewriter jingoists are gritted ing out a functional sold of sertification and the state of the state of Tags and Tenry Wallace."

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chiefly concerned with lambasting public manifestation of contempt for Wallace, and strive to resta
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Almost from the very moment that he stepped to the microphone Walkee indicated a nervois uncodesion to the microphone Walkee indicated a nervois uncodesions tension that found expression in worst outside the speaker and resulted in a restless shifting that the crowd was pressing unon him and made the mistake of moving toward his car. From that the crowd was pressing town the first that the the crowd was pressing town the mistake the state of th

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\* Editors. Tur News:

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A Word From California

Editors. The News:
Copy of letter sent the Governor of North Carolina dated Sept. 1, 1948:
My dear Governor:

My dear Gover

-FRANCIS E. WILLIAMS.

Corn and cotton in the bottoms, trees and cattle on the hills—that prescription saves our soil, and puts money in our tills. —Memphis (Tenn.) Press-Scimi-tar.

Marquis Childs

### No Mere Figurehead

SANTA MONICA, Calif.

IT WOULD be hard to find a more typical Western family than the Zari Warrens. They have been made and the Lari Warrens and the beach. The Lari Warrens are the Lari Warrens and the beach warren children but their risends and dates are constant the fire warren children but their risends and dates are constant the fire warren children but their risends and dates are constant the fire warren children but their risends and dates are constant the fire warren children but their risends and dates are constant the fire warren children but their risends and dates are constant the fire warren children but their risends and dates are constant the fire warren children but their risends and the kitchen Earl Warren has been making speches and shaking voter's hands, looks. All this is political capital of the first order. It is one of the research of the warren a pulling power in the attractiveness Earl Warren has and realistic knowledge of the conflicts and the demands of the nation and, particularly, 80 flux and realistic knowledge of the conflicts and the demands of the nation and, particularly, 80 flux and realistic knowledge of the conflicts and the demands of the nation and, particularly, 80 flux and realistic knowledge of the conflicts and the demands of the nation and, particularly, 80 flux and realistic knowledge of the conflicts and the demands of the nation and, particularly, 80 flux and realistic knowledge of the conflicts and the demands of the nation and, particularly, 80 flux and realistic knowledge of the conflicts and the demands of the nation and, particularly, 80 flux and realistic knowledge of the conflicts and the demands of the nation and, particularly, 80 flux and realistic knowledge of the conflicts and the demands of the nation and, particularly, 80 flux and realistic knowledge of the conflicts and the demands of the nation and, particularly, 80 flux and realistic knowledge of the conflicts and the demands of the nation and particularly and the particular and the demands of the na

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# Drew Pearson's Wallace Believed Not To Carry A State

(Ed. Note—While Drew Pearson is on a brief vaca-tion, the Washington Merry-Go-Round is being written by his old partner, Robert S. Allen.)

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Senator Edward Robertson, facing a tough re-election Fight, has received in overoff part in a plug for him. Occument on a Truman cronty by Joe Borkin, ace former Justice Department official: "Every time that guy opens his mouth, his shockness fall out."

Politics
TOTE Presidential battle will be a family affair. President
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taw professor, os continuing to run at the third-party candidate for governor of Connecticut despite a statement he
wood withdraw if the Democrata nominated chester Bogeds.

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Around The Circuit

CEN. LUCIUS CLAY has a \$150,000-a-ver job waiting.

On him when he retire from the Army... Philip (Moon) Mullen. member of the Mississippi Legislature, is waging a fearines battle against race hatred in his state.

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Third Army
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I Patton are now back in the U. S. They are Ma.) Gen.
Hobart Gav., Chief of Staft, flow commander of the Weshington Military District: Brig. Gen. Walter J. Mulitar, Calsassistant commandant at Fort Ruley; and Col. Halley Maddox, G.-J. now holding the same nost in the new Hq. Third
Army. The Washinston AVC chapter has opened a series of the Col. Halley Madtion basis. The National Foundation for G. J. Joe. Inc.
headed by Col. William G. Nickias, has launched a drive to
raise tunds to provide entertainment for hospital-immured
very control of the Col. J. Joe. The Col. J. Joe.
Col. James E. Killian, convicted for mistrating soldiers
during the war, will make another attempt to get his case

### 'Communistic Project'