WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 1949

# A ONE-SIDED PROPOSAL

ANY motorist who has to drive over ANATh Carolina's country roads in bad weather will admit the justice of Governor Scott's complaint about the "mud tax". Many of the roads are really in a mess, and the State has a definite obligation to put them in good shape so that "mud the country of the school of the sch

es and haul themselves and their products to urban areas.
But Governor Scott would have us be-lieve that the road problem is the exclusive property of rural residents. His proposal for a \$200,000 bond issue, with all the money going to rural roads, ignores the very pressing need of the Biate's cities for some help in building and maintining city

streets.

Let's look at home figures.

The N. C. League of Municipalities claims that the State's population is divided about 50-50 between urban and rural areas, if towns with a population of 2,500 or less are considered urban.

secords of the Public Roads Administra-tion show that approximately 50 per cent of all travel is in urban areas, which would indicate that at least half of all gas tax funds are earned on city streets. Some estimates place it even higher, as much as two-thirds. ords of the Public Roads Administra-

rthermore, one-sixth of the State's system approximately 6,000 miles, lies

thin city limits. Yet the State of North Carolina, in di-

viding the vast sum taken in from the gas tax and auto license tax, allocates a paitry \$1,000,000 annually — one ortisth of the highway fund receipts — for repair and maintenance of streets within city limits. In effect, the State draws a line at the city limits and says to the urban dweller, "Borry, you build your own streets."

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So the city dweller shells out (1) his proportionate share of the paving assessment to build his street, plus (2) property taxes from then on out to pay for its upkep. On top of that, he is soaked for gaoline and license taxes from which he scte little or no benefit, except when he leaves town.

leaves town.

The League of Municipalities has asked the State to return to the cities one-sixth of the gas tax revenue, since they have one-sixth of the Bata'es roads to look after. (They have asked it before, with no result.) When you consider that city dwellers pay one-half of the money into the Tressury, it doesn't seem unreasonable for them to set, at legst one-sixth have. get at least one-sixth back.

Unless the General Assembly and Gov-ernor Scott are willing to compromise on some such split, or cut the cities in on the \$200,000,000 bond issue, irritated urbanites might very well vote the issue down.

All things are relative in this wo The State Government belongs to all the people, and its services should be me out accordingly.

## BILLIONS FOR A BONUS

CO FAR as we know there is no real
Sentiment among servicemen for promoting themselves another helping from
Uncle Sam's Treasury. Most of them were
tried aghenty, and understandably, by the
failure of Congress to provide for clothes,
houses and other essentials to help them
pick up their civilian lives again. But now
they are back at work, and pay taxes like
sweryone else. And they are a good deal
more soncerned over the nation's efforts to
achieve a lasting peace, so that they and
their children will never have to fight
again, than over a cash bonus.
Not so the big boys who run the vet-

Not so the big boys who run the vet-erans' organizations, and who claim to speak for the servicemen. They are engag-ed in a spirited rivalry to see who can whomp up the juiclest bonus bill.

Last Fall the American Legion conven-tion went on record as favoring a pension proposal which would give all veterans of World Wara. I and II a flat sum of \$30 monthly upon reaching the age of \$5, and \$75 monthly at 45. The Legion plan is for the future, and some of the other veterans'

That fine statesman, John Rankin of Mississippi, has tossed into the Congres-sional hopper a measure sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars. It would pro-vide what it euphemistically labels "ad-

justed service compensation" — in other words, a cash handout — figured at the rate of \$3 a day for domestic service and \$4 a day for foreign service. In the case of a private who was paid \$90 a month for service in this country, the bonus would amount to \$90 a month for the period of his service, or almost twice what he earned during the war. Mere with a proposition which Amvet members "overwhelmingly favored" in a poll. It would provide immediate payment of a Federal bonus, but in Government bonds redeemable in six years. The Amvets estimate their proposal would call for a cool 40 billions of

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Neither of the plans makes any distinction among the millions of servicemen; each would be a blanket bonus, payable, we presume, under the theory that once a man has served his country, the U. 8. Treasury is fair game for the rest of his natural life.

There is plenty yet to be done to provide decent compensation, financial and otherwise, for veterans who were war cannot yet the compensation of the public, and of more service to their members, if they turned their strention to this matter indiead of bidding for memberships by sponsoring fantastic bonus bills.

# A PROGRAM FOR RACE PEACE the decisions of the Supreme Court re-lating to segregation; should "stop, at all costs, prevailing lawlessness by violence and by evasion"; should "eliminate seg-regation in many practicable areas such as transportation"; should "guarantee oppor-tunity for all citizens to vote without hift-drance, and . . . eliminate the poll tax"; should "eliminate lynching by law"; and should "stop being afraid of democracy." We are inclined to believe that Dr. Odum

WHEN George Marshall talks about for-WHEN George Marshall talks about tor-eign policy, when Ben Fairless talks about steel, when the Mayo brothers dis-course on medicine the American public listens. North Carolinians and Bouthern-ers likewise listen when Dr. Höward W. Odum, professor of sociology at the Uni-versity of North Carolina, talks about

sociology.

Dr. Odum is widely respected for his work with the South's slokness—reas relations. Dr. Odum is no radical, no Yankee snooper, no Fourteenth Amendment shouter—but he is a man with a good heart and considerable common sense. He knows that, for the sake of both races, the white man and the Negro must learn to live in man and the Negro must learn to live in

social peace.

Recently in "The Southern Pecket", a magazine published in Asheville, the sociologist laid down a 21-point pais which he thinks will help chop away some of the vine-like prejudice that mast the road to democracy in the South.

There is nothing startling about Dr. Odum's program; he simply repeats the argument that is well known to all those who have taken more than a passing interest in harmonious living.

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His points: The South should abide by DISAPPEARING IDEALS

should "stop being afraid of democracy."
We are inclined to believe that Dr. Odum
is a practical man; this is not "idealizm"
—though we find nothing evil about ideals.
This is the logic of necessity, for the condition of the individual is dependent upon
the condition of his environment.

If the individual is to be happy—be he white or Negro—then the social group of which he is a part must be as harmonious as possible. A normal man cannot be hap-

py in a mental institution, a healthy man

py in a mental institution, a healiny man cannot be happy among the sick, and— strange as it may seem—the rich man can-not be completely happy in the company of the poor.

Furthermore, if the South does not solve its own problems—through some such pro-gram as Dr. Odum's—it will be solved for them by the other states. And much more

# WE feel the same twinge of sympathy for Mrs. Eleanor Roosevell we felt for the late President Eduard Benes of Czechoslovakia. Distilusionment is always a bitter pill, especially when our ideals are involved. And it must have been particularly hard for those two generous, peace, loving souls to, find out the truth about Soviet Russia. Mrs. Roosevelt, who has had to rub against the Russian delegates in her work with the United Nations, put it this way:

"I don't think I will ever compromise sgain, even on words. The Soviets look on this as evidence of weakness rather than as a gesture of good will." She was particularly irritated at the Russian attitude toward human rights, and the Soviet's refusal to permit Soviet bides of Americans to leave Russia.

The late President Benes, according to his secretary who has arrived in this coun-

try, confessed before his death he had been entirely wrong in his belief that peace could be achieved between Russia and Czechoslovakia.

"For a long time I believed that Gott-wald (President Klement Gottwald or Creecholovakia), at least, did not lie to me. But now I see that they all ite, without ex-ception. It is a common matter with all Communists, especially the Russian ones. My greatest mistake was to refuse to be-My greatest mistake was to refuse to be-to me cynically, both in 1625 and later, and that his assurances to me., were an inthat his assurances to me . . . were an in-ternational deceit," Benes is quoted as saying.

So it goes. Day by day we're learning that it is utterly impossible to do business with the Polithuro by our standards of ethics and honesty. The tragedy is that the lesson has been so expensive.

'What Do You Suppose Keeps Them Away?'



# People's Platform

# Road To National Insolvency

CHARLOTTE

I ENCLOSE herewith copies of letters to Congress-man Jones and Senator Broughton for your infor-mation and use, if desired. -H. M. WADE.

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January 17th, 1949
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Cordially yours,
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#### Filibusters Approved CHARLOTTE

CHARLOTTE Editors. The News:

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The People's Platform is available to any season when the care to mount it. Communications should be less than 300 words, typewortten if possible, and on only one side of the paper. Libel and obscentity will be deleted-otherwise anything goes. Each letter must be signed. — Editors, The Niews.

## Quote, Unquote

From no business in which the State engages can the people have what they need at less cost than they can have it from private agencies.—Charleston (S. C.) News & Courier

And still it takes a lot of industrial know-how just to put together a motor car capable of carrying its own weight in extras.—Washington (D. C.) Evening Star.

# Stewart Alsop

# Memorandum To Truman

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In several particulars the message to Congress differed from the
CIO program. For example, the
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favored an excess profits tax on
corporation profits. The President
saked Congress for four billion dollars in new taxes, but he did not
specifically insist on an excess
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Again, the President asked for stand-by powers to control wages as well as prices in an inflationary emergency—and this was most discussed to the control of the president to take a more specific and unqualified stand in favor of outright repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act than he actually look.

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All this is obviously open to all sorts of sinister interpretations—that the CIO has captured the government, that President Truman is its messenger boy, and so os. This is, of course, nonsense.

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but what it did not contain. Any major labor movement outside the United States, even the united states, even the contained state of the United States, even the with similar access to the centers of state power, would certainly have demanded the nationalization of a whole series of basic industries. Yet whole series of basic industries. Yet whole series of basic industries. The trinaire sense, has clearly been respected as a political program by the American labor movement.

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# Marquis Childs

# Warning In The Sky

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CURE DISAGREED
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the Athens government.

The fault lies, in my opinion,
in the lack of any clear policy
which the U.S. mission in Greece
could lay down in such a way that
no Greek could possibly mistake it.
This has been the British criticism
of the U.S. effort: While many
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U. S. polier-makers in Greece have, it seems to me, continued themselves too narrowly to tired reactionaries out of the past. This has been one of the reasons why the U. S. effort has achieved nothing but a holding operation, and the success even here has been limited,

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ing to effect drastic changes.

Greece will have been a valuable object lesson in what is possible and what is not possible if Dean Acheson, the new Secretary of State, will see it in that perspective. In any event, the warning of disaster cannot be ignored.

#### Drew Pearson's Truman Could Aid March Of Dimes Fund Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON
January is a month when we have come to think of
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didn't mention it.

Only on his birthday was his infirmity brought home to the public, and then in order to help others stricken with his dread affliction.

#### An Idea For Truman

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TODAY this column recalls these facts because as Franklin
Roosevelt's birth date again approaches, and as the
san of years aince his death increase, it is only natural that
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plane, and despite and of people think the plays rather well.
They enjoy hearing him.
Only a very few of the American people, however, and
the pleasure of hearting him. He has played at the
He has played at the Press Club, and in the privacy of the
White Mouse.

And while it might not be dignified for the President of the United States to play before a large audience, there could be nothing wrong with Harry Truman's making two or three records for the American people for the benefit of Rooserel'ts infantile paralysis fund.

For instance, if the President should make a phonograph record of his old favorites, "Missouri Waltz" and "Anchors Aweigh." I predict they would sell in the millions.

Purthermore if Dauchter Margaret sang to her father's accommaniment, more millions would be accumulated for the infantile paralysis fund.

# ASCAP Offers Co-Operation

To test out to idea, I put it before Fred Alhert, head of AsCaP American Society of Composers, Authors and Including two which sold over two million—TIL Get By," and Bing Crosby's theme song, "Where The Bine Of The Night Meets The Gold Of The Day," So he can be considered comeching of an authority on music. Purthermore, as less than the control of the same of the control of the control of the same of the control of the sam

records.

Fred Alhert's reaction was immediate. He volunteered to obtain a waiver of all royalty rights from the authors of Harry Truman's favorites, and also offered to, pay a good share of the cost of making the records. The only reason he didn't offer to pay all the cost was because he feared the sale would run into so many millions it would bankrupt ASCAP.

ASOAP. Anyway, there is an idea—an idea by which one President can help cure the affiletion which struck another President. The records could be dedicated: "To a crippled President who helped a crippled nation—from Harry Truman."

# Tennessee-Hub Of USA

FLEANOR KEFAUVER, seven-year-old daughter of Esenator from Tennessee, believes that all the USA voives around her daddy's state. At least that was her cuse for inviting all the girls in her class to ride on Tennessee float in the inaugural parade,

Senator and Mrs. Kefauver didn't know about their daughter's hospitality until one of the mothers called up and asked with her little gift was supposed to wear in the parade. Whereupon Mrs. Kefauver asked Eleanor about it.
Eleanor explained that the Tennessee float depicted a garden some there was no reason why a crowd of little gift shouldn't be seen in the garden. Furthermore, added Eleanor: 'All the gifs in my class have some connection with Tennessee.

with rennessee. "Why what about Evelyn Ellender," remonstrated Mrs. Refaurer. "She comes from South America."

"Yes, but ahe had to come through Tennessee to get to Washington."

Washington."

In the end, Eleanor was overruled. She herself will ride on the Tennessee float, along with one little girl from every Tennessee Congressmant family. But her schoolmats were ruled out, and Mrs. Kefauver has been busy calling up their mothers to explain. She doesn't know exactly how many people Eleanor has invited; so she is still worried for feer, some of them may turn up at parade time.

# Inaugural-Go-Round

OUT-of-town detectives imported to augment the Secret Court of the