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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

THERE is, we suppose, no reason to get unduly exercised over the President's message to Congress yeaterday; only a combination dyed-in-the-wool reactionary and incurable optimist would have expected anything else.

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Harry Truman promised the American people he would keep up the flight for his brand of New Dealism. He told them in forthright, éourageous words prectaely what he would ask Congress to do. They put him back in office, and he kept his word. It's as simple as that.

To the "liberals" of the nation, no matter their party leanings, the message was a reaffirmation of the theory, highly popular these days, that we are firmly in a new era in which Government with a capital G is the great common denominator for all of our problems, individual and collective, and that there can be no turning back.

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To the "conservatives" of the nation, it was more proof that somewhere along the line, frightened by the panie of depression and then inlied by the glib longues of Big Government proponents, the American people have forgotten a fundamental lesson their forbears learned the hard way—that powerful central authority, no matter how good its intentions, is by nature inefficient and will eventually become op-messive.

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There was one notable departure from the Roosevelt New Deal. President Truman proposed that we pay as we go, and took the courageous and politically unpopular step of urging an increase in taxes to avoid creating a deficit. In this he was consistent; last year he vetoed the Republican-sponsored income tax cut. Even those

who object to his program cannot but admire his insistence on keeping income in line with outgo.

Over and above the general philosophy of his program — and there is certainly a strong case to be made out for many of his program — and there is certainly a strong case to be made out for many of the program of the program

BALANCED GOVERNMENT

In A brief accounting of his stewardship last week, Governor R. Gregg Cherry made it clear that he values the debt reduction made during his four-year administration almost as highly as the many expanded services rendered.

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"One of my purposes," the retiring Govbranc declared, "was to help get the State
of North Carolina out of debt, and I believe
that goal has been largely accomplished.
This means that for the first time in 100
years all of our current tax money can be
used for current needs with no diversions
to pay for debts accumulated long years
aso."

To further nail down his philosophy of government, the "Iron Major" had this to say about the famous surplus which almost proved as pestiferous as debt;

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"As for our fixeal surplus, it has been my
policy that such funds be utilized for permanent: improvements, and I believe the reord will show that substantial progress has
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we have appnt more on permament improvements during a four-year period
than has been expended in all the presport of the states history. This means that,
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stitutions to a point where they will exceed anything in the South. And all of this will be done without incurring any state debt for the future citizens of our state to pay."

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This sensible attitude about financial responsibilities would seem to assure Grege Cherry's administration a high-nanking spot in the annals of intelligent government. A philosophy has been rampant in our republic that public debt makes no difference, that the government can largely overlook its financial obligations. There are just enough old-fashioned people left who believe such nonsense is a dangerous pipedream Financial solvency lin government is just as important as & ever was, and as North Carolina's staunch old Robert Doughton said in Washington I ast week. "If we don't get out of debt in boom times, when will we ever get out."

Overroor Cherry apparently feels the doubt of the control of the co

tional review: "I was inclined to believe," he said, "that our State's best welfare could be served by maintaining a balance between further expansion of services and financial solveney." When you consider what the Cherry administration supplied in the way of expanded services, then this philosophy of balanced covernment achieves new distinction.

A GOOD CITIZEN DEPARTS

DR. E. WILLIAM NOLAND, who leaves

DR. E WILLIAM NOLAND, who leaves the city soon to accept a professorial post at the University of lows, is a rather remarkable fellow who has made an unusual contribution to the community in the two years he spent here.

Seldom it is that a new citizen moves right into the activities of a sommunity; enerally he wants to wait around and get adjusted. But it it, took Dr. Noland very long to feel at home, we were'nt sware of the self-way of the

A trained research expert, he showed a firm grasp of details. But he also managed to accumulate in his brief time a good working knowledge of the broad objectives of better community life here. And he had

an amazing variety of interests, serving in responsible positions with the Community Research & Development Council, the Better Business Bureau, the Christmas Bureau, the Christmas Bureau, the Janior Chambér of Commerce, the Boy Scout Association, the National Conference of Christians and Jews, and the Charlotte Symphony Corchestra.

Symphony Orchestra.

He has accepted a position, effective next month, as associate director of the Institute for Research in Business and Economics at the University of Iowa, and thus will pick up a university career which was interrupted when he left the staff of the Labor and Management Center at Yale University to come to Charlotte to Join the R. 8. Dickson Co.

Charlotte has always been fortunate in attracting new citizens who have in turn helped the city along the road to progress. Dr. Noland's stay was short, but it was a profitable one for Charlotte.

MOB ACTION IN RANDOLPH

cumstances,

A Negro man, Audic Lee Brown, had been taken to another county after his arrest on suspicion of shooting a farmer and live-stock dealer. On Sunday night a group of men, some of them wearing rude masks, went to the Randolph jail and demanded to see him. Told he want there, they insisted on questioning two other Negroles who were still in the jail, and were permitted to do so by the officer in charge.

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Meanwhile, help had been summoned, and the sheriff of Randolph County removed the two Negroes to a safer place.

The mob dispersed.

The original decision by the sheriff to take Brown to another jail in the first place was a wise one. But the disturbing

RORTUNATELY nothing came of it, but the initial sitrring of the mob spirit in How long is it, going to take the South to realize that we have a body of law and or-freak warning that the South has not yet learned that the law muist be allowed to take its course, no matter what the circumstances, and live and the state its course, no matter what the circumstances, and we have a sound to another county after his arrest on the state of the state o

forceful action by the authorities.

The Randoph masked men had no right to enter the jall at all, much less question any prisoners therein. And the sheriff would have been in step with the times if he had ordered them off the premises, and jalled them if they falled to leave.

Way back yonder about 40 years ago, if a Government project cost \$1 million the people wouldn't have it and they crucified any stateman who advocated it. But now if a Government project doeant cost at least \$1 billion, the people are not even interested. — Oklahoma City Daily Oklahoman.

The Doctor Prescribes



People's Platform

More On Anti-Communist Oath

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proposal to cause all employees of State-supported institutions to sign a

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a greater service than many of its alumni.

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any person elected by the people should be pegmitted
to serve regardless of his political beliefs.

In short, I feel that it is time for everyone to
take a stand for or against Communism in this
state, of ours, and I personally take my stand
gaintat it.

—JOHN B. REGAN.

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(Wrong. He's an alumnus of Davidson College.—
Eda., The News.)

Hotel Fire Protection

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THE home and school play a very important role in a four modern day Ampersan life, but the hotel has a common and the co

In the mad rush for money the American people forget all about the safety of human life until the tragedy occurs and lives are destroyed or forever made permanent cripples. JOHN M. MACAULAY.

Thanks From The Veterans CHARLOTTE

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IN behalf of Wilson Beatty Post No. 9736. Veterans of
Poreign Wars of the U.S. A. Charlotte, N. C.,
Route 7. I want to thank you and your entire personnel for the service you have rendered free of
charge to the post, through your fine paper, The
Charlotte News, in 1948.

The new year marks the beginning of a significant era in the annals of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. In 1949 we celebrate our Golden Jubice Anniversary, the culmination of a half century of outstanding service to our nation and the veteran, his dependents and survivors.

I wish you and your entire personnel a prosperous
New Year in 1949. Season's greetings to all, and to
all peace and good will.

—RICHARD A. HOUSER SR.

The People's Platform is available to any reader who cares to mount it. Communications possible, and on only one side of the paper. Libel and obscentiv will be deleted-other was anything occs. Each letter must be signed. — Editors, Tun News.

Quote, Unquote

Either party in the most happy marriage could make up a bill of charges that would make quite a divorce petition.—Lamar (Mo.) Democrat.

Hope and pray that the new phonograph records which play for 45 minutes won't give juke box owners an idea.—Louisville (Ky.) Times.

We pass laws to prevent manufacturers placing poisonous ingredients in our food. At the same time we let some of our "best sellers" go on the maket filled with fills. Probably our lawmakens read a healthy bold more important than a healthy mind.—Pithburg (Texas) Gastite.

Too much frustration
Inspires agitation.

—Atlanta (Ga.) Journal.

Stewart Alsop

Photosynthetic Shmoo

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Marquis Childs

A Congress To Watch

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NO CONGRESS in many years
will be watched as closely as
the one that now has convened.
Having put the Republicans on the
soot for their record in the 80th
congress. President Truman and
his party must demonstrate that
they can do a whole lot better.

The score in September of 1850, when the Congressional campaign becins, will determine a lot more than the outcome of that campaign. It can determine the shape of things to come, politically speaking, for a long time

The leaders of the new Congress are conscious of the concentrated attention focusing on them. It happens, however, they are the same leaders and the President in who failed so conspicuously to collaborate in the year and a half preceding the Republican victory of 1846.

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White House Callers

Freident-If they ask for an appointment. But important leaders don't see the Freident-because they don't ask. In other words, the people Truman sees are largely a hit-and-miss matter depending on his secretaries and his multirary aids. The Persident binself rarely reaches out and seeks the subject of people who are experts or those who are reported by the second of the second o

contractmental and asked for a chance to go in to see Truman.

Truman saw him.

Truman to the hand, ex-decretary of the Interior ticks. On the other hand, the commign, travaled out to Morelana at his own expense made powerful speches which sawing liberal votes to Truman. He showed this loyality even though the thought Truman would probably lose. In return, two months after election, Mr. Truman, until to thank him for his help to Mr. Ickes to the White House to thank him for his help. Unlike Mr. Rocentiel, Mr. Verbest and the Turkey Growers Association. Mr. Ickes didn't call up and demand to be let in.

McKellar and freelman Estes Kefauver.

So far McKellar havelt laden one of his famous pokes at
the limite Senator from Francesce. But before Kefauver on
volley. The Senate dean suspected that Kefauver wouldy vant
to appoint several Trainessens to Pederal John, so he fired
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co-operate with you. I wonder what your idea of co-opera-tion its? Is it that you want to do all the 'operating' and leave the 'co' to me?'

Anxious to get alone, Kefauyer called on the irate Me-celler and tried to pacify him. But the paces mission back-celler and tried to pacify him. But the paces mission back-kefauyer hadn't done anythine to, help re-elect President Tumnan. Kefauyer chiede McKellar for this, pointed out that, on the contrary, he had campaigned for Truman ever since his occuring speech.

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ing speech and in the newspaper account of that first
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the White House has given orders to look only to his recommendations in making Tennessee appointments. I do not
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Learning of McKellar's letter, the younger Tennessean
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posities (so long not to appreciate the true situation in NOTE: I-actually McKellar did little more for Truman than to announce at the last minute that he would vote the artight Democrate taket. When the votes were analyzed most of the Discovers strength came from McKellar's strong-most of the Discovers strength came from McKellar's strong-most control of the Discovers strength came from McKellar's strong-most control of the Discovers strongth came and the Discovers of the Disc