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THE FIRST PLANK?

BOB METZGER, who won't say he is and won't say he isn't running for Senator Clyde R. Hoey, Jr. brought down from the hills with him this week what looks suspiciously like the first plank in his platform.

"I am highly in favor of an old-age pension of \$100 month for all people reaching the age of 64," Mr. Reynolds told a convention of Legionnaires of the Loyal Order of Moose at Concord.

"It has been said that it can't be done. Some have said that it would cost \$12 billion a year," Mr. Reynolds said in his opinion that it would not cost that much and that it can be done.

Just like that, you see. It's plumb easy. While some of the best brains in the nation are studying industry's \$100-a-month pension program, analyzing age statistics and

planning the best way to extend Social Security coverage to other workers and increasing contributions and benefits all down the line, Mr. Reynolds jauntily waves his hand and says it can be done and that Senator Taft's tentative guess of \$12 billion is too high.

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MELODRAMATIC INTERLUDE

SNAKED-DAB in the middle of the AP's smacked running account of the latest Washington mystery thriller—"The Case of the Vanishing Uranium"—came this little gem.

The central character: Maj.-Gen. Oswald Garrison, who was taken to the U.S. Air Force by a committee about shipments of uranium ore to Russia back in 1945.

NEW YORK—LET ADD LEAD JORDAN EXPOSED. "ON THE CONFERENCE ENDED, JORDAN TOLD NEWSMEN HIS WIFE HAD RECEIVED A 'STRANGE PACKAGE' AT THEIR HOME ON EAST 47TH ST. IN MANHATTAN."

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THE FORMER ETC. THIRD GRAB AS BEING.

Then, as the office staff waited with

MR. LAFOLLETTE'S POGGUN

THIS WEEK a left-wing ex-Republican, national director of Americans for Democratic Action, took advantage of James F. Byrnes' defection from the Democratic Party or the Party's defection from James F. Byrnes, if you prefer, and named the one-time Secretary of State.

Whole Charles M. LaFollette, Republican who left his party to "work for liberalism" to Mr. Byrnes—who according to LaFollette left his party to "work for conservatism."

"I am sure you will agree that there is a very real kinship between many Northern Republicans and many Southern Democrats. A number of Republican Party members in reality Southern men of Southern principles and Eastern special interests, not a Northern or Western special interest. . . . I suggest that all of them ought to live in the same house."

He went on to suggest that Mr. Byrnes take over leadership of "the North-South coalition."

Mr. LaFollette may be trying to do one

STREETS OF THE CITY

THE city streets stretch like a lopsided checkerboard under the drab Autumn sky. Slow-paced automobiles knit their tires together in a carpet of asphalt. The streets have an air of silent, pre-occupied frenzy.

Over the people daytime noon, unalive, is a mass of pale colored pipes hanging out of windows.

A pair of spectacles, horn-rimmed with jagged lenses, broken and discarded on the broad apron of a store front. . . . black, drying pots, the heads curved where the tank hangers, a girl in a suit flunk turtleneck, a girl in a suit flunk turtleneck, a girl in a suit flunk turtleneck.

From The Winston-Salem Journal

THOSE NEW LUNCHEON CLUBS

YOUNG Philip Wilkie, son of the late Wendell Wilkie, seems to have stirred something by his proposal that business-labor luncheon clubs be organized in cities all over the United States.

His suggestion attracted such wide attention that Dr. Gallup decided to make a survey of public opinion on the proposition. Interviewers for his organization were instructed to put the following questions to a cross-section of the voters throughout the country:

"It has been suggested that factory workers and other laboring men should form luncheon clubs with businessmen in cities throughout the United States to try to reach a better understanding of each other's problems. Would you, yourself, favor or oppose this idea?"

The surveys show that business and professional men favored the proposal by a vote of more than 4 to 1. Members of labor unions voted 11 per cent for and only 19 per cent against the idea, with 11 per cent expressing no opinion.

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Perhaps something good will come out of this investigation. But it seems rather shaky so far—sort of like a package of jelly, as it were.

of both of two things: (1) pull Mr. Byrnes' feet to get rid of him with strictly humorous intent, or (2) discredit the South Carolinian in the eyes of many Southern voters. He probably won't succeed in either.

As far as we can tell, James Byrnes has removed himself as a potential Presidential candidate for the ill-fated Disincorporated movement. He has admitted that, if he is considering the S. C. Governorship, a good he should be able to win on the Democratic Party ticket without undue exertion.

As Governor of South Carolina, he could be a more effective champion of states' rights than he could be as James F. Byrnes, private citizen. We presume that's all he has in mind at the present.

Perhaps the real explanation of the LaFollette jibe is that Mr. Byrnes' flank attack is worrying the National Administration more than it likes to admit, and that the national director of the ADA has been turned loose with his poggun to see if he can stop them.

She had been promiscuous, the reporter contended, because she enjoyed it, but as a gesture of defiance toward her mother.

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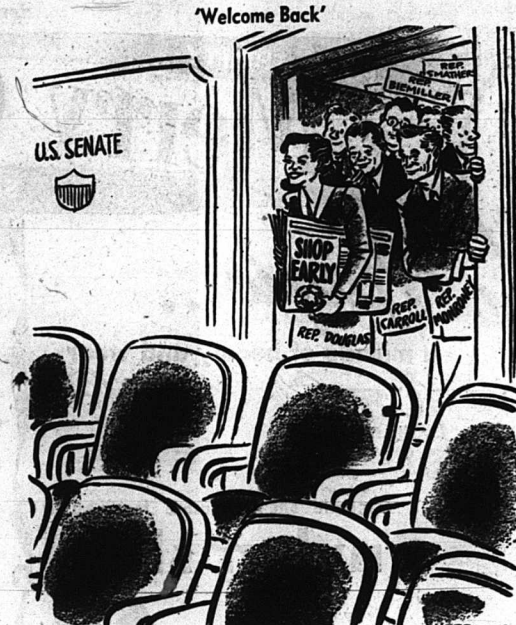
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"If labor would listen to business, business ought to be willing to listen to labor. Perhaps this service club formula of men breaking bread together can be put to use for the betterment of the American way of life."



Not Always Child's Fault

Parents Make Many Delinquents

By RALPH GIBSON

Charlotte News Staff Writer

(Second in a Series of Three Articles)

ALL criminal cases involving children under sixteen in Mecklenburg County or Charlotte are heard before Judge William J. Gailing of the Domestic Relations & Juvenile Court.

Under the law, the judge may place a child on probation or court supervision, confine him to a training home, or send him to a children's shelter. The "shelters" are farms in the county operated by carefully selected people with the ability to get along with children.

Children are sent to training schools only as a last resort.

Occasionally, a youngster is haled into court through no fault of his own—other than obeying instructions of a delinquent parent. Recently Judge Gailing tried a boy charged with driving an automobile without a license. The boy got off, but his father said a \$25 fine. "The drunken man had ordered the boy to drive his home."

In nearly every case, the juveniles are given a physical exam by the Health Dept. and mental tests at the Charlotte Mental Hygiene Clinic.

PRINCIPAL offenses are petty larcenias like shop-lifting, truancy, vandalism, and minor assaults. Some crimes, the judge said, are very rare among children here.

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