# GENTLEMEN, BE SEATED!

LEGISLATION affecting the most pow-erful nation in the world is often de-pendent upon the durability of a man's vocal cords. It is not a pleasant thing to think about, but it is one of the unhappy truths of our democracy.

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As this written, the vocal cords of the
silver-maned Senator from Texas, Tom
Connally, are keeping a majority of the
members of the Senate of the United
States from taking action which they believe to be in the best interest of the nation.

Tomorrow it may be the flowing rhetoric of our own Senator Hoey, or the angry voice of Georgia's Senator George which will block the will of the Senate of the United States.

United States.

They call it a fillbuster.

Thilbuster? Webster says a fillbuster is a member of a legislative or deliberative ody, who, in opposition to the proposed section of the majority, obstructs or pre-

vents action by extreme use of dilatory teatics, such as speaking merely to consume time."

Senators Connally, Hoey, George and the other solons from the South are fillbustering to preven the adoption of a rule by the Senate which would make it possible to end debate by a two-thirds rote. That is the immediate objective of our fenators. But their long range objective is to keep the fillbuster handy as a weapon with, which to lambast President Tymman's civil rights program when it comes before the august upper house.

There is no inconsistency in opposing the weapon our Senators are using against it. This is not an example of an end justifying the means. Nothing justifies repficing rule by the majority, upon which our gentlem rule by the majority, the said, with the tyranny of a minority.

#### CONFUSION OVER OBJECTIVES

EVERYONE admits the urgent need for people think that the State, in addition to boosting feacher salaries, should use its \$30,000,000 "rainy-day" reserve fund-and, perhaps, floott a bond issue to help construct school buildings. But few people have agreed on the best way to achieve these things.

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One reason is that the broad problem of improving our schools has become hopelessly involved in argument over the high-jucomplicated Foundation Plan of financing recommended by a majority of the Education Commission.

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The Foundation Plan strives for a sensible objective. At present the costs of sur school system are divided between local districts and the State in a complex arrangement. The Foundation Plan would lump all school costs into one fund, with the State paying 85 per cent and the local district is per cent. The exact share of this 15 per cent. The exact share of the state paying 85 per cent and the local district by an index of its consideration of the state of the

stion arises: Is it wise to con-

tinue this argument at the risk of further confusing the public and at a time when all education forces ought to be united behind more specific aims?

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For instance, the classroom teacher's of
the State are pressing for two specific improvements (1) a \$2,400 minimum salary,
and (2) a reduction of the teacher load.
They are not letting themselves be addetracked by the Foundation Plan. Because
theirs is a goal which can fee understood,
they are likely to get more support in the
end- than the State Board of Education
which is promoting the Foundation Plan.

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State aid for school buildings is also a
single, concrete objective behind which
considerable support can be marshaled.
Submitted to a vote of the people, a reasonable bond issue for that purpose would
doubless carry, and there is ample time
to devise a way of distributing the money
so as to (1) give the State some measure
of control over the design and location
of the buildings, (2) aid the poorer counties proportionately-more, and (3) still
retain basic local responsibility for school
buildings.
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It would seem the better part of wisdom for the State's educational forces to join their influence behind these easy-to-understand and easy-to-dramatize objectives instead of earpping among themselves. After all, the main concern of the public is for the children, and the important thing is to determine without further delay what. will help the most in giving them a education, and then get busy on it.

# THE PUPPETS ARE JUMPING Last week French Communist Maurice Thorex and old-stathful Togliatit voliced such patriotic sentiments. Now we have the British Commie, Harry Politi, promising to sabotage any war against Russis; and Otto Grotewohl, Red leader in east Germany, who declared no German would aid a fight against Russis. Why the shrupt change, all in a short space of six weeks? The explanation, as noted here before, lies in a statement by Josef Stalin back in 1934: The strategy of the Party is not concluding the property of the Party is not concluding to the property of the Party is not concluding to the property of the Party is not concluding to the Party is not concluded to

ITTLE RED PUPPETS are jumping all over Europe again, jumping to each tug of the string from the Politburo in Moscow.

No one is fooled, of course. The show has been put on over and over, and is no longer very original, or interesting. The actions are the same; only the music is

different.

If was just six weeks ago that the puppets were singing a happy, peaceful time.

At that time the Polithuro boys were bushly professing their yearning for peace, and yanking the strings which fan out over Europe to make each puppet repeat the refrain

In Paris, Communist Marcel Cachin:
There are no barriers to the good will of
peoples aspiring toward a common aim. If Roose, Communist Falmiro Toglatti: No
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# strict neutrality to partucipation pact. The military power of the big Russian bear may be potent enough to frighten and intimidate its next-door neighbors. But this process of intimidation int's helped any by the ridiculous antics of the Partucipation of the From The High Point Enterprise

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STILL stubborn enough to risk his enbuter rural or secondary road program by
skinig an all-or-nothing position, Governor Kerr Scott told newmen that he would
not agree to any reduction of his proposal
for a \$200,000,000 bond issue. The next day
the Senake Road Scommittee ignored the
Governor's position and amended the bond
bill to reduce the amount from \$200,000,000
to \$100,000,000. That is by no mean final
to study the secondary rund in the way the wind is blowing.
Though the Governor admits it will take
four years to spend that much money on
his secondary road improvement plan, he
wants it all authorized right now. His reasoning is that if \$100,000,000 be provided by
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vote of the people, then those rural citizens who get their roads during the first
two years' may not be willing to vote a
second \$100,000,000 to help those not included on the first go-Yound. Apparently
the Governor has a poor opinion of his
fellow rural citizens—thinking them less
far-ughted, or less fair-minded, than those
living in urban areas or along presently
paved roads. Because if he can't get a lot
of help from those now living on concrète
or asphalt or tar-and gravel, his proposi-

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tion is doomed to failure from the start. Apparently he has little hope that road building done in the first two years of his administration will prove the value of the program to the entire state. It would seem that the Governor has little faith, either in the judgment of his constituents or the effectiveness of his program. Somebody ought to tell the Governor about co-operation, settlement of differences, and compromise. Nobody wards him to compromise his principles. But if he is going through his administration with an all-or-nothing attitude, his total accomplishments will be nearer to nothing than to all he wants to do.

Mayor Otto Stephens was re-elected at a town election in Maysville. Some years ago town elections were held in Homer, but no more. Our people are well satisfied with the manner in which Mayor H. B. Hill runs-things o, we just let him run 'em on and on —Banks County (Ga.) Journal.

Many people like to see themselves in print. If this were not so it would be a shelluva note for the newspapers. — Lamar (Mo.) Democrat.



#### People's Platform

# Answer To Mr. Ches lock

treatment afforced non-cathodics in spain and sound.
Yes, Mr. Cheskock; there is much more of hus and cry than there is truth in such statements, and there is no truth whatkover in the stories that the years of the statements and conductation of the statements. The Pope prays for peace and blessings on all cook creatures every day of high like, be they friends any kind is the usual fatischood invented by the carried of the church. History proves that the Catholic Church (The Pope and, his quenchi was heatened to the control of the control o

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# Clover's Seven Liquor Stores

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# What Can We Do?

#### CHARLOTTE

Editors. The News:
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Come to it.—Morgan Ceunty (Ga.) News.

Marquis Childs

# Inquiry In Order

WASHINGTON FAR from being cleared up, the mystery surrounding the Japanese spy report grows deeper and darker. It is now in the stage of denials from all hands.

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# READ and REMEMBER

# Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round Truman Gets Wrong Angle On Suggestion

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### Social Security For Servants

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mittee will then set of the property of the committee will then sit down in executive session to write its
own bill, which will probably bear little resemblance to the
Truman proposals.

#### Old Age Benefits

Of the other hand, increasing social security benefits will be definitely be approved. However, Congress will throw the property of the proper

#### **Bureaucrats Dug Snow**

work a; a time when the Army at first refused to budge.
What happened was that on Jan. 12, Paul L. Pickenger,
regional director of the Indian Service at Billings, Mont,
telephoned Ma, Gen. Lewis A, Pick, Army district engineer
at Cmaha saking the Army for sastistance. Gen. Pick, one of
nominated as Chief of Engineers, refused to budge.
He said he was most sympathetic with any pian to
help snowbound people and cattle, but he had no suithority

#### Civil Rights For Housing

WRY-WITTED Sen. Ralph Flanders, Ver has introduced a new term—"horse sh dignified process of lawmaking.

During a closed-door huddle over the her suggested that they get down to "horse he explained is a New England term for horse shed when a controversy gets deadl