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AN UNTENABLE POSITION

THE column written by Mrs. Roosevelt on the Barden aid to education bill, and the letter from Francis Cardinal Spellman which it provoked, are reprinted elsewhere on this page. They make good reading.

These two distinguished gladiators are quite able to take care of themselves, with-out any assistance from us. But we would like to make a few observations on the con-

troversy.

It is regretable that Cardinal Spellman felt it necessary to indulge in a bitter personal stack on Mrs. Roosevelt, as he did not seen to be seen a special special seen as the did not seen as the seen

gain him much sympany.

When the Cartinal describes proponents of the Barden bill as 'those who would deny them (Catholic children) their constitutional rights of equality with other American children," he is obviously overspeaking himself. It would indeed be monstrous if Catholic children were denied constitutional rights of equality. They have such rights now in the public schools of this nation. If their parents voluntarily choose to withdraw their children from the public schools and educate them in their own religious schools, it is not a denial of equal right by our Government to refuse them a Federal subsidy for such schools; it is an exercise of their rights as parents to fi them a reteral substity for such schools; it is an exercise of their rights as parents to choose religious schools for their children. The exercise of that right does not carry with it the responsibility for financial aid from the State.

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Cardinal Spellman objects to the inclusion of children w ho attend parochial schools for the purpose of receiving funds, without also including them in the benefits of the funds. If it is a principle he is objecting to, he should logically demand that parochial schools (tf. their children are counted) should share/equally and like in all Federal school funds how there has occalled "local services" about which he criminatory it would be to those states which have large numbers of Catholic children if their state allocations were reduced by the proportion of their children in parrochial, achools. We cannot believe that Cardinal Spellman would advocate such a procedure.

The church leader fosters another mis-

conception of the Barden bill, when he in-fers that it would grant money for trans-portation, health Ain welfare services to public schools while denying them to pa-rochial schools. That is not the case at all. Mr. Barden's bill'limits the funds to "cur-rent expenditures for public elementary and secondary schools within such state" (Section 3) and forbids their use for trans-portation, health and welfare services in all schools, public and private.

The phrase "axation without participation" is a novel one, and brings up an interesting question. A great part of our present tax structure is "without participation." Fancy the \$50,000.a-year man participating in the benefits of slum clearance housing or the many other Government services which soak the wealthy in order to benefit the needy.

A greater injustice than that would be the levying of a Federal tax on all the peo-ple and then handing it out to certain states which would permit its use for pri-vate and religious schools. That would clearly violate the spirit and letter of the

We might as well face up to this ques-tion. Nothing can be gained by side-step-ping it.

We see all about us today the distressing conflicts between Church and State: peracution of Catholica in Eastern Europe, re-pression of Profestants in Spain. Here in this fortunate nation, founded by men who were fleeing from both political and re-igious oppression, we recognize the funda-mental liberty of every man to worship God according to the dictates of his con-science, or not to worship Him at all if he so desires.

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It is that liberty which has made possible
the full flowering of many religious organizations, including the great Catholic
Church. And it is that liberty which is
guaranteed by the provision in our Bill of
Rights that "Congress shall make no law
respecting an establishment of religion, or
prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

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The subsidizing by Federal funds of any -religious schools, no matter what their faith or denomination, would dangerously weaken that barrier, would rip a hole in the cloak of liberty which has permitted Cardinal Spellman's own church to prosper and which permits him to speak his mind on any matter, be it religious or political, as he has done in this case.

LESSON OF THE SANDHILLS

THEY say there were 25,000 persons in Rockingham this week for the third annual Sandhills Peach Festival, which is annual Saudhills Peach Festival, which is a goodly, number of citizens to congregate in Bockingham. But that was only part of the Festival's audience. All over North Carolina, the Sandhills peach folk had many friends and avid rooters who have watched the once barren mid-section of the State biosoom like the trebs on Peachpter Ridgs. Here in Charlotte we joined with the Rockingham Merchants Ausciation in recognifing the merits of the peach industry. It has done a tremendous job, despite the problem of weather and fluctuating prices.

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The peach industry — along with cotton-growing and the manufacture of textile products—has brought prosperity to the Sandhills, dotted it with thriving little peach towns such as Ellerbe and Candor and Mt. Ollead and dozens of others.

The Sandhills seem to us to stand as an example in the Carolinas, an example of how men of vision and industry can break from old patterns—and create new ones. It is a symbol of the

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And we can learn in North Carolins, learn from the alert Sandhills growers who have parlayed a combination of proper soil and, favorable climate conditions into a fruit fortune.

The fortune, the fariners of North Carolins mountains have begun to realize in recent years that conditions are ideal in the upper Pedmont and beyond for dairy farming—and the dairy industry has been growing by leaps and bounds.

Similar opportunities — favorable conditions and men of vision and energy—doubtless prevail in many sections of the state, and the Sandhills have shown that a "foreign" crop can be domesticated in North Carolina—and made to pay its way. Other Tar Heels must—and will—learn this leason.

lesson.

Just as North Carolina has begun to achieve a semblance of balance between agriculture and industry, so it is beginning to work toward a balance within its agriculture.

Balance means prosperity.

CRIME AND COMIC BOOKS

WE suspect that Mayor Shaw and his water and the Canny City Council are going to proceed with due caution when they take up the request of Citizen Bernard T. Walker that the sale of crime comic books and "olber harmful literature" be studied in the city of Charlotte.

Those gentlemen are much too astute to rush heading into a "solution" for a problem which is of admitted concern all difficult to solve.

One can agree that the more fiendisherine comic books have suggested a number of victous acts by kids in various parts of the country without agreeing that the books themselves were entirely responsible.

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"The fact that any seemingly normal child would develop an unwholesome and viracious appetite for the more ligid types of crime comics and detective books is in itself an indication of some abnormality of psychology or some deficiency of other recreational facilities or outlets for his time and imagination. And the best information responsibility ultimately rests upon the parent for not noting the deficiencies, and doing something about them.

Furthermore, we wonder just what "other harmful literature" Citisen Walker is taking about. That is a pretty broad term, and depending entirely upon who you are

and what your opinion of "harmful lit-erature" is, could encompass a great deal of our atore of printed knowledge. We would advise extreme caution. Cen-sorship of any type, for any purpose, is potentially dangerous.

Beware of men posing as candidates: In the Casey County News of last Thursday appeared the following classified ad: "\$10 appeared the following classified as: "\$10 reward for the recovery of my lemon-spotted hound pup which was coaxed away from home by a kind-looking man posing as a candidate for sheriff." — Lexington (Ky.) Leader.

Prominent Norwood matron tells us she keeps her girlish figure by chasing her "Dominecker" fryets around the the yard trying to catch them for a cash sale. — Warrenton (Ga.) Clipper.

If it were only a question of keeping up with the Joneses, things might settle down. But the real desire is to be slightly ahead of the Joneses.—Kingsport (Tenn.) Times.

The little boy's prayer: "God, make the bad people good, but please make the good people nicer to live with!" — Lamar (Mo.) Democrat.

Don't waste too much sympathy on that tired-looking individual you meet on the street. Maybe he's just back from a 5,000-mile vacation trip. — Pittsburg (Texas) Gazetts.

School Aid Argument

Cardinal Spellman's Letter

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
NEW YORK
THE text of the letter of Francis Cardinal Spellman
to Mrz. Franklin D. Roosfvelt regarding aid to
schools follows Dear Mrs. Rooseyelt:

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American freedom not only permits but en-courages differences of opinion and I do not quies-tion your right to differ with me. But why I wonder do you repeatedly plead causes that are anti-catholic? Even if you cannot find it within your heart to defend the rights of innocent tittle children and heroic, helpless men like Cathani matry Minda-and heroic, helpless men like Cathani matry Minda-ton and the control of the charter of the cast upon them still another stone?

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Sincerely yours.
FRANCIS CARDINAL SPELLMAN,
Archbishop of New York,

Mrs. Roosevelt's Column

FOLLOWING is the text of the June 23, 1949, column of Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, published in the New York World-Telegram, which touched off the dispute with Cardinal Spellman:

"The controversy brought about by the request made by Francis Cardinal Spellman that Catholic schools should share in Federal aid funds forces upon the citizens of the country the kind of decision that is going to be very difficult to make.

"Those of us who believe in the right of any human being to belong to whatever church he sees fit, and to worship God in his own way, cannot be accussed of prejudice when we do not want to see public education connected with religious control of the schools, which are paid for by taxpayers' money.

"If we desire our children to go to schools of any particular kind, be it because we think they should have religious instruction or for any other reason, we are entirely free to set up those schools and to pay for them. Thus, our children would re-ceive the kind of education we feel would best fit them for life

"Many years ago it was decided that the public schools of our country should be entirely separated from any kind of denominational control, and these are the only schools that are free, tax-supported schools. The greatest number of our children attendities technols.

"It is quite possible that private achools, whether they are denominational schools—Catholic, Episcopai-ian, Prebipterian, Methodits or whatever—og whether they are, purely academic, may make a great con-tended to the control of the control of the con-lower levels and on the higher levels. They will be somewhat freer to develon new methods and to tra-pentional to the companion of the com-pacting knowledge.

'This, however, is the very reason why they should not receive Federal funds: in fact, no tax fund of any kind.

Drew Pearson's

Merry-Go-Round

People's Platform Earth Is Big Enough

Editors, The News;

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-S. S. DUNLAP.

Quote, Unquote

Come Fall many a young gallant will find that in what he thought was a harmless vacation romance the young lady was playing for keeps.—Greenville (S. C.) Pledmont.

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Strictly For The Birds

NEW YORK

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with graft for years. Many people knew this, but other attorneys general had let it pass.

Manton was a Catholic. Murphy was a Catholic. But Manton ended up in jail just the same.

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Convicted Pendergast

In Missouri, the mesuspers had talked about the graft of the Pendergast machine, but Washington paid no attention. But, under Frank Murphy, a touch district attorney—Maurice Milligan of Kansas City—got Justice Dept, support, Maurice Milligan of Kansas City—got Justice Dept, support, and the property of the property o

Saving The City Bosses

Frankfurter His Enemy

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But in a short time, however, they were bitter enemies. The property of the proper