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### SOLICITATION COMMISSION

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It is the hope of Tux News, and, we be-lieve, of the people of Charloite, that a de-cision not be delayed any longer than that period.

The proponents set forth the very good reasons in favor of the ordinance which would clothe a public solicitation commis-sion with broad authority over public cam-paigns: the increasing number of such

would eight a poule solicitation commission with broad authority over public camsion with broad authority over public camdrives, the inability of private individuals
to find out what their contributions are
used for, the duplication and overlapping
of drives, the excessive quotas sometimes
set for this 'very generous-city, etc.
The-opponents defended the right of an
individual to give to what he chooses when
he chooses and to ask his fellow man to
help any worthy cause, pleaded sgainstany 'regimentation' of charity, and exany 'regimentation' of charity, and exwould be a decrease in giving.
It is entirely possible, of course, that the
broad powers granted by the 'ordinance
could be abused by a solicitation commission. But it is hardy likely that they would
be abused, for public opinion would simply

not support any unjust restrictions against the fund-gathering activities of legitimate, meritorious organizations.

No system is any better or worse than the people who administer II; the same system which produced a Woodrow Wilson gave birth to a Warren Harding. A solicitation commission can be good or bad depending upon the calibre and integrity of the people who serve on it, and supon the fairness and common serie; they used in/
A public solicitation formination might be "regimentation" in the atrict application of the word. But it would also be a protection and a service to the people of this community if they could feel that each appeal for money bore the seal of approval of a body of public-apirited citizens who had made a thorough examination of the petition to conduct the campagian.

The fund-raising organizations should see in this ordinance more than an effort see in this ordinance more than an effort and growing public resentment at being badgered constantly from all iddes throughout the year, a resentment which will eventually express Ruelf in an angry determination to say "No" to all of them, good and bad.

The ordinance should be adopted, as

mination to say "No" to all of them, good and bad,
The ordinance should be adopted, as written, or with such minor changes as the Council may decide are needed, so long as they don't materially weaken the authority of the commission.

### THE ILLINOIS LESSON

THE report of the American Society of Newspaper Editors board of directors expresses quite well the opinion of every honest, self-respecting newspaper a bo ut the great Illinois journalism scandal uncovered this year by the St. Louis Post-Dispatch and the Chicago Daily News.

These two newspapers found that 51 Ill-nois newspapermen had been on the State pay roll during the administration of for-mer Republican Governor Dwight H. Green, and duly exposed the unethical practice.

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The wire services were alow to pick up the story, and it was not until some days later that newspaper readers outside that immediate area found out about the disclosures. The nation's press has been virtually unanimous in condemning this breach of a public trust.

The ASNE board properly commended. The ASNE board properly commended the proper outside the proper of the state of the press association, and add the Illinois story "should lead newspapers and newspapermen throughout the country to examine their own practices, as well as political practices existing in their localities. The press of the country should be alter to the importance of avoiding not only evil but all appearance of cvil."

Folining out that there are many legitimate opportunities for newspapermen to

render public service, openly and without any subterfuge, the board laid down this general observation:

"Newspapers and wire services should be as quick to report public criticism of the press as to report criticism of any other press as to report criticism of any other press as to report criticism of any other press. The press are to the press as to report as the press are to the press as to the press and to the press and to press and to criticise, their reputation for complete integrity and fairness, threaten not only the press but the system of free government under which we like."

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That cannot be emphasized too strongly.
Freedom of the press is more than a license to publish a newspaper. The mere
granting of such freedom by constitutional
guarantee carries with it the obligation to
use the newspaper as an instrument of
public services and as a meant of informing
completely, factually, and honestly as pocompletely, factually, and honestly as postable.

sible. Whenever a newspaper, or any of its employees, so compromises itself that it is unable or unwilling to report on public affairs in the way which best protects the interest of the people, then it does not merit the freedom which the people have given it. That is the lesson of the Illinois Scandai. That is the lesson of the Illinois Scandai one which the profession, and our people sergywhere, should not forget.

# BYRD'S INFLUENCE AT STAKE the gubernatorial post to Edwards. He bills himself as anti-machine, but not as a liberal. Arnold is a farmer and a manufacturer. He has been described as even more machine-minded than the machine. He might want to run for the Senate next year unasted to the control of the co

WHAT'S up in the Old Dominion these
days? Politics, largely, More politics
than Virginia has troubled with in two or
three decades.
It seems that for the first time in many
years he "Byrd Machine" is up against a
challenger who packs a lot of weight.
Furthermore, there seems to be a split
in the machine itself.
John.S. Battle, old-guard machine candidate for Governor, is faced with licking
the "liberal"—anti-machine candidate
— Francia Pickens Miller — and at the same
time, pulling back into the field a number
of votes sought by Horace Edwards and
Remmie L. Arnold, who have exhibited
considerable appeal among the erstwhile
machine-fans among the electorate.
Battle is best identified simply as "Byrd's
candidate."

cannidate."

Miller is an energetic former legislator, writer and right hand man to Eisenhower in the war. He is, in the Southern sense, a liberal.

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Edwards is mayor of Richmond and a number of observers think that the close race between Battle and Miller may give

priories october transmissions by opinion and inpriories octors, he becomes Governor of Virginia.

It looks like genuine ferment in Virginia.

It would appear that the anti-machine
movement is strong, though perhaps not
strong enough to unperch the Byrdmen.

It may be that on next Tuesday (election
day) the same acrt of anti-machine fevor
that stirred New Jersey to oust the Hague
bunch, will ruffe the tradition-loving Cavallers into action against one of their most
solid traditions—the Byrd machine.

But — perhaps not; it will take a deal of
undoing to undo Byrd.

The fact remains, however, that the Byrd
machine has been challenged — strongly,
And, for the first time in many years, Virginians will have a choice when they go
to the polis.

From The Louisville Courier-Journal

### SURPRISE ENDINGS

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fit he House in formal seasion. (You mayremember: "Will the lady yield for a question?" saked the gentleman, interrupting
her speech on a pending measure. "Yes,"
said the lady. "Will the lady marry mer"
asked the gentleman. "Yes," said the lady—
after, of course, a pause demanded by
maidenly propriety.)
And now they have gone and zenotled it

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And now they have gone and apolled it by a Hollywood ending. It turns out that the lady didn't marry her enterprising colleague, after all. Frost-bitten and withered is our idea of the perfect union: two minds with but a single-thought of public responsibility; two hearts that beat as one to the meter of parliamentary practice. We could just see the outcome, a brood ateeped in political heritage, de dicated by nature themselves to become members of the themselves to become members of

legislature and so to build another line of family service.

Hamting service.

But Hollywood doesn't do it that way. It was pretty, but was it art? You searn better in any freshman course in short story writing. There has to be a conflict, a terfism guid or third person. Such a one entered the situation, a newspaperman whom the lady undertook to bawl opt, discliking his report of the spectacular proposal. If you know your movies, you might all. If you know your movies, you might be proposed to be a such a such as the proposed of the

Naturally, we wish joy to any young hings caught up by mid-Summer mad-ness; and particularly our felicitations go out to a fellow journalist as a matter of fraternity. Still, we liked the other ver-sion, too. It was so original.



Letter To Cardinal Spellman

# Mrs. Rooseyelt's Reply

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They are open to all children and it has been decided that there should be no particular religious beliefs taugust beam. The state of t

in relation to what may follow after it and what we think will be good for the country.

Anyone who knows history, particularly the history of Europe, will, I think, recognize that the domination of education or of government by any one particular religious faith, is never a happy arrangement for the people.

Spiritual leadership should remain spiritual leadership and the proper should not become too important in any church.

important in any church.

I have no bias against the Roman Catholic Church and I have supported Gov. Smith as Governor and work for him as a candidate for the office of President of the United States. I have supported for public office many other Roman Catholic candidates.

nor and work for him as a candidate for the office of President of the United States. I have supported for the United States of the Mindstern case. I spoke out very clearly against any unfair type of trial and any term of the United States of the United States of the Intelligence States of the Intelligence States of the Intelligence States of the United States of the Intelligence States of the United States of the Intelligence States of the United Stat

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# Shape Of Things

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Truman has requested from Congress.

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James Marlow

# Yearly Occurrence

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### Drew Pearson's Spellman May Break Political Alliance Merry-Go-Round

ONE partial by-product of Cardinal Spellman's attack on reafur. Roosevell is a new political alignment which may reafur the political of the entire nation. It may spell the reafur that the state of the reafur that for the past two decades there has been a close political reafur that for the past two decades there has been a close political for the reafur that the

alliance between Catholics and Jews in New York City, and in many other big industrial cities, such as Boston and The combination of Catholics and Jews in New York consistently carried the state for Rosevert, and for Al Smith before him. It was an aimset unbestable combination. The desired many continues the state of the state o

# Cardinal Opposes Lehman

series or articles by Fau managed crimate to the Christian Court of the Christian Christian

candidacy.

This Catholic opposition to Lehman, coupled with the Cardinal's criticism of Mrs. Roosevelt, who has always had strong Jewish support, is why Democratic leaders are so worried over continuation of the Jewish-Catholic political alliance in the big Eastern cities.

### FDR Jr. Talked With Cardinal

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IN the light of Cardinal Splimania critician of Mrs. Rooselvelt, it is interesting to recall a conference which took
lose between the Cardinal and her one before young Franklin rate of Congress to the Cardinal in order to Inform him
that his wife was planning to use for diverse. Young Franklin is an Episcopalian, but he called on the Cubbolic prelate
the 20th New York District are Catholic and he wanted their
support in his Congressional race.

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The Cardinal took no part in Roosevelt's subsequent
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# McCarran's Personal Immigrants

It turned out, however, that he only wanted sheepherds tend flooks in the West, McCarran wanted to impo

them, not from displaced-person camps, but from the Pyrenees Mountains along the Prance-Spanish border. This was a curtous request coming from McCarran who. alone, stands in the way of 40000 displaced persons tinher of the stands of the sta

## Elmer Bets With Power Lobby

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THE private power lobby took Sen. Einer Thomas, OkiaI homa Demorat, out to the race track to celebrate after
the put across that flug victory were public power in the secrety
Thomas led the fight behind closed doors to cup off thoma
for trammission lines, to carry power from Goveriment-built
dams to the public, leaving it to the private selectic comconsumers and bigger profits to the companies,
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to a roral evening at the Lauret, Md, race track, His houst
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