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ILL-CONCEIVED AMENDMENTS

DECISIVE vote by the Senate and a key rally by Vice President Barkley have stripped from the ECA appropriation measure two abortive and demagogic efforts to twist the world recovery program into something else considerably less noble in concept.

would have added credibility to Moscow's raving charge that the Marshall Plan is just another high-sounding name for U. S. imperialism.
In many respects more abortive, and further from the spirit of ECA, was Senator McCarran's amendment to include a \$50 million loan to Fascist Spain in the ECA fund.



People's Platform

REVERSAL IN CATAWBA

THE reversal of opinion on ABC stores in Rowan County was a surprise to many observers, but the decision of Catawba County voters in favor of the control program is even harder to explain.

alcohol problem than Prohibition. Perhaps therein lies the basic explanation of the Mecklenburg, Rowan, and Catawba bailings. There was a day not so long ago when few politicians, business men, church leaders, newspaper publishers dared oppose the Prohibition legions because of real or fancied fears of unfavorable public reaction. It has been adequately demonstrated by now that since people can differ publicly on this great question without fear.

'A Dangerous Thing'

Editors, The News: This is an open letter to Mayor Victor Shaw and members of the Charlotte City Council.

Since the voters of Charlotte have voted their confidence in you and your administration, we all have found that our confidence was not misplaced for you have been doing a long-neglected job for your neighbors and for all that dwell in our wonderful City of Charlotte.
After reading the papers for the past few days concerning public contributions for all needed causes, and to which organizations we, "The People of Charlotte," should and should not contribute is now put into your hands to decide what to do about passing an ordinance to outlaw same and to put your stamp of approval on them.

Stewart Also

NEW DELHI, India

IN A FEW WEEKS the most remarkable and probably the most important political leader in Asia will be flying across the United States. The prospective visitor, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Nehru's visit will be an event of great importance in the relationship between the United States and this enormous country which will be the first time since the outbreak of the Soviet Union's revolution that a man of such stature and ability will be in the United States.

Nehru

Yet between such ideals and political reality in India today there is a wide gulf. The Indian Communist has been using every possible technique, from acid bombs to open insurrection, to destroy the authority of the government; in fact, the Communist Party has been forced to call more political prisoners than the British jail.

GOOD WORK WILL CONTINUE

ALYN P. ROBINSON, who has been for the last two years director of the North Carolina Council on the National Conference of Christians and Jews, is to leave Charlotte this month for a higher post in the organization.

There can be no doubting that the strength of such a program as that being conducted by the National Conference of Christians and Jews—a program of bettering human relations, of easing inter-group tensions—is dependent, in part, upon the strength of its leaders and lay constituency.
But, by the same token, the program builds strength in those who work with it and it is this that gives us confidence that the National Conference of Christians and Jews will continue to achieve better human relations in this state.

The Medlin Warrant

Editors, The News: I'm referred to your editorial praising the Police Department in its solution of the Anderson case, why lose sight of the fact that the warrant issued two weeks ago against Medlin would have been in jail and this heinous crime would have been averted.

Charlotte

(Note: A Police Department spokesman, answering a question regarding the published reports about a warrant, said that Anderson's several days before reporting the loss of a radio and other articles to the police. Anderson commented that he had discharged Butler Medlin, but he did not sign a larceny warrant against the man. There was no warrant outstanding, although the police at the time did try to find Medlin to question him. The spokesman told The News-Observer, The News.)

NICE TRY, ANYWAY

MISS AMERICA has attracted wide attention with her campaign in behalf of bona fide bosoms.
A girl must be her very own self... Fading aren't honest—she told a group of admiring newspapermen in London.

Cost Of Alcohol

Editors, The News: Mr. Francis O. Clarkson observed in the People's Platform (Aug. 1) is rather hot to get the heated argument over the matter of ABC stores, but the evidence in support of Mr. Clarkson's contentions is not convincing.

Cost Of Alcohol

TO say that liquor taxes mean improved county finances is almost the equivalent of saying that it is better to burn down a \$100,000 home to collect a \$2,000 insurance policy.

Hunt And Maragon Were Rivals

THE lobbying tactics dragged on. Hunt and Maragon vied with each other to see who could do the most for Tanforan. It was not until the late afternoon that the officials that he was being pursued by Maragon. Maragon telephoned at all hours of the day and night, even in the middle of the night.

OUTPOST ON THE POTOMAC

NOW Colonel McCormick is in a dandy position to talk directly to Washington, in the familiar firmness and infallibility. The oracle of the Tribune Tower has moved in upon the capital by way of the Washington Times-Herald with the avowed intention of assaulting the eyes and ears of Congress and the White House with the truth.

Outpost on the Potomac

One is reminded of another warrior, Marshall Foch, and the imperishable words: "My center is giving away, my right is pushed back. Excellent! I will attack!"
The mood of the Marine is matched by an editorial in Saturday's Tribune which explains the purchase. Defense rings in its very title, "Outpost." It continues to the end: "As the folly of the course to which the nation has been committed becomes apparent we expect it to be outposts on the Potomac) to become a citadel from which the nation's integrity and property will be recovered."

General Vaughan Intervenes

IT was at about this point that Gen. Vaughan first intervened. Apparently he didn't like the way the housing specifier treated his boss, Maragon, for he complained about it to the other pal, Lobbying James Hunt, and a few days later Hunt showed up at the housing expediter's office along with Gen. Vaughan.

Drew Pearson's Merry-G-Round

WASHINGTON (AP)—Housing Expediter Tighe Woods warned that Housing Chief Frank Creedon could not afford to identify who those friends were.
Housing officials blew up said there had been no lack of courtesies being paid to the lobbyist which banned the use of building materials by Tanforan.

Vaughan Goes To Bat For Race Track

It is true that Track President Guy Standifer was out having gone to jail; and that Eugene Mori was prosecuted by the Newark Star-Ledger on Jan. 15, 1949, Standifer was the chief owner of the track.
Maragon's Income Tax
It now looks as if John Maragon is in serious trouble over his income tax. Standifer's Bureau of Internal Revenue investigators have now established the fact that the income Maragon had inside the room of the White House maintained a secret bank account in the name of Standifer in San Antonio in 1945 and 1946. Approximately \$40,000 was deposited in the account.