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LABOR DAY THEME

THERE are many things that could be I said on this Labor Day, 1946, about American labor. Most of them would be nice things; some of them would be bad, since Labor, like practically everything else, has both good and bad.

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But on this particular Labor Day, we'd
rather forget Taft-Hartley and employment and strikes and productivity and turn
the attention of News readers to an incident the other day in New York which
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Local of the Retail Circk International
Association, AFL, representing 2,400 emphoyees in, Wannanker's in New York, announced on the eve of the Labor Day weekend that it had decided to place newspaper
advertisements, aponor an essay contest
and mail out-19,000 letters in an effort, to
trigs more persons to buy at Wannankers. The union authorised an initial silecation
of 35,000 for advertising and at least \$1,000
more on the direct mail campaign.
Said Prasident Paul F. Milling of Local
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To which responded Fred W. Wilkins, general manager of Wanamakers:

"The union has always operated on the principle that the business has to prosper for its members to benefit, as a result, we have an excellent spirit among our employees that is not always present elsewhere."

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Mr. Wilkins pointed out that only 38 workers had been laid off, by his company this year, despite the sales 3 is mp, as a sale of the sales 3 is mp, as a sale of the sales 3 is mp, as a sale of the sale of the sales 3 is which as a sale of the sale of the sales of the

contract agreements with the management.

The Times, which chooses its adjectives with care, described the union move as "unique". It is certainly that, so far as we know. But we are moved to express the hope that, when Labor Day, 1869, rolls around, the adjective will no longer apply, and that the philosophy of Local 2 and the Wanamaker's management will be that of Labor and management in all these United States.

spare such equipment, and (3) the com-petition with commercial air lines. Furth-ermore, he said:

JOHNSON APPLIES THE BRAKES

If, as some of our political prognosticators are saying. Defense Secretary Louis Johnson is trying to find just the right chord to open his 1982 Presidential campaign theme song, it should be noted that he has a keen ear for harmony, Certainly the first three poles are in tune.

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A couple of weeks ago Mr. Johnson called in a group of Congressmen and timparted the bad news that he was allcing a lot of civillan employees, reserve officers, and several military and naval establishments off the defense budget. He was not going to have any part of "a defense WPA", he said.

A few days later, while the anguished outcries of the solons were still disturbing the atmosphere, the Secretary stood before thousands of Legionnaires in Philadelphia and vowed that criticism will not stop his efforts to unify the armed forces and provide defense at a price the nation can afford. Said Mr. Johnson:

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ford. Said Mr. Johnson:

"I am doing what my conscience tells me the people of America would have me do ... I promise you here, in this secred gathering, that I shall not be distracted by the name calling but I will stay on the job of unification within the cothomy of America.

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Last week-end the Defense Secretary tossed another warm potate at a group of Sernators who were planning an around-the-world junket in an Air Force DO-4. In a message which fairly oscal respect and courteay, Mr. Johnson pointed out that he objected to the use of military sizeraft for objected to the use of military sizeraft for purposes on three grounds: (i) the supposes on the services to the services

INFORMATION BUREAU

IT has long been apparent that a central information bureau for all of the community's social welfare facilities, private and public, could perform a real service.

Chances are that not many of our people engaged in social work know precisely the services available at the many agencies. Certainly the average citizen does not

Heretofore any person seeking informa-tion about or help from one of the agencies had to pick out one of them, stiff there his questions, and sooner or later wind up at the right agency. At night and on holi-days it was virtually impossible to obtain emergency help.

lished the community-wide Red Feather Information Bervice, which will operate the community of the Red Feather Information Bervice, which will operate tributed, news stories are the first of the community of the community sooial welfare resources. Questions can be an awe'red quickly, and the proper referrals made. The wonder of it is that someone ham't come up with the idea somen. It was originated by the new Chest director, Gorman E. Mattion, and developed by the Red Feather Public Information Communitee headed by J. Laurens Wright. Like other facilities, it will be of most value if it is in constant use. The first joo would seem to jet everyone know about it.

of these members of the committee who decide to travel around the world."

He proposed instead that the Senators go
by boat to Europe, thence to Tokyo by commercial sirliner, and on to the U. S. on the
regular Air Force acheduled run from
Japan. The cost that way, he estimated,
would be about \$7,000.

When Senator Einer Thomas of Okiahoma got the word, he hit the ceiling and
considered sending a "hot reply." Thinking
better of it, however, he merely notified
the other junketeers of Johnson's letter.
This is a facinating little incident, and
it will be interesting to see how the other
Senators, including some of those who
prate loudly about economy, accept the
edict. The Compressional, lunket, next to
the home district port-barrel technique, is
one of the nextest ways a Congressman can
beed the public treasury, and is cherished
highly. We've an itsea that Secretary Johnmon's ruling will find favor among the
puble, even though it rapp the consciences of Senatorial globe hoppers.

From The Atlanta Journal THE SOUTH NEEDS TWO-PARTY SYSTEM

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Trefusal to seat five Distiers members for more than a family equalible within the party. It is new evidence of the old need for a strong two-party system in the South. The Atlanta Journal believes, it would have been better to leave, the choice of national committeemen and committeemen and thus allow old wounds an opportunity to heal.

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We say that, not from the viewpoint of
the bollers, but as a newpaper which supported the Truman-Bartisy Democratic
ticket in November, 1948.

Nevertheless, it is difficult to make any
logical complaint against the committee's
refusal to admit members who aupported
another ticket in the last general election.
They themselves chose to leave the Democratic Party. They have no valid complaint about not being readmitted immediately to party office.

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What the entire episode emphasizes is that Disternate left their own party for an ineffectual alternate. The sound and courageous course for those who could not with sincertify support the Democratic Party-would have been to turn to the Republican.

President Truman's remarks to the na-tional committee that the Democrats are "no longer a sectional party" with "the tail wagging the dog," show scant appre-ciation of what the South has meant to the Democratic Party through lean years and fat. His words are even less calculated than the committee's action to encourage the healing of party wounds.

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Both parties tend to ignore the South
because the Democrata see no danger of
our going Republican (the worst they fear
is defection to some splinter party) and
the Republicans see little chance of getting
our vote.

If there were real competition for the South's political support we would be in a much better position.



Wayne Freeman

S. C. Needs Political Independence

(In The Greenville (S. C.1 Picdmont.)

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SOUTH CARGULN'S political situation is muddled

and the average citizen, whom I have been
uring to kake a more active part in politics and,
thereby, exert is itronger and more positive influence
on his Government, probably is himself continued.

His continuon would be understandable, what
the two divergent factions laying claim to the
label of "Democrat" and with no promising atternatives to supporting one or the other of these
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sight.

I learind early in my apprenticably as a political reporter to avoid political predictions, but there are a few trends apparent in our current; political history which may, produce developments of lasting this continuous co

sensiti to Government in our state. Once three sensitives of the politicians, the situation is not nearly so confusing.

Yesterday, and the day before, in this sence? I unset the saverage citizen to better inform humed the saverage citizen to better inform the precision of the saverage citizen to better inform humed the saverage citizen to better inform humed to the saverage citizen to be the saverage citizen to precise the saverage citizen to be the saverage citizen to the saverage citizen the saverage citizen the saverage citizen the saverage comments and hence a saverage comments and perfect the saverage citizen the saverage comments and hence cannot be saverage citizen may be a saverage cashing saverage comments and hence saverage citizen may or may not want to saverage cashing saverage citizen may or may not want to saverage citizen cannot cannot cannot consider the saverage citizen may or may not want to saverage cashing saverage citizen may or may not want to saverage cashing saverage citizen may or may not want to saverage cashing saverage citizen may or may not want to

large part of their immediate effectiveness, are involved.

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rair Deal.

The States' Rights Party can hardly survive as such. No regional party or splinter party can hope to succeed and the states' Rights formula as determined to succeed and the states' Rights formula as determined to the states' Rights and a positive program to succeed and they show little promise of developing it.

To claim a should be looking toward such an eventuality.

To take advantage of these possible political developments. South Carolinean must finate that their General Assembly completely registed the state that their General Assembly completely registed the state of the state of

paying the search of all political parties and general pictions.

3. Statutes hovering the organization and operation of all political parties and providing penalties for irregularities and frauds.

11 won't be easy, but the welfare of South Carolina depends largely on our cleaning up our political meak and guaranteeing good government.

Quote, Unquote

Marquis Childs

Now Or Never?

In the lengthy record of the hearings before the President's steel board, both sides have made it plain that a great deal is being staked on the outcome. Both sides have said some pretty final and positive things that would appear to rule out an easy compromise.

Reading that record, you get a ceiling that the steel executives have said to themselves, "It's now rawer, it the union or us." And omething like that attitude is imilicit in some of the statementa ande for the union by Philip Murade for the union

While he pioneered industrial unionism with donn L Lewis, Attributions and immediate gains for his union. He has stayed within his traditional framework of American trade unionism. This has been in activity of the extreme left-wingers who are now an embarrassment to the GIO.

Murray has gone on the assump-ion, once the CIO unions gained recognition, that reasonable gains sould come out of collective har-taining. The going might at times evoid almost always produce a de-vould almost always produce a

They would be delighted with the opportunity to say. "We told you ac. They are anxious to prove that Murray's kindsof unionism can bring only limited gains and their a dead end. While they will be expelled at the GTO convention(in Cleveland next month, if they have not already left on their own initiative,

value on the custics.

On the other hand are leaders like Walter Reuther who are antilike Walter Reuther who are anticommunist and yet far more politically conscious than Murray. The
Reuthers, Walter and Veter, have
leading to be pattern of Greek Britsin, If such a movement seem is
evitable, then they will have a
strong argument that the opportunity for leadership aboution to
fall to the Communisk left.

DeWitt Mackenzie

Nine Minutes

that.

Some call tuns fishin' with rod
and reel the acme of piscatorial
sport. It certainly is one of the
most rugged—so much so that unless the fisherman is physically fit
he runs the risk of élocilly injury,
A battle with say a 900-pound tuns
is terrific. It's the purpose of this
article to record an impression of

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Washington Green Has No Thought Of Quitting Job Merry-Go-Round

(NOTE—While Drew Péarson is on vacation, the Washington Merry-Go-Reund is being, written by his old pariner, Robert S. Allen-Editor, The News.).

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AS far as Sen. Elbert D. Thomas, D., Utah, is concerned, the effort to repeal the Taft-Hartley Act is finis for this

Conserse.

This scholarly chalrman of the Senate Labor Committee strongly favors repeal. He was in the footfront of the tight for that earlier this year. But he sees no prospect of a new labor law for the remainder of this Congress.

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No QUARTEW will be shown Communist elements at the
CIO convention. President Phil Murray will wisid the
are with an iron hand. Leftlate leaders and unions will be
given only one alternative: either tee the mark without
to do that and his plants are being carefully organized.
He intends to set the size for the purge at the very
start of the convention. In his presidential address, Murray
that the convention of the convent

Senate Waiters

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Chasher debated the increased minimum-wage bill.

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NOTE—Bus girls, who get no tips, also are paid 45 cents In The Red
THE United Mine Workers welfare fund, most grandices in leaders, has become
The country, is in trouble. It is running in the red. tions at 65 apiece.

In the first six months of this year, total outlays exceeded \$61,000,00 as against an income of only \$44,700,000. Present monthly outgo is around \$11,000,000, with an intake of only \$5,000,000.

For the time being the fund is solvent, thanks to a \$20,000,000 reserve. That is what is left of a \$43,000,000 cache, built up in 1947 when payments were collected but no benefits were paid. At the present rate of expenditure, this cushion will just about last out the remainder of the year.

Laborettes

A LABOR man in atorial campaign retary John Gibson.