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THOUGHTS ON PUBLIC POWER

A N editoral writer's life would be easy indeed if such wast and complex issues as public power could be reduced to sharp black and while, with no shadings of gray to contuse him. Some practitioners of the trade find it convenient to see only one side of questions that really have two sides to them, and they either endorse or denounce these causes and issues in unqualified terms.

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The Cart About Public Power and every pidding stream if they had their way about it. There were, quite naturally, the customary arguments from private power in the the Truth About Public Power is not all good. It is not all Bad. There are places in this country where harnessing of our truters, with the resulting soil conservation, flood control, and improved marigation would justify Federal dam construction. And it would be the sheerest sort of folly not to utilize the resulting power potential.

There are other places — far more of them—where Federal power projects would be compiliant and the power power industry.

A case in point, is the dam at Reanoke Rapids—as project that private enterprise is anxious to undertake if the Interior Dept. can be eliminated from the picture.

There was a certain merit to President Recoveritie rotjand desire to develop underdeveloped areas such as the Tennessee Valley. There was also some merit, though not so much, in the later theory that Federal power later in the current to place under the saddle of the private utility operators and make them, get a jump on. There is practically no merit in the current claims that Federal power. vate utility operators and make them get a jump on. There is practically no merit in the current claims that Federal power

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duty defined to the continue of project and require overwhelming proof that it is essential. Unfortunately, the Congress—and our North Carolina Representatives and Senators in particular—is not to discriminating. The funneling of Federal money into the vast enterprises is a fine 'pork-harrel' scheme. Those Congressmen whose districts will benefit find that by "log-rolling", or swapping votes, they can get Congressmen from other districts to vote for their appropriation. That explains why Senator Paul Douglas of Illinois lost his valiant, intelligent battle to separate the fat from the lean in the whopping Rivers & Harbors measure last year. He was tidiculed, hecklied, and finally crushed under heel as the Senate merrily whooped through the monstrous appropriation.

If public power does become the Dogryman that private utilities fear, it will be because the Congress of the United States is too weak to deny itself this annual spurge with the people's moor, It is not enough to pour out recriminations against the Administration and the "bureaucrate". Congress deserves most of the censure.

EXIT MARCANTONIO—WE HOPE

THE Taft-Ferguson battle in Ohio is un-doubtedly the top attraction in next week's Congressional election. But pushing it closely for public attention is the com-bined effort of the Democratic, Republi-can, and Liberal Parties to oust Harlem's

onio has won in the past because his opposition was divided. His dis-trict has about 96,000 registered voters. About 85,000 of them are expected to vote. The highest total Marcantonio ever got on About \$5,000 them are expected to vote. The highest total Marcantonio ever not on the American Labor Party licket was \$5,000. In 1848, he won by a bare 5,000 votes. Had his opponents been united behind one man, Marcantonio would have leat by \$5,000 votes.

This year the three major New York parties put saide their differences and joined forces behind a conservative Democratic lawyer, James G. Donovan. He is expected to win, barring unforeseen tricks by the wity Marcantonio. The nation has great interest in Marcantonio's defeat because he has been the No. I mouthpiece for the Kremilin in Congress. A look at his record, as compiled by

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HAPPY HALLOWEEN

our back stairs, tapping noises on the second floor, hideous faces at the window, ectoplasm in the hall and flying sheets on the lawn.

the imperialista. For many years Vito Marcantonio has used the House of Representatives as a forum for his pro-Communist views. In expressing the hope he will be defeated next Tuesday, we would not deny him the right to speak. We just prefer that he do his speaking on a Hariem street corner instead of using the Congress to capture a world audience.

Even a snaggle-toothed jack-o'-lantern would be better than having our panta scared off by speculation over how many thousands would be killed if a standard-aized atomic bomb were dropped spang on Independence Square.

Best wishes for a frightening, eerie Hal-it we long for is a mournful howl

From The Oklehome City Daily Oklehomer

THE prospect of being scared tomorrow by young four-foot witches and 60-ound hobgoblins makes us very happy ndeed. It has been fully a year since we are been frightened by anything occult. We've had to be satisfied with such rorkaday items as speeding motorists, arthquaker, rampant homical manica in the possibility of atomic or bacterio-orical warfare.

WHY NOT OKLAHOMA?

A CCORDING to the most recent census of manufacturers, the South added more than 15,000 new industrial establish-

re than 16,000 new industrial establian-mits between the years 1939 and 1947, a southern gain for the period was 50 r cent. For the rest of the country the in was 36 per cent.

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. This remarkably developing section that men call the South is at the very door of Oklahoma. What the South has done, Oklahoma can do. What the South has done, Oklahoma will do.

Is is not about time to stop the outward flow of people that is reducing the popula-tion of Oklahoma more than 10,000 each

year?

For the past ten years every sunset has seen seven new industrial establishments in the South. Why not in Oklahoma?

A magician got out of a locked safe in 30 seconds We'd like to see him in the top tier of Edison Stadjum after a game.—
Fort Myers (Fla.) News-Press.

Remember when the dear women car-ried parasols to protect their complexion? —Pittsburg (Tex.) Gazette.

Capehart Rewrites History To Suit Himself In Indiana

By STEWART ALSOP

if files flat in the face of all precedent one knows who these people are who failed to vote in 1846 and who are apparently eager to vote now. But it is perfectly obvious that the candidate who gets their votes will win this election. And is returned to the control of the con

central figure. This is, on the Soviet Union all sorts of favors.

Hiss then fades out of the picture but "somebody" takes over

poison in Indiana. CAPEHART FOUGHT ECA

Kefauver Chases Bats While Big Buzzards Sit And Smirk



Merbidick is on vacation. During his absence the cartoons of Daniel R. Fitzpatrick appear here through the courtesy of Mr. Fitzpatrick and The St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Now Is The Time-

5. Tex News: IIIS evening's paper (Oct. 25) you quote Mr. on, who is president of the Edison Electro-tes as aying that Covernment Carolina, "Tex-erroneous statements and half truths." Texerroneous statements and half truths." Edution also said, ".. Nowhere, except in the vest where the Covernment dominates power, the TTA area, is there anything like a thort-the TTA area, is there anything like a thort-

People's Platform

panish a stonic plants in and near Richland, Washington use more electric power than is generated in the entire state of North Carolina-and incidentally the kerosene lamp and lantern are seen by northwest farm children only in museums, or when they wist farm areas served entirely by private power

-A. W. TINSLEY.

An Erroneous Idea

-RENA CHAMBERS HARRELL,

DAVIDSON

Correction Dept.

Note Of Appreciation

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round Hickenlooper In Hot Iowa Senate Battle

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Hickenlooper will probably vin in November. The nonLife margin in love seems fairly cestain to carry him
outh. But he hant being helped any by two other develments. These are:
(1) The Republican-controlled State Liquor Commission
ded tiself up with a lot of 'Old Rector' whisky, aged three
are, when it could have bought bonded whisky, gustand by the Federal Government to be four years old, at
the same price. Why the of the problem is a question
Democrats want answered. So far none has been
theoming.

Friendship Builders Halted

called this to the attention of the White House.

"As you know." Langer wote the President, "all persons in Germany and Austria were required to belong to such groups, and school-age children were naturally included, as a result, some of the students in the tour may be returned entry to this country, despite the fact they were thoroughly when we are trying to set an example to the world-of our American way of life. I believe it of great importance for these young people to learn first-hand the many advantages of a Government such as ours."

The 1968 Austrian tour was a whooping success in the Value and the such as the control of the country of

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Hashing for more troops to put down expected Communist
rios within the next three weeks. McGloy reports Communists are slipping across the border from the East by
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who dared deep Stalin, will be in serious trouble unless
Yugodavia gets grain. Droughts cut Yugodavia's crop 40
per cent. The American Embassy in Carlo has informed
the State Department that King Parouls's gay life all sereported high and his docton are pleading with him to
stop his night-club excursions. Neutral Switzerland is
no longer a seried repository for hidden money. European