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COURT RULING IS NEEDED

WHIN the Supreme Court refused to John Boward Lawon and Delton Tumbo this week, it left in a highly unsettled and unsatisfactory atatus one of the gravet questions of this age: Can a man be forced to reveal his private political beliefs?

The Supreme Court has said regastedly that failure to review a cage from a lower court does not imply approval of the lower court's ruling. As a practical matter, however, the lower court decision stands and has the effect of law.

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Party.

Lawson and Trumbo had refused to say
whether they belonged to the Communist
Party. They were cited with contempt, and
were sentenced to pay tines of \$1,000 each
and to serve a year in jail. In upholding
their conviction, the U. S. Court of Appeals

Inter are several timings wrong with that dictum.

In the first place, everybody knows the right of free speech is not absolute. A man cannot stander his neighbor. A man cannot incite to rote. A man cannot make of himself a public nulsance. There are many times and places when the right of free speech is shridged.

In the second place, the right of free speech is shridged, and the second place, the right of free speech is shot an issue in this case. These men were not convicted for what they said, but for what they did not say. The Communist Party has not been outlawed in this country, and the argument that it should be its beside the point. It is entirely conceivable that a man might belt to conceivable that a man might belt as conomic and patient the use of force in overthrowning the precurses without teaching or many the preventment, and without condoning the practices of the present Politure. In times of great tension, his live-

NEGLECT OF LATIN AMERICA

tion rich in peace and invincible in war."

The trouble is, Mr. Wallace added, that we are so preoccupied in our battle against Communium in Europe and Asia that we have forgotten the potential material and military benefits from an even greater maplementation of the Good Neighbor Policy than we knew under its most favorable Roosevelt period.

E. O. Guerrant, professor of international

over period.

Oursant, professor of international ons at Davidson College, is critical to Truman Administration for the reason in his new book on the Good idor Policy. Pointing out that the Department has made an abrupt face after years of assiduously cul-

The present neglect of Laith America is a particularly disturbing if you accept Mr. The present neglect of Laith America is particularly disturbing if you accept Mr. The present neglect of the present a strength of a united hemisphere. He believes that the Americas are capable of producing everything needed by their various peoples, and of defending themselves sagnist any military or ideological attack from any quarter if they but continue to the themselves closer together culturally, commercially, and politically.

The merit of his formula was proven during World War II, when inter-American unity was a big weapon against the Facility powers II should be fully as workable and useful in the current cold war.

The Raleigh News & Observer, in an editorial this week, wisely points out:
"If any child in North Carolina gets the measles, the law requires that they be confined for the protection of other children.

he and his family, permit it, remain at we to endanger moment people. The thin paradour to the lack of public iterace and the paychlatzy. It is true that this true that the paychlatzy. It is true that that there are differences between that there are differences between that there are differences between the paychlatzy that the paychlatzy and the paychlatzy that the paychlatzy and the paychlatzy that the

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LAST YEAR a young Chapel Hill man
I was persuaded to enter a mental institution. His mental and emotional state
was diagnosed as dangerous. But the
young man did not want to stay in the
institution, He left. The Institution could
do nothing about it.

Last week he shot and killed a 22-yearcid University student who had been his
friend. Reason for the killing: the mentally disturbed man believed his friend had
stolers a rifle from him.

The next day the young man—Len B.
Emithey—Eliled himself.

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To make young that you was a single with
any that a man who kills and is ruided insame must be confined. There is a law that
says that a man who kills and is ruided insame must be confined.

Was there ever a situation more comparable to the adage about the stolen
horse and the locked barn?

THE GROUNDHOG

nm **Peoples Platform**

'What For? They Ain't In The State Department'

War On High Taxes

Slinging Red Mud

Bomb Success Cause Of Big Change In Kremlin Policy

Anti-U. S. Propaganda Aided By Senator McCarthy's Acts

By MARQUIS CHILDS

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

Circle Around White House Tightens

Jealous Palace Guard
IT will be for history to evalus
out. It is too early to judge the
moulding the results which histo

Hurting Foreign Policy