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URBAN REDEVELOPMENT

The News hopes that the negative attitude of the Mecklenburg legislative
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reposed, rather than opposition to the
principle of slum clearance.
Surely it is unnecessary in this modern
age to recite once again the abundant evidence that municipal slums take a terrible
toll in human values, and that they impose a heavy and coatly burden upon all
the tax-supported services of the community.

Recognizing this, the 81st Congress wrote Recognizing this, the fish Congress wrole into the 1949 housing act a new principle of Federal assistance to cities interested in clearing away their slume. In brief, the plan provided for the creation of special municipal agencies to buy up selected slum arras, clear sway the decrept buildings, and then re-sell the property to private investors who would agree to develop it in accordance with an over-all plan. That there was nothing radical in this approach was proved by the support of the National Association of Real Estate Boards, a notably conservative group. bly conservative group.

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To carry out such projects, nowever, city governments must be authorized to con-demn slum areas, if necessary. A measure oftered in the 1949 General Assembly con-taining such legal authority was defeated in committee because real estate men didn't like its designation of housing au-thorities as the agencies to carry out urban redevelopment.

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MR. DAVID OVERS thereinafter to be known by his short title of Dave Ovens) has certainly capped a climax, and in handsome style. His recent gift of \$350,000 to Queens College, made without strings attached to the use of the money, was enough to mark him as an admirable philanthropist. Now comes further evidence in the form of his \$100,000 gift to Davidson College, again with no sitipulation save that it should give effect to the cherished wishes of the recipient rather than of the donor.

In this way and at this time, as Dr.

In this way and at this time, as Dr. Cunningham of Davidson expressed it, Dave

A new measure will be introduced this year This time the N. C. League of Municipalities and the North Carolina Association of Real Estate Boards have reached gerement on the precise working of the law. Both groups will support II.

If the adoption of the enabling act meant the immediate expenditure of public money—city, State, or Federal—for slum clearance, State lawmakers would be justified in looking asking at the bill. The national emergency takes proceedence over such projects, and there will be meither money nor materials for them in the fore-secable future.

Adoption of the enabling act, however,

Adoption of the enabling act, however, Adoption of the enabling act, however, will not result in the spending of one dollar. It will merely put on the statute books latent authority that should be written into municipal law. The authority may not be used for many years uniese critain N. C. cities should be declared critical defense housing areas, in which case alum clearance might be combined with case sum of the combined with case of the combined with th

The Mecklenburg lawnakers have noth-ing to lose by supporting the bill sponsored by the League of Municipalities and the NCAREB. The citizens of this community have a great deal to gain in some future

Ovens has both given what was wanted and advanced the enjoyment of it. The use of the fund to build and equip a Student Union, center of student activities, will combine usefulness and enjoyment as perhaps no other feature of the college's life. So does Dave Ovens combine these qualities in himself.

His whole life has expressed a philosophy making himself useful and in getting and bestowing a great deal of pleasure out of it. The gift and the giver are in this instance exceptionally well met, and Davidson College will be enriched because it

space that The american Language area them. Mencken lists lap-shop as North Thus Mencken lists lap-shop as North Thus and pard-shop (two useful locutions that stud Bill Sharpe's speech). Neither he nor our dictionaries include that colorful adjective antigoditin—which means spoding, wherehole, set not true to its foundations or to some outside point of reference. There is no mention of the fimasimper (Price Albert) coat that North Carolina sheriffs once considered de riquer for hangings. And the list can be extended. To return to Bill Sharpe, his book, com-

for hangings. And the list can be extended. To return to Bill Sharpe, his book, comprising the best of his press releases and pieces during the years he was the state's able public relations man, is a veritable treasure-house of Tarheelisms A political ally, he notes, is a coustro On the Outer Banks, a maniand highway is a country highway, since the mainland lister is the country. A shoc-around inded by Mencken; is a dature, Jathock the menhaden is well as pork side meat. And so on.

NORTH CAROLINA SPEECHWAYS com claims to distinction have been given similarly scant consideration. Yet by the teatimony of philologista, Appalachia is the last great reservoir of peculiarly American turns of speech; and the apicent folk of Appalachia North Carolina. not to mention the pocosin and quie dwellers of the coast, are among the stoutest defenders of the olden ways. They deserve more space than The American Language gives them.

THE OTHER DAY, we were leading back in through Bill Sharpe's delightful little book Tar On My Heels—no necupation we recommend to all North Carolinana is-norant or forgetful of this states fantastic variety—and we ran across the word smidglint. Now the search of the state of th

Now Bill need yield to none in the excel-lence of his ear for North Carolina speech-ways: his wide fame as raconteur stands guarantee for it. And it is just possible that, in the case of smidglin', his typog-raphers have played him false (as else-where in the little volume). But if smidglin' is the way Bill whoel it, either he heard it wrong, or he knows some folks we show?

he heard it wrong, or he knows some folks we don't.

The way people in our part of the state say it, it's emidgin. Or smidgen or smidgen say it, it's emidgin. Or smidgen or smidgen. We've also heard smitchin—and, of course, smitch's For all of them, the lext-loographers—the compliers of Webster's and the Dictionary of American English among them—offer authority, So, too, does Mencken, in his American Language. The

Menchen, in his American Languages ...
point is, Bill, that there's no in the word.
Not the way we hear it, anyway.
Mention of Menchen reminds us that
we have long intended to remonstrate
mildly with the sage of Baltimore about
the lick-and-a-promise treatment he
gives North Carolina speech in Supplement Two to his epochal work.

It is of course true that Mencken has
marked out for his linguistic investigations such a vast field that treatment of
regional idiosyncracies must inevitably be
auperficial. And denizers of other parts
of the country doubtless feel that their

CRIPPLED TRADERS

As we hinted at the star... As on the star... A From The Wall Street Journal

THIS week the Supreme Court ruled that competitors may not agree among themselves to fix maximum resale prices of their products any more than they can fix minimum prices.

The minimum prices.

The decision has a double interest. The first comes from the curious fact that Seagrams-Distillers Corp—all this was back in 1964—was trying to hold down the price of its product to the old OPA level. In those days of shortness (remember?) retailers could command considerable premium; Seagrams price-Ixing move was at least an attempt to hold consumer brices down, not up.

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However, we are not likely to quarrel with any decision against price-fixing agreements whatever their intention or whether they are trifled by business or by some OFA-like government agency. Indeed, our major interest in this decision is in the language which the court uses against

such agreements.

"Such agreements, no less than those to
fix minimum prices, cripple the freedom
of traders and thereby restrain their ability to sell in accordance with their own

Indiana; and Indiana, like many other states, makes price-fixing perfectly legal under certain circumstances. Price-fixing, moreover, that holds prices up. not down.

moreover, that holds prices up, not down. Under the so-called fair-rade laws, which have the sanction of the Federal Government, manufacturers can estab-lish minimum resale prices on their prod-ucts and any retailer who sells below that price violates the law. This is price-fix-ing under cover of the law but price-fixing constitutions.

Legal price-fixing to hold prices up is began price-fixing to not prices up rectainly no better than illegal price-fixing to hold prices down. Either, of course, cripples the freedom of traders, but when the prices are legally held up the unhapplest cripple is the customer.

The Germans continue to vote against their own rearmament, simply because their sapheaded conquerors have never sternly commanded them to bear their share of the burden.—New Orleans (La.). States.

Somebody Better Step On It



People's Platform

The Truth About Korea

WHETHER Mr. Truman "usurped his authority" c
Taft implied, there is overwheiming evidence tha
when Mr. Truman ordered armed forces to Korea, as See
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he didn't do it for reasons of security for our hemi
sphere, but for reducing the pressure created by
Mcarthyism and other issus of a fascistic nature.

Moreover, intervention in Korea put Uncle Sam in the light of double-talker. Last January, the Pentagon's 'hemispheric defense plan' was semi-publicly announced by Mr Dean Acheson, quote-"Its perimeter runs from the Aleutars to the Ku-riles, to Japan, to the Philippines."

on June 23, or two days before war started in rea, another Government spokesman. Sen. Con-ily, said: "We are not interested in Formosa." e first week of Korean war news revealed, quote-the U. S. Army had 'no plans' for a campaign in

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So, from Jan to June 23, the Pentagon's position was also the heraided position of the Governments. To put this position in effective words, the send should communian spread over Korea and Formosa. It is said and I believe it that this position became known second the world, thus given the send of the send of

We Need A New Vision CAMPOBELLO, S. C.

Editors, The News:

WELL, Christmas and the New Year has come and gone! As I see it, they were each one great and good days. The friendstip and fellowship that the standard decree the highest order.

The Christmas music was indeed up to the standard, except "White Christmas", the chorus on that was not what it has been in former years, I am wondering why.

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Since this has all come and gone, it is now time for New Year Resolves, Many people do not believe for New Year Resolves, Many people do not believe for New Year Resolves, Many people and the latest and it I keep only one of these and break over with one, that will be better than making none at all.

These are sirremous and perious times now which we live and as I am counter that it true, I would like to offer one suggestion, not to our young people alone, as many would say but to all of us, young and old alike.

I would like to offer one suggestion, not to our young and old alike, and the people alone, as many would say but to all of us, young and old alike, and the people and to our Ood to a vision that we do not having now is how can we get this? We need to change our way of living, We are not still long enough, we are on the go too much There is not very much good literature being read now by any one of us. How many of us read all the good of us are now reading Shapespeare. Tennyson, or drysnit. I cannot say, but I am fearful there are too few of us doing this. MENSEY O. HUSKEY.

-KINSEY O. HUSKEY.

Tar Heels For Freedom

Editors, THE NEWS:

Orderly Conversion To War **Production National Goal**

By MARQUIS CHILDS

SO MUCH OF the talk is about the property of the Kennedy-Roover school who seem to want to pull affects and a kind of prairie doy hole bettind professional property of the Kennedy-Roover school was tried of prairie doy hole bettind professional professional

Then there are the derinders of the Kennedy-Thoover schole who seem to want to pull America into the America in the America in the dises of the America in the dises of the America in the dises of the America and the Pacific talk ignores the true arrents of the great country. We have the greatest industrial and productive might the world man the america in the competitive of the america in the competitive that the world man the america in the competitive of the america in the competitive of the america in the competitive of the competitive of the production. On the collection of the competitive of a part of the merica in the competitive of a part of the competitive of the production of the competitive of the production of the competitive of the competitive of the competitive of the production of the competitive of the competitive of the competitive of the competitive of the production of the competitive of the competi

the Communist atask in Kores at the end of June changed the time-table of probabilities. In the control of the

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But it is in the inter-relationship

between men in uniform and men

Fair Deal Program Given Soft Pedal By President

By JAMES MARLOW

PRESIDENT TRUMAN is softrepetaling his "Pair Deal" protrum repetaling his protrum repetaling

Taft's Hot Speech Followed Rebuff Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

twen President Truman and Sen. Robert A. Taft could be been avoided.

A few weeks after his big election victory in Ohio in A few weeks after his big election victory in Ohio in termber. Taft sent word to the White House he would be do to sit down with Mr. Truman and talk over the problem of defense with the view to reaching a closer co-ration between the Administration and the GOP lead-

Senator Tatts position as expressed by such monpotions and the second of the second

sulting" with the Administration. And, in his foreign policy speech last week, he accused the President of violating the Constitution by sending troops to Korea.

King Of The Justice Dept.

NEVADA: barret-chested silver-mand Sen. Pat Mc-Carran is the worst tyrant in the Senate, and he doesn't care who knows it.

Even in the presence of dumtounded visitor, McCarran teste thim a himiliating tongue-lashing:

"Hello, Pord What about that young fellow I referred to you for a job?" demanded the Newsdan.

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Pord mumbled an explanation about the tight Justice
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That's no excuse, morted McCarran who, as chair—
man of the Judiciary Committee, has almost litt-and-death
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earth of the committee of the same of the published of the committee of the publish on, you certainly know where to come for a
deficiency appropriation. Who controls you budget?

Both McCarran and all the control symbol budget?
The committee that holds the Justice Dept's pure
long subcommittee that holds the Justice Dept's pure

some purcommittee unit mass and subsect helps, pure stringestly, front promised an opening for McCarran's friend is another two months.
"Two months from now is too late," snapped McCarran, his silver hair briefling Then he bluntly ordered: "Pord, but him on the first of the month."

"That's better, Peyton," chortled McCarran, "Now let's make, that a deal Say 'cross my heart," obediently recited the No. 2 man in the Justice Department, of the contraction of the cont

Sitting in the Washington apartment of his good friend, numorist George E Allen. Itselfistened to predictions that the strings have as failing apart, that the French would not fight, that the USA makes would selize Europe before he could organize it defenses.

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Anyone who have sever lived with our boys in action kinosa that we are still the murelyes. What we need its to prove to consider the word what we can do. That way we will strengthen our Allies and make aggression by the enemy inspection of the word with the control of the washington to be considered to the word what to reminisce: "Do you remember how pessinistic I was when you first went to England to start a second front? I told you Mitter was grouge to bottle up the Mediterranean, knock Russia out of the war "Well, you gave us this same advice them," concluded "Well, you gave us this same advice them," concluded

This semember how pessimists member how pessimists and to start a second front? I too. I too to start a second front? I too. The second front and towate Treland. I see a second towate Treland. Well, you gave us this same advice then," concluded Allen, "and you were absolutely right, "Il string along with you now, too."

We Get The Money?'

TALL, whip-tongued GOP Congressman Bob ("Where are you going to get the money?") Rich retired from Congress the other day after twenty years of almost unin-terrupted sermonizing on Government economy. Even Fair Deal foes joined in the applause as the colorful Pennsylvanian bowed out with this valenteory poem on his fa-

tie theme:

A New Year's resolution that would do the country the
greatest good
you should conomise in Government spending, as
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you should conomise in Government spending, as
'Colleagues, as the New Year begins for 1881
'The best insolution I could offer, by gum.

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