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LABOR TAKES A WALK

In the Face of labor's decision to walk out on the national mobilization program. President Truman has adopted a wait-and-see attitude. Perhaps it is the wisest course he could have chosen.

A tongue-lashing such as he gave the A tongue-lashing such as he gave the striking switchmen recently might have served as a Presidential pop-off valve, but it would hardly have established an ami-able atmosphere for settling this top-level dispute. What is needed is more time for the nation, and especially the masses of organized workers, to analyze the action of the United Labor Policy Committee and weigh the merits of the ULPC's complaints against Mr. Wilson and the control pro-eram.

gram.

Those complaints are two-fold: (1) The ULPC charges that the mobilization program is dominated by business, and that labor has no voice in its management; (2) ULPC is dissatisfied with the 10 per cent limit on wage increases since January, 1950.

1950. Apparently Mr. Truman's strong support of Mobilizer Wilson, voiced at yesterday's ess conference, means that the first aint has made no impression on the compaint has made no impression of the President. He has full confidence in Mr. Wilson. Having assigned the General Elec-tric president to one of the biggest jobs in all history, he is not going to hamstring

him.

The wage ceiling complaint can be put in its proper perspective by an examination of the facts. Industry representatives on the Wage Stabilization Board held out for an 8 per cent increase over January,

1950. Labor representatives wanted 12 per cent. The three public members won in-dustry over to the compromise figure of 10

per cent.

Is 10 per cent a fair figure? Let's see.
The consumer price index compiled by the
Department of Labor was 16/9 in January,
1890. (The index considers prices from
1893 to 1993 as 100 or normal). Eleven
months later, on Dec. 15, 1890, the index
and climbed to 1184. That is an increase
of 115 points but less than T per cent. No
one knows what the new price index,
already overdue, will show, but it is unlikely to be more than 2 or 3 per cent
higher.

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The wage policy was admittedly temporary designed to hold the line until July. In the event the control program works, the index will probably go down. If the control program doesn't work, the index will go on up.

The point is that the 10 per cent wage boost appears to be a reasonably fair figure, as measured against the consumers price index. Conditions may change, but at the moment we can find no justification for the ULPC's rebellious attitude.

In the final analysis, the working men and women of this country will have to decide whether to follow the leadership of their top bosses. They stand to lose more than among ease if, by their concerted efforts, they force a big hole in the dam against inflation and turn loose a tidal wave that will sweep away all their resources.

DR. HENRY LOUIS SMITH

NINETY-ONE years is a long time to to live them fully. There are, however, some remarkable men who have remained physically and mentally active for almost a century. One such was George Bernard Shaw, who died this Winter, Another man who was able to make his entire long life producities was Dr. Henry Louis Smith, former president of Davidson and Wash-

ington & Lee Colleges.

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His accompisaments were many and in-spiring. Educator, scientis³, lecturer, writer—Dr. Smith's genius had been notably turned to two such diverse fields of activity as apsychological warfare and the develop-ment of the X-ray. Charlotte's Osmond Barringer, who was

Charlotte's Osmond Barringer, who was a student of Dr. Smith at Davidson College at the turn of the century, tells of Dr. Smith's early work with X-ray and of Dr. Smith's dramatic horse-and-bugg trip—with X-ray equipment beside him—to locate a thimble in a Mecklenburg farm girl's throat. His crude equipment enabled

physicians to extract the thimble.

And no less an authority than Woodrow Wilson told of Dr. Smith's part in World War I. Using air currents and olded paper balloons, Dr. Smith directed the dropping of propaganda messages behind the Ger-man lines. President Wilson, according to the Associated Press, called Dr. Smith the man who did most to bring World War I to

man who did most to bring world war I to an end.

Dr. Smith, who as late as 1947 was active enough to write a book called "This Trou-bled Century", was born in Greensboro in 1859 and had lived there since his retire-ment in 1930. Nonetheless, Mecklenburg can lay calaim to an important place in Dr. Smith's life. It was here, at Davidson College, that his education began in 1877 and it was in the town of Davidson in 1896, that he married Miss Julia Dupuy.

Dr. Smith, who went about his work quietly and with little affection for fanquiety and with fittle articular by the rapid emergence of the United States within the framework of Western Civilization—high praise, we are aware, but borne out by the record.

GOVERNOR WARREN'S LOGIC

ONE facet of "The Great Debate", a facet that might be called "The Big Debate", is whether Congress had the right to take part in 'The Great Debate".

There are those who feel that the legisla-

tive branch of the government should serve as a check on the administrative branch in matters military. They insist that any troops sent to Europe by this nation should be sent only with the knowledge and connt of Congress. On the other side are the men@ho hold

that the President, as Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, has the author-ity to designate where U. S. troops should go. Furthermore, the Commander-in-Chef and his military staff are much bet-ter informed as to the necessity for send-ing troops to Europe than are the mem-bers of Congress.

No one has put it more succinctly than California's Gov. Earl Warren, a Republi-can "internationalist" like Dewey and Duff and opposed to the "hemispheric defense" school led by former President Herbert Hower. Said Gov. Warren at a press conference this week:

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"If the joint chiefs of staff and our leaders of World War II—like Elsenhower, Marshall and the rest—earl make a proper decision, an American decision, I don't see how those of us who do not have intimate knowledge or responsibility can do so. Stalin more comfort than to know the United States could not send a division to any point of necessity without debating the matter in Congress and having it there determined.

THIS PLAN SUITS EVERYBODY

THE local freight carriers association, I the special city parking committee, the new Charlotte Parking Authority, and the Planning Board have all endorsed Traffic Engineer Herman Hoose's plan for establishing truck routes in the city.

lishing truck routes in the city.

That, we take it, makes it unanimous—
except for the City Council which received
the endorsemenfs as "information" and
took no action at its latest meeting.

If there is any good reason for delaying
this highly meritorious project, we haven't
heard of it. The full story, with all the
background, was given recently in Twx
Nrws by our Mr. Young, and the only
question left in the mind of anyone who

read the series of three articles is "Why

hasn't it been done sooner?"
Without its trucks, big and small, Char-Without its trucks, big and small. Charlotte would soon shrived up. But it does not follow that they should not observe certain basic rules. A less thorough man than Mr. Hoose might easily have come up with a plan that would work unnecessary hardships on the truckers. The fact that they are supporting his plan is proof enough that it takes their problems into consideration, as well as those of the City. The present City Council has moved slowly on many things, but there is no reason for the usual timidity in completing this project.

From The Idaho Sunday Statesman

ALAS, POOR CABOOSE

A MONG other once-common phenomena which are vanishing from the American scene, there are three in particular that cause us a genuine measure of regret.

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All have to do with railroads. One is the
familier smoke-piped caboose riding at the
end of freight trains, and another is the
whitste of a steam engine. The third is
the abandonment of depots, as at Kuna
and Horeschoe Bend.

The caboose, it appears, will soon give
way to a fancy, up-16-date club car for
the erws who run the trains, made of
aluminum, streamlined, and looking a great
deal like any Pullman. All of which may

be very satisfactory to the trainmen, in-terested as they naturally are in comfort on the road, but it will change things for inveterate train watchers . . .

inveterate train watchers.

Train whittles are another matter deserving of grave concern. The advent and increase of the Diesel engine has spelled the doom of the "iron horse", with all its hitf-puff and banshee scream. Instead, there is sleek power, and a honking horn.

Where can a lot of small town folks go now, when for years they have been going down to the depot to see the train go by.

Threatened From Without, **Reds Can Act From Within**

By MARQUIS CHILDS

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FISOM GENERAL Douglas MacArithur in Tokips bouglas MacArithur as well as the season of the was a season of the was a season of the MacIn his view, therefore, the moment has come to try to bring about some sort of settlement with
Communist China. As Mac-Arthur for the politicians and the diplomats to move in.

The Pacific commander based his judgment, in part at least, on his own over-all estimate of Chihis intervenced in the Korean
War. His, estimate of the number of the more of

HALF OF NEED

Behind the announcement that
two partially - trained National
Guard divisions—from California
and from Oklahoma—were going to
Japan was a Jouly, the request
from MacArthur's headquarters
was for four divisions. This put an
extremely tough decision up to
defense officials in Washington
since trained units aimply were
The reason for the urgency was
MacArthur's fear that the northern-most island of the Japanes
chain, Hokkaido, was put in great
jeopardy by Russian action. Next
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to Rissis under the Yalta Agreement, field of it having been taken by Japan after her victory in the Russo-Japanese War in 1904. As told in this space six weeks ago, the Soviets have moved four additional divisions into Sakhalin.

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that have been devastated by war.

The Army Lost A Good Man When It Lost Gen. Moore

By ROBERT C. RUARK

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NEW YORK

A LOT OF people in this country did not know much about
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Maj in Korca last week after his belicopter crashed. Gen. Moore did
not flourish bone-handled pistols
or attract colorful publicity. But
he was a lot of general and when
we lost a future Army chief.
Moore came from the suscerimago to take-over the Ninth Carps
in Korca. He was a fine fighting
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science and tactics. He had spent
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what you saw was a miracle. It gave you back all your faith in your own military leadership. The Jugs were literally leaning on the Morgan Line. There were incidents — shootings, kidnapings,

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People's Platform

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SEE where you got yourself some new line mats and more readable type. Much obliged to you for making it easier for me to see what your editorial man is writing. I can see it, but I'll be a son of a gun if I'll ever understand it.

Two years ago, I recall a see it, but I'll be a son of a gun if I'll ever understand it.

Two years ago, I recall a see, and predictions of a fiscal hell for North Carolina if she votes 2000 million for rural roads. Now, I read that it will be nothing less than gubernatorial cussedness for North Carolina to raise a few more millions so that you bleased city folks can get what it coming the seed of th

How come we don't use the same good business sense in getting money for iown and city the same good business sense in getting money for iown and city the same good business. The same good business was sense to the same good business as we contry folks, with the best on the same good business as we contry folks, with the best on the same good business as we contry folks, with the best on the same good business as we contry folks, with the best on the same good business as we contry folks with the same good business as we control the same good business as we control the same good business as we can be good business. Who is pittle good business as we can be good business as we can be good business. We want to go to town and ride over your city streets, and we aim to so use well even get there if you tolks go draining off the budgeted funds for the same good business. We want to go to town and ride over your city streets, and we aim to so use well even get there if you look go draining off the budgeted funds for limits. We go to to get to town first over those primary and secondary roads.

You been accusing us of rank provincialism in our thinking for so long, seems impossible for you citicalisty down here if it the East—can think, act, and vote in terms of the whole State. Personally, it wish to the Lord editorial writers who complain so often and loudly about arraying the country against with the complex of the provincialism in our thinking for a district of the provincial state, they are the control of the provincial state, they are the control of the provincial state. He was a support to the provincial state, they are the same provincial state, they are the control of the provincial state. The provincial state is the provincial state of the provincial state, they are the control of the provincial state. The provincial state is the provincial state and the provincial state. The provincial state is the provincial state and the same provincial state. The provincial state is the provincial state and the provincial

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(NOTE: This letter from an-old friend of The News, and a respected Eastern North Carolina newspaperman, was not intended for publication, but we're printing it anyway to add another dimension to the argument about aid to city streets. The limit an adequate road program cannot be worked out on a-penny-for-this, a penny-for-that basis. The cuttie system—printary highways, secondary roads, and city streets—have a basic interrelation, and

City Folks And City Streets their respective needs should be met equitably. The first consideration, as we see it, is to get city streets into the fund. They have hitherto been excluded. Then if more revenue is needed for the whole system, the question can be settled on its merits. Governor Scott's demand for more revenue before city streets are included not not puts the onus for a gas tax increase on city streets, but also ignores, the street of the control of the

In Defense Of Budenz

'How Do You Spell Miscellaneous?'

Editors, The News:

IN THE Feb. 27th issue of The News, there appeared a letter from C. B. Holloman of Kinston, in which it was stated that honoring Louis Buden, in which it was stated that honoring Louis Buden, and the lecture in Chasirotte or and esteem the rewards for crime. Had Mr. Holloman been present at the lecture in Chasirotte or in one of the other AMT. Budenz's speech, which dedicated it and all his work to the Virgin Most Dure, the Tower of Ivory, the Are of the Covenant, he could not have helped but note the present sense of humility which Mr. Budenz has. For having betrayed his God and doing what he can to redeem in some way the harm he deliberately caused.

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Jeff God, who possesses infinite goodness and to whom the offense of Mr. Budenz was infinitely more grievous than that to any human individual or country, can forgive him, should it can be not provided by the should be not provided by the provided

and. And, if our pride is not too great and we are really mature individuals, we can profit by another; mistake and perhaps save ourselves and our country from a terrible fate. Mr. Buden: is offering us the advantage of his experience. Should we discard it on the basis of his past record: "If God had not been forgiving, there would be no St. Augustine nor Mary Magdalene and no Sainfa either actual or aspiring."

-MRS. RODERICK WILLIAM O'DONOGHUE.

The People's Platform is available to any The reopies Platform is available to any reader who cares to mount it. Communications should be less than 300 words, typewriten if possible, and on only one side paper. Libel and obscently well be deleted—otherwise anything goes. Each letter must be signed.—Editors, Tan News

Refugee Tells About Life Under Reds Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

Merry-Go-Round

PSIDE IRON CURTAIN. ADRIANOPLE. Turkey—I have just interviewed. Bulgarian reduges who lived six years behind the Iron Curtain and then fled to safety across the Turkish borders one hour before I talked to him. He was almost like a man coming out of a dark attic and seeing the modern world for the first time in year. United Nation was. He thought the Korean war was won by America, having heard the Voice of America broadcast that MacArthur was bringing U. S. troops home by Christmax. He had been told also that people in Greece and was starving them under the Marthall Plan. The most significant, immediate news he brought was that the Communists had come in an automobile to Gseno, a village near him last week, to notify the people that Britain and United Bates with the Communists had come in an automobile to Gseno, a village near him last week, to notify the people that Britain and United Bates with the Communists had come in an automobile to Gseno, a village near him last week, to notify the people that Britain and United Bates until the communistic had been to the communistic him to the communistic had been to the communistic him to the communistic him to the communistic him to the communication of the community o

Bulgaria Changed Overnight

O SMAN OMER told me, in reply to a long series of questions, that Bulgaria changed overnight after the Russians entered.

"The first thing the Russians did was to change our mohey." he said. "We had to turn in all our money and get new money, thus they knew how much money each man had. I was allowed 12,000 levas for my family of three. Then every farmer was given a crop quota and if he didn't raise that much and turn it into the government, he had to buy if from someone else or go to jail for one year. My cow didn't have a calf so gave no milk and I had to the present the said of the said to the present the said to the said

"There was no use hiding anything from the Com-nists," Osman continued. "They sent their inspectors and immediately after the crops were harvested.

"Are there many Russians in Bulgaria?" I asked.

"Not now or at least we don't see them. At first they, were everywhere. Then they trained Bulgarian Communists to take over. Recently I heard from Varna however Russian troops had moved in in so many numbers that there was a shortage of bread."

"What is the percentage of Communists in Bulgaria?"
"About 10 per cent, may be 5 per cent, chiefly people who want good jobs in case of war."

Bulgarians Do Not Want War TO WHAT extent would the Bulgarian Army fight?"

"Not much," was Osman Omer's opinion. "Nobody in Bulgaria wants war except the Communists. Young Communists have been given the best jobs in the Bulgaria wants have been given the best jobs in the Bulgarian Army and they would fight but a lot of others are given construction jobs because the Communists know they won't fight."

I siked Osman if he ever listened to the Voice of America. He said he didn't because all radios were configured to the learned from others what the Voice said. One radio he learned from others what the Voice said. One radio he clientily he told me but which I had best not reveal. This man passed along word to the villagers what the Voice of America said, though it had to be done carefully because some of the young people in the village were converted to Communism and alert to report them. Said to the villager what the Voice of America said, he thought it was a combination of countries fighting on one side in Korea with about twelve nations excluded, He did not seem to know that the United Nations functioned regarding other matters saide from Korea. Apparently he had not heard about our December reverses in Korea perhaps because he didn't listen to the Moscow radio.

radio.
"To listen to Moscow," he said, "you had to belong to
the Communist Party and be admitted to the clubhouse
where they sat and listened to the radio."

Friendly Toward Americans

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OSMAN said that Bulgarians had the friendliest feelings
toward Americans and British and were waiting for
these two nations to liberate them. This feeling was held
by most people, he said, despite constant Communist propagands that America was bleeding Greece and Turkey white
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Finally, Omans and, he become so harsassed by Communists he decided to try his luck in Turkey. "All my neighbors and, Tuck us know how you find things in Turkey and
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