MONDAY, APRIL 9, 1951

PROPOSAL WITHOUT MERIT

THE N. C. Legislative having refused to I. rearrange the 50 Senatorial districts, in a contemptious flouting of the Constitutional requirement that it do so, it is now proposed to amend the Constitution to prevent any county from having more than one Senator. A bill subnerling the submission of such an amendment to a popular vote has already received a favorable seport from a Sonale committee. Whether it is proposed to the senator of the content of the

distributed among the 48 states in accordance with population changes after. each decennial census.

The North Carolins House of Representatives is roughly comparable to the U. S. Sensentatives is roughly comparable to the U. S. Sensentatives representatives. The remaining 23 are divided among the more populous continued to the tension of the more populous child by county lines. The House can never be truly representative of population lines. Hence, it was decided to make the N. C. Senate the agency of popular representation—like the U. S. House of Representatives.

Until this year, no county has had enough population to be entitled to more than one Senator. The 1950 census report, however, gave Mecklenburg and Guilford more than enough population for two Senators. It is this fact that has prompted the move to amend the Constitution to keeps any county from having more than one Senator. It is constituted that the summer of the constitution to keep any county from having more than one Senator. The amendment build be rejected by the people. Popular representation is the vely foundation of democracy, and any attempt to

people. Popular representation is the very foundation of democracy, and any attempt to weaken it will weaken the whole structure.

THE LOBBYISTS TAKE OVER

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Nonetheless the News & Oblever-which tuberines to Mr. Donley's admonition that the duty of a newspaper is to comfort the affilted and afflict the comfortable — had a story the other day that demands editorial comment, if the facts are as stated, or responsible denial, if the facts are inaccurate. The story, written by Simmons Fentress, described a meeting of the House Propositions & Grievances Committee — the body that acts upon all egislation involving already that the state of the state of Moore County's legal difficulties over beer and wine elections. Some time so Moore County is legal difficulties over beer and wine elections. Some time so believe five elections. Some time so believe the election of the some except with landed as section that would permit Pinehurst to vote separately in case Moore County voted dry. That bill found disfavor, so Rhise introduced a statewide bill to accomplish the same purpose. Wrede Reporter

"The committee promptly killed the State-wide measure yesterday, and then the

ON the face of it, the action of the House Appropriations Committee in whacking the President's emergency budget for non-military defense programs by 43 per cent appears to be a resounding victory for economy.

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Mr. Truman had asked for \$843,453,579.
The committee pared the figure to \$475.
\$863,566 — or \$364,877.211 less than the total requested by Mr. Truman.

Unfortunately, however, a major part of the reduction was charged was pergram. However, a major part of the reduction was charged by handicapped by landequate funds—the Voice of America. That program took a 90 per cent cut from \$877,500,000 to \$80,333,039.

Either Congress doesn't trust the State Department's administration of the Voice of America project, or it doesn't believe that the war of words is important. If the first

From The Greensboro Daily News

If the people of North Carolina wish evidence of the selfishness of the special interests who come to Raleigh asking favors and concessions, putting on the pressure for particularist cause, it is there for them to see after appearance of spokesmen for the pulpwood industry before this week's session of the State Highway Commission.

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Here is the way the Associated Press, re-orting under a Raleigh dateline, summarized

sentative T. J. Collier of Pamilico.

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THE VOICE GROWS WEAKER

colobyists really came to the forefront.

"As the committee voted, Blue went into the committee voted, Blue went into the color of the

port."

Separate and apart from the merits and demerits of the legislation, this spectacle—
if it has been gecurately reported—is a shocking thin.

A great deal of legislation—State and national—is drawn in hotel rooms and lobbies, or shaped in discussions outside legislative chambers, That is one of the hard facts of the democratic system, and no way has yet been found to alter it. But it taxes the people's faith in the democratic processes to see a responsible legislative committee hand over its responsibility to paid lobbyists in such a frank and open confession of its own subservience.

is true. Congress ought to create an inde-pendent agency for The Voice. If the latter is true, there is no easy solution save a con-tinuing effort by all thinking Americans to convince Congress that a battle of ideologies can never be won by builtest aside. Several days ago the full House of Rep-resentatives passed the Treasury and Post Office appropriations measure. That is clearly a non-defense appropriation. Yet Congress made only a tiny reduction of 13 per cent.

Congress made only a tiny reduction of 12 per cent.

The American people will properly wonder if Congress is really interested in cut-ting expenditures which clearly lie in the non-defense category, or whether Congress is about to fulfill its brave promises only by slashing deeply live to the comp by slashing deeply live the company of the control o

REVEALING INCIDENT

Too High For Some People By JOSEPH ALSOP WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON

IT MAY BE, as Speaker of the
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By June 30, 1981, the end of the present fiscal year. Congress will have appropriated \$57,000,000,000 for rearmanent, including foreign in the congression of the congression of the congression of the congression armed strength. Only about 31 plans. Yet this great sum of money will not and cannot result in an immediate comparable increase. In armed strength. Only about 31 plans were and for other goods which the free world must have to survive, simply because it takes time to get. American derawl have to survive, simply because it takes time to get. American derawl in the Johnson era, into high gear. Even so, by this Summer. 7,000,000 Americans will either be in uniform or direction of an other 300,000,000 for an other 300,000,000 for American and European defense by the end of fiscal 1952. By this time, defense production will be compared to the congression of an other 300,000,000 for American and European defense by the end of fiscal 1952. By this time, defense production will be compared to the congression of an other 300,000,000 for the sum of the congression of a rapid buildup. By June 30, 1953, some \$60,000,000,000 money and carry out of the machines. After this, according to the production of about \$20,000,000,000 money and carry quide easily, and the production of about \$20,000,000,000 money and carry quide easily, and the production of about \$20,000,000 money and carry quide easily, and the production of about \$20,000,000,000 money and carry quide easily, and the production of about \$20,000,000 money and carry quide easily, and the production of about \$20,000,000 money and carry quide easily, and the production of about \$20,000,000 money and carry quide easily, and the production of about \$20,000,000 money and carry quide easily, and the production of about \$20,000,000 money and carry quide easily, and the prod

Defense Cost



Return Of The Prodigals

People's Platform

Letters should be brief, written on one side of the paper. The writer's name must be signed, but may be withheld from publication in the discretion of the Editor. The News reserves the right to condense.

School Ruling A Shame
MYRTLE BEACH, S. C.

Editors. The News:

I HAVE never written a letter to a paper for any reason whatsoever, but when I read that a father is in jail because he sends his child to school, it simply makes my blood boil!

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Editors, The News:

I ENJOYED the editorial correspondence in Thursday's News re the reversal in State politics. But I was not provided by the state of t

son all the more; and I can't help but feel that had Scott been unmerciful in his house-cleaning two years ago, he'd be riding the crest now, and a "Liberal" would be in the Senate, and a "Liberal" would be the next governor.

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The people of North Carolina hayen't Jest their ambition and desire for economic betterment through leadership of their Societies and their section of their section of their section of their section with the section of their section when the section of the secti -EX-JOURNALIST.

(NOTE: The writer of the above letter is a former newspaperman who has been closely associated with State politics in recent years. The Vector leels his slant on State politics merits publication, even though be cannot be identified because of his present position. —Editors, the News.)

RICHMOND, Va.

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HANZ been reading with some interest and a good deal of migriving the squibs nir the Richmond paper about the jailed father of the young yin North Carolina who started in school a year process of the policy in North Carolina who started in school a year process of the started in school a year process of the started in school a year process of the started in that a man should not be begrudged in his efforts to give his child more than he himself had Granting that the line has to be drawn somewhere and that the factors of the started in the started

I hope that you and the other newspapermen will take this under advisement and do something constructive about it.

Brotherhood Week

RALEIGH

Editors, The News:

WE ARE very grateful for your spendid cooperation during the national observance of Brotherhood Week. This is a movement which in my opin-on will do a great deal to create those bonds of needed at this time.

Through news stories, and editorials the presshas multiplied the impact of this educational program far beyond what it could possibly have been otherwise. You have rendered a public service those who are interested in the promotion of understanding and good will among men.

LYUPE A. ERWIN,

State Chairman, Naiseal Conference of Christians and Jews.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

Allied Troops Plan Show Of Solidarity

Just about the time you think you may make ends meet, some so-and-so moves one of 'em.—Fernandina (Fla.) News-Leader.

would leave the roads unpaved so it could use them.

If that inn't a revealing howdy-do which may so much farther and deeper than the single instance given here, we'll leave it to say. Yet this is the type of group which rites to and, we fear, often does shape legislation which is avowedly aimed at the benefit and service of all the people.

No disadvantage in finding a bull in the china shop today. Steak's worth more than the dishes.—Dallas Morning News.

How can a small boy keep his mind on lessons in punctuation when every question mark looks like a fish hook?—Portsmouth (Va.) Star.

The five B's of middle age—bridge-work, bifocals, bunions, baldness and bay windows.

—Carlisle (Ky.) Nicholas County Star.

If for no other reason voters should regis er so they can help keep the wrong guys out t office.—Greenville (S. C.) News.

WASHINGTON
AT General Eisenhower's headquarters in Paris last
month plans were being made to land the 4th hantry Division at Cherbourge or Britan Interpretation at the control of the c

Ideance—considence in each other and considence in uterselves.

The arrival of three divisions—French, British and
American—in France for entrainment to Germany at exactly the same time, would give a greater feeling or confidence than any other single gesture.

It is a mistake for turn, for the Europeans have the imtroops to hope the total control of the control of the controops to hope that we are pushing them into war. It
would also be a mistake for France and England not to
match our 4th Drission immediately, because many Amerleans have the impression that we are shouldering the
whole arms burdens.

Therefore, when the 4th Division hits Normandy sometime in late April or early May, it show the ecasion of the control of the

\$8,000 item was filed and Butler's headquarters realized that this violated the law, they burriedly claimed that part of the \$8,000 was "just a loan.

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them.

That is why Senators Wherry of Nebrasks and Welke of Idaho are vigorously demanding the end of the May land probe. But they to seem the Congress, the Senatoring the 80th to seem the Congress, the Senatoring th

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By MARQUIS CHILDS

Off Again, On

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WASHINGTON
TEN MONTHS AGO President
Truman made an off hand
statement of the kind calculated
to come back and haunt him lide
an ill-disposed phost. He said that
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Last week Speaker Sam Rayman and the season of the season of

sater. On Dec. 15 President Transma declared a state of national emergency to exist.

Every sign in the country today indicates that people no longer believe in that emergency. To use, they simply arent with it. Carrious consideration of the control of the cont

of Communism. You fall into somethine almost like a panic. Somethine almost like a panic. NEVER HAPPENED

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"At the same time you bring against one another the most fan tastic accusations moved to see the following against one another the most fan tastic accusations which is a time as it ever was, is now forgotten. That is a hard just as real as it ever was, is now forgotten. That is a hard just a see that the same time and the same and the sam