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A BIG FISH-FOR A CHANGE

THE conviction in Greensboro of George Smith for running the numbers racket and of four Greensboro policemen for taking bribes in return for "protecting" the illicit enterprise marks a new step in the war against crime in North Carolina.

Trisis of "small fry" numbers runners have been a dime-adozen these past fitteen years, but the big fish have generally managed to escape the net. This time the law nabbed the biggest of the lot.

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The dapper Smith showed a lot of candor in a 25-minute speech to the court. He fold in some detail of his early life, and he admitted quile frankly he had run the numbers racket in several North Carolina citles from 1538 until the audi 1948. Even while he was serving a six-month lottery term in the early 1949. He ran he racket by proxy while doing time at the Sandy Ridge prison came.

Well, George Smith is off to jail for ten years, barring an improbable reversal of the sentence by the State Supreme Court. But

there is a strong probability that we have not heard the last of the numbers racket in this state.

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In the first place, ather Greensboro police officials may yet be involved. Witnesses in the recent trial frequently edged up to naming other accomplices, but Judge Pless estitoned that the testimony would not be admissible. It will be available to the Solicitor, however, and to the Greensboro City Manager who held a long conference with Judge Pless after the trial was over. In the second place, as long conference with Judge Pless after the trial was over. In the second place are going as there is easy money to be made from the joiltery racket—and there will be asy money to long as there are suckers to be hooked—someone else will take over. In the course of events, it is inevitable that approaches will be made to other law enforcement officers in an effort to buy "protection". Some of them will be successful. For if there is any hard and tax rule about the rackets it is that they cannot be operated successfully for long without the knowledge and countwine of duly cannituted law enforcement officer) once without the law enforcement officers. nowledge and connivance of duly consti-aw enforcement officers.

And now comes the word that Senator Frank Carlson of Kansas, executive director of the Eisenhower-for-President boom, will speak at a rally here Thursday night and repeat the performance in Asheville Friday night.

ON WOOING, REPUBLICAN STYLE

TF THERE were no other signs that North Corrolina, more than any other Southern state, is nearing a two-party political system, the continuing pitgrimage of high Republican orators to Tar Heelia would be a dead give-

way.

Let's see if we can remember them all.

First, there was Senator Robert Taft, who ook advantage of his assignment as Well secturer at Chapel Hill last November to nake a quick round of several colleges and miversities.

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Then there was Gov. Theodore McKelvin of Maryland, a fire-breathing Republican of the Taft school, who sallied down to Greenshore for that \$100s-plate dinner in January. Over in Winston-Salem last Saturday night, the Lincolh Day dinner drew no less a personage than Harold Stassen, himself an eager candidate for the Presidency. And on

STRANGE BEDFELLOWS, INDEED

IN COMMENTING on ex-President Her-bert Hoover's first "Fortress America" speech, in December, 1800, we noted that his policy of withdrawal behind our ocean barriers had been the theme song of Lodge. Borah, and Hiram Johnston, of North Caro-ina's own Bob Reynolds, of Cell Bertie McCarmick of the Chicago Tribune, et al.

"And, by that strange juxtaposition of anti-Communists and pro-Communists that we have seen so often in these confused days, the New York Duly Worker and Hars discredited Vito Marcantonio have

been paying sustantiasty the same what brings what brings that to mind is the incident at North Carolina College in Durham last week when circulars bearing the Communist Party name attacked a Red Cross "Blood for Korea" drive as "Operation Bloodshed" and called the Korean War "Operation Killer". The distribution of these circulars stirred a prompt, and quile proper, protest from

speak at a rally here Thursday night and repeat the performance in Asheville Friday night. Such is life in this Southern and tradition-ally Democratic state which, wishing no part of any third party revolt meavement, is allow-ing itself to be wooed by the Republicans. Weve said all along that the South need not worry about legislation it considers inimical to its interests once it throws off the shackles of the one-party system. And we submit the attention that the Republican orators are lavishing upon us as proof positive that we are right.

the Durham Red Cross chapter head who said that the action was being investigated by Army Intelligence officers, the Counter Intelligence Corps, the FBL the SBL and local officers. Re added the "Intelligence believes the Communists are establishing a new weapon to strack the national government".

Perhaps they are, and as far as we are concerned the investigation is quite in order.

But isn't it a strange world when Mr. Taft can say blithely that he has no contidence in the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and call the Korean War "Truman's War" and a "uneless war", and when Mr. Hoover's latest speech is reprinted in full in Pravda and praised to the heavens in a long editorial, and yet both be given fulsome praise by many persons who would be horrified at the Durham circulars'.

It's about time to revise the old saw about politics, and make it read: "Communism makes strange bedfellows".

at Fortune Magazine for publishing a map showing roughly the locations of U. S.

shewing roughly the locations of U. S. atomic installations. Reminded by a reporter that a Minneapolis paper had published the fact that the Atomic Energy Commission and Civil Aeronautics officials had issued 1,2000 color maps showing air space reservations over atomic energy plants, he said: it would be too had if the information soci into the hands of a potential enemy. The reporter said the maps were posted, in air-ports all ower the country. Mr. Trumm said he knew it, but that the reporter's statement had called attention to the fact and country and the said of the said o

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The President underestimates the talent of Russian spies. With 12,000 maps of U. S. atomic installations posted in airports all ower the country. a harmless query by a reporter at a White House press conference is not zoing to be of aid and comfort to the

SHUTTING THE BARN DOOR, ETC. Last week, he topped them all. He fussed

F PRESIDENT TRUMAN retires from the Presidency, voluntarily or involuntarily, we have in mind for him a job than tight serve his needs better than the U. S. Senatorship he reputedly is eyeing. That's a signment as reporter for a daily newspanion.

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If Mr. Truman has a blind spot in his out-look on things—and his critics contend he has many—it is his complete inability to reconcile the rights of a free press with its responsibilities to the people who have given it those rights. Frequently snappish with the newsmen who cover his press conferences. Mr. Truman has not yet understood the outery against his "security" order binantein gail executive agencies and giving their difficults wide au-thority to decline matters and the publication of photographs of a new Air Force guided nissuls—though the pictures had been offi-cially released for publication by the Air Force.

From The Christian Science Monitor

'VERITAS'

OCIETY has lavished millions of dollars OCIETY has lavianed millions of collars on the atom, but too often has been salisified to give its loose change to God. The relative attention paid to physics and theology in many institutions of higher learning today is a measure of this anomály.

It is heartening to read of Harvard's plan

It is nearcoming to read or nearests, the create "an important center of religious learning." and of the start of a campaign for \$5,000,000 to revitalize the functions and en large the scope of the Harvard Divinity School. Here is a sign of the times—troubled

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At the same time Emerson's words, which so shocked the Harvard Divinity School of 1838,

It is the office of a true teacher to show us that God is, not was; that He speaketh, not spake.

In its early years Harvard bore on its seal the words "Christo et Ecclesiae." With the secularization of education those words have disappeared from the seal, but the motto" Yeritas" till stands proudly there. It is well to recognize that the pursuit of vertias" or Truth camoo the disorced from the worship of God, who is Truth. It still remains true that "perfects science is the knowledge of God.

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The Rose Of No Man's Land



People's Platform

Letters should be brief. The writer's name and address must be given, but may be withheld from publication in the discretion of the Editor. The News reserves the right to condense.

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we can refuse to any longer be misled as to the responsibility for spending and the resulting taxes. The present Administration is responsible for proposing unwise expenditures. However, Congress holds the purse strings, make no increase and the purse strings, make no large and the purse strings, make no large and the purse strings, make no large and the purse strings are loosened, that much more money is spent and just so much that much more money is spent and just so much more do our taxes increase. This is a responsibility Senstor Smith cannot place on on element, cradical, socialistic or otherwise), exceet Congress itself. My manners to you for the purpose of the purpo

Alcoholism Report Hushed Up GREENVILLE, S. C.

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Whit Chambers' 'Confession' Leaves Columnist Unmoved

By ROBERT C. RUARK

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Flying Saucers In Korea? Draw Your Own Conclusion

By JOSEPH & STEWART ALSOP

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Correcting An Injustice

IT'S embarrassing for a newspaperman who tries hard to be right to find out sometimes how wrong he can be— especially when it involves an injustice.

Such an injustice was committed by me regarding Rumanian Industrialist Nicolae Malaxa when I published part of a Central Intelligence report to the FBI found in Judy Coplon's purse at the time ahe was first Malaxa had been considered to the Coplon's purse at the time ahe was first Malaxa had been considered with the Communists in order to get payments on his property out of Rumania. Since then I have received a letter from the former First Minister of Rumania, N. Radescu, now a refugee in months, and the payments of the construction of the Communists. The construction of the Communists of the Commun

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District of the control of the congruity of the Senator's
life in ULha and his record in Washington. The two are
about as dissimilar as the economic policies of Frankin
Boosevelt and Herbert Hoover.

In Utah, Walkins was head of a Mormon "stake" or
region, at Orem, where he organized a strawberry cooperative and a cold-storage plant pretty much on New
Deal lines.

Watkins even raised money for and built a community theater which has become the pride of all the 'farmers' in that area. Finally, Watkins put across a system of socialized medicine for the teeth of school children which made dentista tear their hair and sent a shiver of fear down the spines of Utah doctors.

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In Washington, however, Watkins has consistently voted against exactly the type of projects that he spon-sored in Ulah, has become one of the most reactionary of Senators.

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If we want to be a senator of all, Watkins pitched in to help defeat Democratic Sen. Elbert Thomas of Utah on the ground that Thomas favored socialized medicine. Yet Thomas had only talked about a public-health bill. Watkins had actually put such a program across.