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WILL THEY STILL CALL

IN ONR RESPECT, Senstor Tait's anny
decision to withdraw from the New Jersey primary is surprising. He complains
that the "regular" Republican organization
is against him, and that he would not
have a fair chance. That, coming from a
man whose main strength has been the
antichelvote of the "regular" Republicans, is
grimly remiesl.

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on the basis of an easy vin over an hept,
searcely literate othe state sudice in 1900.
That legend was exploded in New Hampshirs, and any traces of it left after New
Hampshire were buried under the avalanche
of virile-in votes for Dwight Eisenhower
In Minnesota.
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Taft didn't dare tangle with Eisenhower a New Jersey. The explanation is as sim-

ple as that.

The "poor losse" tag doesn't fit the picture of "gen'tes Bob" Taft that his followers have sought to paint. They have pointed to Taft's driving empalaga excess the length on Taft's driving empalaga excess the length end breadth of this nation as proof that have it last is a man of courage and stamina who will give the Democrate hell in the best fryman manner. Maybe he is willing to the property of the state of the st

#### THIS WE WANT TO SEE

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AT LAST we are about to have an opporatually to test in a court of law the underhanded, dishonest tactics that Senator Joe McCartly has used in his one-man war against the ghosts of Communism.

On the floor of the Senate the other day, Senator William Benton of Connecticut accessed McCartly of an king "hit and run" charges, not unlike "the tactic of Hilles". He said more, too, mutile be wall ruided unt of order. He offered to waive his Senatorial immunity—in effect, inviting McCarthy to sais him for libed (nothing McCarthy's victims have been able to do yet). McCarthy wrote Mr. Benton accepting the invitation. He suggested a meeting of 'our stormery to draft the documents necessary

for our signature in order to legally waive your immunity."
Benton replied that wouldn't be necessary. "If you wint my, signature legally to attied to any sistement on the floor, you have it on this letter," he wrote.

Now we'll wait to side what Sendard McCarthy does next Sandtor Tydings, as we recalled, offered "McCarthy 33,000 to produce one living, boan fide Communist from among the many persons he has slandered on the floor of the Senat. Later. Tydings raised the offer to \$10,000. It hasn't, so far as we know, been accepted.

It will be interesting to see if the Senator from Wilcomain accepts the latest dare from his chief Senatorial critic, Mr. Benton.

#### GOVERNMENT BY COMPULSION

ELSEWHERE on today's editorial page there is a letter to President Harry A. DeButis of the Southern Railway from a Charlotte resident who is a stockholder in that company. It expresses the basic issue in that company. The expresses the basic issue in the company of the Presidential

that company. It expresses the name issue in the "recommendation" of a Fresidential board that non-operating railroad workers be compelled to belong to a union shop. We shall not repeat what has been said so well in this letter, except to add emphasis to one major point. The union shop arrived at by negolistion between manage-ment and labor is restrictive enough of the

right of a man to earn and badd, a job on merit and ability. But it is utterly intolerable that the power and influence of Government should be brought to bear to force union shops upon workers who have not yet been persuaded that union membership is either necessary or desirable.

The rallroade of the nation should ignore the "recommendation", and they should oppose any further efforts by Government to compel membership in labor unions. In this fight, they will be joined by severy American with cherishes the principle of individual liberty.

#### WASHINGTON WATCHDOG

O'Eg of North Carolina's several able ex-cettlives pow in Washington, Secretary of the Army Frank Prace Ir. gave his sup-port the other night to an idea which makes lots of sants. Speaking at the Four Free-doms dinner he suggested formation of a national citizens' committee, earl of a Wash-ington watchdog to keep a close eye off the Federal Government.

Senator Douglas of Illinois recently made a similar suggestion. He noted that the Cit-isens Committee for the Hower Report wil-idishand in a few months, to keep from gel-ting embreided in partisan politics, and hope it will be replaced by a group of similar stature.

Mr. Pace stresses that this "continuing Hoover Commission", as he calls it, should be free of any governmental connection. To that imperiant point we would like to add unother—that this group, if formed, steer

clear of becoming merely an economy advocate. What is needed, we think; more than another lobby group for the taxpayer, or as sometimes happens, as particular group of taxpayers, it an nonpolitical organization with a staff sufficient to bring the far-flung staff sufficient to bring the far-flung staff sufficient to bring the far-flung shall be promise into a understand-ball picture. The staff sufficient to be sufficient to the staff sufficient to be sufficient to the sufficient sufficient

snough to be respected by partisans of right and left.

Maybe, It may be asked, that's the job of the newspapers. If it is, the job has grown beyond the scope of any single newrapper or wire service. Well, then, how about a research organization sponsored by a number' of outstanding U. S. newspapers? We think the like his merit, but we'll leave it at list for now, and see if anyone tels thinks oo. Certishly such an organization and a clipses' committee could complement each other and help establish a better understanding of government.

rom The Greensboro Deily News

#### SOMETHING TO REMEMBER

DEMOCRATIC gubernatorial candidates, appearing on the same platform at Wilson, showed, unanimity in declaring against any new taxes in North Carolina for the next

Well, why should there be new levies in view of the surplus which the state treasury is accumulating as revenue continues to run well in excess of estimates upon which the present.state budget was based?

present-state budgët was based?
Certainly so long as this trend continues
there is no need for worry about the state's
fiscal soundness, its ability to pay and its
readiness to expand badly needed services
and responsibilities. Through February tax
collections were running slightly better than
13 per cent shead of those for the same
period during the preceding year, and there
is no sign of diministin. Consequently mil-lions will be on hand for carrying over
liste the next belenium.

No Tar Heel who professes to keep up with what is going on has to be reminded of with what is going on has to be reminded of the doleful picture which was painted dur-ing Advisory Budget Commission's hearings and subsequent legislative and committee eassions last year. First estimates of reve-nue were far, far below what the General

Assembly was finally pushed into accepting; had these original estimates been adhered to, the state's underbalance of public serv-ice and overbalance of funds on hand would have been something indeed.

The Daily News believes in relative bal-ance in both fields, and not in either over-taxing or underservicing. This is an empha-sis which we hope and trust will be kept in mind as another legislative session approaches mind as another legislative session approaches and courses and the ugail Jeremiad goes up from the usual sources. Somewhere, around the Capilol premises there ought to be retained the optimism, the bullishness and the fath in North Carolina, as a constantly expanding; and developing state, which the figures now being cited in such addresses us, for instance, those being delivered by State Auditor Henry L. Bridges reflect and strengthen.

We once heard a Seventh Day Adventist preacher say that those who kept the Sab-bath on both Saturday and Sunday with the strewd idea of not taking any chances would go to hell sure. From this we judged that the Lord doesn't like a straddler—Lemor (Mo.) Democrat.

#### Springtime In Minnesota



The Union Shop Issue

# Freedom To Join...And Not To Join

(NOTE: The Editors of The News, having come into possession of the letter which follows, have obtained permission from its author, a Charlotte resident, to publish it in full. It deals with a appliect of considerable public interest and a principle of great importance. Editors, The News)

and deeply believes in the principles of individual liberty can become a party to any arrangement to the contrary

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Mr. Harry A. DeBuits, President, Southern Railway Company, Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. DeBuits, President, Southern Railway Company, I am, therefore, taking the liberty of writing toy on in regard to a development affecting the Company which I have recently read about in the newspars, which I have recently read about in the newspars, which I have recently read about in the newspars, which I have recently read about in the newspars, which I have recently read about in the newspars, and in the contrary of the Company, and the contrary of the company of the contrary of the contrary of the company of the contrary of the contrary of the company of the contrary of the company of the contrary of the co

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By MARQUIS CHILDS

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# Ruark Decides Truman Is Average Man In Giant's Job

By ROBERT C. RUARK

secrets until the release date said on.

I don't know what I expected to find, after all the building on Bill Hillman's five-bear collection of the secret the sale many states and old dance programs. Maybe the secret the alchemists sought, to turn the dross into gold, but after a hasty skim-through of 'Mn. President' (Farrar, Siruss and idly leafing through the snapshot album of a reasonably stuff mid-die-class family, And I suspect I am right. All we need to round it off is a bespectacled baby on a bearskin.

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draw a fiery snort of denial from
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#### **Drew Pearson's** Merry-Go-Round

# Politics Sparked Debate On Ike's Return

POLITICS wasn't mentioned during the backstage debate on bringing General Elsenhower home, but it hung on bringing General Elsenhower home, but it hung her bear the bear of the backstage debate or bringing General Elsenhower home, but it hung no matter what you was the bear of the backstage of the backstage of the backstage of the debate over bringing like back from Paris.

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Well before the New Hampshire primary, President
Truman sent word to Eisenhower through Averell Harriman, inviting him back to Washington to testily on aid to
Europe. This was at a time when Eisenhower supporters
were wringing heir hands over the danger of his defeat
and privately urging like to come home. Truman's plan
to bring like home, therefore, dovetalled right into the
plans of Senators Lodge and Duff and Governor Dewey.
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Until New Hampshire, they were strong for it.
But suddenly, after like's victory in New Hampshire,
they had a change of heart. Suddenly they figured their
man could win without coming back to the USA. Driden without coming the back to the USA. Driden the controversial question of fereign aid was such that
he should remain in Paris.

"That was why Senator Lodge, the Eisenhower campaign manager, world by proxy in the Foreign Relations
Committee to keep like in Paris; also why Smith of New
Jersey, and Eisenhower Republican, did likewise

George Says No

No matter what you think of Harry Truman, however,
in this case involving the all-important question of
form for the control of the control of the control
Having already invited Eisenhower to come home and
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Joint Chiefs of Staff, who, until last week-end, were making plass for Re's will be more diplomatic to have the two Congressional committees which must pass on foreign sid extend the official-divistion to Eisenhower rather than have the President "order" him back.
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mittee, of which he is a member, extend the invitation.
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McMahon Pleads

SENATOR McMahon opened the closed-door debate by urging that it was Eisenhower's duty to inform the Senate how much money it should vote for the security

Surging that it was Eisenhower's duty to Inform the Senate how much money it should vote for the security of Europe.

"There's no politics being played here, at least on my part," declared McRikhon. "I realise that General reasons are not being played here, at least on my part," declared McRikhon. "I realise that General creased since his victory in New Hamphite. But before the New Hamphite results were known, I suggested to this committee that Eisenhower he mivited here. The spaint this proposal in any form," snapped Senting-in the state of the proposal in a proposal i