

THE CHARLOTTE NEWS

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STEEL - AND THE LARGER ISSUES

THE steel settlement itself has now been eclipsed by the Constitutional issue resulting from the Prevident's settlare of the andustry. The courts will pender this one a song time. A stade contract will likely be signed long before the counts reach a deciment without minimizing the, amaginude of his question it seems proper at this time to place the Prevident's settlem in historical

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Neither Truman nor Roosevelt were the representation of the present set of the present s

Truman nas setteu up resulters upon the coal mines once.

To our way of thinking the Government would have been dereiled in its duty had it not taken extreme action to prevent a strike, after that strike became imminent. What concerns us is the Government's addication of duty as a mediator, which necessitated seizure, and the absence of means other than seizure for setting a dispute, when both isdear remain adamant, as in the steel issue.

For one thing, the President could have Invoked the Tafk-Hartley Law. That would have required establishment of a board of inquiry to report on the facts of the dispute, after which the President could probably have got an injunction requiring the union to postpone the strike for 80 days. The President said he did not use Taft-Hartley because the union had already postponed its strike 96 days— and he could have added that during that time the companies made no offer until just before the strike deadline—after that deadline had been postponed four times. Perhaps the the strike deadline—after that deadline nan been postponed four times. Perhaps the President also checked his calendar and noted that 80 days from last Wednesday, plus two or three weeks for the board of in-quiry to report—would have brought the expiration of the injunction right up to conation of the injunction right up to con-on time, at Chicago, a most unpropitious ent, politically speaking, to seize the industry and cause a nation-wide

steel industry and cause a nation-wide furor.

But say the President would have invoked Taft-Hartley last week, or last December when a strike impended. There is an 80-day wait. There is no agreement. Then what? Then, because there are no governmental provisions for arbitration, and, in this case, because the Government has abandoned what should be a role of mediation to throw its great weight lirmly behind one of the disputants, ishort, as which is a strike is at hand and effect the Government takes more or the strike of the st

What we have in this steel dispute is ime example of abandonment of decision by Big Labor and Big Business, to Big Gov-ernment, which is not equipped for the job.

gotating, there seemed no real desire on the part of either to reach an agreement. Labor made large demands. Management made no offers. Both sides seemed relieved when the Government, he Wage Stabilization Board, took over the dispute. The WSB made rec-ommendations which apparently exceeded even the expectations of labor. The Govern-ment is charged with the duty of holding the line reasonably on both wages and prices, yet the Office of Price Stabilization and the Eco-nomic Stabilization Administration were not a party to the diversions and later ruled out: line reasonator for not weake and the Economic Stabilization and the Economic Stabilization Administration were not a party, to the discussions, and later ruled out a graphy to the discussions, and later ruled out a ESA upheld their governmental obligations, but because of the lack of co-ordination between the three agencies on this obviously mutual problem the differences between the disputants appeared wider than ever. Then the disputants appeared wider than ever. Then the President came out four-square behind the steckworkers, who will now, with full Administration support, hold out for complete adoption of the WSB proposals, although compromise would have been probable had the President sought to act, properly, as a mediator. Containing grave darrel of management in that the Secretary of the private earnings of the companies six in his judgment he may determine vise. Likewise he may, if his own judgment should so direct, suspend dividend payments and collegations owed on company indebtedness. And he may rule adoption of the union shop. This power, if applied, is a complete remunciation of collective bargaining, as the steelworkers would be shouting if the Government was on management's side of the glispute.

Here then seems to be the problem to which Congress should address itself: How do you resolve a strike in a vital industry, with both sides admant and poles spart, without resorting eventually to Government seture, which act could destroy the prin-ciple of collective bargaining, if not much larges principles. larger principles?

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The answer may be arbitration which, unlike mediation, requires that the disputants
abide by the decision of the judge or judges.
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While the courts weigh the Constitutional
issue Congress—perhaps less judiciously—
will probably draw up some laws that will
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is not enough to restrict Presidential powers.
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side of labor. But the public interest in
these days of big and often irresponsible
government. Jabor and management requires
that somewhere be lodged the authority for
prevention of strikes when the national interest so requires. It also requires that safeguards be established to deny any government official the power to impose conditions
on either labor or management, as Secretary
Sawyer now could do, without regard for collective bargaining, facts or figures. These are lective bargaining, facts or figures. These are the two necessarily related issues which want Congressional attention.

A GREAT COMMUNITY SERVICE

IF more of the business men of Charlotte would drop in for a moment at the Bet-ter Business Bureau's office in the Wilder Building, they would be most favorably im-pressed by the heavy work load of this or-ganization which is little more than two years

old.

S. Executive Secretary, Clarence A. Griffin, a topflight young attorney, presides over every many safety than the safe that were on the task of improving the standards and conduct of business in our community. The amazing part of the Better Business Bureau's service is that its responsibilities extend to all-types of business. — commercial, manufacturing, distribution as well as retailing and advertising.

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factifing, distribution as well as retailing and advertising. Basically the Bureau operates in more fields than one on briefly list. However, it has broadly achieved outstanding success in three major classifications.

First, it has studied and made available to the public a wealth of valuable information regarding fraudulent and unwarranted solicitations of all norts. Since the Bureau came into existence in 1850, companies, business and the second of the second companies, business and the second of the second came into existence in 1850, companies, business and though direct mail about the down-to-earth facts regarding countless solicitations, quick-money schemes, and special house-to-house offers which in the past have gone unheeded and conceptually have milked the Charlotte community or single amounts of money so urgently needed to pay for reliable, essential and carefully investigated services.

gated services. Secondly, the Bureau has handled a large volume of complaints and inquiries regarding the quality and value of merchandies and services offered the public. Through the co-operation of merchants and other business miss complaints have been rectified and general standards of merchandies at fair values have been substantially resident.

Thirdly, in the field of examining and ap-raising the truthfulness of advertising ap-earing in newspapers and broadcast over Thirdly, in the field of examining and appearing prizing the truthfulness of advertising appearing in newspapers and broadcast over radio stations, the Bureau has maintained a vigitant eye for abuses. It would be grossly inaccurate to claim that this newspaper or any other media is completely free of misleading or deceptive advertising. However, thanks to the work of the Better Business Bureau, there has been a consistent improvement and we want it to continue.

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It should be remembered that the Better Business Bureau is supported entirely from membership does. At the present time there are 270 members paying dues graduated on an equitable scale depending on the size and character of their respective business organizations. The present annual income of the Bureau is \$20,000, and this is \$3,000 short of the minimum required to maintain its present efficient operations.

The objective is to add at least fifty more The objective is to add at least fifty more members so as to bring the Bureau's budget into balance. To schieve this vitally important goal, a luncheon meeting will be held this Thursday and the work of the Bureau will be described to a group of prospective members who have demonstrated a keen interest in litting still further the standards of business practices in our growing community.

business practices in our growing community.

It is the hope of this newspaper that many more business men of Charlotta will raily to the banner of the Better Business Bureau. The old effeatist philosophy of "Let George do it" won't keep our Charlotte Bureau alive and secure in its future. We are anxious to make all business, selling and advertising practices so wholesome and ethical in Charlotte that the charitant, the daylight-fo-darkness promoter, the cheap fellow with a cheap idea will move along to greener fields. The Better Business Bureau has already proved to be an exceedingly profilable investment of the community of t

'I Don't Want Any L gal Immigration Around Here!'



People's Platform

Letters should be brief. The writers 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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Doesn't Want 'Free Ride' PITTSBORO

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Mark Twain Stories

Connally, Hoey, McKellar Senate's Links To The Past

By JAMES

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campaign hard and he didn't think it was watch. It.

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stands.

After all, the top oldtimer of them all bowed out just a couple of weeks ago when President Truman said he was through after a lifetime in politics.

But This Is America-It Just Can't Happen Here

By ROBERT C. RUARK

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Drew Pearson's Russell May Compromise On Civil Rights Merry-Go-Round

SENATOR Dick Russell of Georgia effective than any other Souther the Truman civil rights program. Now that Russell is a Presiden say that he might be willing to co though he would never accept a compared to the consideration of the considerations Democratic leader the considerations Democratic leader. now gives indications least in part.

Steel Shavings

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Democrats Vs. Democrats
DENNSYLVANIA Democrats don't want to stick their necks out publicly. but behind the scenes some oil the top leaders are doing their best to block the confirmation of their fellow Democrat Judge Jim McGranery as Attorney General.

Attorney General.

Pittsburgh's Mayor David Lawrence, top Democleader of Western Pennsylvania, let off a telephone bla Democratic Chairman Frank McKinney against McCry, So did exSenator Francis Myers of Eastern Penvania in a call to Senate friends on the Judiciary omittee.

mittee. Neither one wanted to be subpoented and forced to take a stand publicly, though they were giad to drop a few hints about McGranery's record to the newspapers.

Interesting fact is that the once rock-ribbod Républicant city of Philadelphia which hand't had a Democratic mayor since shortly after the Civil War, last November elected one. If was the biggest cleans up of graft-iddeu Philadelphia politics in years and a real triumph for clean government.

government. But the leaders of this new Democratic administra-tion, Mayer Joe Clark and District Attorney Dick Dilworth, not only were not consulted by the White House regarding McGranery, but are vigorously opposed to him. Pet McGranery is supposed to clean up the Justice Pet.

Tobin's Red Face

THE Secretary of Labor is supposed to know more about labor unions than any other man in the Cabinet; which was one reason landsome Secretary of Labor Maurice Tobin, former governor of Massachusetts, was invited to officiate at the preview of the new film "With These

viously produced the Broadway musical hit "Pins and Needles." The ILGW is a rival of Jacob Potofsky's Amalga-mated Cithing Workers, the latter making men's cloth-ing and belonging to the CIO, while Dubinsky's ladies gar-ment workers make ladies' citching and belong to the

AFL.

A notable gathering, including Italian Ambi
Tarchiani, gathered in the Interior Dept. auditorium
Secretary of Labor Tobin rose to tell about the new

This film, said the Secretary of Labor, "is in honor of a great union which has done so much for the working people, so much for trade unionism, so much for the American people—the Amalgamated Clothing Workers." Bill Green, president of the AFL, looked berriffed Ambassador Tarchizai looked uncomfortable. David Dinkley, whose union abould have been named, was about through the audience. But the Secretary of Labor Espit blittley on.

Washington Pipeline

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DOSS Crump of Mamphis is seriously considering ditching
Beyear-old Sen. Kenneth McKellar of Tennessee for re-election. Crump thinks it would be difficult for the Democrats to win if McKellar were nominated, is trying nog al-Kellar to admit his leastly in not equal to running one al-Kellar to admit his leastly in the company of the contempt of the contempt claims on the wire-tapper and wire-puller. In contrast the Senste District of Columbia Committee last year ducked a contempt claim. Resource Sension McCarthy persuaded Resource of the contempt claims. Resource Sension McCarthy persuaded Resource of the contempt claims of the contempt claims and property of the contempt claims. Resource Sension McCarthy persuaded Resource of the contempt claims of the contempt claims and the contempt claims. Resource Sension McCarthy Contempt Resource Institute to the contempt claims of the contempt claims. Sension Se