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BYRD PROPOSAL WAS ILL-TIMED

THE Senate did the right thing when it delayed action on Senator Byrd's pro-posal to request President Truman to use the Taft-Hartley law in the continuing steel strike.

Such an action would be hasty and ill-Such an action would be hasty and ill-divised. Industry and union negotiators have been meeting at the White House in an at-imosphere of cordiality, and with a "give and lake" attitude. Whether or not an agree-ment will be fortheoming over the week-and is uncertain, but the negotiators ought to be given ample time to threath out their diffi-culties.

The Byrd proposal would have no legal authority, anyway. Congress cannot compel the President to invoke Taft-Hartley. And we think he would be on questionable ground

if he did so at this stage. Adoption of the Byrd proposal would simply add a new irritation to an already agitated situation.

Further, it has been demonstrated clearly in the past that a law, at best, is only a last resort in a labor dispute threatening the nation's security. Far better, as General Eisenbower has said, to have some real leaderably in the executive branch of the government, and a more amicable relationship between labor and management.

The industry doesn't want a strike. The union doesn't want a strike. There are no differences between the two that cannot be reconciled. Congress should keep hands off until the national security imperatively demands further legal action.

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AFIER the Lisbon Conference last Winter
NATO officials announced that "approximately 50 divisions in appropriate conditions
of combat readiness" would be ready for the
defense of Western Europe by the end of
1052. These 50, it was said, would include
twelve French divisions.

Now it develops that the French really
promised to have but ten divisions. The
circumstances surrounding this "loss" of two
divisions, recently detailed by Walter Kerr
of The New York Heruld Tribune, point up
the folly of the closed door "exclude the
press and public and issues a statement" polley which characterizes NATO.

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ment was involved as to its data-eventu-ness of the last two units. They would be "paper" divisions. They would be way of coming out, and in this case it was inevitable that the truth would be known in time, if for no other reason than that the French Government, like some other govern-ments in the world, is required to tell its parliament, when it asks money, what it in-tends to do with it." So French Defense Minister Pieven told the National Assembly defense commission that without additional aid France could not have twelve full divisions by the end of the year. This appeared to newspapermen as a French resunciation of their commitment. American officials realized they were in a pickle, so issued a statement that the French request "does not in any way affect the agreement

reached with the French Government with regard to its build-up goals for 1952 or to fulfillment of these goals. This statement just confused things further, as it indicated that the French were being held to twelve divisions. Then newsmen dug out the true story of the compromise regarding the two "paper" divisions.

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The upshot of all this probably will be that Congressmen will be understandably irked to discover that completion of the two extra divisions will require more funds than was suggested by the NATO planners at Lisbon. And, we can all rightfully sak, how many other secret agreements are there in NATO, how many other paper divisions whose existence must be ferreted out by newmen or remain unknown until some efficial zees to ence must be refreted out by newsmen or remain unknown until some official goes to his legislature to ask for funds? Certainly the public's confidence in NATO is decreased by events such as this.

Congressmen could use this instance to berate the entire NATO set-up. But we hope they now note and initiate improvement upon one of NATO's greatest deficiencies, its

secretiveness.

Congress has before it a proposal that would improve the situation. Senator Gillette of low's suggestion that there be formed a North Atlantic Assembly, an advisory body composed of citizen from NATO countries that would have no real power but would at least thrash out questions such as this, and the many other common and urgent Atlantic community problems, in the forum of public debate.

Such an organization would dispel much of the foggy gobbledegook now surrounding NATO and further public understanding of the organization's vital task.

EMPTY COOKIE JAR

MANY Southern Republicans live for the day when the GOP returns to power and passes out political jobs. They keep their organization small, so they alone, who have long controlled the organization, will bene-

But they're in for a surprise. Patronage isn't what it used to be.

There are about 2.559,000 Federal jobs.
About 2.244,000 of these come under Civil
Service protection. The remaining 315,000
include FBI, AEC and State Department
Foreign Service positions not subject to po-

litical change. One estimate places the number of purely political Jobs in the Government at about 12.250.

Prorate them around the country, considering the fact that most Federal Jobs are in non-Southern population centers, and those available at the country or even the state level in the South will be few indeed. And pending legislation may decrease Federal political Jobs even further before the

election.

If the GOP wins, there will be long faces among the hungry Republicans who, eagerly opening the cupboard, find it bare.

But most important, Congress has assen bled no group of experts and statisticians competent to evaluate the mass of statistics

competent to evaluate the mass of statistics and recommendations thrown at it such year by the Executive Branch's Budget Bureau, government agencies and private groups. A few overworked committee staff workers and Congressmen look hopelessly at the voluminous proposals, then recommend an across-the-board cut, or radom elimination of certain appropriations. There's often no attempt to separate the wheat from the chalf, simply because there aren't enough capible threathers.

The proposed joint bureau would abolish the need for dual hearings. It would give Congress the keen knife required for intel-ligent budget cutting. Congress will rate orchids if the House follows the Senate lead and passes this bill.

FISCAL SENSE FROM THE SENATE

CONGRESS may finally do this year what it should have done long ago—set up a joint Congressional budget bureau. A bill creating a bureau has passed the Senate, and is now before the House Rules Committee.

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At this own span has translatedly emphasized. Congress has not equipped listed to do the tremendous annual appropriation job. Vital money measures sometimes gather dust because Senator McKellar of Tennessee, chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, sure hypically able to hold hearings. Sometimes buy executives testify before his committee, then are called over to the House Ways & Means Committee to repeat their testimony. The 'snigle package' method of appropriation was dropped after a brief try, so Congress again appropriates money on a piecemeal basis, not knowing until the end of a session how its appropriations will balance with expected revenue.

From The Asheville Citizen

TAKE IT OUT OF POLITICS

Governor Scott's letter dismissing Dr. T. C. Johnson as Commissioner of Paroles as of June 2 was dated May 30—1be day before the gubernatorial primary. The dateline will dispel talk for vengeance for the defeat of Flubert Olive, whom the Governor supported and whom Dr. Johnson opposed, but it will pot remove the political odor from the dismissal.

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When that is said, perhaps enough is said, Now, why not take this ensitive office said. Now, why not take this ensitive office of the said of

very able men, including some now in office, have not spared the State a poor reputation in fields where it ought to excel.

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Rather, it ought to be a career position with stated tenure terminated or extended at the pleasure of the General Assembly. In no other way can politics be eliminated—or nearly so. The first requirement of a sound system of correction, asy the American Prison Association, is "complete separation from political influence."

Paroles unwisely granted or granted without scientific application of the parole theory can only mock the processes of justice.

Nothing's impossible? Hat Ever try pushing toothpaste back in the tube?—Memphi

The 'People's Platform' For A **National Conservative Party** By RAYMOND MOLEY

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CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION OF TV PROGRAMS OFFE THE WASHINGTON POST CO Terrain May Get Rougher

Disgusting, Ain't It?

Ike Steps Across The Gulf

By MARQUIS CHILDS

ABILENE, Kan.

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CENERAL Eisenhower has taken the first step across the great divide. This typical small town offers a measure of how wide that guil is.

The Eisenhower home on Fourth Street is now preserved as a muscum, just as it was lived in or the Eisenhower family. It is a typical white frame house with big trees around it and irresplain bods of old-dashioned flowers of the kind the General's mother raised.

mother raised. You could hardly imagine a greater contrast between that simple white house and the handsome chateau outside Faris in which is the difference between Europe, the Europe of manicured elegance, and this backbone of America which able hen and a thousand other towns across the length and breadth of the land.

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To span that difference almost literally between dawn and dux's no easy thing. Since he 's' a sensitive and more complicated individual mabe appears on the surface, Eisenhower understands het a difficult bridge he must throw up between the world of the military stateman and the downtoearth politics of a lifere campaign.

He's Tentative Now

JUST now, at the beginning, he is a little tentative. You can see that in the way that eager groupe of people with bread smiles and hands outstretched surprise him. In that other lite of a few days age severything was carefully regulated and labeled. The members of a reception committee to prest you as you stepped off a plane were difficiently identified and arranged by rank, each one howing his procise place in the ceremony.

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Now they come crowding forward, all wanting a
word, a handshake. One of the photographers yells,
Hey, He, put your arm around Governor Ara's
shoulder... Put your bat back a little bit...
we cann't see your face." He griss a good-natured response while the milling crowd trees to push in.

Elsenhower is a very adaptable man. He has
shown that in various phases of his career. He reacts to quickly that this will become familiar and

As to the speech, it was a cautious and even a timid step over to the political side of the guilt latended as a non-political speech, it came close to qualifying as that. In it were the simple principles in which Euenhoure believes. And if they tended to sound like platitudes, then Ike would undoubtedly say that we have become too cynical and are too far removed from the meaning of those principles. He is against infation, against overcentralization of government, against these that are so high as to be nearly conflictedry.

flation and Communist infiltration. But Eisenhower, defining the obligations of the "higher citizen, ship." said that "alert recognition of external as well as internal dangers" is essential.

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He threw lim—in all probability at the promoting of his zealous political advisers—a reference, so
to the evil of secret diplomery and how Americana
dread 'the kind of secrecy that surrounded Yalta.'
The political emphasis of the speech was stronged
on the dangers—of the incompetence and corruption—that result when a party is too long in power,

But this was a trial flight. Large areas remain to be defined with greater clarity and force. And the pressure is building up to do that definition in po-litical speeches made in the right political setting.

A Southern Speech

By almost everyone with access to him. Ike is being told that he must make a speech to the South in the South. Where said when are mastered to the speech of the South in the South. Where said when are mastered in the speech and the

convention.

Here in Abilene the atmosphere was friendly and warm, with little or none of the flerez antago, niam that has come into the remarkably close key publican race. The crowds were in a holiday mood in spite of a lowering sky and patters of rain. This may be compared to the pattern of rain. This is the pattern of rain. This is the pattern of rain. This was the pattern of rain. This was the pattern of rain. The pattern of rain the pattern of rain. This was the pattern of the

Quote, Unquote

American living standards have risen to such a high state that most everyone has to do business with the finance company. — Lexington (Ey.) Leader.

Everyone in a small town knows what everyone else is doing. They read the newspapers merely to see if they have been caught at it.—Elberton (Ga.) Star.

"California Man Has Stomach Removed."—
Headline. Surely there must be less drastic ways to
cope with the high cost of food! —Bristel (Tenn.)
Bernal Courier.

Middle age is the time of life when a man stops
condering if he can escape temptation and begins to
wonder if he's missing any. — Batesville (Ark.)
Geard.

If nobody knows the troubles you've seen, you're
not living in a small town. — Etowah (Tenn.)
Enterprise.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

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WASHINGTON
THE Army has bushed it up, but the two key generals

I in the Koje Island flasc: almost got off the hook with a
light reprimand. It was only by direct order from Gens. Markthand was tora up and Generals Prancis Dodd and Charles
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Evita Peron's Illness

IT isn't often that the illness of a nation's first lady can change the political life of a country, but that's what's likely to happen in Argentina. Evita Peron, glamorous wife of the Argentine dicta-

Army Politics Almost Saved Two Generals

tor, is dying. The lady who began life as a cabaret performer and rose to capture the love of the Argantine lower classes and the hate of the upper classes, has cancer. Doctors have warred that she cannot last the Summer.

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While it may not be pleasant, even for hard-boiled dipolarity of Latin America are coolly calculating what will be the effects of Evita's death on revolution and war.

Last Fall she was operated on for a cancrous condition of the upper intestine and duodenum. In December bedectors came to the decision that she could not be permanently cared, pat her on a careful schedist, advised that Notice and the control of the upper intestine and duodenum. In December bedector came to the decision that she could not be permanently cared, pat her on a careful schedist, advised that Notice and the control of the second that the control of the

tina. And win ner passing, part us use prove that will vanish, will vanish, at that time, it is speculated, a grief-stricken President may go abroad to live. Peren has a deep and genuine affects of the president part of the argentise military, long hating brits and her labor following, may seize the opportunity to revolution. Seldom has a country's destiny been so wrapped up in

Oil Lobby Pressure

WITH billions of dollars in under-ocean oil at stake, the coll lobbyists are pouring on the heat in a last, desperate bid to override the President's tidelands veto. The buttonboling and backstage huddles are growing more grim, and talk of fat campaign contributions is rife in the Senate

cioakrooms.

The decision hangs by such a sim, gidder-web strand fast Wyoming's shutting Sen. Do O'Mahoor, seeking to up-hold the veto, has cabled his Democratic colleague, Sen. Jim Murray of Montana, to rush back from Europe and hely hold the line. The showdown vote is expected about Tuesday.

day.

The bill originally passed the Senate by a 50-to-85 vot which is not enough to override a veto. But the oil jobbyus have been slipping around the Senate Office Building, presuring the Senator who voted against them to do an about switch or conveniently skip town when the veto vote is