THE CHARLOTTE NEWS

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A BAD WAY TO GET GOOD GOVERNMENT the whole principle of retail price-fixing by manufacturers. And there is grave doubt that the constitutionality of the McGuire Bill will be upheld once it is challenged on the grounds that it (1) violates due process in making a private contract binding on a third party, and (2) unlawfully delegates Federal power over intertate counterce to the states. But our purpose today is not to argue the merits of the McGuire Bill gain. It is simply to point out that many U. S. druggists were in the forefront of the battle for the bill. They bombarded Senator Smith with hundreds of letters and telegrams, many of them containing the identical wording. After studying the matter thoroughly, the Senator decided the could not vote for the bill and before the could not work to the containing the identical wording. After studying the matter thoroughly, the Senator decided the could not vote for the bill and before the could not work to the containing the identical wording and the country of the cou

"It would be appropriate if you expressed your thanks to your Representative a letter to Season Clyde B. Hoep, Shelby, N. C. would be in order. Since Senator Smith not only you'de against the McGuire would have adversely affected the bill, we will reserve judgment in his case until the next N. C. Senatoral campaign."

THE FOREGOING paragraph is taken from the July 27 bulletin published by the Fair Trade Committee of the N. C. Pharmaceutical Association. Chapel Hill, N. C., and distributed to N. C. druggists. Its

meaning is clear.

Senator Willis Smith was one of a smill minority of U. S. Senators who opposed passage of the McGuire Bill which legalizes fair trade laws previously adopted by 45 of the 48 states. Until the McGuire Bill was passed and signed reluctantly by President Truman, the Supreme Court had held unconstitutional the non-super clauses in most of these state laws. Under the non-signer clause, all merchants are bound to observe a manufacturer's set price if the manufacturer's set price if the manufacturer openumes a fair trade contract with

There are convincing arguments against BEHIND THE STATISTICS

outbreak of the Korean War. Some of them paid cash for things that might be in short supply; others pledged themselves to heavy installment payments. In both cases, the purchases represented investment in personal, tanglibe properly to be used over a much longer period of time—automobiles, refrigerators, stores and the like.

Furthermore, many people, fearful of delaying any longer, bought housed during this period. And money spent on permanent housing really represents a saving.

Finally, in the third quarter of 1890, the percentage of income put into savings dropped to 2.2. lowest since 1945. In the last quarter of that year il jumped back to 7.8, and has held steady around 7.7 per cent through 1800, 1831, and the first quarter of 1852.

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family spent \$400 more than it earned in 1950.

There is more than a modicum of truth to Ruark's conclusion that the so-called prosperity since World War II is an elusive and deceptive thing, that the easy mone; floating around doesn't buy much anymore, and that the average waye earner is worse off than the thinks he is.

Even so, statistics are always tricky, and should be analyzed thoroughly before any firm conclusion is drawn from them.

For example, the Bureau of Labor Statistics sampled only 10,812 families in 91 cities ranging from Madill. Okla, with a population of 2,500 to New York City. Perhaps this sampling is adequate for a national average, but we have our doubts. For instance, the study shows that the average family spent only 15 per cent of its income for housing, fuel, light and refrigeration. That seems a bit low, what with the cost of housing these days.

Beyond that, the last half of 1850 aw one

Thus it is more than likely that the sit-Thus it is more than likely that the sit-uation is not quite so black as painted by our Mr. Ruark. At the same time, it is not very bright, as any city dweller no matter what his income bracket, will tell you. And until the inflationary spiral halts and values remain firm for a few years, the average American, city "amity is going to find it difficult to balance" its spending against its formal to the process.

And those "gorillas" who were with Miss Truman turn out to be our own Secret Service agents, charged by law with protecting

members of the President's family. As one commentator put it "Why even when those Secret Service men .risk you for a gun, they

do it in a style tnat Emily Post would It's all a little unfair to the President's

It's all a little unfair to the President's daughter. She nay not re the greatest canary in the world, out she and her mother have conducted themselves with dignity and decorum since they've been in the White House. They've seen a credit to the institutions of First Lady and First Daughter, and the recent trans-Atlantic press controversy over which Margaret had no control should not detract attention from that fact.

MUCH ADO ABOUT MARGARET

eyond that, the last half of 1950 saw one of the biggest buying splurges in history as consumers rushed into the market after the

THE MORE we read about the hubbub over Margaret Truman's bodyguards in Sweden, the more we're convinced that the yarn was cooked up by a couple of Swedish newspapers during a dull news period and given undue worldwide stiention by the press associations.

Associations.

Anyone who handled news copy during World War II will remember that Aftonbladet and some of the other Swedish papers were the rumor factories of the world Scarrely a day passed that some rumor of worldwide interest was not blown up all out of proportions in the Swedish press.

If reliable and responsible U. S. officials are to be believed the alleged "roughing up" of a Swedish photographer consisted of no more than a frienglly but firm "No pictures, please" when Miss Truman was in Stockholm's Town Hall.

BIPARTISANSHIP

Now that the lid is off everyone wants
President Truman has finally exacted
release of the long-secret Federal Trade
Commission study of international oil deals.
In the light oil Senator Hennins' charges,
based upon this own investigations, that a
shelfuls American oil cartel is draining hill
lions of dollars in excess profits from countruste receiving American aid and thus "exploiting the American isepple who must pay
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on a world-wide scale."

And Michigan's Republican Senator Ferguson asys the FTC report is "just a rehash" of an expose by the Republican-led 80th Concretan American firms in the Middle East "should receive the utmost attention of the Attorney General."
This is retured by one of the officials connected with the report who says the FTC study covers more countries and later developments than the Republican investigation did

Be that as it may, we are pleased to see Last night the Mutual Security Administra-tion issued its report on cartels, accusing cardels. We shall with interest watch to see five U. S. companies of "price discrimination" if the concern continue after Nov. 4.

From The Louisville Courier-Journal

BEAN SOUP NO MATCH FOR STEAK

WE shall, undoubtedly, have more to say scrambled eags are mentioned as his pieces on the political virtues of both candidates for the presidency. But we are concerned at the moment only with their cultinary shilly.

If we judged both men as presidential timber solely by what they can cook, then it would be our reluctant duty to decide for the General. His is a wide and fancy repertoire, running heavily to foods the voters love. He knows how to avoil steaks in charcoal, how to concerned the sound is considered and a fine eratorical flourish. Mr. running the consecution of the cook to the

Republicans Have An Issue If They'll Just Yell It Out

By ROBERT C. RUARK

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NO STEAKS

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Hoffman's Blast At M'Carthy May Tip Off Ike's Attitude

By MARQUIS CHILDS

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Benton's attorneys to testify from
his expert knowledge with respect
to McCarthy's charges that the
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'Do You Want Us To Be Considered Below Average?"



People's Platform

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

CHARLOTTE

Eisenhower Will Win

Editors, THE NEWS:

P. GARDING your editorial of August 13, the general attitude toward lack, annufation are reperly as the property of the pr

for like.

Taking these things into consideration, also the Gallup Poll findings, I conclude that certain anti-like groups are at work flooding the newspapers with deliberately discouraging views on this matter, hoping to produce a sort of apathy among the voters far in advance of election day.

This propaganda is futile, of course, but it provides a source of amusement to people who have faith in the straight thinking of the American voter. Unless we are all gluttons for punishment, Dwight Eisenhower will be our next President.

dent.

He is a man of honesty, integrity, wisdom and great intelligence, a man who can win back for us the respect of the world which Harry Truman and his ineffectual aides have lost for us.

—MARY HARMON.

An Inconsistency?

PINEHURST

Editors. The NEWS.

A "TER creating your editorial of August 16.

A "Ten care to the make it Away. Ike." I hope tell them fake it Away. Ike." I hope out will not take it aims it shows amazement and some question is expressed as to the purpose that inspired it. In this editorial, referring to the Sievenson-Truman White House talks, you state at "Teke had had his druthers." instead of low would have said something like this."

"Why, its only natural for Mr. Stevenson to go to Washington for his orders, and I expect him to make similar trips in the future." Then you comment "and he would have had Stevenson right on larget." There can be no interprete editorial believes that Gov. Stevenson is "Truman's man."

collorial believes that low. Stevenson in "Trumans on the Now refer to your childred"—in which you stated "The idea that Gov. Adla! Stevenson is Truman's man has no known basis in fact." This was a positive statement of belieft, and then you proceeded to demonstrate why you were so certain the state of the state of

a maneuver to create an atmosphere c tiality and fair-play. It would be most in to know which editorial conveys your goodness belief.

-ELMER M. SIMKINS.

Reader Simkins is straining at a gnat. The phrase "right on target" wann't meant to imply that any such statement by He would be the honest-to-goodness truth, which no one expects any, reed, and perhaps should have read, "right on the griddle", t. e., highly uncomfortable, So far as 'The News is concerned, Stevenson is his own boss, though we hardly expect the Republicans to admit it. Eds. The News.)

He Presumes Too Much

LETTORS ANY NEWS.

LET me suggest to self-oppointed "psycho-analyst"

H. E. Braderman before he rants further, that
he presumes too much in staining that I answered
his alleged previous article dealing with the extermination of stray dogs. I had neither seen nor
heard of his previous article. If he will reveal my
original article he will know how I happened to

write il.

While it appears, Mr. Editor, that this highly provocative subject of dogs is leading to a rip-anortin dogifich, all I have done, Shelp me, is put in a plug for good side Rover, unqualified. I cannot of the gent's contention concerning stray dogs, because I've committed the heinous crime of good naturedly referring to Rover as "man's best friend" anaturedly referring to Rover as "man's best friend" makes me "lovelors, hereless, childless, friested makes me "lovelors, hereless, childless, friested in the control of the property of the propert

-BOB CHERRY, JR

Vote For Ike And Nixon

GOVERNOR STEVENSON will not and cannot deny having supported the FEPC and Civil Rights legislation in Illinois. The bill was defeated by one vote in a Republican-controlled legislature.

this kind of legislation is his ambition and deal five this kind of legislation is his ambition and deal five the united him as President of the United States. It will be southern States to vole for Eisenhower and Nixon, and regulate the dastardly attempt to destroy the dignity of Dixie at the recent Chicago convention.

Drew Pearson's Moody Plugs For Ike-Adlai Debates On TV Merry-Go-Round

(While Drew Pearson is on a brief vacation, the Washington Merry-to-Round is being written by several guest columnists, today's being Sen. Blair Moody, Democrat, of Michigan.)

By SENATOR BLAIR MOODY

THE best way for the American people to get the full, unvarnished picture of the real issues of the Presidential campaign. in my judgment, would be a series of debates on television and radio between Governor, Stevenson and General Eisenhower.

This modern innovation would give the voters an op-portunity to decide directly which candidate would pro-vide the country with more competent leadership in this moment of history when our future is so dangerously at

remember our faiton and the words, never occurs on the level of fact, nof smear.

It would draw the issues between the parties on the level of fact, nof smear.

It would give the people a chance to "know" their next President—his personality, his intellect, and his grap of public affairs.

It would provide both candidate's an equal crack at what doubtless would be the largest audience of all time, without forcing either to raise huge sums of money the privilege of presenting their views to the people.

And it would knock the ex parte bank out of the campaign at the very top feets.

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There are already a number of nationally idevised,
nationally sponsored programs which specialize in precisely this type of matching of facts, wits, and grasp of
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have participated 30-minute time often run outbefore issues have been adequately clarified, a series of
bour-long discussions, running over perhaps six weeks,
could be conducted with complete fairness.
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