

The Defense Of Deacon Bilbo

THE saga of that eminent churchman, Deacon Theodore Bilbo of the Juniper Grove plantation, interrupted for a few weeks while the investigating Senators enjoy the Christmas season. But the record is already ample enough, as we observed the other day, to give every discerning citizen a fair and accurate picture of Bilbo's name comes up in the Senate for confirmation.

It is, of course, impossible to divorce Bilbo from the environment that produced him, and in this there is food for thought for all Southerners. Mississippi has produced her share of statesmen in the past—Jefferson Davis and John Sharp Williams, for instance—but there is always a great danger that the political machinery of a limited democracy will fall into the hands of a politician endowed with perverse brilliance but without moral scruple.

The Unconventional Mr. Stassen

IN pitching his hat boldly into the ring in this presidential mid-season, Harold Stassen of Minnesota is once again defying tradition. His elders, who are running as hard as he is, have offered only the usual round of conventional statements.

Old Guard at the Philadelphia convention, the big man with the shaggy hair was the first to speak with a great demonstration of rank and file support.

Don't Forget The Wincoff

THE passing of even so little time has served to blunt the edge of the horror felt in every city after the Wincoff Hotel fire. As the days pass, the memory of the supreme tragedy of war—it isn't much of a topic for general conversation these days.

It is gratifying, therefore, that officials concerned with fire prevention in Charlotte are still chipping away with undiminished vigor at the problems posed by the Atlanta fire. The post-mortem report on the Wincoff is being examined in detail.

Another Voice The Misappropriated Banner

EDWARD T. FOLLIARD, a reporter for The Washington Post, conveys the news, which The Record had not seen anywhere before, that the misnamed Columbians, Inc., of Atlanta—The Record spells it advisedly with a little "c"—is defending Columbia of responsibility—

It would be like nature, with its strange sense of humor, to deposit uranium in large commercial quantities on the land of some wild, unbusinesslike tribe.



Well, the technique has worked too often in Mississippi and elsewhere to admit doubt of its efficacy at election-time. But the Man is trying to persuade a more perceptive audience this season. In Washington, under the cold Republican gaze of his traditional enemies, there is a hollow sound to his charge that he is being victimized by Negro and Communist groups.

People's Platform On The Differential

NEW YORK (The News)—I HAVE before me The Charlotte News of Friday, December 13, 1946, carrying an editorial concerning the Textile Workers Union of America, CIO.

THE Wincoff Hotel fire in Atlanta, has created a much talk, as to how it happened. Some think it the work of an organized gang of conspirators loose in the country. Other think it coincidental and some yet pure negligence.

Old Man C. L.

THE old man C. L. and his loving followers, are responsible for four-fifths of the hotel fires, automobile wrecks, and deaths that has happened in America during recent years. No doubt his influence is responsible for Chicago, for Detroit, for New York, for Miami.

Old Man C. L.

What he did do? Why he passed the note through the bars addressed to his loving friend, telling them to get him out or bust; he told them to draw on his pocket and buy a new suit; he told them to carry a campaign with a slogan, "Turn The Old Man Out."

Marquis Childs About-Face In Iran

A part of the astonishing Russian plan about the Soviet puppet pro-Soviet regime in northern Iran, Iranian Government spokesmen have announced that the Government in Teheran wants to.

That is the judgment of Arthur C. Millage, probably the foremost American authority on Iran. During two periods — one in the 20's when the country was ruled by a man called Reza and again during World War II—Millage was assistant general of the finances of Iran.

Samuel Gratton Truman Surrenders

IT is certainly a Republican country, these days; and almost, it is a Republican country, in the sense which is running it. For Mr. Truman has developed an engaging habit of conceding to the Republicans plan to do, and then doing it.

Drew Pearson's Byrnes and Austin Saved Day For U. N.

General Assembly, Austin called a hasty meeting of the American delegation. Byrnes was a split, Senator Vandenberg, Congressman Helen Gahagan Douglas of California, Mrs. Roosevelt, and Chicago's Mayor Daley, were present.

Wise Senator Austin

SENATOR AUSTIN, chief of the American delegation and the man who has shown increasing strength as a leader since V-J day, the Russians have been acting as believers in, and as members of, the United Nations.

Crack In Iron Curtain

MOST amazing proof of the new Russian attitude toward the world to come is Moscow's invitation to the press of the world to come to

Mississippi Loyalty

IT is not to say that Mr. Truman is a Republican, in the sense that (with all personal reluctance) he has accepted the leadership of the opposition. As to what Mr. Truman gets out of it, that is another matter.