nother Mecklenburg Declaration?

As LOOK for nothing so resounding as another Mecklenburg Declaration of sepand size when the county Democrats it in signan session here Saturday. But does seem likely that the gentlemen will, they life to their County Chairman, woke the memory of the Confederate abbute that once met on the grounds. Chairman Scarborough will advocate a surf of ideological secession from the "red

Distinct that once met on the grounds a Chairman Scarborough will advocate a surf of ideological secession from the "red aradical elements within the Party," that he desires, we gather, is not more say, harmony but more Southern indemence, and he wants to formalize the researt resistance to the Party leadership, Southern Democrats, he says, should "united to independent action," and he intends to make his recommendation not only to some county Committee but to other bemocrats throughout the South.

Although we question Mr. Scarborough's inderstanding of his Party's history. Chesists that the Democrats should fight addicalism by returning to the principles of Jackson, the most radical Democrat who were went to Washington's we nevertheless sprore his stand. We hope, indeed, that ise County Convention will listen carefully to what he says and incorporate his sommendations in formal resolutions. It will mean, of course, that they must be same time condemn President Trustian and his Addinistration which stands is theory at least, for all the principles. ory at least, for all the principles

theory at least, for all the principles "Searberough condemns."
Such a practice, if it spread throughout be South, would help clear away the cursic confusion and hypocrisy which so arisalize the southern Democrate no longer accept the principles of gradient promorate Party it is cerlary high time they sought complete inde-

pendence from it. It might even be per-missible for them to continue to operate within the Party framework if they had first formally announced their opposition to the national leadership; they would, of course, thus insure the defeat of their course, thus insure the defeat of their Party in national elections but that must be part and parcel of their aims anyway. be part and parcel of their aims anyway. And there is even a thin chance that the tendency to formally sever ideological connections with the National Democratic Party might lead at last to a new party alignment, with the dissident Southerners joining the G.O.P. or forming a third party of their own. We are not sanguine, however, over Mr. Scarborough's chances of selling his Declaration of Independence to his brother Democrats. Such action, it must be remembered, would lead eventually to the loss of patronage. And patronage has al-

Democrats. Such action, it must be remembered, would lead eventually to the
loss of patronage. And patronage has always been the cement that holds parties
together when there is a major cleavage
along ideological lines.
Moreover, as a practical matter, there is
reason to doubt whether any politician,
Republican or Democrat, ever honestly desired to lessen confusion in the public
mind. Confusion has its uses: it is most
convenient, for instance, to round up the
conservative vote by open espousal of conservative principles, while also garnering a
fair proportion of the liberal vote because
of a party label.

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Actually, the matter is largely academic, at least in this early stage of the rebellion. Since we only have one party to vote for, and no prospect of getting another any time soon. Mr. Scarborough can well afford to be candle. But it's agod beginning, and our appliause is honest and wholeheated.

The Visitor At St. John's

7/17H old Gene Talmadge on the prowl sgain in Georgia and the White Suissue out of mothballs in South, it is good to note an example of ess in race relations right here at Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, Negro presi-of Morehouse College in Atlanta, sete last night at a regular meeting of John's Baptist Church, and the anancement of the invitation and its accessors seems to be regarded as a rou-

the news item.

The appearance of a single distinguished gree educator and churchman in a leadwith the thruch in Charlotte does not, of rese, indicate widespread tolerance in a community. It is still a rather unusual sust, even though it is no longer unique. But it seems to us that the appearance Dp. Mays at 63. John's does indicate it we have come to recognize at last that distinguished. In. Mays at St. John's does indicate as we have come to recognize at last that siligence, integrity 'and ability are not acclusive property of the white race, may be true that we still set our stand-is for Negroes abnormally high, accept-ewen on limited terms only those who see demonstrated, as Dr. Mays has, ex-

traordinary individual capacity. But dropping of the old racial barriers for even a few outstanding Negroes is a heartening thing in itself; not many decades ago it would have been unthinkable. It also strikes us that the congregation at St. John's was afforded a rare opportunity. Bedil besiders work but week and no

at St. John's was afforded a rare opportunity. Racial barriers work both ways, and no matter how often we insist upon our instinctive understanding of the Negro the plain fact is that few white Southerners do. Men like Dr. Mays serve as interpreters between the two races who live side by side in the South, but with an invisible wall between them. We give them all too few opportunities to bridge the gap between us.

The problems of race relations in the South are grave, and they will not be solved overnight. We must depend upon mutual understanding, growing out of a genuine meeting of minds among the leaders

uine meeting of minds among the leaders uine meeting of minds among the leaders of both races. Nothing Dr. Mays could tell the congregation at St. John's will make any perceptible difference in the old pattern, but it is in the sum of a hundred thousand such meetings that we will finally find the answer we're all seeking.

ournalism Adds A New Dimension

78 note in our own profession certain manifestations of the strange time only which we are passing. There is the steep of mittee for Progress versus Citizen's mittee, Joe Doak versus OPA—are con-a in full page advertisements, parti-gainst partisan at so much per col-

against partian at so much per col-ninch.

There is also a strange new phase of second control of the coverage coming to light. No reporter ed days dares bring in a story simply ting that a distinguished citizen is to depart the community for greenicids elsewhere. Not later than the sec-paragraph of his story must come a

—has it been rented or sold yet, and it to whom?

Louis Graves of The Chapel Hill Weekly,

Louis Graves of The Chapel Hill Weekly, a studiously unconventional journalist, even merges housing news with the lead these days. Reporting the departure of a faculty member at the University, he an-nounced in detail the disposition of his

nacuty memoer at the University, he an-nounced in detail the disposition of his house before he got around to such de-tails as where he was going, who would re-place him, and when he would leave.

The practice, we know, is in response to public demand, and therefore commend-able. It's the least a newspaper can do at a time when home-seckers are haunting fu-neral parlors and police stations in the hope of finding a clue to a recently vacat-de dwelling. But we will not be convinced that the war is really over until reporters are once again instructed to concentrate on who, what, when, where and how, and the realtors resume their normal function of guiding the homeless to shelter.

Another Voice

It Won't Work In Dixie

E South has been chosen as the "bat-Eleground" for the struggle between the Fi. and the CIO for supremacy in the

ably the time has come for AFL CEO to fight it out for they do not a able to get along togethe. But we be just as well satisfied if they cend their fight elsewhere. Remember ppened to Belgium when, through one of its own, it became the big bound of the first World War.

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the most far-sighted leadership—will be the favorite.

There are hoodlums in the South, of course. But we believe there are fewer of them per capita than are found in many of the big industrial cities of the North and East. And for that reason we do not believe that hoodlum tactics, strife for the sake of making trouble, unreasonable demands

of making trouble, unreasonable demands and untrue statements, will work as well in this new "battleground" as they may have worked elsewhere.

It is not the principles of the labor movement but rather some of the leadership which goes against the Southern grain, as they go into this contest for supremacy—and some think it the final test—we fervently hope that both AFL and CO realize that fact.—High Point Enterprise.

That next big explosion won't be the shot heard 'round the world. It will be the world.

To the unbounded surprise of all con-cerned, the Government for two months has taken in more than it has spent. One can only say that it smacks of the medieval.



People's Platform

Why Close The Doors? Representatives and Senators are voting on OPA, housing, Case anti-labor and other bills which hit us right where we live. I have requested the same thing of our local paper but with no success. I must with either of the two Charlotte papers. Years ago I read the "Greensboro Daily News" and liked it. I think the editor was named Earl Godbey. Several years ago on your editorial page you had a column of lems selected from the weekly papers which I thought was very good. It resembled "Misseschilm" columns in "Thme.

CHARLOTTE

THIS morning I knock at the Ivory Tower seeking permission to climb upon the public's forum to voice my objection as a citizen to the seemled executive sessions of our public office.

This practice is an old one in Charlotte, both the County Commissioners and the City Council seek this method of preventing the public they serve from knowing the stitutude of the board members, often on questions of vital importance to the tax-paying public.

So far as I have been able to determine there is

questions or vital importance to the tax-paying public. So far as I have been able to determine there is nothing in the law that refers to an "executive seasion." In fact it is my firm conviction that the Constitution and the State statutes seek to prevent such secret meetings. Section 133-6. General Statutes of North Carolina, states that "every meeting abail to popul to all persons" in reterring to meeting of Gounty

Commissioners.

I do not hold with others that the public officials should be allowed to talk things over privately. I think the public's benefit is better served when all matters are laid on the table and considered in an open and above board manner.

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Perhaps a mandamus proceeding in Superior

Court would bring this aggravating form of procedure
to a head. Certainly if the statutes state that all

meetings shall be public, and there are no conflicting

provisions, a mandamus to force the commissioners,

or others, to comply with the specific terms of the

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-TOM WATKINS.

(NOTE: This is one of the most remarkable communications yet published by The Platform. The author is Tom Watkins, this newspaper's Courthouse state of the watkins of the newspaper's Courthouse stone wall of official silence, decided to take action as private citizen. Nobody, probably, will believe it, but the letter is unsolicited, spontaneous, and from the herti-Eoda. The News.)

How Do They Vote?

READ your paper religiously and enjoy especially your editorial page.
There is one favor I would request of you. Please give us information on the way our Democratic (?)

Know Thy Country
GREENWICH, CONN

OME of the finance companies are in favor of the present. House version of OPA legislation. I guess you know what that means.

Bikhop Burnet, in speculating on the extraordinary influence of Lord Shafebury, and accounting how as the controlled his confederates, should have so powerfully controlled his conductare, about due to powerfully controlled his country. Now that is exactly the kind of knowledge of his country. Now that is exactly the kind of knowledge which many of our statesmen do not possess. -JOSEPH A. MARTIN.

Thanks for your time if you've read this far and please give us the dope on how our men are salling us down the river.

"JULIUS C. JOHNSTON SR.

(NOTE: We try, in our editorials, to record the votes of Carolina Congressmen on critical legislation. Occasionally we publish elsewhere on the page a summary of their votes prepared for us by Editorial Research Reports. 11 is, however, a difficult task, A a bill without a record vote, making the final count can be seen to be supported by the constraint of the co

-JULIUS C. JOHNSTON SR.

Sincere Interest

CHARLOTTE

WANT to express a sincer word of appreciation for
the coverage given by your paper to the conference
at our church under the leadership of Charles A.
Wells.

The reporters whom we contacted and who contacted us showed a very sincere interest in the work of the week, and I feel that the space given us meant a great deal to its success. Thank you for such fine co-operation.

-CLAUDE U. BROACH, minister, 8t. John's Baptist Church.

All The World's A...

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world.

Samuel Grafton

The House's Revolt

THE House of Representatives wakes up some morning with ta head clear and nothing better to do, it might ask itself whither it is dritting. For the House is sort of in trouble. In pursuit of its strategy of mashing, the house is strategy of mashing the moderators of the house is perhaps abdicating its function as a full, responsible, equal half of our Congress. It is strategiated in the house is perhaps abdicating its function as a full, responsible, equal half of our Congress. It is more than the house is perhaps abdicating its members known to be poorly written and hastily conceived, and then of depositing these furious creations. like shapet the deak of the clerk of the Senate. It leaves it to the upper House to go in for the refinements of tinkering, straightening out, improving, and making enables when the leave of the training out, improving, and making enables expression bitter rage.

censible what is, in essence, a form-less expression of bitter rage.

DRAFT BILL

Nothing could have less shape to it, for example, than the recent flouse bill on selective service. This fore the entire Summer, and then puts it up to the President to decide, two and one-half weeks before Election Day (charming). The thing is just not a law at all; it merely runs from the problem, and then, as if moved by an after-inought, free a polshoid at the thing is just not a law at all; it merely runs from the problem, and then, as if moved by an after-inought, free a polshoid at the House's belowed argument that we have too much one-man governation of the House's belowed argument that we have too much one-man governation of the House's belowed argument that we have too much one-man governation the President, who dN not ask for it, the avill power of deciding whether to draft, or not to draft, free Americans into the armed services. It seeks to make a

dictator out of him, the darn di-tator, which is going the long wa-around to prove that dictators as bad.

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was introduced, and you have guesaed it. It-paged.

COMES THE REVOLUTION
And it is almost not worth while to study the fantastic House price-control bill on its merits; for it is part of the other thing, of the large of the control bill on its merits; for it is part of the other thing, of the large of the control bill on the control bill of the

Drew Pearson's: Baby's Future To Be Decided At Paris

(NOTE—Drew Pearson's column today takes the form of a letter to his younger sister, Mrs. Lockwood Fogg Jr. of Wallinford, Pa., on the occasion of the birth of a baby.)

WASHINGTON

If son't know whether my family appreciates my writing letters and then publishing them in the newspapers. My wife and daughter think it is a terrible practice, and the latter raised cain when I forgot even to send her a carbon of what I sent out to 600 newspapers. She thought I might is least have done her the courtesy of giving her a copy first.

However, sometimes I can write better when I am talking to members of my family, rather than putting things to members of my family, rather than putting things the most of the mining them to make the most of the many than the m

What Kind Of World To Grow Up In?

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If has been just two years since Lock was born. At that time I remember writing you my fears for the kind of world he might grow up in. I said:

I am just a bit fearful that Cordell Hull thinks of peace.

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elbow.

"Mr. Hull has 73 distinguished years to look back on. But they—your son and all the other mothers' sons—have 70 years to look forward to. And they must not be years at look forward to. And they must not be years statesmen have handed us.

"This, T realize, is not the kind of letter one should write to the mother of a new-born daughter. But I have a hunch that the mothers of America would rather face these problems."

lems now, when they can be solved, than wait until it is too late."

That was written in March, 1944, with the war a long way from being over, and with Mr. Hull at that time down in Paim Beach putting on the golf course.

Peace Conference 12 Months Late

TODAY, one year after the end of the European war, we are just sitting down to try to prepare for the final peace conference. We do not even know yet whether that final peace conference actually can be held.

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In the peace conference in the peace peace conference. In contrast, it was an example of efficiency and speed. It got stated January 18, 1919, only two months after the armistice and was finished ast months later, a total of eight months months late, and may never start.

The trouble, in my opinion is that during a war allies are bound together in common danger. Then, the minute war is over, they start forgetting those common list. They was the start of the star

'Collect While Tears Are Hot'

CUMNER WELLES, the man Roosevolt fired as Under dec-yeary of State, believed in the lawyers' adjac: "Collect your fee while your clients team are not."

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Hull's head direct to Roosevelt and got permission to iron out the controversies of peace while the war was still con. Then personal jealousy—which so often turns the tide of history—cut the ground from under Welles' work. Fits chief, M. Fulli, made him a personal suace, todd Roosevelt that either he or Welles misst go. Roosevelt chose to keep the control of the second personal suace, the second has been succeeded in the second personal suace to the second personal suace to the control of the second personal suace to the second personal succeeding the

No Fault Of Byrnes

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THE fault is not that of Jimmy Byrnes. He picked up the

Ball late and is doing the best he can. The fault is in
the delay, the proreatinating, the lack of vision in preparing
for peace when the Iron was hot. What so few people
realize is that peace is a harder job than war. War's
mistakes are glossed over or forgiven in the passion of
conflict. The mistakes of peace sometimes are not so spparent. They do not out lives or lose battles—immediately.

This, I realize, is not the kind of a letter one should
write the mother of a new-born beby. But I feel strongly
that the mother of a merica would rather face these prolems now. Ahd I wonder also if it would not be before to
admit our failure. Frankly and openly, instead of glossing
is over and pretending that we have won something that

"I am certain that the mothers of Russia- and tider some."