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## How To Avoid A Tax Increase

WITH the bond election safely out of the way, and the taut nerves of the tag-conscious citizenry beginning to relax. Council has begun consideration of year's municipal finances. Departnext, year's municipal finances. Depart-mental requests, submitted in anticipa-tion of the 1946-47 budget, total \$3.445. 302.25. On top of that the City Pathers some to be agreed that municipal employ-ses deserve. a 15 per cent wage increase scress the board. It all adds up to some-thing like a \$653,000 boost in annual ex-

series the board. It all adds up to some-thing like a 565,000 boost in annual expenditures.

Some of the requests of course, can and will be whittled. But most of the departmental estimates appear at this early reading to be justified, as does the general wage increase. This means that somewhere, somehow, several hundred thousand new dollars must be found.

Twen-though the present City property tax is one of 'the lowest in the nation frontwithstanding the increase guaranted by the bond election,' Council has already displayed a marked reluctance to hike I. reliminary estimates indicate from 30 for each give setting the service of the lowest form of the lowest high property setting the property setting the setting of the Edders apparently feel that the property-owner is already bearing more than his abare of the burden, and that some method should be found to spread the fax increase around among all the etitizens.

No matter how the Council goes about raising more money it faces a difficult and unpleasant task. Spending money is a politician's pleasure, raising it is his cross. There is no painless method of extracting funds from the voters, and the Councilmen

There is no painless melvibod of extracting funds from the voters, and the Councilmen are. therefore, guaranteeing a round of criticism whatever they finally decided and the councilment of the councilmen

### So Round, So Smooth, So Empty

THE Spanish matter before the UN Security Council provides a neat illustration of the manner in which the basic division between Russia and the western democracies renders that body helpless. democracles renders that body nepress. The struggle between the great powers underlies every act of the Council, but the delegates do not dare examine it, or even make direct reference to it, for fear their fragile organization will I'ly to places. So they skate around on the surface of the problems brought before them, exchanging plausible, legalistic arguments, as irrelevant as a newsboys' fistfight on the sidewalk in front of Madison Square Gar-

salewalk in front of Maddison Square Carden.

This Spanish thing is, perhifts, a neat esercise in logic, and good academic training for the delegates. They can be proud, escialny, of the smooth, rounded cases presented for and against immediate acdient against Pranco. The American and Aritish delegates, seeking postponement, have insisted that there must first be an investigation. Who can question the virture of that position? In it not essential to correlate and check all the facts before seeking the solution to any problem? It is, obviously, the essence of logic.

But the Russians, pressing for immediate action by the Council, also occupy an impeccable position. The case against Franco has been established by his acts, they say. Have not the chiefs of the American, Brit-

ish and Russian Governments publicly de-nounced the Spanish dictator and called upon the Spanish people to remove him? Have not all three Governments published decumented accounts of Spanish co-opera-tion with the Arls during World War II? What further proof is needed? Neat, logical, complets—you couldn't go wrong ethically on either of those arrow worng ethically on either of those arms.

without being a communist, or with Amer-ica and Britain without being a democrat without being a communist, or with America and Britain without being a democrat. But you couldn't take either argument, or combination of both, and solve the problem of Franco, for both stydiously avoid the real question: Had Britain and America rather maintain a Fascht Government in Bogain than remove it and run the risk of establishing a Communist reimer And beyond that question there lies another: In Russia following a design for a Communist spain would be the first outpost?

These are the questions the Council is bound to avoid, for they are compounded of dynamite and no tender, homeless young world organization dares approach them, or even recognize their extitence. And so the Security Council is fated to operate in thin air while the Big Three, who alone could give it solid footing, insist that there is no point in their getting together when they have aiready extabilished the United Nations to take care of all international problems.

## Mene, Mene, Tekel Upharsin

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The Young Democrats' meeting in Winston-Salem, we gather from the reports
of the gray-haired newspapermen who
looked in on it, was a bust. There were so
few Democrats, young or old, on the pirenses that there arose a parliamentary question as to whether they were staging a
convention, a rally, or an executive comstittee meeting, and when it developed
that not every the executive committee
could muster a quorum, the only positive
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were really young, and baild heads
among the YDs. Lynn Niabet reports that
the gentlemen in charge "were running
the Young Democrats ten years ago and
ase reluctant to relinquish membership to
the more youthful volera." The old rule,
forbidding membership to Democrats or
do and setting 35 as an age-limit forrofficeholders, wasn't even mentioned.

Could it be that a war and a modicum
of synthetic prosperity have robbed the
young of their consuming interest in polition? Perhaps so, but we note that political
railies are blooming in profusion on the
college campli of the state these days. At

Chapel Hill, at the Woman's College in Greensboro, at State in Raleigh, even in the small liberal arts colleges, student orators are plying their trade. The issues of the hour are under discussion, and it isn't the ill-informed discussion, and it isn't the ill-informed discussion of the dolf-fashiomed debating society. The student bodies are larded with veterans these days, young men who have attained their majority and, with it, some insight into practical politics. These are the leaders of the student politicians, men who can be student politicians, men who can in the form of the student politicians, men who can in a should also be noted that many young North Carolinians, who, goold have flocked into the Young Democratic fold a few years ago, are joining instead the Committee for North Carolinians, a subsidiary of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare. The Democratic elders, who look upon the leftlist SCHW with horror, will doubtless write this fof as an evidence of the excessive emotionalism of the young, Some, certainly, are lured under false pretenses, but most, we auspect turn to SCHW in diagnal, with the peculiar course followed these days by the Democratic party, one-time repository of the liberal dream.

We were not at the Young Democrats' ill-sted meeting in Winston, but from here we could see something that looked sus-piciously like handwriting on the wait.

#### Another Voice

#### To The Fount Of Wisdom

We think that President Truman's geature in consulting former Chief Justee Hughes on the forthcoming Supreme Court appointment will strike the famey of Be American people, just as they were moved by Franklin Roosevell's pilgrimage of the directed of Oliver Wentell Holmes on Mast dark March day of 1923. The act is subschiefly fitting in all its implications. As the subschiefly fitting in all its implications is subschiefly fitting in all its implications. It is the living in the subschiefly fitting in all the subschiefly gasteen in men and manner is is the living embodiment of the majesty at the law.

The former Chief Justice can offer wise muscl. He knows from twy experience the testacous political process of Suprements appointments. When the was come based the Court in 1930 upon the respectively of Chief Justice Tatt, Mr. Hughesland of hersess a wave of angry criticism.

think that President Truman's ges- Senator Glass charged that he had soiled Senator Glass charged that he had solled the crainle by leaving the bench at one time to 'participate selftahly in the turnoils and disputes of partisan politics." Senator Norths objected that "no man in public life so exemplifies the influence of powerful combinations in the political and financial world." Yet Chief Justice Hughes, who proved himself a strong liberal, welded together a great Court. From a vantage point of years, experience and philosophy such as few men have attained, he will-help a Preadent make his choice.—Asheville Citizen:

"Not only am I in favor of retirement pay for congresemen," said the man in the cigar store, "but of bonuses as inducements in particular cases."



#### People's Platform

## The Drafted 18-Year-Olds

MAXWELL FIELD, ALA.

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Due to the fact that we are in the 18-year and 18-year-old bracket now serving pur country, we feel that our voices should bear some weight in the actions taken by Congross in the rature. We have noticed in the current papers that Representative May states, "Children Rhould not be defrated." Why didn't be think of that five years ago? The House seems concerned about their civil and the compared of the civilian is that for faith their opportunity. The papers say the war is over, so why should our aeroke be protonged at the correleince of others?

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of others?

According to the recent news there will be no one eligible for induction in the near future. May we inquire as to the source of replacement? In service, why are we being held? As citizens in the service, why are we being held? As citizens in the service, want to know the effect of the actions on our length of service.

—PUT. JEFFERSON DAVIS.

(NOTE: To insure prompt and personal attention we are forwarding Pvt. Jefferson Davis' letter to Senator Claghorn, who knew his grandiather.—Eds. The News.)

#### Luncheon Barriers

I SUPPOSE the lites is to make use of a busy man's tunch time toward contributing to community progliment time toward contributing to community progplate of steak and onlone, the future of a city has 
aim for years in the balance. They call it a funcheon. 
Most of these luncheons have been held down lown. 
Only those of on race have left welcome, the others, have belatedly been thought about at the last moment, 
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Forivears, this practice of luncheon meetings has plagued Charlotte and restricted its progress. The plagued Charlotte and restricted its progress. The plagued Charlotte has proved the Pignary of the Pignary of

bond issues.

Too many organizations are guilty of this intolerable practice of esslusion—to their own detriment and to the detriment of the community interests. Segregation this time, backfires. Certainly, a city of over 100,000 souls, with one third of this group Negroes, cannot afford to leave anyone one.

#### Mutual Understanding .

WISH to express my genuine accord with the sentiments expressed by you, in your editorial April 25. "The Visitor At St. John's," and to let u know that the Charlotte EAGLE feels that you we struck the keyonic in a program which we reduced the properties are appropring to the fullest extent: mitual

ourselves, are sponsoring to the fullest extent: mixtual understanding; the fact we know that such it the New believer. Meinitely constructive efforts are not directed at the grave problems which we face, whether we say that they exist or not, and I am sure, that as a publisher of one of the films newspapers I have ever read, you are that position to already realize that fact. Your editorial tells that between the control of the surface of the surface

-TREZZVANT W. ANDERSON, EDITOR, THE CHARLOTTE EAGLE.

#### Whose Corn?

 $\label{eq:problem} FT. \mbox{ JACKSON 8. C. } R \mbox{ USSIA is right for once! Appointment of a committee to attudy the attuation in Spain, is nothing but a substriuge. United Nations hypocrisy on our part is candidly exposed. Iran was a different matter.$ 

matter.

It all depends on whose corn is being stepped on, our's, Churchill's, or Stalin's.

—PFC. E. R. FURBAR.

The People's Platform is available to any reader who cares to mount it. Communications should be less than 300 words, typewritten if possible and on only one side of the paper. Libel and obscently will be deleted—chieroste anything poes. Each letter must be signed, although, in exceptional cases and upon request, we will unwishold the writer's name—Editors. THE NEWS.

## The Stone Age Man

Marquis Childs

available to urrease acceptance of all the life Lewis has played power politics. In the Twenties proper profits and the Twenties workers dropped to a hundred Workers dropped to a hundred thousand. Lewis fought for adoption of the NRA, which was in the pattern of the corporate state of Fasciat Italy.

#### GUARANTEED MEMBERSHIP

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COURTING RUN

There is so much merit in the coal miners' case. They should have vacations with pay. They should have improved regulations for safety and health. But to go after these things by the dog-eat-dog method of Lewis is to court run.

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Samuel Grafton

### How Un-American!

unique?
What great stroke have we played, what mighty bolt have we hurled? What can we, who are unique
among nations, point to as a unittrain of thought, for no lose likes
a story of a chance for greatness
missed, and we still think somehow of the postwar as the future,
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LITTLE TO SHOW

of any of the occupation areas.

To Europeans, whose notions about America have been nurtured on Western movies, the life of Thomas Aiva Edison and of Abraman Lincoln, our odd little, mesk-little, paisled occupation must seem done anything particularly dispraceful: it is just that we have not done anything very American: for one cannot believe that it is American to be itentative, to be

### ANTI-SOVIET CENTURY

### HOLLOW CELEBRATION

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And we must think of these matters, not in petry terms of mistakes made, but against the greatest
reference acale of opportunities
missed, of potentialities unrealized,
as the postwar world heads toward
its first anniversary, to be celebrated with a fatless candle on a
wheatless cake.

# Drew Pearson's: Byrnes Put On Griddle By Senators Merry-Go-Round:

WASHINGTON
That, just leaked out that Secretary of Slate Jimmy Byrnes
held an important sind very husb-hush meeting with the
Senate Foreign. Relations Committee just before he took off
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Byrnee was there to prepare the Senators for the possibility that the Park conference might be a dismai failure. As a result, several Senators got the impression that Jimmy was going to Paris in a defeatist frame of mind. The emberrashing questions three saked probably didn't make him

was going to sense in a defeasis frame of mind. The englied any hippiners livey asked probably didn't make him per any hippines emphasized the importance of setting peace freedles signed as adon as possible, using Tady and the dangerout. Trieste impasse as an example to prove the urgency of early settlement. The Russians he added, showever, the sales told the Senators about the Pollah loan, questioning it as a possible lever to help win a free election in Poland. Here Senator Arthur Vandesherg, Michigan Republication, who represents one of the biggest Polsh blocs in the USA, stepped in with some needling questions. Specifically, Vandesherg wanted to know whether Byrnes and domination in Poland. Byrnes replied—with ne great conviction in his videe—half vany effort toward a free election is a step forward."

#### Why Did We O. K. Tito?

SENATOR STYLES BRIDGES of New Hampshire another frequisition over the State strength of the Tugoles Government of the Tugoles Government of Marshall Time and Marshall Time an

ment's apparent sanction of this wonnecessary later."

Envires replied that recognition of a Government did not

premie Court appointmens.

Pon Capitol Hill, politicos have been taking it for granted that President Harry Trustess will appoint a Republicant the vacancy on the Supreme Court. They saw the on-fact than the late Harlan 3° Sonce was a Republicant Trustess does so, lowers; he will go apaked the precedent every other Democratic President in the antime thetery of

apparently not annuary visus assessments of the parties always have said the Fresidents of both parties always have six the swing of election returns control judicial appointments and have smade no attempt to behance the ourly by crossing party lines. Most Presidents have gone out of their way to estimate the party lines. Most Presidents have gone out of their way to estimate the party lines. Most Presidents have gone out of their way to estimate the party lines. Most with the party lines are supported to assert and the their way believely. The control Roosevell was careful to assert and that Oliver Westight Mostless was sympathetic with "my policies" before he

#### Republicans Appoint Democrats

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Of occasion, supreme Court, jointees have even been selective of for the express purpose of curbing incoming opposition parties. For instance, John Marzhall was appointed that Junios by an outquing Pederalist, John Adams, in the control of the parties of the property of the Supreme Court in the sairy Roosevelt days went and of its way to curb New Deal legislation.

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