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The Veto Was Really Conservative

THERE is little doubt that political con-ciderations seighed heavily with the Congress when it decided to send the tax reduction bill to Mr. Truman in the face of his stated objections to it. There is also little doubt that political considerations. little doubt that political considerations figured in Mr. Truman's declain to veto it. But it must be noted that the President is taking the more impopular course, which might be regarded as prima facile evidence that the political aspect of the veto was a minor consideration.

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At least three of the reasons offered by Mr. Truman for his veto may be called essentially conservative. Most economists would agree that the effect of a blanket income tex reduction now would be inflationary, further complicating an already dangerous condition. A large body, of conservative opinion also supports Mr. Truman's contention that the Government's first obligation during this period of record income is to reduce the public debt. And some of the most conservative members of Congress—men like Senators Byrd of Virgina and Governe of Georgia—have pointed out that sound fiscal policy demands re-

duction in appropriations before income is reduced, a condition the Republican Con-

reduced, a condition the Republican Congress has not yet met.

The sole political argument employed by Mr. Truman was the charge that the tax measure is a "rich man's bill", designed to affect great savings for income tax payers in the upper brackets while conferring only minor benefits upon those with modest incomer. There is some merit in this, of course, but the situation is not quite as imple as Mr. Truman and his advisers try

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All tofa, it seems to us that Mr. Truman's veto was consistent and even statesmanlike. The tax reduction bill, more than any other set of the 80th Congress, stood as a symbol of the stametee back to normalcy. Mr. Truman has properly recomized that we have by no means completed the transition from war to peace. He has insisted upon maintaining a sound Federal money policy, painful though it may be, and it appears now that his veto will succeed, in forcing a higher degree of fiscal responsibility uon a Congress singularly unwilling to accept it.

The Un-American Committee Looks South

cally displaced persons.

Any such organization is bound to attract Communists, and we suppose the Conference has had a few on its rolls in the past. For all we know it may still have. But does this make the organization, as the House Un-American Committee would have us believe, "berhaps the most deviously camoufisaed Communist front organization" in the United States?

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We have at hand a list of the members
of the Committee for North Carolina. a
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names thereon belong, for the most part,
to pominent and respected citizens—college professors, ministers, business men,
culto women, newspaper people, union leadears. No one, not even a member of the UnAmerican Committee, would dare accuse,
these people, as individuals, of disloyally or
treason. Yet the House Committee did not
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ence's records to the Committee was refused specific smear of President Frank
Graham of the University of North Carolina provides an excellent example of the
Committee's methods and its intent. Dr.
Graham, the report concedes, "Is not a
Communist and no doubt on occasion has
had some differences with the Communist
Party." But Dr. Graham is a past president
of the Southern Conference, and he must
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in Congressional Immunity. Is free to
sovered its unsupported indictment across
the front passes of the nation in a manner
which indicates that the suilt of its' victims has been firmly and fairly established
by an orderly official process. The calcultured effect of all this is olicered; the
other effectiveness as leaders.
This perverse scheme is already bearing
evil fruit in North, Carolina. At least one
newsonen—The Hink Point Entermine—is
out with an editorial demand that Dr.
Graham be "retired", Instairing that "there
is nobody in North Carolina who holds
Frank Graham in higher esteem", oaving
high tribute to his ideals and his interrity.
expressing its own doubts that the charves
ferrories demonstrates its lovalty, affection,
and confidence by sucresting that he be
allowed a pension after he'ls thrown out of
office because "he's done enough cood to
deserve a salary the rest of his life."
Frank Graham will survive this blast, as
he has so many others in the course of his
distinguished vouble career. For thousth'ful, all
those who know Frank Graham may measure

Rebecca West Returns A Verdict

A LMOST half the current edition of The ALMOST half the current edition of The New Yorker is given over to an account of Greenville's lynching trial. The magazine assigned Rebecca West, the distinguished British novelist, to the story. It could not have made a happier choice. Greenvillians in particular—and Southerners in spencial—may wince under the impact of Miss West's Incisive prose, but they will find little to question in her thoughtful and compassionate conclusions.

thoughtful and compassionate conclusions. Miss West displays a deep understanding of all those involved in the tragic sequence of events that becan with the murder of a Greenville tail driver. She considers the murder, the lynching and the trial in the context of Greenville's history: with remarkable insight she portrays the character of the defendants and their familles. of the ludge, and the prosecuting and defense attorneys, and of the two victims of the traaedy. Yet she also offers the most complete and objective study of the complex legal technicalities of the trial we have yet seen, noting that the State hardly had an adequate case for conviction even if the jury's 'race-prejudice and fear of retailation could somehow have been overcome. But the greatest value of Miss West's restanting the state of the complex of the state of the st

jurys' race prejudice, and fear of retailation could somehow have been overcome. But the greatest value of Miss West's report lies in her special point of view. She understands regional and national prejudices and appreciates their stantificance, but she does not share them. To her the lynching of Willie Earl was not a local tragedy for which Greenville, or South Carolina, or the South decree particular tragedy for which Greenville, or South Carolina, or the South decree particular tragedy for which Greenville, or South Carolina, or the South decree particular the failure of manked, and sagged the thin the failure of manked, and earlier the failure of manked and the such that she can even forgive the intoierant. She could appreciate the fwited motives that drove the band of uneducated taxifivers to seek revenge upon the murdeere of their friend; she could understand why the failer at Pickens did not stand against the mob when it came to deliver WIIDs Earle; she could forgive the nervous fumbling of local police and processor to the failure of a country the purpose of the country of the processor to censure the jury-new who lacked the counge to defy the world have to spend the rost of their would have to spend the rost of their would have to spend the rost of their would have to spend the rost of their

lives. Miss West saw that all of these were caught up, involuntarily, in a bewildering, rushing tide of events; their sin, if there rushing tide of events; their sin, "if there was one, was weakness, not maile. She reserved the full weight of her wrath for but two principals in the case-torneys who, in her judgment, deliberately sacrificed the standards of human decency, when they were under no compulsion to do so. They alone had a free choice, she insists, and they chose to betray their neighbors.

bors.

This is a verdict on the Greenville trial turned in by one of the most perceptive writers of our time. It is far more significant, in many ways, than that offered by the confused and frightened jury.

A St. Louis damage suit, over a couple of broken teeth, alleges there was a penny in a dish of restagrant spinach. Good heavens, are they giving premiums with the stuff?

The Oriental god with eighteen arms would seem a natural for the films, in the big-business role, behind a desk as big as a pool table and with the tycoon's customary quota of telephones.

With the new grill that cooks in 30 seconds, the hamburger order should reach the customer in fifteen minutes, if the waterss will hurry the scrutiny of her new nail-polish job.

The statistic says \$3,700 000,000 was spent in the U. S. in '46 for alconolic beverages. But this doubtless includes all the thin limes stuck to wet bars and abandoned.



People's Platform

A Double Standard?

CHARLOTTE
FIGURES citizens of Charlotte who attended Criminal
Court on 11 June, 1847, saw a man who was an
alleged rapits escape with his life. The testimony
of this trial show that a girl of eight was given a
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confine their attacks to Negro women or, as in this case, children.

For a long time the courts have meted out extractly severe gunishments to Negroes who commitments the properties of the commitment of the com

-GRANTHAM SIMPSON.

Aid & Comfort

Governor. I had expected more of you, much more.
Why should Tru News, as the leading liberal newspaper of our section, treat a young progressive much expected that the state of the dares to challerge acceptance of the state of

I don't expect you to espouse Albright's cause almost sight unseen, but don't give up too easily. You give aid and comfort to the enemy.

Marauis Childs

Time Running Short

WASHINGTON

O'NE commodity that cannot be bounded with all the dollars in ming out very fast.

Senator Arthur H. Vandemberr, who as much as any single individual has carried the load of our present forcein policy, says we have can do toward restoring policy, says we carried to determine what we can do toward restoring policy, says we carried to a broken world. It is impossible as "Vandemberry points out, to derect the content of the cont

Samuel Grafton

In Outer Darkness

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Drew Pearson's : Wall St. Lobby Helps Write Tax Laws

WASHINGTON
WHEN it comes to taxes, the big-business lobby never
changes. A peek behind-thr-acenes with the Blouse
wire-pullers who have tried to mould taxes in the past
are more in the asddle than ever today.

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Unhappy Chandler

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Maybe you should have punished him only with a oney fine. We don't know the facts unless you give us me. The Lyons boys have not yet received a reply from appr Chandler.