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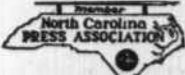
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The Republicans have called their National Convention to meet at Philadelphia on June 24th.

Attorney General McMullan rules that sound trucks for political campaigns are subject only to local taxes by towns and counties.

No doubt, but that the next Legislature will take action putting enforcement of State laws under the Department of Justice, after local officers have failed.

"Democracy is waging a battle within itself against the forces of centralization which, in the name of efficiency or benevolence, are cutting the ground of government from under the citizens and placing it in the national capital."—George D. Aiken, Governor of Vermont.

"Our public debt—national, state, and local—now averages \$430 for every man, woman and child in the country. The present generation has placed a mortgage on all the people and on the property of all the people in order to prime the pump for the present generation.—Harry Flood Byrd, U. S. Senator from Virginia. This is a nice present to hand to unborn generations. What will they think of the intelligence of their forefathers?"

LIKE BUILDING A BARN

The motive behind agricultural marketing cooperation is identical in principle with the motive of the farmer who calls in his neighbors when he builds a barn. He can't build the barn properly alone, so he sensibly obtains help.

No farmer, disposing of his produce alone, can get the most out of it. Nor can he expand his markets, deal on an even basis with the middleman, or adequately deal with any number of other problems. Marketing cooperation combines the production, energies and abilities of thousands of farmers into an organization capable of properly and efficiently representing them. The cause of each individual participating is thus served by group action.

BUSINESS OUTLOOK

Nothing unexpected has taken place in business. The spring decline is on, with steel leading the drop, but that is seasonally normal. The decline, think the experts, will continue about two more months, then be arrested.

Commodity prices have been comparatively weak, which is logical in view of the general business trend.

Considerable importance is placed on the automobile industry's activities. Normally, production increases in late spring, to prepare for summer buying, and this exerts a salutary influence on steel output. It will be a very bad sign if motors fail to respond as usual this year.

It is significant that most of the economists are being cautious about forecasts now—they are putting in plenty of "ifs," "ands," and "buts." Matters are too chaotic, here and abroad, to be dead certain about anything.

ANOTHER BUSINESS KILLER

The bright boys down in Washington, in their desperation to find new sources to tax to stave off the day of reckoning when the heavy hand of taxation will fall "directly" on the working man and average citizen to save this country from bankruptcy, have hit upon a new idea—namely, a tax upon income taxes paid.

In other words, if you pay \$100 income tax, you would be assessed another \$10 on that tax. It is reported that promoters of this tax believe a super-tax is desirable because it would not affect consumption.

Commenting on the hypocrisy of such wishful reasoning, Raymond Moley, in Newsweek of January 22, says: "Increasing the amount a man pays for taxes presumably will take away from either what he saves or what he spends. . . . It will pry loose private savings and route them into the Treasury. To the extent that it does, it will prevent them from flowing into the capital investment market. It will be in line with those very spending policies that have acted as business deterrents. It will impede investment in private enterprise and impede re-employment. If, on the other hand, this tax is not in large part paid out of savings, it will be paid out of what would otherwise be spent, consumed. It must therefore directly affect consumption."

The tax spenders are coming to the end of their rope when they argue that \$10 added tax on each \$100 in taxes a man pays, will not affect consumption. Take \$10 out of your pocket, and see if you have it to spend for shoes.

Times Advertising Pays

"LABOR MUST CLEAN HOUSE"

It is a telling commentary on the times that many of labor's most militant friends are urging the working man to break the hold of the labor racketeers.

The New Republic, for instance, recently ran a long editorial entitled "Labor Must Clean House." The New Republic is extremely liberal in policy, and many regard it as definitely radical. It said this: "Responsible union men should, without waiting for the government to push them, do away with jurisdictional disputes. They should end the restrictive and sometimes conspiratorial practices which keep prices high and prevent the introduction of new products. . . . Next, the racketeering leaders should be swept aside and the racketeering unions with them. The kind of labor movement this country needs should have no place for a leader who talks about aprison sentence for having been a panderer as a mere boyish peccadillo, or turns up with thousands of dollars of income that he can't explain. . . . If labor doesn't clean its own house, the job will be done by someone else in a way that neither labor nor its friends will like."

Labor—legitimate, honest labor, that wants to make progress—never got better advice than that. And it is significant that it comes in this case from the "left" rather than from the "right." Labor racketeering has already disgusted a large portion of the people. It has bred distrust and fear and hatred. Long enough continued, it is the surest possible way to bring about a reaction that, to quote the New Republic once more, would see "the trade-union movement in this country set back a generation."

If labor continues to maintain a disorderly house it will mean tragedy for millions of the working men of this country.

PRESS OPPOSES DISCRIMINATION

At its annual meeting, the New York State Publishers Association passed this significant resolution by unanimous vote: "Resolved that it is the belief of this Association that retail merchandising, which so intimately touches the pocketbooks of wage earners and consumers generally, should be free from all unjust, punitive and discriminatory taxation, local, state and Federal, in whatever form imposed."

This is not an isolated instance—press associations in many states, representing big dailies and little weeklies, have gone on record with similar resolutions. And that is a highly important fact. For America's working newspapermen are second to none when it comes to understanding and analyzing America's problems. They know full well that millions of families have an exceedingly difficult time in making both ends meet—and that the higher costs which inevitably follow punitive taxation would be a harsh blow to their welfare and standard of living. They know that American retail merchandising, under the open "competitive" system, has done a superb job in serving the consumer at lowest cost, and distributing the products of farmer and manufacturer. They realize the immense dangers of political destruction of this proven, established system would involve.

Equally important, the American press, rooted as it is in the democratic tradition, knows that punitive, discriminatory treatment of one kind of business will pave the way for similar treatment of other kinds of business

—and eventually all business. There is no room in a democracy for class legislation or class taxation. And the American press is fighting for democracy when it opposes them.

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and
JOHN PAYNE and
JANE WYMAN

— In —
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SUNDAY-MONDAY, FEB. 25-26th
Sunday Shows: 2-4 and 9
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NANCY KELLY
ROLAND YOUNG

— In —
"HE MARRIED HIS WIFE"

TUESDAY, FEB. 27th
WARREN WILLIAM
and
JOAN PERRY

— In —
"THE LONE WOLF STRIKES"

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 28th
CHARLES BICKFORD
and
DORIS DAY

— In —
"THOU SHALT NOT KILL"

THURSDAY and FRIDAY, FEB. 29 - MAR. 1
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RICHARD GREENE

— In —
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The producers of "Swanee River" give you another grand romance drama of a lusty era.

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Sunday - Monday - Tuesday
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