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OFFICIAL PRIMARY BALLOT FOR OUR PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD MONDAY APRIL 26

Names of Candidates for Mayor, Councilmen and Members of the School Board of the City of Charlotte, N. C., as they are to appear on the ballot for the primary election to be held on Monday, April 26, 1943:

OFFICIAL PRIMARY BALLOT Candidates for nomination for May-

or, Councilmen and members of the School Board of the City of Charlotte, N. C. INSTRUCTIONS

1. Place a (X) mark in the square preceding the names of parties you favor as candidates for the respective positions.

2. If you tear or deface or wrongly mark this ballot, return it and get another.

3. Vote for not more than one for Mayor, and not more than eleven Councilmen and not more than three members of School Board.

FOR MAYOR Vote for One) H. H. Baxter E. McA. Currie

FOR MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

(Vote for Not More Than Eleven)

(Vote for Not More Than Two) W. N. ("Bub") Hovis

WARD 2 (Vote for Not More Than Two) J. Murrey Atkins Frank G. Hoover Joe S. Robinson

WARD 3 (Vote for Not More Than Two) John Ward

WARD 4 (Vote for Not More Than Two) R. Kent Blair

Abraham Homsy

WARD 5 (Vote for Not More Than Two) William (Ed) Norton J. B. Thomas

WARD 6 (Vote for Not More Than Two) Claude L. Albea Chas. H. Daughtry Jake Martin

WARD 7 (Vote for Not More Than Two) W. Irving Bullard M. Luther Harkey Fred M. Plexico Louis L. Rose Charles B. Ross

WARD 8 (Vote for Not More Than Two) A. Baker Manley R. Dunaway Dr. C. D. Hollingsworth Leon Lawrence A. B. Morgan

WARD 9 (Vote for Not More Than Two) LL. H. Painter

WARD 10 (Vote for Not More Than Twc) J. I. (Jimmie) Campbell Lester W. Slye

WARD 11 (Vote for Not More Than Two) J. S. Bowser Joe Cope Ralph Hood J. J. Meisenheimer

FOR MEMBERS OF SCHOOL

(Vote For Not More Than Four) J. E. Burnside Rev. Joseph Fraylon Marshall E. Lake E. Lowell Mason Roy L. Smart Rev. Herbert Spaugh

This WEEK, This World

-by Ted Friend-

The execution of the Polish labor leaders, Ehrlich and Alter by the Soviet government, betrays a schism in the ranks of the United Nations people, which unless corrected by a major ideological operation, will grow greater and more dangerous as the war comes into its final stages.

labor movements as organized in the democratic countries, which have historically proved themselves anti-totalitarian. For another, it is a step in the direction of eliminating Polish intellectuals who would be a political nuisance when the peace conference reached the task of re-constituting of the conquered nations, the Polish Republic among them.

tions unity, more regrettable and certainly more pathetic, was the supine lip service paid by American Communists leaders in the Red whitewashing campaign which followed announcements of the executions. Hewing to its established line of reflecting official Moscow opinion, even when essential facts are not available to it, tion has been the attitude of both Soviet's Star Chamber killings.

care working men who refused to be stampeded into approving the killing of Ehrlich and Alter. The smear campaign reached its height after David Dubinsky, president of the International Ladies Garment Workers, denounced the executions as a "black crime." Speaking at a mass meeting at which scores of outstanding American liberals were proof of Pubinksy said, "As free American citizens, as workers and as democrats, in registering our fiery protest against their execution, we shall assert and reassert to the end of time our unshakable belief in their innocence and their stainless idealism. Ehrlich and Alter died as martyrs. They died because a possible springboard to Norway as a difference of \$360,162.00.

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Ehrlich and Alter by the Soviets is job . . . Transportation will be raclinching evidence that, in spite of tioned in July.

The legal murder of Ehrlich and the comradship in arms thrust upon it by a war which finds the United States and Russia fighting the same aggressor, America must give the Soviets no blank check on the future Military aid must continue to go forth because it is to the best American in-terest for it to do so, but insofar as it is possible political value-received must be demanded in return.

In any case, though American Communists and their stooges may never allow themselves the luxury of becoming aware of it, the Ehrlich and Alter But regrettable as was the killing of Ehrlich and Alter when viewed in the light of much needed United Nathreland Nathreland States the Corporheads subversivists. pro-Fascist forces in the United States, the Copperheads, subversivists, Fronters, Bundists, confusionists and Klanners among them.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH CLUB: "One of the most encouraging examples of the readiness to make sacri-American Communists again showed their moral and social bankruptcy by standing all-out at the side of the executioners though labor leaders and liberals the world over denounced the control of the execution of instances of misconduct in nidustry Instituting its customary smear campaign, in the wake of its customary rubber-stamp approval of Soviet action, American Communist leadership heaped slurs upon American working men who refused to be a working men who refused to be a working men who refused to be a comparing the killing and working in cooperation.

The execution of labor leaders Kennedy has already turned down the

a lot of money. It isn't going to be sary curtailments. easy to raise it. It means hard work. By what right serious they are about this war, that to drown five thousand miles from we will get it. We will get it from people who will scrimp and save if need be to buy these bonds. We will get it especially from those upon whom we must depend most heavily who they think they are! They're ing good money in shipyards and plane here on earth to enslave the rest of factories and tank production; the gallant women who used to call them-backs while we do their dirty chores ing today at lathes and drill-presses great armies of sneaks and bullies in the great war plants. These are that jump on weak, helpless nations the Americans who, all together, buy when they aren't looking. The Japs, bonds in amounts that a millionaire, with their dreams of empire, built on or even all of the millionaires comthey'll buy more of them this year-

on them. They are counting on you. All of us will buy bonds because all of us know that this is our war and that we must win it. We must win it so that nations with a bloody philosophy out of the dark ages of mankind's past will never again be able to raise a traitorous hand against neighbors wanting only to live in peace and friendly good will. An hour ago I passed through a railroad sta-Standing at the iron gates, saying goodbye, were boys in uni-form with their girls, their wives young couples come to the heart-breaking minute when there were no more words; when all they could do was to stand with their hands clenched so tightly together that they hurt. turity; but it takes And as I passed them I thought of to make a squash.

We will need to borrow about 25 bil- lives have been torn into ragged bits -young architects and engineers givlosing what they've spent twenty But 70 billion dollars is, of course, years creating, because of the neces-

By what right do the Germans, the Japanese, blight our lives, shatter our homes, whirl away our boys home in a scum of oil at sea, or bleed -the men and women who are mak- the superman, the Master Races, put selves housewives but who are work- -they and their "great" armies; their lies and treachery. pined, could never hope to equal. And who twice within the memory of living men have tried, with their Kaisers this year when 10 per cent is no long-er enough. rest of our world. We say: "Never again!" We of the United Nations will show them who we are. We'll show them some really great armies -Chinese and Russian, British and American.

These armies are the mightiest military machine in all history. But to us they are friends and husbands, fathers and sons. They are your boys and my boys.

They are asked to give their lives. You are only asked to lend your

Shall we be more tender with our dollars than with the lives of our sons?

It takes one hundred years for a sturdy oak tree to grow to full ma-turity; but it takes only two months

IS PATRIOTIC TO SHOP DURING MID-DAY, STAGGERING PEAK HOURS OF TRAVEL

"Making a day of it downtown"—a day that began at the bargain counter at 9 a.m. and ran the clock around with lunch, more shopping, maybe a movie, and a last-minute scramble for the 5 o'clock bus-is patriotically taboo in the housewife's wargeared schedule.

Shopping as usual, like spending as usual, has been trimmed by war. Staggered hour systems and the longer work-week limit most non-employed home-makers who want to help in the war effort to a four-hour midday

Women now are asked by the Office of Defense Transportation to begin their shopping day no earlier than 10 in the morning and to quit shopping centers no later than two in the afternoon. This is necessary to leave room

for essential workers who must travel during peak-load periods.

Here's the reason: More millions of workers are jamming public transit facilities in addition to the already heavy load of other employees and school children who regularly crowded the buses and trolleys. In most cases, all these people must be transported on existing equipment.

Staggered hour plans relieve early morning and evening crushes by preading full passenger travel over a longer period. Bus and trolley lines then run at capacity later in the morning and start carrying homeward-

bound workers earlier in the afternoon.

Retail stores all over the country are arranging for late closing hours for the sole purpose of serving workers unable to shop at any other time—not to accommodate women who can shop during the day.

Mothers are requested by ODT to pay particular attention to their shopping time on Saturday, usually set aside for outfitting children. In many cities, the wartime work-week is in effect, so week-day rush hour crowds of workers must be handled on Saturday as well.

"VERBAL SHAM BATTLES," AND THE "POISON POLITICAL PROPA-GANDA" LEAVES THE VOTERS IN A BEWILDERED STATE

Editor Charlotte Labor Journal:

If it were not for a political campaign every year, the average voting citizen would never know what is going on in Government and what happens to his tax dollar. These "Verbal Sham Battles," to quote the newspaper headlines, bring out facts and figures which should convince the voter as to the qualifications of the candidates for the respective offices. There has been so much shadowing of the main issues in this campaign, due to "Poison Political Propaganda," that I am sure that the voters of Charlotte will have time to listen to a few facts and figures. I quoted

"The business people of the City of Charlotte have weighed the Iron Dukes in the balance and found them wanting—wanting what—wanting to spend the people's money, and what do the people get for it? Two years ago, the last year when I was on the Council, we spent \$2,323,116.00. The year ending June 1942 the Iron Dukes spent \$2,532,989.00, and their budget for the year ending 1943 calls for an expenditure of \$2,683,278.00. There

is a difference of \$360,162.00.
"I would like to ask the Iron Dukes what they did with all of It is true that they reduced taxes 10 cents, but it appears to me that they should have reduced taxes 20 cents. Of course, they took in more money hich could be credited to surplus and not spent.

"As far as I can find out they have not paved a street. They didn't ven give the firemen new uniforms last winter, which, I understand, is the first time in twenty-five years that our firemen didn't have new uniforms. understand that they increased salaries 10 per cent an dthen took the uniorms away from them, which certainly is not a raise in pay.'

I heard Mr. Charles Tillett try to crack at me from two angles last night in his radio talk and I will answer him tonight at 6:30. You know voters, that Mr. Tillett happens to be the City Attorney, and it is the first time in the history of Charlotte that I have ever known a City employee to publicly speak for his own job. He and his 3 or 4 political cohorts are certainly carrying their message to the public in a very selfish way. Facts and figures on past due taxes will certainly interest you voters when I bring them out in tonights broadcast. Mr. Tillett and his Iron Dukes are trying to make Chief Anderson carry their whole ticket. That seems to be their only issue. As mentioned before in previous statements, no member of the "Peoples Party" has anything against Chief Anderson. We are not evading this issue on Chief Anderson. The Ministerial poll will show that all Councilmen candidates on the "Peoples Ticket" favor the re-election of Chief Anderson. We stand whole heartedly for law and order. simply ask why.

Six months ago Charlotte ranked 29th in vice and prostitution, and today ranks Number 1, and when Uncle Sam gets behind this proposition, the sparks really begin to fly. I noticed Colonel Gaes' statment in last night's paper about how terrible conditions are in Charlotte. As the campaign continues records will speak for themselves. This campaign issue will easily be settled. I would like to ask Mr. Tillett one question, "Why was the vice squad discontinued three months ago?" I will reserve further comment until this question is answered. Perhaps I could ask Mr. Tillett if he can plug one of the holes in my platform with the \$800,000.00 per month that the Army is going to take out of Charlotte if Chief Anderson can't clean up the town. You can't fool the Army.

This race reminds me of a drowning man grasping at a straw. H. H. BAXTER.

MRS. WITTER IS REPORTED AS RECOVERING

Word received from New York last night is to the effect that Mrs. W. M. Witter, who underwent an operation there on April 13th is getting along nicely, but recovery is slow, due to the serious nature of the two operations performed. She asks The Journal to extend thanks for the many telegrams from well wishers and flowers received from Charlotte

friends, and the publisher of The Journal also wishes to join with her in expression of appreciation, and is hoping that she will soon be back with us and be able to take up her duties as the best ad solicitor and "contact man" we have ever had. Her address is: LeRoy Sanitorium, 40 East 61st street, New York City, Room 1107. If everything goes well, she expects to be able to return home in about five or six weeks.

A card received today (Tuesday) from her asked us to especially thank Charlotte Central Labor Union and the delegates for the flowers sent and the message accompanying them, which she treasured.

APRIL RAIN

It is not raining rain to me, It's raining daffodils; In every dimpled drop I see Wild flowers on the hills. The clouds of gray engulf the day, And overwhelm the town; It is not raining rain to me, It's raining roses down, It is not raining rain to me, But fields of clover bloom, Where any buccaneering bee May find a bed and room. A health unto the happy! A fig for him who frets!-

It is not raining rain to me, It's raining violets.

-Robert Loveman.

CULLINGS

The New Jersey Senate, not unmindful of the future, has voted unanimously to issue free peddlers' licenses to veterans of the present war.

The Voluntary Committee to Aid Republican Party Policy Reorganiza-

tion believes, according to one of its bulletins, that "the President's postwar program . . . can be better ad-ministered and put into execution by the Republican Party."

MORGENTHAU TALKS ABOUT ND FRONT, AND ASKS LOAN OF MONEY TO GOV'T | Converge of life itself they would not renounce their convictions, the principles of a free democratic world." | Iney died because as a possible springboard to Norway and Finland . . . Bicycle rationing will be discontinued within 90 days . . . F. D. R. is seeking a head for the new office of civilian supply. SECOND FRONT, AND ASKS

[The following address of Secretary Morgenthau launching the Second War Loan drive was delivered at a rally in Carnegie Hall, New York City, at 9 P. M., Monday, April 12, 1943, and is worthy of consideration by every American citizen, of high or low degree.] Tonight I'm going to talk about something you might not lions during the second 4 months, and, expect the Treasury Department to discuss. I'm going to talk without any new taxes, another 25 in about the Second Front. The Second Front is no military secret, the final period of the year; a total working in factories; farmers sendof about 70 billion dollars for the ing their wives and youngsters out

We all know that, just over the norizon, we of the United Nations | year. are piling up the thunder-clouds of the greatest attack in history. I would like to assure you that we can't get hired hands; business men We are massing for that attack, now. The planning, the patient can afford it. preparation, the bitter time when we had to take blows without returning them, because we weren't ready-all of that is past. Now we're ready to deal a few blows ourselfes; and they'll be Now we're ready to deal a few blows ourselfes; and they it blows, I can promise you, that will rock Nazi Germany to its the American people, and how deeply rotten, bloodstained foundations. As the Secretary of the Treasury | ment. It is important to me as I

that money is available to pay for this great military offensive and others to follow. This is why we are launching the Second War Loan tonight—to raise at least 13 billion dollars before the end of this month—to lars before the end of this month-to buy materials and implements of war. We must buy shells today for big guns that will be roaring tomorrow and the day after. I'm here tonight to tell you that your help is needed. The need is real, urgent, pressing. per cent is no longer enough. are asking everyone to buy extra bonds this month, even workers who are now participating in the payroll savings plan.

In our private lives none of us deals with billion-dollar figures. I know

they're bewildering.

But except for the size of the figures involved there is no mystery about financing a war. The Government of the United States is buying the best equipment ever furnished to any army. It is paying not only for equipment that reaches the fighting fronts but for some equipment that never gets there. For every ship that's sunk we must build two new shipsfor every cargo that's lost we must send out two new cargoes. And that costs money. Where are we going to

Well, there are several ways to get the money. We can raise it through taxes. We can borrow it from the banks. And we can borrow it from the people-and that means you.

We are now getting more money through taxes than ever before. And it will be necessary, I have no doubt, to ask for still more. But we cannot rely on taxes alone to do the whole job, and I wouldn't want to-because we could not tax with fairness on so

huge a scale. We could borrow all the money from the banks. Our credit is excellent. But for a variety of reasons, economic and social, this is also un-

I've been given the job of seeing to it know it is to you. This is a people's

have bought bonds.

As Secretary of the Treasury, I can report that 96 cents out of every

dollar which comes into the Treasury, through war bonds, taxes, or anything else, is spent for war purposes. When you pay eighteen dollars and seventy-five cents for a bond, eighteen dollars go immediately into guns and planes and equipment. The 75 cents goes for the regular expenditures of the Government.

The cost of selling bonds is indeed very small. And this is because you and your neighbors and hundreds of thousands of volunteers across the country have taken over the job of selling. I'd like to express, to all of you, my deepest gratitude. I should like to thank all of those who are helping—management and labor, for the splendid success they have made of the payroll savings plan, under which more than 25 million working people now regularly invest almost 9 per cent of their wages and salaries. I'd like to thank manufacturing and retail business firms, large and small, who have given us, free of charge, millions of dollars worth of advertising space and radio time, as has the Bell Telephone System tonight. And the Federal Reserve System and thousands of banks working with them-and all the others who are giving their time in this way in the

service of their country. You can feel every confidence that the financial affairs of your govern-ment are in good condition as the United Nations go on the offensive. The situation is well in hand. We know where we're going. We know how much money our armed forces

During this month of April we must get 13 billion dollars. We shall then have borrowed about 20 billion dollars desirable. One reason goes to the have borrowed about 20 billion dollars very heart of our system of Governing the first 4 months of this year.

will need.

THE MARGIN BETWEEN FREEDOM AND SLAVERY FOR LABOR MAY BE TEN PERCENT