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of Respect, Cards of Thanks,
and other reading notices that
clearly are not news, will be
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UNFIT

A. B. Chandler, U. S. Senator
from Kentucky for a number of
years, has given up his post as
senator to become managing di-
rector of organized baseball in
America.

We are not familiar enough
with either Mr. Chandler or or-
ganized baseball to know wheth-
er this popular sport wins by this
transaction; but we are persuad-
ed that the Senate has suffered
little loss.

Any man capable of serving
his state in the Senate, and who
seeks and accepts such honors
from his people, ought to consid-
er that service of too much im-
portance to relinquish it for high
position in the world of sports.

"No man, having put his hand
to the plough, and looking back,
is fit for the kingdom . . ."

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NO EASY OUT

Former War Mobilizer James
J. Byrnes sums up the debt and
taxation picture of the federal
government in a chilling light. In
his final report he stated that
the federal debt has reached \$233
billion—approximately \$2,000 for
every man, woman and child.

No nation, even if it has lost a
war, has heretofore had saddled
upon it a public debt as large as
the debt we as victors must pay.

Annual interest alone is now
\$4,500,000,000. To appreciate

what this means, recall that for
the fiscal year 1939, the total of
all internal revenue taxes was
\$5,068,000,000 (not including so-
cial security funds). To put it
another way, total income tax
collected for the calendar year
1942 from all persons with in-
comes of \$5,000 or less, amount-
ed to only \$4,234,000,000—not
enough to pay the interest this
year on our federal debt.

This is one problem that the
people can't toss in the lap of
government. It is their problem.
They alone must pay.

**"ADMINISTRATIVE
ABSOLUTISM"**

Dean Emeritus Roscoe Pound
of Harvard Law School, has ex-
pressed deep concern over one of
the greatest internal dangers to
liberty that this country has ever
faced. That danger is the insid-
ious subjugation of the rule of
law in favor of government by
administrative decree, or, as he
describes it, "administrative ab-
solutism". This tendency must be
checked, he said, or we will find
ourselves with a "regime of auto-
cratic bureaus" so entrenched as
to lead us in the direction of dic-
tatorship and totalitarianism.

"Instead of our fundamental
doctrine that government is to

be carried on according to law,
we are told that what government
does is law," he continued. "In-
stead of a law which thinks of
citizens and officials and equally
subject to law, we are told of a
public law which subordinates
the citizen to the official and en-
ables the latter to put the claims
of one citizen above those of an-
other . . . according to his per-
sonal ideas for the time being."

The entire system of emergen-
cy wartime powers now vested in
government is based on this "ad-
ministrative absolutism". That is
why it must be withdrawn at the
earliest possible moment and at
any cost. Government according
to law should become the motto
of every American.

**THE LOW DOWN
from
HICKORY GROVE**

I sure run into a nice native

son recent like. Anybody harbor-
in' the idea that all native sons
are a pest, and windy nuisance,
are all wet. This gentleman I
met, his name is Isadore Dock-
weiler—lives in Los Angeles—he
calls it Nuestra Senora Reina de
Los Angeles. He got on the sub-
ject of flags. He knows flags from
the time of Columbus and Balboa
down to now. More states should
fly their flag, he says. California
flies her's—so does Texas. Also,
the city of New York shows its
colors, and sometimes, now and
then, Massachusetts, he says.
They have pride in their state or
city, like maybe you have pride
in your family name.

I been looking at pictures of
flags—all states have 'em—nice
ones too—but they have them
locked in vaults. They should be
fluttering in the breeze alongside
Old Glory.

States' Rights will be out the
window unless more states show
more pride, and their colors—
and spunk—and also less depend-

ence upon far-awar Wash.
Yours with the low down,
JO SERRA

Correction

In last Friday's Tribune we
printed a story sent out by the
war department concerning Sgt.

Marion Kenneth Wilson. The re-
lease spelled his name Markin
W. Wilson. He is a son of Mr.
and Mrs. Henry Wilson, of route
2, Mount Olive.

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