



Last week all members of the North Carolina delegation in the Congress were extremely interested in the possibilities of an order signed by President Truman.

At first, nobody noticed those possibilities. But after some study, the members of the North Carolina delegation—as well as other Southern Senators and Congressmen—were fighting mad.

You may have read about the plans to take care of the so-called "distress areas" in our nation—that is, areas where unemployment has come about as a result of the defense program.

Detroit is a good example. There the principal industry is the manufacture of automobiles. Since the defense effort is using much of our steel, the production of automobiles has been greatly curtailed. That means that the plants are not operating full time, and that many workers are not fully employed, if at all.

To take care of the situation, the President designed another one of those emergency orders. That order virtually breaks down the spirit and the letter of competition—which has been the life blood of business in this nation.

It would not be so bad if the order were limited to Detroit. But, under the President's order, the government may designate any area it chooses as a "distress area," just so long as

workers are unemployed in large enough numbers.

It does not matter whether the unemployment is due to the defense effort.

When an area is so classified, then the government can move in and buy all the goods it wants from manufacturing plants in the area. The government does not have to call for bids in such cases—and therefore it can virtually buy from whom it pleases, no matter how much cheaper the goods could be purchased elsewhere. There would be secrecy. Everything would be at the discretion of the government officials.

Why did this arouse the North Carolina folks in Congress?

Here's why. Two of our major industries, as you well know, are the textile industry and the furniture industry. Already, because of lack of demand under ordinary competitive circumstances, some of our own plants are not operating full time. Many of our own workers are working only part time.

Yet, under this order by the President, the government would take away from North Carolina those government contracts which would be ours normally—because we are able to produce goods at a lower price than can, say, a plant at Lowell, Massachusetts.

That would mean that even though a plant at Lowell charged more for its products than we would charge in North Carolina—the government would ignore us and spend its money at Lowell.

The result would be less jobs for North Carolina workers, less money for them to buy their food, pay their rent and purchase other necessities of life.

One might ask, "Well, wouldn't North Carolina itself soon become a 'distress area'?"

The answer would perhaps be yes. If so, then, some other area would have to suffer at our expense. Can you see the vicious circle?

With all the stories of pressure and influence we have heard from our government, can't you just imagine the possibilities here?

Remember that this is election year. Let's assume that Massachusetts, for example, would be, politically, a border-line state. It might go Democratic if times are good. But it might go Republican if times are bad.

It would not be beyond the realm of possibilities that the government officials in charge of such a mandate might look at the situation this way: "North Carolina has almost always been in the Democratic Party column. No need to worry about her. But Massachusetts is a border-line state. Better keep the workers happy up there. Let's buy in Massachusetts."

The trouble with the whole thing is that the government is once again stumbling into a situation in which it has no business. Competition and free enterprise have always worked in this country. The dreamers and the planners in Washington cannot improve on the fundamentals of liberty, no matter how many sets of rose-colored glasses they utilize.

It is my present intention to vote against the entire Defense Production Act unless this item is removed from the authority of the President.



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The defense effort has not hurt the textile market in the North. Competition from the South has done it. The operators of our plants have plowed their money back into their plants. In the North, too often, the money has been paid in dividends.

Let the chips fall where they may. As long as our workers can earn a living under the fundamental principles of free enterprise and competition, I think they have the right to do so. And do so without bureaucracy

attempting to dream up a better way to confuse everybody.

#### SOCIETY MEETS

The Missionary Society of Chappell Hill Church held its February meeting at the home of Mrs. Ralph Chappell. Mrs. Ervin Lane presided. Devotional was given by Mrs. Arnold shower.

Chappell and prayer was led by Mrs. Ibbie Lamb. Mrs. Odie Chappell was welcomed as a new member. Minutes of the last meeting were read and the roll called. The hostess served refreshments at the close of the meeting, and the group honored Mrs. Harvis Copeland with a surprise stork

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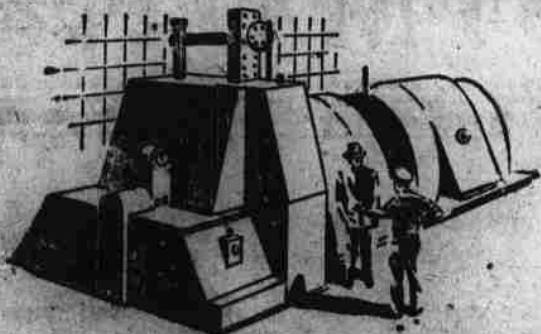
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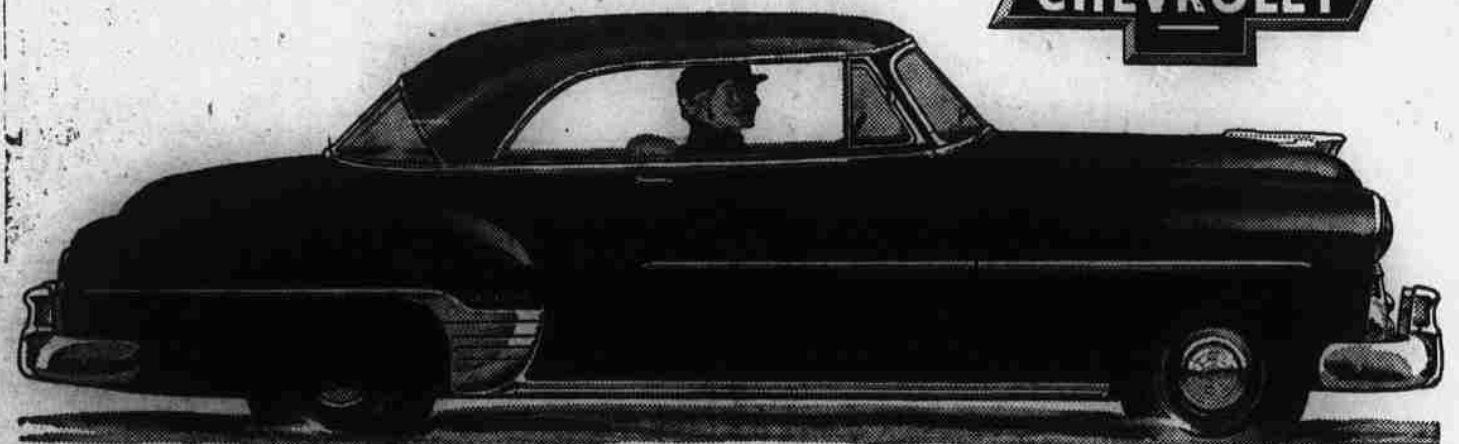
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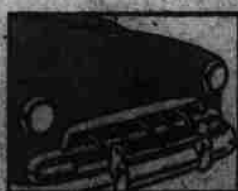


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