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THE reports of the outbreak of violience in a Negro district of Columbia,
Tennessee, carefully avoided the term
"race riot." Yet those same reports
speak of "the roar of riot guns," detail
the movements of a regiment of the
Tennessee State Guard, contain the
line: "Guard officers said there were
about 200 Negroes in the cordoned area,
and that they had set up bayricades."
The incident that brought on the
trouble was, as usual, insignificant. A
Negro woman and her son were charged
with pushing a while radio repairman
through a plate glass window durine an
argument over a repair job; Columbia
police thought the matter so routine
they released the pair on bond after
charging them with assault.
But within a few hours the town had
divided, white against black. A brother
of the radio repairman appeared in
the town square to appeal to the restless crowd "to let well enough alone
and don't sit up any more trouble."
The crowd didn't listen; so me bo d'y
wanted trouble; everybody got it.
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Negro district with riot guns, said: "Our racial relations have been all right here and there has been no indication of anything that would build up something like this."

It is futile to attempt to assess blame from this distance, and based on the sketchy reports now available. But we are conscious of a paintuly familiar pattern: (1) "While the highway patrolemen were preparing to go into "Mink Slide." Col. Victor Howard Wilson, commander of the State Guard's Second Infantry Regiment, ordered dispersal of white civilians who were standing around with shotguns." (2) "Lynn Bomar, State Saifety Commissioner in charge of the highway patrobasis, announced the arrest of 33 Negroes, twelve of whom were charged with attempted murder."

It is apparent that Tennessee authorities moved swiftly and efficiently to restore order in Columbia after the ricting broke order in Columbia after the ricting broke one. For that they are to punish the guilty, recognize that there must, of necessity, be two races involved in any race riot.

How Not To Build A House

WHEN President Truman announced his support of Wilson Wyatt's new housing program a couple of weeks ago Congressional leaders of both Parties gave it a high, wide and handsome endorsement with but one reservation. A good many of them opposed the plac-ing of ceilings on lots and existing dwel-

good many of them opposed the placing of cellings on lots and existing dwellings, but announced that they would be happy to go down the line with the rest of it.

So the housing bill reached the floor of the House yesterday. As anticipated it had been stripped of the old-house-celling provision. But it had also been stripped of the \$1,000,000,000 appropriation (including \$600,000,000 appropriation (including \$600,000,000 appropriation (including \$600,000,000 appropriation including \$600,000,000 appropriation (including \$600,000,000 appropriation) and the same stream that the same stream and the same stream at the same stream and the same stream at the same stream at the same stream at the same stream and the same stream at the same stream and fork and no food.

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The effort to clamp rigid ceilings on houses, old and new, was turned back months ago by Congressmen who cried that builders and real estate operators couldn't possibly make an adequate pro-fit with the lid on. Now the Government Proposes to guarantee profits through Federal subsidies, and the same Con-gressmen arise to fight the appropriation that would make those subsidies

possible.
What alternative do they propose?
None that we've heard of, except possibly the thin argument that full production will follow the removal of controls and eventually force prices down through competition. And that argument barely casts a shadow in the face of the generally-accepted estimate of a minimum need of 2,700,000 dwelling units for veterans alone.

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It's going to cost money to buy our way out of the inflationary mess the premature abandoment of price and production controls has already guaranteed. It probably makes little difference whether consumers pay the tariff directly or through Federal subsidies in the case of most commodities, but in the matter of housing for veterans the Government has a clear obligation to spread the cost around among all 140,000,000 of us.

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It may be the terrible pressures of an election year that have led the House Committee to this effort to strip every positive anti-inflation measure out of the President's housing program and among it may a nious statement of symmetry and a nious statement of symmetry. serve It up as a pious statement of sympathy. Sympathy, as too many veterans have found out in the past six months, doesn't keep out the rain.

The housing shortage already stands as a national disgrace, a towering monument to public indecision and private greed. The Congress now seems bent on topping off indecision with a demonstra tion of bad faith-a beautiful spectacle

The Loyal Democrats Of Dixie

A bloc of Southern Congressmen, who apparently saw in the resignation of Honest Harold Ickes nothing more significant than an opportunity to ring one of their own into the Cabinet, called on President Truman to propose the appointment of Representative Frank William Boykin of Alabama as Secretary of the Interior.

What qualifications does Mr. Boykin have for the job, in addition to being Southern? Well, The Louisville Courier-Journal finds that he is the "very model of a Southern Congressman of the 'unholy alliance' school, patron and beneficiary of the poll tax system and pos-sessor of a voting record (when he is not absent) undistinguishable from that of John Rankin, the perfect flower of the genus."

It is to be reported that he is a genial soul, from all accounts, a joiner and a south believer of the rightness of thimes such services are for making, as they are a subsequently as the services of the services in the services in the services in the services of prosperity in indigenous industries related to timber, lumber and may altered, and the services of the

suggest that the record of his private interests could have some bearing on his Dixic-line vote against the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938.

Standards Act of 1938.

Such is the appointee brought forward by 13 Southern Senators and 40 Southern House members to bolster the crumbling Cabinet of their President at a moment when his every appointment is under fire. We are happy to report that no member of North Carolina's Congressional delegation appeared among them, although there were three from South Carolina-Reps. Bryson. from South Carolina-Reps. Bryson, Riley and Rivers.

It seems to us the Southerners dis-

played a strange innocence in ap-proaching the President with Mr. Boykin's name. They called at the White House the same day Mr. Truman an-nounced, in reference to Ed Pauley, that "I stick behind those who stick behind The President's subsequent ap pointment of Julius A. Krug, an old TVA man, to the post, is an abrupt re-minder that the voting record of this group of loyal Democrats is available to the public, and even to the Presi-dent of the United States.

Another Voice

But How Old Is 65?

GOVERNOR GREGG CHERRY has expressed the conviction that pretty close operation of the State's returnemnt. At-65 policy is advisable. He feels that pressed the conviction that pretty close operation of the State's retirementa-tion of the State's retirementa-tion of the State's retirementa-tion of the State's retirementa-tion of the State of State's retirementa-tion of the State of S

asound step out of active service as soon as convenient.

The principle is sound, of course. Retirement avoids a great many problems — unemployment at an unemployable age, continuation in office of workers who are no longer up to meeting the responsibilities of their jobs, the embarrassment of dealing with those and other problems.

And yet, the question naturally arises, thow old is 65?" All of us, certainly, know men—and women—who are doing a better job, although they have passed the 65th millestone, than they have core does in their lives. Their friend-

wisdom, qualify them beyond others who may be available. To set a hard and fast "get out at 65" rule probably would not injure the State, since the State's business is cut and dried, its policies fixed and administration largely automatic below the elective and appointive levels, but it will be judiciously applied by private enterprise.—The Durham Sun.

To bring in 450 unruly Crees, a detail of four Canadian Mounties was despatched to the scene. It is slightly in excess of the old Texas ratio: one Ranger to one riot.



Could You Start On This Room Right Away?"

People's Platform

Honest Harold At Bikini?

CHARLOTTE

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"To Know The Truth "

REGRET the Robert E. McIlwaine's article "Orders From The Vatican" published in the Charlotte News February 21st was not brought to my attention before now, or I would have answered it immediately. The Catholic Faith does NOT favor Facism, Nazism, Catholic Paid force NoT favor Facism, Nazism, Patiolism and, for we American Catholics, American,

Patriotism and, for we American Catholics, Americanism.

I have been a Catholic for over a half century and I know what the Gatholic Patth teaches and if it were only understood and TRUTHFULLY known, it was the control of the world, the rock that Christ told Peter "upon this rock I will build My church and the gates of Hell shall not be the control of the world. The catholic Spain or any other country, we would do better to clean up the good old USA of Communists, Facists, Nazists, strikers, pickets, racketeers, and other un-American activities.

A good surgeon knows his surgery and if one needed

an operation, one certainly would not go to a building contractor to have it done; so if and when, one wants to know the TRUTH about the Catholic Faith, they should go to a Catholic who not only know their Fhith, but lives it. -T. B. HALL.

Brotherly Love?

In "Orders From The Vatican," a letter appearing in The Platform, one of our country's citizens has displayed an attitude of "brotherly love" toward his brothers, the Catholics and the head of the Christian churches throughout the world.

This country being Protestant. I quote from the Bible that passage that "perfect love castell out fear" Then why should we be affind of the great hig bear? Then why should we be affind of the great hig bear? secutions suffered by the Catholics Protestant and Jews under the Nazi regime. Persecutions follow intolerance. Let us as citizens beware that the darkness of intolerance doesn't flare up again in our beloved country. -EILEEN WELSH.

Public Enemy No. 1?

JUST happened to read your paper of Peb. 20th Edit total "WASHINGTON'S ANGRY MAN."
Being a Charlotte, N. C. paper in the South with N. C. State full of cotton mills, J just cannot understand why you should write such an Editorial.
I call Bowles and the OPA Public Enemy No. One of the U. S.
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CELLINGS ON PARM PRODUCTS CURTAILING
PRODUCTION
OPA SHOULD BE ABOLISHED JUNE 30TH.
SAVE US AND CONSUMERS 10 BILLION, DOL-

LARS.
ASK CHAS. CANNON WHAT HE THINKS OF

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The People's Platform is available to any reader who cares to mount it. Communications should be less than 300 words, pre-written, if possible, on only one side of the paper. Libel and obsecutive will be deleted-otherwise anything goes Each letter must be signed, although we will withhold the writer's name upon request.—Editors, The News.

John L. Is Back

Marquis Childs

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headquarters for the United Mine Workers.

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April 11, 1945, provides the solving:
"At any time prior to April 1.
1945, in the event a significant change occurs in the Government wage policy, either party shall have the right to request negotiatons on general wage rates.

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up a subject that had been, as
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subject of John L Lewis.
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before Congress has renewed the
price control law, Lewis has called
a committee for March II.

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FOUNDED CIO
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Samuel Grafton

Bitter Memories

NEW YORK

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house, for storing the furniture of evicted New Yorkers.

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Within a year there began the famous "buyers strike." Mr. Mark to the famous "buyers strike." Mr. Mark wolume of his, "Out Times," how men began to wear overalls to business, instead of shifts! the Mr. William G. MacAdoo, Wilson's Secretary of the Treasury, had him self photographed wearing the photographed and the property of the property of the treasury, had him self photographed wearing the property of the p

himself photographed wearing patches on his trousers.

It became fashionable not to how, scores suddenly found whapeper story of the day tells of a London buyer who came to New York for goods, and who found place—he could buy goods at retail, in New York department stores, at prices lower than those turers. Unemployment rose; soon between five and six million persons were out of work, and Mrson of the property of the period said: "We were in the throse of one of the greatest industrial depressions."

Drew Pearson's • Merry-Go-Round .

Letter From A Disturbed Columnist

Mrs. Gordon Lange
Swarthmore. Pa.

My Dear Sister:

J AST Cotober I was at your house when that tall, handland the property of the property of

Spies Force Issue

ITOWEVER, I am writing in this pessimistic vein not because I enjoy being a pessimist, but because the time
is short. The time is short and we as a nation must wake
up. We must reside that the things we do in the interminutes—plant the, seeds of future peace or war. We are
rapidly heading toward the latter course.

That is why I, consider the revelation of Russian spy
activities in Canada a blessing in disguise. It may help
us to realize what a dangerous rivairy we are in the middle of.

It may help us to wake up to the fact that we are drifting toward international catastrophe.

It so happened that I had known about the Russian spy activities for several weeks before I broke the story and I than the State Department would like to have us believe, and shows a network of Soviet agents not only engaged in a cut-throat race to secure the atom bomb, but also aimed at disrupting our whole communications system—If and when It becomes necessary.

Co-Operation Vs. Theft

THERE is, of course, something to be said on the side of JPHERE is, of course, something the very nation engages in Deplete overhoots the fact that we were in the process of working out an international plan to share the secret of the atom just at a time when the Russians were trying to steal it.

working out an international plan to share the secret of the atom just at a time when the Russians were "trying to steal it. Socretary Byrnes had gone to Moscow and made a since the state of the state

War Or Friendship

IF. on the other hand, we call for a showdown with Joe

Stalln-a showdown based upon exchange of social and cultural relations between the Russian and American peoplethen we can eecape war.

I have harped on this question of basic American-Russian friendship so much that I am sure everyone—especially my family—is sick of hearing about it. But it's the only practical in the property of the surmon of the mount to modern diplomase.

There are any number of reasons why he will never so to war with Oreat Bristan, and they all spring from the same fact—that we have a more an another and spring from the same fact—that we have a surface and they all spring from the same fact—that we have a surface and they all spring from the same fact—and we have a surface and the same fact—and we have a surface and the same fact—and year. Hundreds of British lecturers and newspapermen come over here. Thousands of Americans have studied in England as Rhodes scholars or otherwise. Millions of British and the same fact of the surface and the same fact of th

Sermon On The Mount

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TMIS is not the kind of reciprocity that makes for peace.
And this is where I think we have got to be tough with stalls. It will take a lot of courage to be tough, because no one in this country likes to think about the consequences have a take-ti-or-leave-ti showdown, and tell Stalin that either we must have complete freedom to make friends between the Russian and American people—or else, case to the tell stall that either we must have complete freedom to make friends between the Russian and American people—or else, case to the tell the tell of the tell o