

Strong Prop In U. S. Income

CONFIDENCE that no depression is in sight for America grows the more that observers study figures on employment, production and prices recently issued by the Federal Reserve Board of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

Although the higher living costs have imposed hardship on some individuals and groups, such as salaried employees and persons living on fixed annuities, most segments of our population are better off than they ever have been.

American Bigotry In Rome

A GROUP of Southern Baptists, visiting in Rome, broadcast to the world Saturday their suspicion that President Truman has become a tool of the Vatican.

Basis for their attack is the recent exchange of letters between the President and Pope Pius, and the distribution of the troubled situation in Europe, in which the Baptists discerned a move to make the United States Government "an ally of clerical totalitarianism."

The charge came from two Southern Baptist officials, speaking for a group of 44 members of the visiting in Europe. Besides the letters between the President and the Pope, only two other exhibits were presented with the Baptist indictment.

The American churchmen reported that exact relief was given to Mr. Taylor in the Vatican City, and added that the "clerical press" was appropriating the credit for the Pope in order to "strengthen the hand of the Vatican in Italian politics."

Reynolds Asks A Question

ROBERT R. REYNOLDS, the notorious day talking politician in the Buncombe style of talk, is a master, but disclaiming any intention on his part to return to the political arena—at least for the moment.

Interrupting his report on the fine state of his own affairs, Mr. Reynolds paused to inquire: "I would really like to have somebody tell me what we got out of the war."

That Bob Reynolds should ask this question will come as a shock to no one who followed his career in the United States Senate, but when he made himself a leader of the reactionary and isolationist forces that opposed every move by the Roosevelt Administration to meet the Nazi and Fascist

Another Voice

The City Planners

CAPACITY for organization has long been one of the salient traits of American business men.

In the pleasant city of Springfield, on the shores of the Connecticut River, this traditional ability has brought forth a most important and far-reaching force which is attracting worldwide attention.

is a third below the national average, this section has set the pace in gains in 1946. This widely distributed and immense purchasing power... but one of many encouraging points in the American economic picture.

Viewing the whole picture, the experts say the one big question now concerns the production factor. They point a very bright vista with their forecasts of the results that may be expected if production is not interrupted by any general strike for the next two years.

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