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The City Council, at its regular weekty meeting, transacted a couple of pieces
of business which had every appearance
of being good business. The first was
the appointment of the City's premier
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were not exerted of it. That is the spirit
tit will take to make the most of this
new opportunity. It calls for vision, for
leaching at something as it is and seeting what it might be.

Just what those "somethings" are
we know but vaguely, and suspect that
the pioneer Flanning Board members
are in the identical fix. The same probably would go for the Council which
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"To make careful studies of the city particularly with respect to consistions which may be injurious to the public welfare or otherwise injurious and to make plans for the development of the municipality. to make such surveys, investigations and compilations of facts as it may deem useful or necessary."

But never mind: the three citizens selected to initiate planning for Charlotte in the name of the City Government will have the comfort of knowing that it is no longer an innovation in many another city. Pretty soon they will begin to appreciate the possibilities and the limitations of their assignment, and in time—good time—they will have proposals to make.

And what those proposals may be is, to our mind, of less consequence than the fact that they are on the way. All of us have too much of a stake in the growth and development and metamorphosis of Charlotte to let those processes continue without supervision. This is our city, and through the Planning Board we shall be enabled at last to take a hande in its enhancement.

Comrades In Blood

We have apparently finished one political phase of our war—the war of serves between the United Nations. With political phase of our was—with the setback in Europe came a new kind of unity, a realization that the fighting still siretched dismally shead of us, and that we'd better forget the blockrings setween Washington, London and Mosewam and get on with the vital task.

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Not all the issues of Summer and Fall have been settled by any means, and they'll be heard from again. But they have been taken off the fire. The war itself is on the front burner, and will remain there—at least until new vic-

seelf is on the front burner, and will remain there—at Jeast until new vic-jories bring a new tide of overconfi-dence, and give us time for fighting side ssues before their time.

But even this new sobering-up of pub-lic opinion in the United Nations, and sepecially in the United States, is not enough alone. We have been all too eager to hurl criticism at the British and Rus-sians, often without any knowledge of their problems or their attitudes. For example:

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Do you know what price Russia has
paid in this war? Her casualties are
rather conservatively estimated at 30
millions, including many women and
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millions, including many women and children dead of starvation. Her workers, on 70-hour shifts, have accomplished production miracles, after moving whole industries across the country. And what do you know about the British ascriftice? It is unfortunate that Churchillian policy demands that British troops be held in India. the Near mast and in Greece, but the United Kingdom has supplied more troops in relation to her population than any other ally, including Russia. Only British conscripts its women, and 80 per cent of her single women between 18 and 40 are at work—and 80 per cent of all married women without children. In one big plant making guns, 70 per cent of the workers are women. Three-bourchs of British children between 14 and 17 are at work, instead of in school. If you were in England rationing would hit you like this: You could buy me suit every two and a half years, one shirt every nine months, one piece of underwear every nine months, one pair of sooks every five months, one pair of sooks every five months, one pair of sooks every five months, one pair of selams every four and a half years.

Women can buy one dress every nine months, one item of underclothing every four months, one nightgown every four

years.

To know the sacrifices of our allies should be to increase understanding, and to reduce bitterness which has crept into irresponsible criticism. That knowledge should bring us closer together, and keep us there.

The Gallup Probe

The experts employed by the House to Investigate Dr. George Gallup rendered a curiously split verdict on his polls of popular opinion. In one breath they dammed him for consistently underestimating President Roosevelt's manjority, for "inadequate" methods of sampling. And they scalded him with these words:

sampling. And they scalded him with these work of the Democratic Tunderstaement of the Democratic role in as many dates as the two-birds cannot reasonably be autributed to chance alone.

That should be sufficient to undermine public sontidence in the Gailup Poll forever, but it probably won't. It is strange but true that as Dr. Gallup's errors have continued and increased, his popularity has also increased. He had alibis in 1940, and he had 'em in 1944. The more recent ones didn't stand up under House scrutiny, but the Doctor got by without soffwch as a reprimand. For the experts also credited him with full sincerity in preparing and publishing his poil. They didn't even point out the obvious fact that all his errors were on one side the underestimated the Roosevelt vote in the race against Willikie, as well as against Dewey). There was no public mention of the fact that the Doctor was also known as a Dewey adviser during the recent campaign. His

was no public mention of the fact that the Dector was also known as a Devey advisor during the recent campaign. His motives were not impugned, and that was proper.

The Indictinent against him stands, though it is no greater than it was on the day of the election. The figures themselves proved him pretty far wrong once again. They once more invalidated him as a forceaster of elections and a pitch the following the forceaster of elections and a pitch the second in the following the forceaster of elections and a pitch though the proposed property of the force of the following political campaigns. There is more than a suspicion that they may be used to create what are loosely known as "trends." There is more than a suspicion that they may be used to create what are loosely known as "trends." There is more than a suspicion that they may be used to create what are loosely known as "trends." Then and will no longer serve the useful purpose for which they were intended.

A Local Job

Here's our chance to shake hands with Senator Robert Taft, and announce our complete agreement with him. And because such opportunities have come rather infrequently in the past few years, well grab this one.

The Senator from Ohto, hearing a plea that the Federal Government "wipe out blighted areas" in American cities, had an emphatic veto waiting. He says that the rebuilding of cities is no Federal responsibility. He declares that Washington's part in such local affairs should cease with the provision of decent housing. And he's dead right, we'd \$85°. cent housing. And he's dead right, we'd say.

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If, as he says, real estate values have
been pushed down because cities have
allowed blighted areas (usually warehouse districts) to grow, then that is the
business of the cities—and just tough
luck for property owners. Correct. Misused and abused sections of cities are
local problems — always excepting the
problem of housing in slum districts.

Cities which have insisted upon freedom from Pederal interference in the
affairs in the past bear parallel responsibilities—and this problem of rebuilding is one of them. Let it remain a local
problem, and let it be attacked as quickly as possible.

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An ancient castle in which GI's are lodged in Britain' has a secret cham-ber twelve by eighteen feet, as hidden Christmas presents ran large in those days.

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The Merry-Go-Round

By Drew Pearson

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tunities. "We can't afford to have the same thing happen after this war. In this war. Georgia has helped to train more soldiers than any other state in the union. Run-soldiers. We want 'em to come back here and live after the war. But we've got to provide opportunities for them.

them. "So I've had some experts studying the problem to see how we could provide more epportunitier in Georgia, and all the studies we've made boil down to one thing—we have to become an industrial State. We can't continue merely on an agricultural contemp.

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"That' asys Governor Arnal, "s why ? started this suit against the railroads. You can't have industry in the South as long as it costs 60 per cent more to ship over southern roads. Nobody is going to move factories down here when they have to overcome that factories down here when they have to overcome that industry to develop down here. They own the railroads, and there is nothing we can do about it until we thresh this thing out before the Supreme Court."

NOTE—Governor Arnall argued the case himself before the Supreme Court, not using the Government's original testimony as a trial court. It has not yet decided whether it will do so.

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Debonair Secretary of State Stettinius is reasonably frank and forthright at his press conferences. On the whole he does a good job. Sometimes he gots in a tough spot, however. The other day a hewman asked him whether the U. S. A. still retained title to lendless material after it was shipped overseas. This is a strattor really knows something about the gave a long discourse, brightly showing how everything sent overseas under lend-clease still technically belongs to the U. E. A. and can be recalled at any time if we think it's beling misused.

"Mr. Secretary, observed a newsman, "I suppose that also applies tothe Sherman tanks the British got on lend-lease and are using against the Greek civilian population." Stettinus smiled, said nothing:

What Mr. Byrnes Objects To



Rebuilding The State Department

By Marguis Childs

"THE Budget of the United States Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1946" is a book that weighs more than the fattest telephone directory, which is not surprising, since it preserbes the spending, for a pages 581 to 600, the Department of State puls in its request for \$752,3400, including an increase of \$28,462,813 over the fiscal year 1945. The increase is to provide for Secretary of State Sixty of the state of the st WASHINGTON

The increase will go mainly to expand the foreign acretice in the field and to build up the Department's information service both at home and abroad. Only a small amount will be available to add to the permanent force at work in Washington.

There is a real question, if a thorough, bb of modernization its to be done, whether the additional amount requested will be adequate. Recently I have been given a worm's eye view of the Department by those who have been working under great handlespe by those who have been working under great handlespe by the second of the second second of the second second second of the second second

Just What Is Morale?

By Samuel Grafton

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"It's the baby's cute sayings I'm sending his father in the Philippines—can I insure the package for \$1,000?"

City Hall Today

By Dick Young

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That aimost immediately thereafter the President warns segment of the president warns segment on all rations interpret the general good in the same terms, is a ready to throw up the aponge over each dissatisfaction. It is a warning that though the perfect be our goal we can do the right series of the perfect of the perfect be our goal we can do the right sight perfection. Itse justice—is ine words of George Ellot—is not without the sas a fact, it is within is as a great year-ming, and the without the sas a fact, it is within is as a great year-ming, and the without the sas a fact, it is within is as a great year-ming, and the scheded by some single hierorical event, such as victory in a war. Thus the President returned to the Atlantic Charler not to reject, but to residire it, but in real-ciation to each and every one of this war-tern world's tangled affu-ations. Yet he promised, "we shall not healtale to use our influence."

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No Enropean state can misread that statement. It was a pledge to the American people that the President, as the propeentative of this people, will fight in the councels of the nations for the principles which America wishes to see prevail.

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which, as free men, they are to live."

Those who are saying that the President is has no foreign policy should revised those words. There of the policy should revised those words. There of the policy should revised the policy should revised the policy should revised the policy should revised the form their liberators of Europea shall be formed by the people of Europe, without property that the policy should be policy to be the problems of the European peoples themselves. Indeed to stand the body should be should be the problems of the European developments into this or that mold word problems that the body should be the problems of the word force European developments into this or that mold word problems that the body should be the problems of the contrary the United States of the Country the United States of the United S

There is also an admonition to the peoples of Europe . . "to recognize their common interests and not to nurse their traditional grievances against one another."