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## Bedsheet Boys

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The boys in the bedsheets climbed up to the top of Stone Mountain the other night and lit up a fiery cross. It was a big one, visible for 60 miles across the red Georgia hills, and presumably it marked the latest rebrith of the Ku Klax Klan, dormant threatment the war years, when the FBI fell into the habit of checking up on-patroite societies.

The Klan, however, does not plan to go back into business on a national scaleright away, because, according to Phenomenous and business on a national scaleright away, because, according to Phenomenous and business on a national scaleright away, because, according to Phenomenous and the time the Imperial Winard action of the scale of the scale

an unseen enemy of law and order."
We have an idea that the gatherms
of a State's erackpots into one group
simplifies the problem a great deal. We
commend to The Macon News a short
story by a North Carolinian, Joseph
Mitchell, called "Fascism Comes to
Black Ankle County." It outlines a solution to the Klan problem, and serves
as a reminder that a white robe makes
a fine target in the night.

## Unpleasant Answer

Chester Bowles brought down the wrath of Mammon upon his head when he appeared before a Senate subcommutate to urse that legislative controls be placed on the price of houses, old and new. He not only stirred up the real estate people and the buildges, who see a great and golden opportunity in the present acute housing shortane, but he seemed to run into opposition from the Administration itself.

Perconversion Boss John W. Snuder.

a great and golden opportunity in the present acute housing shortage, but he seemed to run into opposition from the seemed that nothing be done that would retard production. And he went on to wroke the favorite free seemed to the seemed that the see

sible to low- and medium-cost housing.

Perhaps we are disillusioned, but we think Mr. Bowles has the only answer, as impleasant as it might be. We just don't believe that the builders are going to respond to the Chamber's invitation to turn down the fantastic profits that he within sight over on the right side of the tracks.

## First Installment

Charles W Morton, writing in the November Atlantic Monthly, expresses fear that the press has finally lost its vonce be crying "wall" at such threats to its freedom as increased wages for newsboys and the development of the Newspaper Guild. Now the atom seems Bickely to destroy freedom of the press even before it destroys everything else, and not a sinch editorial voice has been raised in protest.

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In his recent measure on the atom, the President requested 'security resultations governing the handling of all information' on atomic development, and penalties for their violation. Mr. Triman admitted that his request was draste, but defended it on the ground that 'we are dealing with forces of nature too dangerous to fit into any down its and concepts, and thus, Mr. Mortom points out, brings us to the question of whether our traditional freedom of the press is our of those usual concepts which no longer have a place in the modern world.

A permanent peace-time censorship

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A permanent peace-time censorship of all news of the atom would, of course, extend to censorship of news concernme our foreign policy since the atom is already hopelessly bound up in it. It is a threat, a real one, but we do not share. Mr. Morton's surprise that the press has met it with such complete un-concern.

concern. The future that seems to be shaping up for us, the Bill of Rights will Iree,
a great deal of its meaning. With the
President ureing universal military
framing, and top-ranking generals publicy prediction another World War in
1861. It is hard to get excited over the
extension of war-time censorship into
the peace. The distinction between the
periods in which we ware war, and the
periods in which we have awar, and
war, is rapidly disappearing.

periods in which we get ready to wage war, is rapidly disappearing.

We should, perhaps, shed a sentimental tear over this violation of a great tradition, but it is, after all, only a downpayment on the sort of security our Government has decided to provide for us. There will be many more installments, for we cannot live in an armed camp and remain free men.

## GOP Prospects

We are never quite sure whether it's becoming for us to display an interest in the internal affairs of the Republican party, but we can't help taking notice of a recent Party survey of 4.949 county chairmen and state committee members. Out among the grass roots they like Senator Vandenburgh international views and Honest John Bricker's domestic policies.

Now this is noteworthy indeed, for Senator Vandenburgh in the sawdisst trail shortly after the war began and went down the international line with Mr. Ronsevel, ending up as a delegate to the late, lamented San Franceson Greener, it is acceptance by the same state to the late, lamented San Franceson Frence, the acceptance bod guard that locations and the same state of the late, lamented San Franceson France, they are one election late in making the same state of the late, lamented so the same state champion of the party doesn't prove anythine, except, perhaps, that the Ohio budget-balancer shook a lot of hands when he was running for vice-president. He doesn't have a domestic policy for the grass rooters to approve, and never did have. Of course, he wants to stop spending, increase Federal efficiency, lower taxes, control labor unions, and few things like that, but we can't recall his ever saying just how he intended to do it.

It is apparent that the Republicans who are called upon the first that he republicans who are called upon the middle that he resident Truman is going to be "difficult to beat."

## Statesmen At Work

(Serious facetious and comic excerpts from the Congressional Record)

HE gentlemen in the House were discussing the possibility of making further cuts Federal appropriations after having ped some 52 billion dollars off the 1946

in Federal appropriations after having lopped some 32 ultimo dollars off the 1946 Delta Capped some 32 ultimo dollars off the 1946 Delta Capped some 32 ultimo dollars to that cut without hurring it. On the other hand, I do not have the data I avoid like to have when I come to the source of the s

is going other places, but the bulk of it goes there. Some of it has been cut off, but

Become of it has been cut off, but not contain.

Mr. SPRINGER. How much has did not contain.

Mr. SPRINGER How much has deduction been in the personnel?

Mr. TABER. It is hard to fell. There has probably been a reduction of a couple of noussaid, or it may be a little more inhabitation of the contained of the co

Mr. TABER. Probably 8,000 or 10,000.
Mr. JENNINGS. Do I correctly understand the centleman to say, that there are probably 6,000 of those dead beats on the have a free press. where we are covered up with papers, and with pamphlets, and where there is no end to the publishing of books? Does the goutternam mean to say that when papers and the probability of the properties?

parasites?

Mr. TABER. There are plenty on the pay roll yet. It might not run 6,000 today but it would run a very considerable number— Mr. JENNINGS. II there is a baker's dozen of them. It is too much, unless they are paying their own expenses and working for nothing.

# The Merry-Go-Round

By Drew Pearson

WASHINGTON

A LOT has been printed about labor strikes, but not much about the silent sit-down strikes of certain employers. This is a strike chiefly against OPA and the Tressury. Ultimately, of course.

Many copporations are operating with small staffs determined to "wait out" the OPA and not operate until reduced taxes are put in force. That reduced taxes are put in force. That reduced taxes are put in force. That course in the operation of the operation operation of the operation o

radies by Christmas, not never section market.

In the field of housing, real estate dealers are concentrating on high-purced housing, and will continue to do so until OPA real controls are removed. Then they can charge whatever rentals they want for the lower-preed housing; also, for the housing they already have

#### Bombs For Congress

Six members of a Congressional commutee sailing to Europe last August were nearly seared out of their wits wall on the Queen Mary. Headed by Representative Appropriations Commutee And obstact whether to fig or to so by boat. Finally they decided to sall—but they washed they thank; to the constant of t

the news. John Kerr's first comment was: 'I wonder if the skipper has ordered airplanes to hover around the ship."

New earther the entire night white the ship's crew searched unsuccessfully for the bombs. No trace of them was ever found, but the restful relaxation the Congressmen had hoped for was not achieved until they act foot on solid ground once again.

### Jap Reparations

J. S. Reperations Commissioner Ed Pauley will leave for Japan early next month to study the situation there. However, policy on reparations will be determined, not by MacArthur, but back in Washington after Pauley's return.

### Capital Chaff

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Democratic Congressman Louis Rabaut of Detroit, an A-1 member of the House Appropriations Committee, and I the March 1998 of the House Appropriations Committee William for Georemore Middless is worried over the way soldiers in Toktov are burned up over General MacArthur's decree that the Imperial Hotel is off-limits for all enlisted men. Only officers can up others. They are all enlisted men. Only officers can up of these They are in the Pacific. ..., Harry Truman has told friends that her realizes his political prestige has begun to ship for the first time. He is now facing two deadly difficult with Russical smooth. The fact that Truman realizes his troubles in itself is a good thing.

#### Pacific Bases

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Despite Army opposition, the New yis not delaying a bit about getting the controle in the Pacific islands. On the theory that possession is inne-tentia of the law, it is recruiting young men with families to live on these islands at onge Economic Administration, part of which was transferred to the Reconstruction Finance Corp.

An enticing picture is laid before prospective recruits, featuring per-fabricated, aur-conditioned houses, fresh meat and vegetables flown in by air, and a network of commercial art inner between its ands which the Navy plans to operate. Salaries are good, as Govern-These men will be commercial registeric than the RPC, which will become the tracking corporation for the signed up and on their way this menth.

## What Can One Do In A Case Like This?



# Time Didn't Know Erickson From Ericson

We Didn't Either, And Now A Geography Professor Is Up In Arms

## By Burke Davis

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CHAPEL HILL

THE University has a double boiler full of Ericson trouble on the fire this week—but Hs not the usual kind at all. H's a case of mistaken identity stirred up by weeking praise—and furthered unwittingly by The Raleigh News & Observer and The Northern Hongroot of Emplish News & Observer and The News Professor of Emplish and Extra Company (and the News Action of the News Professor of Manager Extra Company (and the News Action of the News Professor of the News Action of the New

## Damaged Reputation

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"My professional reputation has been damaged. I know that. And not only in the state, but nationally fur. Erickson has been chief cartographer for the Board of Economic Warfare, consultant to FEA. a State Deformance of Economic Warfare, consultant to FEA. a State Deformance of Economic Warfare, consultant to FEA. a State Deformance of Economic Warfare, consultant to FEA. a State Deformance of Economic Warfare, consultant to FEA. a State Deformance of Economic Warfare, consultant to Economic Warfare, consultant on the Sea Consultant of Economic Warfare, and the Sea Consultant of Economic Warfare, called me long distance and wanted to know if I was the one who'd been mixed up in that affair. I told health of Washington Warfare, and the night in news, got out President, and the night in the news, got out President, and the night has the problem when the same of the problem was the one who'd been mixed up in that affair. I told healt I wasn't and he announced it to his faculty with a same of the problem was the consultant of the problem was the consultant of the problem was the consultant of the problem was a consultant of the problem was a consultant of the problem was the consultant of the problem was a consult

"Everywhere I go I meet people who say, 'Oh, yes!
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I've heard of you.' I have the other man's reputation. And though Mr. Ericson's business is his own, I dop!
want to be in on it. This thing that Time and the
papers have done has serious implications. I not only
involves violation of the conventions of this section, but
is tied up with Communism very definitely—and my

father has been a political committeeman for years up in Massachusetts. That will come back on him."

E. E. Ericson, about whom most of the Communist falk of Chapel Hill has centered, is considerably quieter these days. He last a son in the war, a young capital with was captured on Battan and was later killed. He now has two young children by a second marriage. He is still an ido of the students here the coming Yackety Yack will be dedicated to him.

## Fiery Campaigner

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But in the old days Mr. Erieson was a fiery campaigner. When he broke bread with Candidate Ford in Durham, he said, there were other white professors on the said of the

relish a share of that reputation, and says so frankly.

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Professor Erlekson said he hadn't set any price on the damage he's been done by the papers and the magazine, but says that he'll bargain with reason.

He and other members of the University communities of the control of the control of the control of the control of the property of t

CRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Why it's wild oats they're throwing!—Wilbur is there something in your past you haven't told me about!"

## Stalin Also Has Problems

By Marquis Childs

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BACKGROUND OF WAR Stalin's position today must be measured against the background of the war. Far more than most people realize, he personally di-rected the conduct of the war-against Germany in all its immen-

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mestic matters and domestic por-traction of the matter and the con-tent of the content of the con-seems to have gained considerable authority inside Russia. In some areas ouisside the Sovie Union, Russian troops appear to be acting quite independently of Soviet for-can policy.

A NEW SITUATION

THE RUMORS FLY
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world about Stalin and the station
of the Sovict Union grow directly
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secrecy applied by the Soviets. Our
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recreation of his life are recorded.
Stalin moves behind a curtain of
secrecy. In that difference lies one
of the great obstacles to understanding.

## People's Platform They Missed The Boat

By H. H. RICHARDS
Chicago

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## Quote, Unquote

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