Council Faces The Future to grips with six broad-gauge issues ctance, rejection or modification of the Planning Board's \$5,000,000 public works blueprint; transfer of Morris Field to the City; passage of a "minimum

Prield to the City; passage of a 'minimum housing' ordinance; improvement and artension of the city street system; addition to the school system of a vocational guidance testing center under the sponsorship of the Veteran's Administration; a proposal to extend the City's supervisory control to development areas within a mile of the City limits. In the immediate offing there are similar projects—aoning and the complete overhaul of our tangled traffic pattern. The Council's approach to these matters has been progressive, and the only real questions likely to arise are of degree. Although some of the items on the agenda involve the expenditure of Federal funds, all wills require the City to layout a good deal of its own cash, and as always there will be screams of agony from those who confuse economy with frugality, forgetting that true economy results from the efficient spending of money, not from hoarding it.

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It is significant, we think, that all It is significant, we think, that all these matters involve the City's future. Four years of war have marked the end of an era, and not even the gloomiest among us can doubt that, once the maladjustments of the transition period have passed, we shall embark upon an era of great prosperity and expansion,

ably transformed city, it not a better one.

The Council now has two separate functions—to arrive at some temporary solution for the pressing problems of the moment, such as housing, and to create an integrated program flexible enough to meet the unforesceable demands of the individual Councilman depends to a large degree upon the first function, of course, for votes are garnered, not by plans, but by immediate and visible results. But the second function is far more important to all of us, and Council's concern with it is evidence of its vision.

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We need but glance out the nearest We need but glance out the nearest window to see the costly result of unplanned growth; a good many of the problems that beset us now are the product of our failure to look ahead when we began our mushroom expansion after World War II.

As Council takes up the six items it will consider this week it is clear that it is guaranteeing a continuing series of headaches for itself. But these matters as the Counciliane recentize case.

of headaches for itself. But these mat-ters, as the Councilmen recognize, can-not be put off unless we are willing to dedicate our City to its past and accept as inevitable the pattern of confused growth that created it. We wish the City Fathers well as they set forth to deal with our imponderable future, and we hope their wisdom will prove to be the equal of their courage.

Calling Mr. Truman's Hand

There has been no official comment. other than an occasional rumble from John L. Lewis, from labor's side of the table, but management has now formally written off the Labor-Management Conwritten off the Labor-Management Con-ference as a total loss. Ira Mosher, president of the National Association of Manufacturers: remarked publicly that labor will have to change its position on fundamental issues if the conference is to succeed, which is another way of saying that management doesn't plan to do any yielding of its own. And Business Week, management's trade magazine, states fiatly: "It is clear to even the most astigmatic by now that neither labor, management, nor the country is going to get anything worth

even the most astigmatic by now that meither labor, management, nor the country is going to get anything worth talking about out of the President's over-publicized Labor-Management Conference."

While questions of arbitration and union responsibility had a proper place at the Conference, the basic issue involves cash money, a touchy subject, indeed. Working beneath a price celling, which the Government has no intention of removing, the labor and management delegates were charged with finding some method of sharing the manufacturer's profits. Labor, or at least the CIO, wants to do it in formal fashion, basing contracts on an examination of the take. This, as in the case of General Motors, industry has consistently refused to do. Mr. Truman has displayed an extreme reluctance to take a hand in these mat-

reluctance to take a hand in these mat-ters, but he did open the Conference with a threat of drastic action, and it looks as though his hand will soon be called. When it is, it will become the

unpleasant duty of his Administration to determine how much a given corporation can pay in wages and then order the establishment of such a wage scale. This is a head-on_aspault on all the sacred traditions of free enterprise, and it will have to be initiated in a time of alleged peace.

Mr. Truman's grave error was in allowing himself to be stampeded just after the end of the war. The abnormal economy that grew up during the war years did not vanish, of course, and will not vanish until supply and demand come within shooting distance of each other, and the only hope for an orderly transition from war to peace was to continue, and even strengthen, wartime controls.

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It is true that most of these controls still exist, but they have withered from lack of exercise, and, worse still, the nation has been allowed to believe that the lid would soon be coming off. Mr. Truman now is in the position of having to create new controls, instead of merely continuing old ones, which, unpopular as they were, were accepted. Both labor and management have had a little taske of freedom, or have been allowed to hope that it was coming soon, and they will be that much harder to bring back in line.

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This is the test that will make or break Harry Truman as a Presidential candidate in 1948, and his vacillation has already complicated it tremendously. If he has at last heeded the advice of the disinterested economists who have constantly warned that a truly free economy is impossible so long as there is an abnormal imbalance in supply and demand, he may yet repair the situation. But the time is growing short.

Normalcy On The Campus

The college football season winds up this week, and we hate to see it go for the progressive improvement of the teams was one of the few signs of returning normaley upon which we could rely. Beardless youths lugged the pigshin back in September, but week by the sand mannand Saarbrucken appeared in the line-paid of the time Thanksgiving roll and by the time Thanksgiving roll and the ward roll week by week young men fresh in from two Jima and Saarbrucken appeared in the line-paid of the time thanksgiving roll and the ward roll weekly reported: "The objected (Arunken-looking letters, smear-ed on walls and columns, make a hide-ous sight." In the country the campus This, of course, is vandalism, and the wrath of the Chaplet Hill Weekly reported: "The course, the campus this campus to the course, is vandalism, and the wrath of the Chaplet Hill Weekly reported: "The out-reged Chapet Hill Report Hill to clean up the University, and the wrath of t

From The Louisville Courier-Journal:

Mr. Gallagher's Broom

The hitherto short and simple annais if william J. Gallagher, Representative if the Third Minnesota Congressional sistrict, are rapidly being expanded to mount about him and impede the thorof William J. Gallagher, Representative of the Third Minnesota Congressional District, are rapidly being expanded to the satisfaction, we don't doubt, of most of the country. Mr. Gallagher is the Minneapolis municipal employee — to sake no bones about it, a street sweeper page no bones about it, a street sweeper—who surprised everybody except him-self by setting elected to Congress last. November. Now one reads of his de-manding: "Why do we stay here day after day and do nothing but talk, talk, talk and erflictes, criticize, "Mr. Gallagher is becoming the Congress-ment for our money."

an for our money.

We have no doubt that the streets nich once fell to his hand were left, then he had done his duty by them, the senset streets in Minneapolis, and that

mount about him and impede the thoroughfare of the Twentieth Century. Mr. Gallagher believes in the broad, straight and immaculate processes of the open House, where votes are taken, laws enacted and things done; and the cluttered, fetid alleys of committee intrigue and delay are spots that plainly need a flushing from the clear, cold stream of

Ilushing from the clear, coid stream of conscience.

Why isn't something done, he asks, about full employment, about minimum wages, about all those things that have been backed up in pigeonholes so long that they are beginning to give out a small? The court of the clear that he was a small that they are beginning to give out a small? smell? There are some things that can't wait until 1948, or even 1946 and its cam-paignings.

The Merry-Go-Round

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There are politics in almost everything these dayseven health. And behind the Fresident's important pear to be some back-stage politics.

The Hill-Burton Bill now before the Senate was eased out of committee, some Senators suspect, in order to get in abend of the Truman health program! is that it siphons off \$375,000,000 from the Federal Treasury and puts it largely under control of the so-called 'hose-pital crowd.' namely The American Hospital Association, with their ally The American Medical Association with their ally The American Medical Association with their ally The American Hedical Association with their ally The American Hedical Association with their ally The American Hedical Hedical Association with their ally The American Hedical Association, with their all American Hedical Association, with their all their

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Housecleaning Temporarily Postponed



Lobbyists Make A Parody Of Democracy

By Marquis Childs

WASHINGTON

WHEN Chester Bowles complained the other day about the tactics of Washington pressure blobbles he knew what he was talking about. Bowles and his GPA have been under fire from every direction.

Ever since the end of the war, the lobbylats have increased in number. At the same time they have growin bolder in their methods. The automobile dealers flooded Bowles with 5,000 telegrams and tied up all the telephone lines into his office, so that the the state of Government by presence, as Bowles pointed out, assumes that officials abould base their descriptions into the metits of an issue considerable through the control of the steam boiler. If a lobby can generate enough heat to force the needle in the gauge up to the proper notch, then action must always the control of the steam boiler. If a lobby can generate enough heat to force the needle in the gauge up to the proper notch, then action must what is more, congress seems to accopt this technologue. At least, there have been no outcries against the practice and the staffs in Congressional offices spend considerable time counting letters and telegrams.

Congress Was Touchy

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The time was when Congress felt very touchy about pressure tactics as applied to important decisions. Just a decade ago—and what a different decede it was—a decade ago—and what a different decede it was—and regulate Washington lobbylats.

It defined a lobbylat as—any person who shall engage himself for pay, or for any consideration, to atagge this property of the property of

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The bill, which never got beyond the Senate, did not prohibit the activities of lobbyists. But it required them to register with the House and Senate, to state how and what was included under the head of expense. This last would cover much of the expensive entertaining done in cocktail lounges and private dising rooms.

The author of that bill of a decade ago was the summary of the expensive entertaining done in cocktail lounges and private dising rooms.

With a deep reling for those whose voice is rarely heard in the halls of Government—for the millions who live on the wrong side of the tracks—Black And conducted a continuous secondary of the continuous continuous annual rounders than they do today.

The skiffully directed investigation had shown in case after case how a delige of delegrams and letters in the continuous secondary of t

Another Investigation

Such an investigation would serve a healthy purpose today. Black, in, his Senate career, stepped on a great many sensitive toes, but often he got action. In the cloistered atmsophere of the Supreme Court, he must sometimes long for the crusading days of that other era.

It would take someone with Black's shrewdness and skill to conduct such an investigation. There are few of the conduct such an investigation. There are few Government by pressure is not democracy. It is a puredy of democracy, and it is time that it was shown again in its true light.



"You're too late—I just bought some real estate from one of your competitors!"

Semantic Garden Path

By Samuel Grafton

NEW YORK ATTLEE, Mr. Bevin and

Grin And Bear It

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DEMANDS FRANKNESS 2. Mr. Bevin, with much ve-hemence demands "frankness;" he says we must build confidence through frankness. That is a kind of semantic horror; for frankness and confidence are closely-related concepts, and Mr. Bevin comes almost, if not quite, to the point of saying that we ought to build confidence through conditiones. But what is in its mind in regard to the confidence through confidence, through the property of the p

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The People's Platform

Report From Leyte

By PFC. WALTER G. DAVIS LEYTE, P. I

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This is a appeal by you and to be made and to you and to be made appeal to you and to be made and to fine made and to freshest Charlotte for help. You as an American and as a community leader, conjunant of his responsibilities to the reading pubscape of public opinion on our duly elected Representatives, can do to help our cause, that of returning measurements of public opinion on our duly elected Representatives, can do to help our cause, that of returning measurements at your disposal, I am appealing for help to the highest authority in the land: the people and the proposition of the pro

number of troops return from this area.

To the people of Charlotte, 2 leave these points to be thoughs about.

1. Write to your Senators and Representatives and demand action. Not tomorrow, but now-mody

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