

The Homeless Veterans

Charlotte's housing shortage is a natural result of war-time building restrictions, and nobody so far as we can see, deserves any particular blame for it.

But before the shortage vanishes the time required to catch up with the demand for housing is variously estimated but it will run into years, a considerable bitterness will be generated.

The physical plight of the veterans is no worse than the others; but they come home covered with glory, and more dramatic than homeless civilians.

Invitation To The Colors

That familiar portrait of stern old Uncle Sam pointing a straight finger and announcing his need for cannon-fodder has vanished with the smoke of battle.

The whole campaign is nostalgic, recalling the happy days when North German-Lloyd invited customers with pictures of beer foaming against a green Bavarian perspective.

Punishment For Commentators

Sometimes the yammering of the House Committee on Un-American Activities is funny, but currently it is so disorienting to radio commentators.

Commentators, as we understand it, make a business of airing their political views, and there is plainly no point in calling them to Washington to ask them what they think of the state of the union.

We fall to see what legal recourse the Committee would have, even if it turned out that all seven of these gentlemen hold Party cards and spend all their spare time down at Union Square agitating the Constitution.

This is a peculiarly vicious business, for the Committee knows full well that its victims are dependent upon commercial sponsors for their livelihood.

It Depends On Whose Ox

Representatives of the press were invited to attend the President's labor-management conference on the opening day, but thereafter, it was announced, the sessions would be closed to newsmen.

By Drew Pearson

WASHINGTON FRIENDS of atomic-bomb inventor J. Robert Oppenheimer are trying to persuade him to run for Congress from California.

Oppenheimer made a big impression on the Senate Kilgore Committee when he dramatized the atomic bomb defense against atom bombs was world peace, and that atomic energy should become the means of raising living standards the world over.

Last week's closed-door session of the House Military Affairs Committee was one of the hottest. It involved the atom bomb.

Hard-biting Representative Chet Holifield of Los Angeles and John Sparkman of Huntsville, Ala., have managed during the previous week to win committee approval for several amendments liberalizing the atom-control bill.

One of the most important amendments to cut the size of the commission from nine to seven and make each member a full-time atomic energy commissioner instead of a \$10-a-year man whose chief loyalties would be to the private company paying his salary.

One of the finest and most respected men we had in Washington throughout the war period, Durham argued, "is Dr. Frank Graham, president of the University of North Carolina. Dr. Graham would not have some here for a full-time job on the War Labor Board or anywhere else, and we would have lost his extremely valuable services."

Casualty Of The Reconversion Battle



Mr. Attlee And His Problems

By Marquis Childs

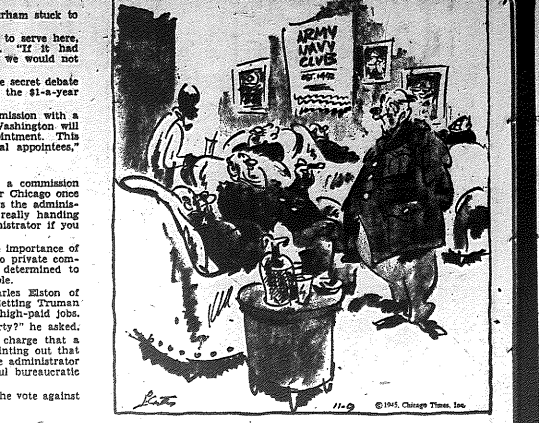
WASHINGTON THE White House will receive at the end of the week a visitor on a mission of the importance. Prime Minister Attlee is coming by plane for a stay of a week or more.

There were many reasons why Attlee should not have come at this time. He has his own pressing domestic problems, including a dock workers strike which has at last ended after threatening to cut into Britain's already meager food supply.

His coming at this time is a measure of the urgency of feeling in England to reach his understanding with this country. Prime Minister Attlee is going more than halfway to help solve the problems that stand in the way of full co-operation between the two countries.

There is a conflict between our short-range interest and our long-range interest in the British, which could presumably be fulfilled through purchases in America made out of an American loan, pile up on top of the needs and desires of American consumers.

That is the urgency behind opinion in England. We here on the safe side of the Atlantic, even those of us who for a few weeks or a few months shared the British experience, can have no idea of what this means.



"The atom bomb has its compensations—in the next war it's highly probable that this will be as good a command post as any!"

Congressional Pressure

By Samuel Grafton

NEW YORK THE next seven weeks to provoke showdowns leading to punitive legislation against the labor union.

IT IS HIGHLY IMPORTANT that the labor-management conference succeed, but it is not suggested that the tax angle play any part whatever in this case.

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People's Platform

One Simple Problem

By B. H. EIDSON

I read in the press wherein our good index of our confidence have now started, a campaign to eliminate the showing of motion pictures on Sunday.

All our worries are over. Only one terrible sore spot remains on the horizon, and that is the showing of movies on Sunday.

There has been an effort to make it seem that opposed economy philosophies were involved—deficit spending against sound finance.

There is a conflict between our short-range interest and our long-range interest in the British, which could presumably be fulfilled through purchases in America made out of an American loan.

But the danger of inflation is likely to be brief. The long-term problem—the big question mark that all of us face as Americans—is how to keep our greatly expanded and far more efficient productive machine in full operation.

It is here that we need world trade. It is here that co-operation is imperative. It is here that preferences and biases and tariffs can lead to commercial battles which, in turn, generate fighting wars.

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