The Homeless Veterans

The Homele

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 II. And it will pass in time, of course, and we will again provide adequate helter for all but that considerable portion of our population who have always lived in our slums and who have long since grown accustomed to privation.

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. It shows now in letters published in the newspapers, in communications addressed to city officials, and in mardeictions heaped upon the heads of real extait operators and landlerds. A frustrated family man, holed up in a holel or existing in a furnished room provided him almost as a matter of charity, is not likely to take the long view, and his allure ta find decent shelter inevitably becomes a personal matter.

The physical plight of the veterans is no worse than the others; but they, comming home covered with follow, and marked them a calim orderly, decent living as a matter of right.

The City Council is now seriously considering the establishment of a trailer camp for veterans and their families, and the fact that it has turned to such a completely unsatisfactory solution is evidence, as Mayor Baxter says, of its desperation. The best trailer in the world is no place for a family to live over an extended period, and existence in such cramped quarters will do little to temper the anger of the returning soldier, who will remember that the British, for instance, took better care of him despite 'the gravity of their own situation.

Council's frontal assault on the housing shortage may be limited, of necessity, in such projects as the proposed

ity to such projects as the proposed trailer camp. But Mayor Baxter and his colleagues can use their limited powers to keep the problem before the com-munity, to remind us that our obliga-tion will not be discharged until the last veteran has been afforded an op-portunity to resume the sort of life he

left.
All the other problems that beset Council—traffic, auditoriums, sewers — are secondary. It is, as the returning servicemen themselves have had occasion to remark, disheartening to find a city spending time, money and energy on plans for a Veteran's Recreation Cen-ter while a heavy proportion of the beneficiaries are still homeless.

Invitation To The Colors

battle. The army has now appropriated the navy's traditional slogan and borrowed a leaf from the travel booklets: "Join the army and see the world" is the new theme, and the recruiting propaganda is shot through with such fine old phrases as "the lure of adventure in foreign lands."

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. The army presents photographs of soldiers cantering down a bridle path in Iteland, bowling down a bridle path in Iteland, bowling the navy's traditional slogan and bor-

sents photographs of soldiers cantering down a bridle path in Iceland, bowling in Newfoundland, boating on the Rhine and chatting happily with Chinese chil-dren. The old background of ruined masonry, mud and blood has gone with the call to duty; you join the army these days to obtain the broadening

That familiar portrait of stern old benefits of travel, to nurture the soul Uncle Sam pointing a straight funger with wholesome comradeship, to insure and announcing his need for cannon- a bright future through vocational fodder has vanished with the smoke of training, and to provide the security of a handsome pension.

a handsome pension. There is some degree of unreality in the new campaign coming as it does while the rumbling complaint of the citizen soldiers is still sounding. The generals who supervised the destruction of half the civilized world certainly know that the garrisons they are maintaining in far and improbable places are hardly pleasure resorts.

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Their decision to ease up on the blind side of prospective recruits is understandable, however. They know that patriotism has gone out of fashion, and they have designed their appeal to fit the times. This is one of those moments in history when we are more concerned with our own prospects than we are with the fate of the world, and we have not yet come to see any relationship between the two.

Punishment For Commentators

Sometimes the vammering of the House Committee on UnAmerican Affairs is funny, but the current effort to diacredit seven radio commentators, among them Raymond Gram Swing and Ceell Brown, is far from humorous. The Committee has called for their scripts "in preparation for a public hearing at which their political views will be ex-amined"

amined."

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. What the committee has in mind, according to its own announcement, is the investigation of complaints that they are Communist, saympathieses. And that means an old fashioned insultition after the manner made famous: guisition after the manner made famous

quisition after the manner made famous by Martin Dies. 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 guarantees them the right of free speech, and there is no clause we know of that makes speech any less free when it is filtered through a radio transmitter.

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This is a peculiarly victous business, for the Committee knows full well its victims are dependent upon commercial sponsors, for their livelihood, And advertisers are, understandably, not likely to entrust the sale of their product to a man who has been publicly branded by the Congress of the United States as a Communist. by the Congress of the constant a Communist.

Of all the people who have been

dragged before the UnAmerican Comdragged before the UnAmerican Com-mittee in the course of its long and spotted career, these seven microphone pundits are the most vulnerable. Even if they are guilty of Communist sym-pathy as charged, which is extremely doubtful, they have violated no law and a-are subject to no legal punishment, but apparently the Congress is willing to sit quietly by while a handful of its more irresponsible members set out to destroy them.

iem. If the UnAmerican Committee suc-If the UnAmerican Committee succeeds in smearing these seven men, it will have forced a weapon it gan hold over the head of every broadcaster. Only the brave or the foolhardly will dare breathe a kind word for Russia into a microphone, with unemployment guaranteed as a result.

Surely the time has come for the Congress to do a little investigating of the UnAmerican affairs taking place in its own hall. The end of the war has removed the last thin pretext for such

removed the last thin pretext for such a calculated assault on civil liberties.

With everything geared to go, union strategists think the time is propitious to close down the country. Plainly, labor is on the march, and it will be exciting to see where.

So far, radio has not been called on to counterfeit the atomic-bomb blast. One assumes, however, the sound ef-fects man will have to stand closer to the mike to snap his gum.

From The Richmond Times-Dispatch:

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 essions would be closed to news-men. "Conference planners said they decided the delegates would accomplish more if their talks were directed only to each other," a dispatch explains. With that we quite agree. If the day-to-day discussions of the labor and management conferees were duity "reported by the press and radio, we doubt that it would contribute to harmony, understanding and agreement within the conference. Some touchy points must be dealt with, and if the delegates discuss them freely and frankly, there may be times when their differences of opinion's would be, as we in the trade call it, newsworthy. Alring their differences provided the second of the conference with the conference spublicly each day might easily sesuit in accentuating them and reducing the possibilities for compromise and agreement. For one thing, when

record as holding a particular view, it tends to make them more set in their positions. Besides, the conferees would hardly be at their best with newsmen looking and listening over their shoulders. The upshot might be that the labor and management delegations would find themselves further apart at the end of the conference than they were at the beginning. So we think it is just as well that the delegates keep the proceedings largely to themselves while they are in progress, and let the public know the results when they have been achieved. We cannot refrain from recalling, however, that at times when other conferences involving delireds have been achieved. We cannot refrain from recalling, however, that at times when other conferences involving delireds have as the World Food Conference at Hot Springs some two years ago and the meetings of the Big Three, some of the loudest process is same from persons identified with the very management and labor groups whose delegates are now meeting in Washington. A great deal depends upon whose ox is being gored. record as holding a particular view,

The Merry-Go-Round

By Drew Pearson

WASHINGTON

The chance are trying to persuade him to run for Congress from Colifornia.

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Atom Debate Continues

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

the atom bomb. Hard-hitting Representative Chet Hollfield of Los Angeles and John Sparkman of Huntsville, Ala., had managed during the previous week to win committee approval for several amendments liberalizing the atom-control bill. One provided that administrative power over the bomb should rest with the Atomic Commission, rather than with an Army-controlled administrator.

Praise for Graham

"One of the finest and most respected men we had in Washington throughout the war period." Durham arqued, "18 Dr. Prank Graham, president of the University of North Carolina. Dr. Graham would not have come here for a full-time job on the War Labor Board or anywhere else, and we would have lost his extremely "alubble services."

Sparkman pointed out that the University had called

Graham back to North Carolina, but Durham stuck to his guins.

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The discovery of the length of time he was able to serve here, the Government benefited, he replied. If it had the common that he was a substantial to the common that he would not have had him here at all.

Davis of Tennessee insisted during the secret debate that better men would be available on the \$1-a-year basis.

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"You set this up as a full-time commission with a \$15,000 salary and every lame-duck in Washington will be coming around trying to get an appointment. This commission is too important for political appointees," he said.

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But Alabama's Sparkman stood pat.

"What you will get," he warned, "is a commission of members who fly in from New York or Chicago once training the said of the said of

But his arguments were of no avail; the vote against his amendment was 12 to 6.

Army Hoards Doctors

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While civilian areas are crying for doctors, Gen. Norman Ritk, Surgeon General of the Army, continues to keep to doctors and nurses doing neet to nothing. Here pital in Germany:

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Though it has a capacity of 400 patients, the heapital averages only 69 patients doint. But it keeps 278 care for these 64 patients is.

For each ten patients there are four doctors, three nurses, and 32 enlisted men—all getting into each other's way.

For each cost of taking care of these 64 patients is \$55,91(21 a month. Based only on pay and rations for hospital personnel, one patient costs the taxpayer \$23.88 and \$30.00 an

Casualty Of The Reconversion Battle



Mr. Attlee And His Problems

By Marquis Childs

WASHINGTON

The White House will receive the the end of the week
a visitor on a mission of the importance. Prime Minf
ister Attlee is coming by plane for a stay of a week or
more.

There were many reasons why atthe should not have come at this atthe should not have come at this atthe should not have come at this representation of the should not have come at this strice which has at last ended after threatening to cut into Britain's already meager food supply. It is coming at this time has measured the should be should be

ray in tuil co-operation between the two countries.

The announced subject of discussion is the atomic bomb. It would be surprising if opinion in Britain on this subject were not more urgent than it is here. The subject were not more urgent than it is here. As the contribution of the c

On the Safe Side

On the Date Date

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, And while our military men jave told us that these same and while our military men jave told us that these same refuse to take in this dreadful fact.

While the atomic bomb and its control will have No. 1 priority in the talks between Prime Minister and President, they will not limit their on the President of the work of the president in the

No Opposing Theories

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There has been an cifort to make it seem that opposed economic philosophies were involved—deficit spending as against sound finance. England's present financial plight is a direct outgrowth of her huge expenditures for war. The loan to Britain, if it is approved on both sides of the Atlantic, with it is approved on both sides of the Atlantic, with the conflict.

While there is a conflict between our short-range interest and our long-range interest, reasonable and sensible men should be able to repent meets of the Brittian, 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. This concentration of American commy, unless we are willing to accept some control until our productive machine gets into high gear.

Long-Term Problem

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 in pace as in war.

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By Lichty Grin And Bear It

"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

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Some CIO leaders are of the
opinion that the next seven weeks
constitute a kind of open season
for showdowns. They base this
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until that date.
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NEW YORK
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People's Platform One Simple Problem

By B. H. EIDSON

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Is This Pay Day et
The Mills Up Above?
By J. G. PHILLIPS
Wadesbore
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the University of Chicago Round
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England. And
France. And Russia. And China,
Also our Latin-American neighbors.

Also our bear-annual property of the box.
Tell them to stop-look-listen-for a better and saner world.
(NOTE: It's a good question, and we're glad to pass it, although we fear our international circulation fan't what it ought to be.—Eds., THE NEWS.)

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