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Mr. Murray's About-Face

had been assuming all along that CIO's insistence, in the case of ral Motors, that the company should be opened and profits ex-ed as a basis for granting a wage screase, was a matter of general policy and acceptable to its president. Philip

merence, was a matter of general policy and acceptable to its president, Philip Murray. In fact we have even had occasion to applaud the union's stand against inflation, back when it was insisting that it didn't want a wage increase at the cost of increased prices. But it appears that raw, steel and steel bent into automobiles are two different things. For, in discussing the Steel Workers demand for an extra two dollars a day. Philip Murray said: "Although we believe the industry can meet our demands without price increases, the union considers the price problem something between the in-

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This, then, is a three-way acknowledgement that the seneral public is finally going to pay the cost of the labor troubles attendant to reconversion. It may turn loose a flow of goods, but what a complete' sell-out it 'isi!

Plous protestations that the line must be held against inflation, that prices must be kept in line, are still filling the air in Washington today, but the same Administration spokesmen who are pointing to the spiral with horror are setting ready to screw the national economy up another notth or two.

Mr. Murray's admission that, in the case of Steel at least, of the union's beautiful and the search of the spiral with the search of the spiral way of the union's beautiful and the search of the spiral way of the union's beautiful and the search of the spiral way of the union's beautiful and as soon as the owners batter down the few remaining Federal controls, they will be free to shake the public down for all its worth during the months of full production ahead. It's some sort of victory for the union too, for it will certainly guarantee higher wages.

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It is a fleeting triumph, for it was gained at the expense of the inarticulate consumer, the man who can't make himself heard against the organized furore created by the unions and the industries. But the helpless little fellow will, when he is finally plucked clean and dropped into a pit of depression, take the noisy giants down with him.

Mink And Malnutrition

Not long ago R. H. Macy & Co.. UNRRA's every request and still wallow the fabulous New York Department in luxury. Store, ran an advertisement in the olitan papers calling attention to

Store, ran an advertisement in the metropolitan papers calling attention to the \$246 mink overcoats for dogs available in its Kennel Shop. The copy writer was allowed to indulge a fancy for dubious puns, and, along with a pleture of beninked poodle, the advertisement proclaimed. "What a witch... Since she got her Macy Mink." Quite a little furore has weekenged over the ad, and PM, the practicing champion of the masses, has reprinted it along with some gruesome photographs of Europe assuring children. Concluding this some gruesome photographs of Europe assuring children. Concluding this some gruesome photographs of Europe assuring children. Concluding this some furusome photographs of Europe assuring children. Concluding this some algorithm of the state of the st

in order to beat back starvation abroad, when we could, if we would, grant

UNRIAS every request and sain wands in huxury.

We have not yet accepted the obligations that go with our new position in the world, and for that we are due all the terrible criticism that shows in the hollow eyes starring out from PM's pictures. But it is futile to concentrate

But it is futile to concentrate the blace for our national defection to the wear bird-brained dowagers who will report to Macy's advertisement.

Our failure is not a matter of class or income: we are, as a nation, giving in to an overwhelming desire to turn away from the world and seek solace in the old illusion of isolation. Taking the dog-coats out of Macy's window word cure us; indeed, the right of every man to dress his dog as he sees fit is in-male under the system that has made us the best-fed and, for a brief moment, the most powerful nation on earth.

moment, the most powerful nation on earth.

Outlawing the manufacture and sale of canine wind-breakers will put no. food in the world's empty bellies; instead we should begin now to use our great wealth and power to rebuild the shattered nations so that women everywhere will be able to dress their poodles in mink, if they see fit. Peace and prosperity will be guaranteed, we think, when Macy can take another advertisement announcing that it has become dog-coat purveyor to the world.

Muttering From Below

All through the spinning Year of Our into Mr. Gall's back, killing him in-lord 1945 we had clung to the belief that the madness that had seized all manking had somehow, left the Animal Kingdom untouched. The biped was obviously beserk, dangerously off his runwousy oesers, cangerously bit his runher, but the usual quiet sanity seemed
to prevail among the furred, the feathered and the finny, a steadiness that
boded well for the day when they will
inherit the scarred and smoking planet
left behind when homo sapiens finally
achieves the total destruction that is his

Then, shortly after the passing of the vernal equinox, fearful tidings began to pour in. In rapid succession, in one ill-starred week, we read these news items. In Houston, Texas, Stanley Bonner went out in his back yard with a pistol, took careful aim, and killed a duck. He then swung his gun upon another fowl, but before he could pull the trigger the second duck sprang upon his wrist and deflected the muzzle so that Mr. Bonner succeeded only in shooting himself in

the leg.

In Holyoke, Colorado, a dog jumped into the back of Farmer Harvey Gall's truck, put his paw squarely on the trigger of a shotgun, and sent the charge

into Mr. Gall's back, killing him instantly.

Res Hagerstown, Maryland, Wader Knight fired at a large buck, whereupon meder turned, pinned Mr. Knight to the ground with his antiers, picked up the gun with one of his six points, and dashed away into the underbrush.

Only the cheerful fool will ignore the dread import of these scattered inclents. There is rebellion here, and a touch of the universal madness. Buck, duck and dog have clearly had enough of man and his foolish ways, and now, in civilization's waning hour, they are pushing the clock ahead and giving us a preview of dark things to come.

No organized resistance yet, it is true, only the undisciplined outbreak of a fretful and trigger-happy few. But behind the deceptively wagging talls, the docile submission to the galling bit, the thoeful clucking in the barnyard, mutiny is brewing. Look at the rational animal, the irrational animals are saying. See how he meets his own petty problems. Can we safely leave our destiny in his care?

What can man reply? Man, the vertebrate favored above all others, who helder he learned how to split the invisible atom before he learned how to feed his own children.

John G. Norris In The Washington Post:

George S. Patton, Romanticist

Now is the time to tell this story. After live years I am free to set down the They concern George S. Pattonthe Romanticist.

When our conversation took place. Patton, then a brigadier, was acting sommander of one of the Army's two armored divisions. Some newspapermen had been invited to Fort Benning, Ga, to witness a tank demonstration. It wasn't much of a show. Patton, keen student of armored warfare, recognized it as kindergarten stuff.

At dinner I sat I

"However, I expect to live up to my distinguished ancestry." The general continued. "Someday I shall lead an American Army to victory in battle, a great battle that will go down in history. I'm sure of it. Then you can write what I have just told you. I'd like my connection with Washington known then."

Patton's two daughters, sliving in Washington, confirm the relationship. They are Mrs. John K. Waters, 3900 Tuniaw Road N. W. and Mrs. James Totten, 2900 45th St. N. W. They say the connection is through a daughter of George Washington's half brother. Lawrence. She married a member of the Marshall family, and a daughter of the Marshall family, and the daughter of the Marshall family, and the marshall family and the daughter of the Marshall family and the marshall family and the daughter of the Marshall family and the marshall family and the marshall family and the marshall family and the marshall family

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comments would fetch him a "bute discharge." - Hell. no." replied the General. "We'd have this Committee on our heads if anything like that happened. This boy is due to be discharged tomorrow and he'll get an honorable one—"light. on time. We not so that happened the waste any time letting him out of the Army,"

TRUSTED TAR HEEL

all during its progress through Congress.
Three others also deserving credit are Jack Cochran of Missouri, will whittington of Mississippi, and Senator Abe Murdock of Units and Senator and Senator Confession and Indiana Company of the Mississippi and Senator and Senator

Harold Stassen won Congressional friends last week at an off-the-record session of first-term and second-term Republican Congress-men. After speaking briefly, he invited questions from Congress-

rifying times the people of the people of the best interest of the people of the best interest of the people of the best interest of the United States and Russian must and can get along Russians must learn is that the people of both lands want peace. He added that he could understand how the out of overnment opposes their international policies, yet has no set plan of its own.

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Dorothy Thompson

The Atomization Of Civilization less Allied policies changed. To drive the point home. I suggested that it would be more humane to man children. The response was scattered appliause. The vicarious speciacie of the famished bodies and charred bones of Nazl victoria in the vicarious bay-killers themselves. Saturday's papers announced and a half million German-spearhat the enforced exocits of string persons from the eastern lands. Lies, healiess. Reich is now to begin in earnest—just at Christmas time, perhaps in commencation of the Babe of Behinden? The result will be anarchy, pil-

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of the Babe of Bethichem? The result will be anarchy, pillage, famine, and monstrous crime arising out of ruthless struggle for personal survival, plus moral distinsionment. There will thus be an acceleration of spiritual miniism among conquered and conqueror, in which both will lose faith in any conceivable moral active.

contempt, and participation in causing it breeds callounness, as the anodyne for a sense-of guilt. The conscience and resulting them either set up a condition of a pill personality amount of the property of the point where bruilties come naturally. However, and the publicity of the Dachau and Belsen horrors have not made mankind more tender of humanity. The demoralization of the American Army in Germany is a fact that cannot much longer refact that cannot much longer refact that cannot much longer remaining the property of the property

The People's Platform

"Poor Christmas Spirit..."

By CICERO HUGHES AND EARL KELLY

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In answer to Mrs. Punice Lockman's letter of Dec. 15, regarding fortistmas ald for the children of strikers, it seems to the control of th

has brought to all textule workers, including herself, if she still works in a mill. Textule wages would still be averaging \$10 to \$12 a week if it hadn't been for the fight put up by organized labor which brought a 60-cent minimum to the textile industry. Since then, organized labor has fought for and obtained increases in the nour and is now pressing for a 65-cent minimum.

FREE AND INDEPENDENT.

out that followed World War I.

A POOR SPIRIT
Regardless of how you feel about the union, however, it seems that the poor tind of Christmas apitit that would leave children without any Santa Claus because their parents have chosen to lead the fight for better wages and workling conditions.

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WODEL OF TACT

The reply Lord Hallfax sent back was a model of diplomate tact but it was neverther and the sent of the sent of

his pies. Philadelphia. Boston, San Francisco, Den-ver. Chicago and Atlantic City all sent dele-gations. But amelier communities also burned with civic zeal. Sault Ste. Marie in Michigan, on the international boundary with Canada, wanted the site. One proposal was to locate it near Thomas differsor's home at Monticello, Va. Miami, Fla., put in an application in that stresseed all of Pioridas.

Samuel Grafton

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