### Henry's Choice

Henry Wallace is behaving most peculiarly, to be a practicing Com-munick, Socialist, or starry-eyed dream-ers, American business is going to wake up to that fact shortly, and begin to

er. American business is going to wake up to that fact shortly, and begin to wonder.

For he didn't call in Sidney Hillman and Earl Browder to plot against the business of the country. Just when the opposition expected that he'd contact the control of the contr

That he chose respected and veteran

That he chose respected and veteran financiers and business executives might surprise a public accustomed to hear Mr. Wallace is not going to be a run-of-the-mine Secretary of Commerce, by any means. He's going to fight for a cause or two in his time. But he'll be highly orthodox in the doing. He's going to veer about as far to the left as Zrie Johnson, say, And If that's not what we've been led to expect, why we can smile a knowing smile toward the far right and relax. We think.

### County Schools

The State, you know, pays the entire cost of the basic nine-months, stewly-egrades-school system in North Carolina. The money is allocated to school units according to the number of their pupils. This is what is called the State Standard. Despite the State Standard. Despite the State our remitting effort to find more money for schools, the standard remains a minimum. It's about all the schools can get by on.

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Most all of the cities of the State and a few counties have, by a vote of their people, proceeded to supplement this minimum support by levying local taxes on themselves. The Chariotte school system, for example, has long been the beneficiary of a 25-cent special tax which enables it to pay higher salaries to teachers (thereby, at least in theory, obtaining superior teachers) and to add subjects and activities to its course. There is talk of an additional 5-cent tax.

Mecklenburg County schools, how-

the course. There is talk of an additional Secent tax.

Mecklenburg County schools, however, have remained tacitly content until now with the State Standard, even when that meant only eleven-grades for eight months. Any supplementary tax would have to be paid exclusively by the people in the county who live beyond the city limits, and there is no denying that they have, for the most part, less financial means out of which to pay a tax than the people of the city. We believe that they will vote to pay it, all the same, and right willingly.

For Mecklenburg is in an urban area, which means that along with enjoying the advantages of a city near by it labors under some of the disadvantages, such as a higher cost of living. Whereas the standard State salary may be adequate for a teacher in remote Swain in Mecklenburg. The result of that there were the complex staff up to full number, not to mention full quality. It cannot meet the competition of lower living costs in more rural counties and higher ceaching is the cities and living costs in more rural counties or higher teacher pay in the cities and counties which supplement State funds.

And so fine a county as Mecklenburg deserves, as everybody knows, better than minimum school standards.

### Cash And Cattle

Abank is supposed to be a solid, and often stolid, community institution with a stern eye fixed upon profit and security. It is designed to boister public confidence and undergird business stability. The banker of tradition is a cold and calculating man with a small heart and a large, penetrating brain which is forever focused upon collateral and there, we'll remind you, is not always the man of tradition.

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In there is a famous bank on Long Island which promoted and underwrote the complete rebuilding of its city's business, sections which provide bundled to the complete which provide bundled to the complete provided bundled to the complete provided bundled to the control of the con over the country. And there is the example of Charlotte's Citizens Bank, a financial house which is not content to follow the traditional lines of the busi-

This week, as a "little expansion" of its farm program, the Citizens amounced that it had ouight, for the use of the farm program, the Citizens amounced that it had ouight, for the use of the control o

raise good cattle. This, too, in the strict scuse, is a non-profit scheme. Is this banking? It is indeed, And it is much more. It is the kind of bank-ing which will inevitably increase busi-ness and profits, and promote abundant goodwill for this institution. The congoodwin for this institution. The com-munity at large will share in these two schemes, for they are not limited in scope, and they render service far beyond the confines of any profit-and-less statement. This is business on the beam.

### Just 300 Billions

Well, here we go. Shortly, barring unforscen difficulties, our public debt. limit will jump to 300 billion dolfars. It almost, has to. You can't say no while the costs of war are mounting by something like four billions a mouth. At least the House Ways & Means Committee couldn't say no, and the bill is likely to be passed by the House this

mittee couldn't say no, and the bill is likely to be passed by the House this week.

We're caught. Right now the debt limit is 260 billions, and the debt itself is 235 billions, and about to grow out of its breeches. We're due to hit the present limit about September, and so must enlarge in advance. It's been just a year, in case you've forgotten, that Congress compiled with President Roberti's request to up the limit from 210 billions to 260. At first the House cuit's request to up the limit from 210 billions to 260. At first the House quibbled, tried to cut him down to 240, but gave in when the Senate raised the ante.

Most members of Congress are expecting this to be the last raise. With the end of the war with Germany in sight, it is held likely that the debt will not exceed 300 billions by January 1, 1947. By that time the war against Japan may be finished. Some economists are quite cheerful about it all. They point out that a debt of 300 billions equals about \$2,113 per capita, or \$3,000 per family — and that Interest charges by 1947 would be about six billiona annually.

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charges by 1947 would be about six billions annually.

Though interest alone will cost 242
per capita, and amounts to one and a
half times the total expenditures of
the Government on the eve of the New
Deal, our commists—or some of them—
are not perturbed. They say we will
have no difficulty handling the big debt
or its interest charges, so long as the
national Income stays around 155 billions. They point out contortingity
that the public debt will be only twice
our income, in that case, and that many
corporations do business under such
conditions. They point out, too, that
the British labor along number a debt of
two and a half times the national income.

Okay, okay. But we see many a hard Winter ahead, all the same.

### Statesmen At Work

(Serious, facetious and comic excerpts from the Congressional Record).

SEN. HILL (Alm.) Henry wallace is one at Henry Wallace. Mr. Baruch, who is certainly no upstart as a student of the Americannot protect and, preserve the structure of this Nation's great in the protection of the Nation's conomy. It will be radically and dangerous to risk the economic chaos which will surely follow if we pursua the which will surely follow if we pursua the which will surely follow if we pursua the other men who provided the foresight and contained and delay. Henry Wallace was one of the men who provided the foresight and contained the programs with which has been identified were conceived, they were damped as impractical and unovikable. A supposition of a provided with give by those who cell is also print. Read the Bectaration of inspectation and distortion of a romark which is quoted and educated.

# The Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON

THE President's first Oabinet meeting after returning from Yalia was also Henry Wallace's first Cabinet meeting as Secretary of Commerce. He had taken the oalth of office only three hours before. At the Cabinet members hours before. The state of the table, since Cabinet members rank in the order that their departments were created, and the Commerce and Labor Departments rank members and Labor Departments rank members and Labor Departments rank of the long table, remarked. The President, who als at the head of the long table, remarked:

The Jackson of the Commerce Department of welcome from your predecessor when you arrived at the Commerce Department of welcome from your predecessor when you arrived at the Commerce Department of welcome from your predecessor when you arrived at the Commerce Department and replied in the negative,

Farm Bloc Functions

Form Bloc Functions
Sometimes the Congressional farm bloc feels its oats to such an extent that it demonstrates list ownerjust for the fun of it. That was what happened when the House paeced the Flannangan resolution—which does nothing more than say that Congress considers a law it passed two years earlier still should be observed. This law is the Tydings amendment to the Selective Service Act which provides for the deferment of farm

Service Act which provides for the deferment of farm workers.

The House spens several hours trying to decide whether it should pass the new resolution, even though everyone knew it would go through. Hard-shitting Congressmen like Ed tax of California, Gene Workey of all the resolution did was remind the nation, that 340,000 men from 18 to 25—the age group the Army wants most for lighting—are being depled the Army.

El Paso's Thomason declared his support for the Tydings amendment, but said he saw no reason to pass further legislation on the subject. San Digo's Lear. a wounded and decorated lieutenant commander in the last was the same to the sam

will have backbone enough to throw out all legislation that inhereferes with the winning of the war. The condition. The 340,000 beyon the farm are to more precious to their fathers and mothers than are the other boys who have been taken away and are how serving in the army and the Naty.

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countries tell of one significant move by the Nasis
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### Wallace Sweam In.

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to swear Wallace in, the new Secretary of Commerce
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that the Secretary of the Secretary of Secretary
transit Wallace called over to him: "Harry, bung the
savel." Truman laughed, rapped on the desk,
and said: "The House will come to order." "Just
then grabbed his hand and almost hollect." "Value in."
Then Black gave Wallace a big unjudicial bear
hug."

hug.

Wallace's happy-go-lucky assistant. Harold Young, sometimes described as looking like "in unmade bed," actually had his halr combed for the swearing in, "This is the first time Harold didn't sleep in his suit since he came to Washington," cracked one of Young's friends.

Nearly everyone high up in the Administration of the Wallace take the eath, Examinated one friend, "Its Wallace take the eath, Examinated one friend, "Its Wallace take the eath, Examinated one friend, "Its Leave the eath, Examinated and related," Its Leave the eath of the eath of



# The Bleakness Of Italy

By Marquis Childs

ALMOST every American and A British officer with whom I have talked about the plaint of the plaint o

or a year or decudes.

The Government of Premier Bonomi represents neat to nothing.
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said to me that, if Italy ultimateby goes Communist, as many fear
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never get beyond the paper size.

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Government announced a series of
trigent reforms that included aboillion of the black market, raising
of makes and taxes, and the confiscation of all wealth in brokes of

what was owned in 1922, the latter measure being based on the as-sumption that increased riches must have come as a result of Pascist connections. No one, how-ever, has very much confidence that these reforms will be carried out.

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The machinery does not exist to lake such steps, many of them essential if the Italian economy is to be received. And so the Altred Commission has had to do some more prodding.

more prodding.

During nearly a year, that Commission has been trying to make some kind of sense out of this Faacht-ridden, war-weary country. The same thing has happined over and ever again. It's been a little like trying to restore a sick ortapus to life.

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Represelely, the Commission has told the Government that it must told the Government that it must take steps to carry out fond distribution rather than rely on Alticomment to the thing of the comment of the thing to the comment of the thing promptly falls into prolonged Cabractly nothing.

actly nathing.
"Black market" is a loose form
but, used in the broadest sense to
describe transactions outside the
theoretical price and ration control, it would cover perhaps 70

percent of the Halian economy, according to informed sources the similar with the long structle to get the Halian system restarted. Today everyone takes the black market for granted. Only a few weeks ago, rail aertice from Rome to Naples was reopened for civilian massenger. The piete of the Journal of the State of t

sand life.

Those who attempt to analyze the Itelian situation always add, of course, that nothing can be final so long as northern Italy permains in the hands of the Germania. From northern Italy, particularly from Milan, in the past came the political forces that gave direction to the entire country.

direction to the entire country.

In the north, too, is the greatest concentration of industry, and therefore also skilled and politically conscious workers. The south, which we inherited by conquest, has been traditionally a poorhouse and a museum for tourists.

# Quote, Unquote

DHERE are three thinns shout the Japanese that must not be overlooked. The Japanese had army is numerically today Just about as large as the German arabout as large as the German arabout as large as the Japanese as the Jap

Hitherto the idea of a new Eu-ope has been linked with that of ferman hegemony. Housefull

propagantla on this scheme should now soft-pedal German hegemony and atress equality for the Freuch. —Instructions found on German officers.

The business of becoming adult a the business of descovering hat the world is not organized a minister to our wishes.

-Dr. Everett Case, president Colgate U.

the world. My acquisitive instinct accounts for thany of me reviews. Dr. Joseph Wood Krutch of Columbia U.

Nine hundred thousand more will he needed in the Army and Navy in the first six months of this year. —Undersecretary of War Robert P. Patterson.

Under our present procedure no soldier can leave this country un-til he is prepared to perform the

SIDE GLANCES



"All right, go ahead and continue your factory work and your cold lunches after the war—I'll take standing over a hot stove and scrubbing any day for the right man!"

## Pay Or Suffer?

By Samuel Grafton

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bankers want it. Some of our more ignorant writers, who have kind of mashed the whole Bretton Woods plan together, and who are wildly attacking all of it, in the fond belief that they are thereby serving Aumerican conservative opinion, must be caused in the conservative opinion, must be caused in the conservative opinion, must be caused in the conservative opinion. The control bank is the conservative opinion of the conservative of the conservative opinion.

# Work Or Fight?

RECLASSIFICATION to 1A of three workers in the Cocker Machine and Poundry Co. plant at Gastonia, after they had retill Gastonia, after they had retill Gastonia, after they had retill Gastonia, after they had rebished to enforce A War Labor of the Color of t

# People's Platform

Editors, THE NEWS:

The soldiers here at Pope Field have been discussing at great length the approaching coal strike cand be sure there will be a strike). What we can't understand is this:

Why doesn't sourcess do some-thing now to prevent 1? Why wait until burderds of miles are shut down and left Why the shut down and left Why the shut down and left Why the wait will have on, inclustry, not to men-tion the effect upon the morale of rom in .the service?

stylke now will cause the deaths of hundreds of American kids?

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Lion the effect upon in morace or men in the service?

Is this John L Lewis greater than our country and the cause we fight for? Does this bird have anyone in his family lying in a fox hole in the Pacific area? Do men under this realize that a Relief of Related of Relate Edward R.