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For Unity

to the bleak hours of America's the there were lights to be seen. It washing of President Rooverelt dealt the nation and the world a crippling stor, For his death there is no compensation, and the man and his living spirit, see an Irrepatable loss. But there is truth, we believe, in this: in his absence, Americans will come closer to expense, a series and the same which once arose out of Mr. Roosevelt's sheer being will subside, the sharp edges of factionalism and dismity may be smoothed.

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And this, of course, is no discredit to the memory of the man who led us, and stood. Torth so bravely for American causes, and world causes, too. It was a familiar enough phenomenon, in his time, that when he spoke for a cause, he immediately found certain powerful opponents arrayed against him — simply because he, himself, had advanced it. We cannot forget that it was this way in his relations with Congress, all through the developing battle of legislitive and executive authorizes her with the state of the basic nature of his New Deal. Thus what might appear to be President Truman's weakness actually becomes a strength, a weapon for unity. For it is certain that his dealings with congress will be something else again. His attitude is shown by his unprecedented appearance among Senators, shortly after the heavy mantle of office had fallen upon him. It is significant that he went to them, without thinking twice, and die not wait for the Senate to call upon him. It is safe to assume that, whereas Mr. Roosevelt of sen men of the safe, guarantees that his relation and non-Administration policies, and a friend to members on both sides of the asies, guarantees that his relationship with Congress will be friendly indeed. More than that, he will rely on the Congress more heavily and thus the constant of this new relationship between President and Congress that it will be close-thit, with a minimum of division, even on party lines. President and congress that it will be close-thit, with a minimum of division, even on party lines.

tionship between President and Congress is that it will be close-knit, with a minimum of division, even on party lines. President Truman is described as a product of his training as a small-town politician and fenator. a man who will set no crusacte its motion. It may well be that, with the unqualified support of the nation, and the profered friend-

of the nation, and the profered friend-ship of Congress, he may lead us to the achievement of Franklin Roosevelt's goals with an easy facility our great de-parted leader never dreamed possible. There was something of this hope in President Truman's first speech yes-serday. It lacked the dramatic touch, the Innesse and the ferror of most of the finesse and the fervor of most of Mr. Roosevelt's speeches. But it was so obviously sincere, so clearly the uttersance of an earnest man, seeking sym-pathy and support, that it boded well for relations with Congress.

Let's Fix Franz

When a Ninth Army lieutenant from Entucky and seven of his men fell upon Franz von Papen in the Ruhr last week they had an arch-criminal of war whose guilt is greater than that of Hiller himself, and we hope that Washington, London and Moscow were quick to recognize that fact—and that they will act upon it.

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We hope that pencils moved in Lon-don, marking through the name of Von Papen, high up on the long list of criminals who must come to justice. We hope there criminals who must come to justice. We hope there were grim smiles when the report of Von Papen's words came in: 'I wish this war were over.' We hope there will be no forgetting, mo forgiving, and that this bell-cow of Mazism will be sentenced for what he surely is — the red-handed slayer of millions who have died in this war, and in the last.

There can be no forgetting that it was You Papen who headed the sabotagering in America during the last war, plotting against U. S. lives; that he directed a \$40,000,000 campaign of sabotage within the country—and escaped punishment entirely.

And we cannot forget that, in 1932, it was You Papen who stood on the

back stairs and delivered the Reich into the hands of Hitler, in company with Krupp and Thyssen. Nor that he has been the agent and mouthpiece of Hitler, willingly doing his bidding, throughout the years. He is certain to plead, we think, that he is no Nast, that he had schemed to overthrow his master and make peace. If we keep an eve on the record he cannot escape an eve on the record he cannot escape

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It was he who destroyed Austria, and doubless plannetaten et eaths of all other European by ho failed in Turkey, when the record he cannot be the control of the co

It seems obvious to us that Von Papen will never learn to live with the world: It's much too late for that. We hayon't much hope that it will come to pass, but a picture we cherish in the mind's eye is that of a pale Von Papen, creet against a wall at sunrise, looking into the light he did so much to darken, and into the muzzles of a firing squad.

Merger

The amicable manner in which the merger of the Iron Dukes and the Blocks of Granite was brought about suggests that there was really never much of a reason, beyond the sport of the thing, why they should have fought each other so exuberantly. The Citizens Group, to be sure, got itself launched as a re-form movement, and it accomplished certain reforms. But nearly every new administration finds some straightening up which needs to be done and a few corners which have gone unswept. So

up which needs to be done and a few corners which have gone unawell. So will the next one.

That the people subscribed to this unexcited view of the case was indicated in the 1943 election when, after one term's experience with a predominantly Iron Duke administration, they returned a majority of the Dukes to the Council (7 of 11) yet elected a Granite mayor. And the Granite mayor and the Iron Duke Councilmen found that they got along nicely.

Who first issued the overture for a merger all along the line, we don't know nor greatly care. But it was an inspiration. For the fact of the matter was that having a faction of Iron Dukes and a faction of Blocks of Granite was itself a deterrent to getting good men or un for office. It meant that they would have the campaign which roude would have the apposition of the faction whose banner they carried, yea. But they would have the opposition of the other crowd.

The genius of the merger, where places on the Council are concerned, stant it does away with this needless and baseless clash of tickets and persuades good men to offer under the common sponsorably of those who want the city to be well run. This is a happy development up to a point, but we wouldn't juarantee its permanence.

For beyond getting men to agree to offer for the Council and serve on it, we need men who crave to get on the

offer for the Council and serve on it, we need men who crave to get on the Council so they can do things. In short, for the man to seek the offer ather than the office to seek the man, a man with push to 'im. That is the math shortcoming of the merger, and that ahortcoming is, in all probability, what will bust it up in time.

No sooner is income tax day past than a new war-bond drive looms in the offing. Beyond the Alps, boys, lie other

Statesmen At Work

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

During a Senate session last week, when businesses are seen as shout to be taken, someone suggested the absence of a quorum, and a roll call was taken. As 71 Senators answered musually large number, members rose in the routine fashion to explain Mr. Hill. I announce that the Sena-

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Later, Leche arranged to sell Burford a pipeline at the inflated value of \$100,000, which the Government at Burford's ab-oil oil persions. As Governor of the state, Leche was supposed to enforce hot-oil laws.

Burford Becomes Colonel

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Leche was indicted, and so was Burford. However,
Federal Judge T. W., Davidson of Dallas refused to extradite Burford tothe Federal Government, a most unusual proceeding. Later, Burford got a commission as
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Supply, while thousands of other men were denied commissions even accomment of the men were denied commissions even accomment with the state of the color of the color
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company, which netted him from \$40,000 to \$50,000. He
even pulled a thousand-dollar bill out of his pocket in

made this morning."

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more morphing-up operations, but the war's actually ma-liance of the control of the control of the control of the Eut from the other end of the shade ame the charming roice of Mrs. Reien Gebagan Douglas, Con-gresswonian from Los Angeles. The war will be over, "when our husbands come home—and no sooner. You ask any woman in this country whether the war is our husbands come home." On the shade of the con-curry that the control of the shade of the con-curry of the control of the control of the con-trol of the control of the control of the con-trol of the control of the control of the con-trol of the control of the control of the con-trol of the control of the control of the con-trol of the control of the control of the con-trol of the control of the control of the con-trol of the control of the control of the con-trol of the control of the control of the con-trol of the control of the control of the con-trol of the control of the control of the con-trol of the control of the control of the con-trol of the control of the control of the con-trol of the control of the control of the con-trol of the control of the control of the con-trol of the control of the control of the con-trol of the control of the control of the con-trol of the control of the con-trol of the control of the control of the con-trol of the con-trol

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Those Rumors Of FR's Health

By Marquis Childs

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Quote, Unquote

A LLIED blows at Germany are becoming ever more effective-and everything seems to point to a strictly elaborated and timed plan of co-ordination between the Allied fronts now about 300 miles apart. Kolometisch, Russian military writer.

does not, however, mean that we should do nothing. On the contrary, it means that the nations about get, started, working together in ways that can promote association and dissipate the present distrust. John Fester Dulles.

The fact that we cannot yet new experiment in international

dations of this at San Francisco. This endeavor may well prove to be the world's last chance. —British Foreign Secretary An-thony Eden.



"I'm sure I saw you hiding something under that counter, young lady! I don't know what it was, but if there's any under-the-counter selling going on here I want my share!"

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People You Meet

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