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## Too Many Cooks

If you were a veteran, coming back the civilian life, and looked to Wash-sites for help with this problem or nat, you wouldn't be disappointed. out find a veritable empire of vet-ma's agencies, all prying into your roblems, all tied up with the inevitable overnment red tape. You'd find these:

- L. The President.
  A. Committee on In-service Rehabilitation.
  1. Administrator of Veteran's Affairs.
  2. Secretary of Vay.
  4. Chairman of War Manpower Commission.
- II Department of Commerce.

  A. Committee for Economic Develop-
- rch Division.
- - A. U. S. Office of Education.
    B. Social Security Board.
    C. Public Health Service.
    D. Office of Vocation Rehabilitation.
- IV. Department of Labor. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Employment and Occupational Out-look Branch.
- V. Selective Service System.
  A. Reemployment Division.

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  B. Buraau of Budget.
  C. Office for Emergency Managemen
  1. War Mobilization Committee.
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  a. Advisory Unit for War and
  Post War Adjustment Policy.
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  c. Bureau of Fiscement.
  d. WMC Regional Offices.
  e. WMG State Offices.
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  f. WMG Area Offices.
  g. U. S. Employment Service,
  Local Offices.
  h. War Froduction Board.
  war Production Board.
  War Stupping Administration.
- VII. Veterans Administration.
  - A. Veteran Claim Service.

    B. Dependents' Claim Service.

    C. Vocational Rehabilitation Service.

    D. Facilities and Regional Offices.
- VIII. Department of Agriculture.
- A. War Food Administrator. B. Extension Service.
- IX. Railroad Retirement Board.
  A. Bureau of Employment and Claims.
- Z. Civil Service Commission.
   A. Examining and Personnel Utilisation Division.
   B. Utilisation and Employment of Veterans.

## V-E Prelude

The resignation of Jimmy Byrnes is an infallible sign that Washington sees the immediate end of war in Europe. It dares not say so, but the departure of a top war executive is proof enough for us. Mr. Byrnes as much as said so, for us. Mr. Syrnes as much as said so, in decilining to stay on to take charge of reconversion. And this points up once more the uncertainty, the vacilitation, which has marked Washington man-power policy throughout the war. No one can depy that the Administration, faced with the nigh-impossible task

tion, faced with the night-impossible task of creating, supplying and fighting a force capable of whipping half the world, has conducted itself superbly. The accomplishment, certainly, is without parallel in the history of warfare. But we've never been able to puzzle out just how Washington's high policy-makers planned their jobs. planned their jobs

planned their jobs.

We've been pulled this way and that. There has been backing and filling, particularly with respect to manpower and the draft. There have been esseens of optimism, pessimism and studied quiet in Washington. The Administration has dailed with its manpower policy, and still dailies. It has boomed for more manpower, and cut back its demands. It has come af bortly re-deabled it. And perhaps such sec-sawing was inevitable, requirements of war bewas inevitable, requirements of war be-ing what they are. But it's been a storm of confusion, and validates a good deal of Republican criticism that the Admin-istration didn't know what it wanted

in manpower legislation.
At this moment, with Congress still

ecking at that question, the White ouse indicates its belief that Germany House indicate its belief that Germany is ready to crumble by bidding Mr. Byrnes farewell. And we have no doubt that the pleas will be heard, shortly, for every American to stick to his job, that the war in Europe is not done, and that Japan looms large on the horizon.

### Nice And Quiet

There's one charge the men overseas can't bring against us—that, at a time when Europe is sounding list death rattle, we Charlotteans back home are playing politica as usual. A few among us may be making themselves more amilable than their wont, with a view to getting elected to some office, but the citzenry at large displays, with the primary less'n a month off, a decided anathy.

This comes about, we believe, because This comes about, we believe, because the war naturally towers over all lesser considerations, and because there really aren't any hot issues. There are, to be aure, two factions: the Iron Dukes and their followers engender some suggestion of rivalry and hold powwowa and go through maneuvers. But they seem to have found a patch of common ground in their tactic agreement upon Baxter for Mayor.

Furthermore, the elimination of elec-tion-by-wards has calmed things down somewhat. There'll be no more of those private head-to-head contests staged part from the main show. Instead, the even high men, city-wide, will be our next Councilmen, and if there is a good enough selection to choose from, a good enough council will result.

Other than the ability of those men, there isn't another issue, nor does one appear to be formerling. There's nothing much crying for reform, no Outs walfing to get heat in, no high-taxers vs. low-taxers, no controversy over morality or the tariff and no high-powered machines.

Looks, in sum, like a very dull election. For that reason, it ought to be a pretty satisfactory one.

### Answer In Kind

Federal Judge E. Yates Webb, after a generation on the bench, is not easily surprised. But this week's case of the Reverend flamuel Kelly Brazil atumped him. He is quoted as saying that the case was the strangest of his career.

The militater was charged with sending extortionary letters through the mail, threatening letters. He had sent one to himself. It was a business about threats to burn down the First Baptist Church of Thomasboro, of which the Reverend Brazil had been pastor for ten

And, when Judge Webb had expressed And, when Judge Webb had expressed his amazement, he passed a sentence which befitted such a curious case: he auspended judgment upon the condition that the minister not engage in further religious activity within Mecklenburg County. For the Judge had been assured that the Reverend Brazil was already set up in Greensboro—where he could no longer vex Mecklenburghers.

The judgment strikes us as being as The judgment strikes us as being as strange as the case itself. For, you see, it solves nothing. It looses the defendant upon Guilford County, and returns him to the singular kind of ministry in which he engages without even a reprimand. Just so long as he piles his trade outside the county borders, understand, the court will not concern itself with him. We wonder how the good folk of Guilford will accept the verdict.

Asked for an opinion, quiz kid Kup-perman says, "I think they just don't transport meat shipments to the right places." Spoken like the free American and hungry small boy.

The broadcasters move to eliminate The broadcasters move to eliminate the middle commercial from their news. It is felt by many that this will clear up that stomach distress without taking the tablets in question.

## Statesmen At Work

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The results in the production of war materials and food in America-have far exceeded not only the results obtained by other nations but have far surpassed anything we have ever accomplished in our history.

The war is nearly over. Why in the name

# The Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON
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This is a substantial to the American state of the American state of the American state of from the U. S. A. and that the United States took pains to respect the Independence of Latin American states. But Stallin seemed uncoundred.

#### Stalin's Border States

Since then, evidence has increased that the Seviet considers (I) Latin America as a bloo which will airways vote with the United States; (2) smaller nations close to a big power as legitimate satellites of that power. to a big power as legitimate astellities of that power. For instance, when Winston Churchilli visited Moscow last Summer, Stalin was very frank in saying that Russia must have a series of states on her western border—Peland, Roumania, Finiand—which were friendly to her. He made it plain that the Soriet would not loierate for a minute a government in these bordering states which did not eco-operate with the US-SS.

Since then, Stalin has changed the government of Romania when it suited him, has forced the Aliles to accept the Polish Lublin government, and has caused a government turnover in Finland.

So the coldy realistic Stalln figures that the tacties he employs with his neighbors are employed also by the U.S.A. with lis neighbors and if not, then I've this country's fault. In fact, his only complaint to the Cuban Ambanador was that the United States didn't crack down on Argentina.

#### Byrnes Steps Out

For a long time, sofe-spoken little Jimmy Byrnes, President's all-round handyman, has been wanting

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knew it casis. But these that de any it pois the Chief in a bad position when it comes to heaving removering promises. First, there was the Vice-Presidency. Byrnes got the impression that FDR would welcome him as his running-mate. But, when he got IO Chicago, he was instructed vices it with Sydney hurse, so effectively used by the Republicans, got started. Byrnes told it to Bernie Brauch. Baruch told it to Arthur Krok, and, on that score, Jimmy got his revenge.

Later, Byrnes got what he though was a definite premise of Secretary of State when Cordell Hull resigned. He even made plans regarding he appoint and the secretary of the secretary of the secretary of the State when Cordell Hull resigned. He even made plans regarding he appoint provided to the secretary of State when Cordell Hull resigned. He even made plans regarding he appoint would be easier to manage, while Byrnes wend fasted on running things his own way. Se Byrnes we est again.

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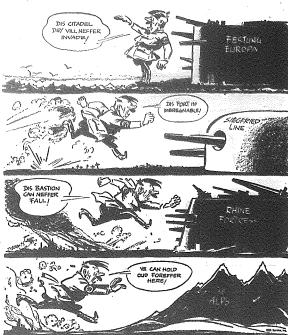
Jimmy fully expected to retire as war mobiliser just
before Christmas. Then came the Belgian bulge counter-attack and it looked as if the war would be prolonged. So he stayed on. In January, Pyrnes was restless again, didn't confer with the President except by
telephone, though his office is no me wing of the White
House. This coolness seemed healed when FDR took Byrnes to Yalta. Politically, it was one of the smartest hings the President ever did. For Byrnes came back to give Senators a close-up, lavorable picture of Stalin and what went on there.

While he was away, however, Byrnes' eld South Car-elina friend, Bernie Baruch, leveled a few barbe at him, implied he was ducking out of the Henry Wallace con-formation fight, also intimated he lacked the nerre to demand a tough manpower bill and crack down on other cirilian war laxity.

Actually, those who have watched Byrnes work know that behind his soft-spoken South Carolina charm he has been a lot tougher than most people reliated, that he has slaved day and night, that he has trodden on people's toes to right and left if it would help win the

But, now that the war is going well, Jimmy feels his is done. And, not too happy with his Chief, Byrnes

### Sez He!



# Let's Postpone The Conference

WASHINGTON

IF it were not obvious before, it is now perfectly clear that the San Francisco conference must be post-poned. I say that knowing very well how extonsive that conclave of statement. It would have been difficult under any circumstaces to reach an agreement about of weeks of debate. That debate would probably have occurred end as the wer reached to elimacitie

and the worr reached to climacity and the united states in the worrest of the come the disclosure that Russia and the United States intend to ask for the united States assembled in the United National States in the United States assembles ask of the united States and the United States and the United States and the United States could swing all decisions on drafting committed and more or less openly in his memorandum on the San Francisco conference.

But with three votes each, Russia and the United States could swing all decisions on drafting committeers and on the special commissions to be created. I have falked, with several diplomata from the smaller powers who express fraits dismay at this latest turn of events.

Bétore the disclosure at the secret voting agree-

Before the disclosure of the secret voting agreement at Yalis, members of delegations from the secondary powers talked of a minimum of the weeks at San Francisco and a maximum of eight weeks or longer. That would aimset exclusive make the conference edicide with the end of organised resistance in Germany. many.

What would happen then? Foreign Minister Anthony Eden would have to go back to London. So would Bidault of France, Spaak of Belgium, Van Kieffens of Holland and all the other chairmen of delegations.

pected to prolong the debate no one can say. But certainly it will prolong it.

Delegates who will represent the secondary powers at San Francisco have regarded the Dutch memorandum as a rallying point for their own dissatisfactions the way of the power of the concentrate to the Big Four. One of the subbassaders, in an wif-the-record talk, put it this way:

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"We think the Van Kleffens memorandum went too
r. Nevertheless, we intend to stand behind it—to
point. Not, let me say, to a point that would pramit any agreement at all being reached."
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vent any agreement at all being reached."

That was before the secret voting agreement bombshell was dropped. Today this same ambassador might feel even more strongly about the power tactics of the Big Tirne.

I have just been in France and I think I know what the secret agreement will mean there. They were deeply offended at not having been asked to participate in the final days of the Yalta Conference when the fate of Germany was diacussed. Then, supposedly, they were informed of all the decisions taken at Yalta. Now, according to a dispatch from Paris, Foreign Minister Bidsult reads in the newspapers of the secret agreement.

There is still another reason for postponement. Eusalus and the secret agreement. There is still another reason for postponement. Eusalus and the secret agreement. The Third Will almost certainly make for further delay, Whatever one may think of Grompto's, capacities as a diplomat—and his colleagues have high respect for him—the will not be able to any see or no without consulting Moseow, and that takes time.

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A perfectly good reason for postpohement is writ-ten in the headlines that leap out of every newspaper. You cannot ley out the framework of a new world at the exact moment that the old one is in final collapse. Fut it off until midsummer or Then the problems to be confront even early Fail. SIDE GLANCES



"Jim said in his letter that I should change the baby's name to Samuel! That's for Jim's sergeant—his colonel wasn't sufficiently impressed with the honor!"

## Magic For Peace

By Samuel Grafton

THE American people have built up a really furious attachment to the San Francisco constructions that the same than the same tha



the fair white sheet. We love it so.

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If we try, however, with equal sympathy, to look at the altuation from the Soviet point of view, we may find more reasons for the

By Samuel Grofton

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# The Fortress Alps

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come. Inal defense basions of real-come. The half of the Alpia are in Switzerland. The entire Alpias chain extends from west of the French-Italian border, through switzerland, through southern Ba-ren Austria almost to Vienna, and also through morth-western Yugo-laria, With a total length from and an average depth from north to south of perhaps 128 miles, the entire Alpine area of Europe cor-era a total area of some 50,000 and an average depth from sorth south of perhaps 128 miles, the entire Alpine area of Europe cor-era a total area of some 50,000 and which we have the south of the land.

square miles, exclusive of Switzer-land.

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The total Alpine region contains about 50 main passes. In general the passes are free from snaw for only about five or six months of the passes about three or four months. Prior to the Napoleonic Wars, military operations in the Wars, military operations in the November; after Napoleon, the lower passes were crossed from April to December, the higher fall times of the year military operations were bindered by heavy mists.

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