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Runnina Loose

We suppose few Americans are unsympathetic with the desire of the automobile workers to maintain their wartime incomes in a time of swollen prices. Their problem of living in these times is a problem common to all of us. And yet, if these hundreds of thousand; workers insist upon making a termination of the swollenger of the resorting to bargain-their problems. The strategy of the United Auto Workers is to the up company after company, one at a time, cutting off vital supplies and throwing individual concerns behind their rivals in the race to produce new cars. The UAW is concerned for the triume just as all of us are, but happens to be in a position to take action aimost without regard for the consequences.

What is happening in the automobile industries, and into other sections, if UAW is successful. More than that, if UAW gets its increased pay for shorter hours, or any part of it, there's nothing to prevent it taking the same line sixmonthis later, These tactics may be used gagin and again.

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The Inquisition

Some weeks ago, when Representative John Rankin advanced General George Patton as Secretary of War, you comb denote a kind of kinship between the men. Somehow the Mississippian had seen in the gun-toting commander aman he could admire; it went beyond Patton's obvious senius as a field commander—perhaps it went as far as John Hersey's point in A Balf For Admo. Since, the stories coming home from Germany have not indicated a change in the General.

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Orining have been reports that Patton has been busy routing out the Nazi small fry in his territory, but that he has left big business Nazis in their posts, in the interset of "efficiency." That was disturbing for a good many people. It is disturbing, just now, to General Ekenhower, who has called upon General-Patton to appear before him arrived the state of affairs in his region.

view the state of affairs in his region. As a contributing factor to this review there is the curious statement of General Patton that Nazism in Germany was roughly comparable to the fight between Republicans and Democrats in the United States. He was quick to correct that, once the word was out, but it was too late. A man just cannot believe that Nazism is a political party creed on one day, and murmur the next day that the allusion was unfortunate, that Nazism is really a vile, unspeakable thing.

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In an unguarded moment the man who fought so furiously in Africa, Sicily and through France into Germany revealed himself and his philosophy. He want flighting Nazis, but an armed enemy in the field. In an obscure sort of way he had shown earlier, in the soldier-alapping incident, for example, the principles which moved him. He is a splendid fighting man, but the simple are that he is not of great value to us in fighting Nozism during occupations. There is evidence, instead, that he condone the dread disease of humanity.

And so it is appropriate that General Eisenhower should call for an inspection. If reports are true in any respect,

we are losing the vital fight in Germany, and the aims of our occupation are not being achieved. We don't expect to hear the details of General Patton's explanation, but we hope the matter is plumbed to its depths.

Better Late

It looks, if you ask us, as though the Planning Board got a strong endorsement from the City Council at the closed session Mayor Baxter called. After feedsession Mayor Baxter called. After feeding the boys and putting up to them
the previously stated proposition, which
strongly implied that the Mayor was
impatient to be up and about the projects he has sponsored, he announced
after the meeting that the Council had
come out unanimously for a progressive
administration and was looking forward
to the Planning Board's report on postwar profects.

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war profects.

That is as it should be Without minimizing the leading part the Mayor has played in promoting Charlotte and striving to enhance the advantaces it has to offer, it is monthless true, we believe, that before doing anything the City needed to make, or to have made, an overall survey enumerating which undertakings might be 11 more pressing and (2) more desirable, and (3), in relation one to another, more immediately feasible.

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diately feasible.

Such a survey, up to date and authentic would have been on hand for the incoming Gity Council's condensation in the incoming Gity Council's condensation. The lateness of its start adds immeasurably to the difficulties of the pioneer board, By the same token, is becomes all the more imperative that we bear with it awhile.

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For that reason The Neurs, despite its respect for Mr. Baxter's vision and enthusiasm, was quick to throw in its let with the Planning Board, Planning uithe years to come should maintain from one administration to the next the same progressiveness which has characterized Mayor Baxter's terms, but which the next mayor may be indifferent to.

By-Product

E. C. Hunt. Superintendent of Public Welfare in Davidson County, has posed a side Httle problem for the State Merid. System Council. Mr. Hunt, according to the State Bureau of Investigation's report on the election fraud case in Davidson, was engaged in political activity. And, according to Merit System rules, he was not supposed to do so. Dr. Frank Devyver, supervisor of the Merit System Council, read through the SBI report with little interest in the election fraud case itself. He came upon evidence that Mr. Hunt had been in politics up to the hilt. Mr. Hunt had been an advisor to the Democratic Executive Countities up to the hilt. Mr. Hunt had told SBI agents that he had been an advisor to the Democratic Executive Countities up to the hilt. Mr. Hunt had told taken ballots that came to him by mail to Democratic headquarters.

Further, and even more interesting, the SBI prost showed the testimony of a Washington handwriting expert who said that it was his opinion that Mr. Hunt had forged 198 signatures on believed the superintendent of the province of the province of the superintendent of the Rules of the SBI Rules. His resignation on the grounds that he had violated Merit System rules. Mr. Hunt refused to resign, and Dr. DeVyer was at a loss. He didn't know what to do, and so took the case to State officials in Raicela.

It seems perfectly clear that, unless meaning evidence at hand, he must be removed from his position as welfare superintendent. We've given up hope that the State will press charges in the election fraud case despite signs that a whitewashing job has been done. But further investigation of Davidson's superintendent of welfare would seem to he automatic.

Statesmen At Work

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

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The Merry-Go-Round

By Drew Pearson

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troops he would require in Japan.

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power has been extremely co-operative in
snawering War Department estimates
reasoning the troops he would need but
number of men he would require, without getting a
peep. He simply ignored War Department inquires.

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Truman & Dewey

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Men around the While House have been almost breaking their necks to make the public feel the new President is politically non-partisan. But now and then Trumon tips his mitt to the fact that he does have politically one of their fact that he does have politically one of their fact that he does have politically one of their fact that he does have politically one of their fact that he does have politically of their fact that he fact that he does not not be proved. However, and Landon, but I guest from the first Wilkide-Republican to drop in and pay my respects." Trumon said he was delighted to see Polland and contrided that he had a lot of respect for the late Wendell Wilkide Howers and Landon willing a laws used to refer to Tom Dewey, Polland continued. "He used to call him that Hittle mustached is and as ".

"Well, that about describes him," replied Truman Hilling that the polland in GOP ranks.

"We're superchild and the secretary of the compress." Polland and "We're the low first guy like Shipsteads scalps."

"That's awell, "replied Truman, "I hope you continue to fight them. They deserve to be licked again and again."

time to fight them. They deserve to be licked again and the second of the second again the logist to convene some of Wilkite's former close associates inciding fussell Davenport, Lem Jones, Schaffer the Wilkite people can follow. They're particularly analous to unsent the old guard in Congress, longs to raily around them GOP Senators Alken of Vermont. Shorter of Oregon and Tony of New Hampshite.

And Where It Stops Nobody Knows

Housing Inflation

Housing Infliction

Bespite warnings by lon-light economists and historians, the Truman Administration is failing to take surficient steps to prevent disastrous post-war inflation.

Switt relaxation of production controls, with no provision for the manufacture of low-cost merchandise, and the rapid substitution of the properties of the manufacture of low-cost merchandise, and the rapid substitution in the same and the rapid substitution of the provision of the properties of the provision of the 'Back to Normaley' advice of his special construction consultant, Real Estate Boards, Without warning, Studer announced that WPB controls on construction, contained in WPB Order 1-41, would end Oct. 15.

construction, contained in WPB Order 1-41, would conthis abolished the WPB provision that new houses
may not cost more than 8,000 and means not only
that prices for houses now on the market will shoot up,
but that builders will use the small supply or boules.

Already houses in Southern Florida formerly priced at
\$5,000 last week have shot up to \$5,000-even though
WPB Order 1-41 does not expire until next month.

In spite of the fact that the OPA Bent Control
cuit conditions, it is probable that the number of homes
for rent calready 30 per cent smaller than before the
war) will become so tight that thousands of returning
servicemen will have to postpone this place to
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and have families occause they will have in guesc allege in the midst of this shortage, there is no authority to prevent a builder or any seller of a home from taking advantage of the shortage and pushing his price up to double or triple its fair value. Not is there any protection for the thousands of from the old tubes of the protection for the thousands of families old. Unless they pay more rent or buy new homes, they can be turned out on the street the minute the Government sells a housing project to a private operator.

Note—The Department of Agriculture is worled because farm prices are now 57 per cent above 1937-39 averages and call gloting up.

Merry-Go-Round

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The entire California delegation in Contress will go to the White House this week to demand that President Truman intercede with the BFG on behalf of the Western steel industry. They feel Jesse Jones' off friends in the RFC are prejudiced in favor of Eastern steel and want of the Western s

Plenty & Famine By Samuel Grafton

"I'm going in for the simple life this year—study like mad and cultivate only four or five boy friends!"

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SIDE GLANCES

By Samuel Crafton

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By Galbraith

Illusion Of Power

By Dorothy Thompson

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By Dorothy Thompson

NEW YORK
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