Salute For Mr. Barrentine

It takes a good deal of courage to look beyond boday's dollar, to face the prospect of immediate loss in order to insure a profit in the hazy future, to recognize the fundamental principle that altruism and good business can be one and the same thing.

7. E. Barrentine has that sort of courage, and, more important, he has the shifty to large the same thing.

State Board Mr. Barrentine accepted a responsibility to humpart his vision to his fellows. As president of the Charlotte Real Estate Board Mr. Barrentine accepted a responsibility that went far beyond presiding at luncheon meetings and making an occasional speech; he became an outstanding community leader, and he mustered the realters behind a cause they might have been expected to oppose.

No one man, of course, was respon-sible for the slum-clearance program that finally bore fruit in 1945 after years of effort. But it was Mr. Barrentine who of effort, But it was Mr. Barrentine who stepped into the fight at the crucial moment, who persuaded his fellow realtors that they, of all people, had an obligation to rid Charlotte of sub-standard dwellings. And he managed, not only to remove the active opposition that might have been logically expected from property owners who stood to pay a penalty under the City's new minimum-housing ordinance, but to bring the Real Estate Board around into active support of the measure. No testimony offered before City Council could have been more im-pressive than Mr. Barrentine's, for he pressive than Mr. Barrentine's, for the spoke, not for those who have an abstract interest in improving the lot of the slum-dwellers, but for those who are willing to spend money to do it.

In a good many other matters - the In a good many other matters—the problem of providing emeracing housing for returning veterans, for instance—he has displayed the same vision and courage, and, again, he has been able to muster his Board unanimously behind his unqualified support of "any measure that will provide housing for the homeless."

Mr. Barrentine has stood, not for harity, but for community progress: e understands that a city does not

he understands that a city does not move forward in segments, but as a whole, that prosperity, like anything clse, is build from the bottom up. His tenure as president of the Real Estate Board is ending now, but during his year of service he made contributions to the community that will stand from to the community that will stand for many years. And perhaps the most important among them was the con-structive pattern of leadership be leaves behind for his successors.

From Betty To Savvy

When "Betty" Stark wrote to his old friend "Bavry" Cook he was guite frank. The Russians had just entered the war against Germany, and "Betty" thought the United States ought to jump in too. "We shall give aid to Russian." he vrote. "I hope she and Germany may break upon each other. Europe dominated by the Communists is no more an attractive picture. In fact less so, thai a Europe dominated by the Nazis. Here's hoping we have neither, but rather that they exhaust themselves."

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Back in those dim days it was quite a oppular view, shared by Charles A. Lindh. Colonel McCormick of The Chicagd Tribune, Senator Robert R. Reynolds of North Carolina, Father Coughlin, Gerald Winrod, and quite a few others. If "Betty" had been dashing off a per-If "Betty" had been dashing off a personal letter to an.old college chum. he would, presumably, have been entitled to express it. But "Betty" was the chief of the United States Navy and "Savvy" was a captain, which was quite a bit of rank in those days, and copies of the letter went out as official expressions. If not of policy of top-drawer opinion, to two other flag officers.

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As a matter of fact there are still many who share "Betty's" opinion of the Russians, and we suspect a good many of them wear the bright gold stripes of officers in the United States Navy. It would be strange if they didn't since would be strange it they didn't since the man who held every power short of life and death over them, apparently sport a good deal of his time passing his views down to his subordinates. "Betty's" statement, turned up in the course of the Pearl Harbor probe, and

particularly startling, but it makes interesting reading. And it, like so much of the testimony being read into that voluminous record, illustrates the futility of the Republican effort to pin warguit on Franklin Roosevelt. For it develops that the Chief of Navai Operations was quite annoyed because his commander-in-chief kept trying to avoid conflict while he, himself, kept looking for an incident, that would "create war psychology". psychology".

And we keep wondering what sort of Russian admiral revealed that he had een sending official communications to his officers expressing his conviction that it would have been just as well, perhaps even better, if America and Japan had destroyed each other in the course of their Pacific conflict.

The reaction would, we suspect, be quite violent, and it might create just quite voicht, and it might create just the sort of war psychology the Admiral was looking for back in 1841. Not that we attribute any such motive to him now; clearly he didn't enjoy having that correspondence dragged out in public, for, in the matter of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, it shows that his sudements the service debiates, in willow. udgement was as dubious in military natters as it was in international po-

But we regret that nobody on the Committee asked the admiral how he Committee asked the admiral how he feels about the Russians today. His opinion, which presumably hasn't changed, would help us to understand why the Russians keep casting such a cold eye on our protestations that we are a peace-loving people.

The Defender's Kudos

The Chicago Detender, a national Negro newspaper, has announced its an-nual honor roll of Americans who distinguished themselves in 1945 by improving race relations.

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It's a good enough list, containing among its 21 names those of Navy Sections [18] of the province of the province of Navy Sections [18] of the province of the provi

Their contribution to the cause has been considerable. But we find it odd that among all the 21 names on the honor roll not a single white Southerner is mentioned The Defender apparently writes off the entire region as hopeless, and can find no single worthy effort toward promoting tolerance in the area where the great majority of Negrocs live.

Perhaps it's a matter of standards; The Defender, like most of the Negro press, regards any discrimination, social as well as economic, as completely evil and rejects the usual Southern compromises.

And yet there have been many Southerners who have, in their own fashion, made major contributions in the field of race relations. There are those who work for abolition of the poll tax, those who have labored to abolish lynch law, those who have insisted on job-equality for Negroes. If these people stop short of the full equality The Befender demands, they have nevertheless provided a greater service to a streater proportion of the race than has Danny Kaye.

Those selected by The Defender have a continued largely to the theory of race relations, while those who fight unoference as a practical matter have been enough the cause of the Negro, but it costs Frank Graham? I costs Dr. Hutchins of the University of Chicago nothing to champion the cause of the Negro, but it costs Frank Graham? I also be sare far more valuable to the race for he is grappling with the reality of for he is grappling with the reality of And yet there have been many South-

the Negro problem while those given kidos by The Defender are tilting in a remote, intellectual field, and they are not likely to be struck down by anything more deadly than an unkind word.

From The Louisville Courier-Journal:

Challenge For Reservists

Though the "gripes" that have been voiced by our enlisted men in the war would fill great volumes and would doubtless scorch the paper on which they were printed, it is a useful thing to sum-marize them and see how they add up. Stars and Stripes, has just performed that service, calling upon the Army and Navy to give serious study to the grievances with a view to promoting democ-

ances with a view to promoting democracy in our armed forces.

Anybody who has talked to returning service men knows that the enlisted men in general bear a grudge against officers. Some of that feeling can be laid to mormal fuman cantankerousness. A mal human cantankerousness. _A at deal more of it must be attributed. wever, to the system which sets up fleers as a caste, a privileged class seannot build the kind of Army and my we need for the future as long as that impression prevails in the mind of the average enlisted man, and it be hooves us as a nation to find a solution.

the average emisted main, and it behoves us as a nation to find a solution. Reserve officers should feel a particular obligation to study these charges and to try to urge the resultars toward a solution. The reserves fell heir to a system which so many enlisted meir resent as undemocratic, and some of them bore their authority more arrogadily. Aniuspolis and West Point, The great body of reserve officers, however, felt a closer kinship to their fellow civilians who did not happen to get a commission. They would serve the Army and Navy well if they would work out patterns for relationships between objects and men which would eliminate those faith of the production of the solution of the production of the p

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T seems to us elementary common sense that service in Congress ought not to be less attractive financially to an able man than comparable service in commercial enterprise.

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For the sake of American lives and the restoration of tranquility in the Far East, it would seem particularly unfortunate to launch any program of international experiment, in Japan.

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Dorothy Thompson

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By Mrs. John Benjamin FAYETTEVILLE

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Marquis Childs

The Decisions Must Be Made

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