# Half Controlled, Half Free

ELECTION eve seems to be an excellent time to discuss the nation's number one problem—housing—since there isn't likely to be any competition from the poli-ticians, most of whom have avoided the

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Everybody agrees that there must be comething like ten to fifteen million new twellings built in the United States if we are to house our population in minimum mander and decency. Well, not quite every-object the Mannel Association of Real Exate Boards, which is now urging an end o rent controls, recently came up with statement minimizing the housing short-ege, asying that the situation would be reatly eased if rents were raised so that he stengeraphers who are now living alone a spartments would be forced to double p.

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This sort of fantastic nonsense is part
of a campaign being conducted by realiors,
builders, building materials manufacturers,
and virtually severyone else concerned with
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is given a free hand. Today's unreasonable
prices, they say, will level out in short
order under the pressure of competition.
On the other side of the supument are
those who believe that the problem is
beyond the capacity of the building industry. These are the proponents of Govemment planning, and they cite figures
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show that the demand for housing is great, and the normal capacity for meet-ty to distant, that also private, the cap-da approach is bound to keep prices be-nd the reach of the average house-seeker many years to come. Both of these positions have considerable rit, we think, but they have been lost sight in a flood of hysterical propaganda. In the confusion of the confusion is and Preferal controls which has guar-teed against any coherent housing pro-um, public or private.

The heaviest share of the blame for this condition, it seems to us, falls upon the opponents of Overnment action. They have consistently hit below the belt in their, battle for a free market. The real estate people, for instance, are now conducting a campaign charging that poor old conservative property-owning Senator Taft is theating sections were the lead with his servative property-owning Senator Taft is thrusting socialism upon the land with his mild Wagner-Ellender-Taft Bill. In their illierature they threaten home-owners with science of their property by the Government, and urge them to join the National Home-and Property Owners Foundation and flight for their rights through political scion. The NHPOF does not attempt to explain the legislation it brands as radical, but; in the manner of the PAC, provides its members with a list of Congregation the property of the PAC. but, in the manner of the PAC, provides its members with a list of Congressmen whose votes "are considered to be detrimental to the best interests of home and property

wilson Watt, the National Housing Administration, has become the whipping boy of the realtors and builders. He is accused of many sins, the most frequent of which is inept administration. Whether Mr. Wyatt don't know, Neither does the NHPOP. Mr. Wyatt is trying to administer a housing program that was and to pieces in the Congress at the behest of the very people who are now bitterly critical of its failures. The treatment he is receiving serves as a reminder that all demagogues aren't politicians. It is our own conviction that the hous-

It is our own conviction that the housing abortage cannot be met satisfactority without central planning and control. This when the satisfactority without central planning and control. This when the satisfactories will be satisfactories with the satisfactories when the satisfactories will be satisfactories with the satisfactories will be satisfactories

# Mr. Atkins Looks Backwara

T was a rather bleak, melancholy November Day . . . the first day of No-ber, 1906. I took over the reins with abling hands. I was young, inexperade to lean on

But for the blind optimism and boundless faith of youth would have backed out... Thus 'sames' W. Akkins began his careers as editer and publisher of The Gustonies as editer and publisher of The Gustonies as editer and publisher of The Gustonies of the infestrial revolution that was to transform it, contained some 5,000 souls, most of whom looked upon the struggling semi-weekly Geneties as an instrument of the devil. Mr. Akkins had paid with borrowed money for a modest printing establishment, an anemic circulation list, and a vast quantity of ill-will left behind by a predocesor who had engaged in a bitter personal feed with the local businessmen upon whom the paper depended for ad-wertising.

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oking back over the forty years that
intervende Editor Atkins can recall
ries of triumphs as his newspaper grew
the town. He can also recall Saturi when has borrowed money to meet
payroli; long nights when he worked
a his hinds in his tiny job-printing

shop ("In those days job printers had no more sense than to promise everybody anything they asked for ... they know better today."); a red-headed woman who threatened to horsewhip him; a single liquor ad. through with him; a delegation of local through with him; a delegation of local dowagers who connered him after he had criticized an amateur dramatic production and gave him a tongue-lashing that hurt as badly as the horsewhipping he escaped. All these things, and more, Mr. Atkins recalled in the lengthy first-person editorial with which he marked his 40th anniversary as proprietor of the now-thriving Gaseffe. It's a story of pioneering, of gambling against long odds, of defeats and the story of the control of the c

Gastonia."
"I could continue these reminiscences indefinitely, but refrain from doing so out of
consideration for the reader," wrote Mr.
Aktins. "Maybe some day III write a book
and tell you all about it." We hope he
does. He can guarantee his publisher, in
advance, the sale of at least one copy.

# Hazards Of The White House

Fyou had been elected President of the United States prior to 1850 you would have lived to a ripe old age, some 23 years beyond your normal expectancy. After 1850 the going in the White House swas rougher; if you had been President between 1850 and 1800 you would have fallen short of your life expectancy by six years. Being elected after 1900 was even worse; the office has clipped an average of eight years of the tives of incumbents ever since. The figures are the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company's, based on averages, of course, had probably not too accurate in view of the comparatively few Presidents were shad. They are interesting, however, and serve, we think, as a rough server of guide to the development of the state of guide to the development of the first of the server of the serv

# Another Voice .

### Well, What Is A Liberal?

WHAT is a liberal? If you want to have some fun, poll your friends. But if you really want to know, then ask your political antagonists, too! Here are three thades of opinion recorded in one private

neutral's: A liberal is a young

opportunities and freedoms enjoyed not by any particular group in society but by all the people as individuals.

Then the Senator brought out the full value of liberalism by defining its opposite:

The authoritarian in politics is the one with the supportunities of the control of the contro

to fit into the pattern. In terms of political parties, liberalism is seldom static. In Lincoln's day Republicans were the liberals, not to say radicals! And Democrats were the defenders of States rights-against centralized government! But liberalism itself has some unchasting characteristics. One of them worth noting is that it destires progress, but perceives that real progress is spiritual, and must be achieved first in the thinking of individuals.—Christian Science Montior.

It'll Take More Than A Ribbon, Mister'



The School Front

# Cheating Our Children

cation, the bulletin of the NEA.—Zds., Two News). YES, I have skeen a closer look at our educational system—and I can't see a single bright spot, unless it is the brave determination of a comparatively we have been seen to be supported to the state prediction of the state prediction and the state prediction and the state prediction is America's Number One that the prediction is America's Number One that the prediction is America's Number One to the state of the state o

is a national problem, threstening our national wellParks for financing education in the U.S. sixlargely obtained from taxation. But in sparsely
settled sections tax collections are so low that even
basic educational needs cannot be met. Therefore,
Prins, think legislation should establish a nationwide minimum starting salary for young teachers
of, say, \$13.60 a year-varying only according to
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make up the deficit.

In have already written to my Congressman and my Senators, ruring their apport of such a program. In Jack, there is a bill on the Congressional calendar in Jack, there is a bill on the Congressional calendar in Jack, there is a bill on the Congressional calendar in Jack, there is a bill on the Congressional calendar in Jack, and the congressional calendar in Jack, and the congressional calendar in Jack, we will mere achieve success.

The program of the congression of the congressional calendar for myself. Once the steps I have outlined are taken in enough communities. I believe the job will be three-fourths done. From that point onward—with menough communities, the liber to the program of the congression will be immeasurably raised, and the present exodus from our classroom will be reversed in the congression of the congression will be immeasurably raised, and the present exodus from our classroom will be reversed to the congression will be immeasurably raised, and the present exodus from our classroom will be reversed to my program seems to be the congression of the confidence of the congression of the confidence in the congression of the confidence in the congression of our children's future. I made my choice. What about you?

# Quote, Unquote

### Marquis Childs

# Truman In Missouri

# Harold Ickes

# State Dept. Flouted

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in the United States."

Mr. Clayton vigorously criticised the provisions of the Philippine legislation which guaranteed special rights to new American capital which might wish to invest in an independent Philippines, without our granting any reciprocal rights to Pilipinco who might wish to bountees in the United State to do business in the United State of

# Drew Pearson's: History Repeats Itself After Every War

IF YOU think times are tough today, drop in at the public library and sak for the back files of any other the Fall of 1919 or the early part of 1920. That period was just about as long after Word War I as we now are from World War II, and the headlines are amazingly similar.

In fact, with the mere change of a few mannes, a glance of the second was also as the second of the sec

### Surplus War Goods Scandal

aused far more bloodshed. The alleged Communist as much worse. Day celebrations in Chicago, Cieveland, Boston and produced riots, "Citizen Armies," and an untold of skull and political fractures. The home of A. Palmer, Attorney General, was bombed. A large-assination plot had all but the most radical Consideration before their beds, "Midnight Bombs for

Officials in Eight Cities" was the June 3rd banner story. Race riots in Washington, Chicago and St. Louis assumed the Autempt to Blow up American Sheet and Tin Plant at McKeesport's. "Conspiracy to Blow up Federal Building in Gary"..."Max Cold, Silk Manufacturer's House, Bombed"... so screamed the headlines.

Prohibition Too
THE headlines on Aug. 16, 1919, indicative of a nation eating razor blades, don't seem out of place today. "Direc-

## Never-Changing John L. Lewis