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### The Parting Shot

man, even the President of the he tried repeatedly to obtain an ap-United States, should think twice be-tere calling Honest Harold Ickes a liar. Harry S. Truman followed that insaid "Ickes might be mistaken" about Ed Pauley's offer to raise \$300,000 in Democratic campaign funds in return for Federal concessions to a group of California oil men. Yesterday he re-ceived Ickes' resignation, along with a 3,800-word body blow to his Adminis-tration.

The Tekes statement is surely one of The Ickes statement is surely one of the most remarkable documents ever received in the White House. It is long, rambling, sometimes intemperate, the work of an old and irritable man. Occasionally—as when Mr. Ickes digresses to discuss his personal campaign contributions to the Democratic Party—it becomes merely querclous, reflecting the weight of the Old Curmudgeon's 71 years. But the qualities of candor and personal integrity that have marked Mr. Ickes long public career show in every line of it.

Mr. Ickes most damaging points are

(1) His resignation is the direct result of his Senate testimony against Ed Pauley's nomination as Undersecretary of the Navy. As late as January 30 the President invisted that he remain in the Cabinet at least through next May.

(2) His several efforts to discuss the Pauley nomination with Mr. Truman before the Senate hearing, and to ex-plain his opposition, were rebuffed.

(3) The President refused to see him after the Senate testimony, even though

(4) The Pauley nomination, although
"a cloud no bigger than a man's hand"
fits into the pattern that wrecked the
Harding Administration.

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From the beginning the Pauley nomination has been aurrounded by a distinct odor of petty politics, with a suspicion of something worse. The President's attubborn support of Mr. Pauley, which led him into openly insulting perhaps the most respected member of his Cabinet, constituted a major political blunder. Now the Ickes resignation underscores it, and fills in the unflattering detail. The only White House reply at this writing has been another slap at the retiring Secretary; Mr. Ickes asked to remain in office until the Angio-American Oil Treaty "which I nurtured and ratsed on the bottle" is settled in early March, but Mr. Truman insisted that he leave office by February 15.

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early March, but Mr. Truman insisted that he leave office by February 15.

The Pauley nomination, even if it is confirmed, will certainly gain little political support for President Truman. The fokes resignation, and the personal bitterness it engendered, may cost him a great deal, not only among the liberal following he inherited from President Roosevelt, but among more conservative Democrate who can't swallow a deal as raw as this one.

At 71, it is doubtful if Harold Ickes will seek public office again. His letter of resignation can properly be regarded as an epitaph marking the end of a long, violent, Highly useful public career. Perhaps the historians will one day conclude that it will also serve as a marker at the end of the political career of Harry 8. Truman.

### **But Now What?**

Timed neatly to coincide with the Argentine presidential election, the State Department releases a Blue Paper documenting the fascism of the Peron rementing the fascism of the Peron regime and its direct connection with the German Government. It makes interacting reading for a long Winter evening, officially confirming the world's suspicion that Argentina has become a "base to rebuild (German aggressive power during the period when the homeland is still occupied." But now what? A good many newspapers greeted these notes from a German salt mine with headlines terming the Blue Book an indictment, But.an indictment, recedes a trial, and thus far

listment precedes a trial, and thus far here has been no intimation that the te Department plans to do any more than call Colonel Peron dirty names and hope the Argentine people (who long age lost their civil liberties) will turn the rascal out.

The official explanation of the publi-

The official explanation of the publi-cation of the Blue Book is entirely nega-tive. The State Department released the swidence only to explain why the Unit-ed States has opposed the present re-sime in Argentina, and why Mr. Byrnes wort sign a proposed inter-American sulftary treaty.

This leaves us on diplomatic speaking terms with Argentina, and doesn't even

work a particular hardship on Colonel Peron, who dominates the Argentine press, and will, of course, answer any part of the "indictment" that might be published there by calling it a lie. Pre-

part of the indicatent that might be published there by calling it a lie. Presumably, we'll keep on doing business with the Argentines, as we have with Franco in Spain, and the Nazi faith will thrive just as if we hadn't dug into that sait mine at all.
Argentina is a member of the United Nations, having been admitted largely at the insistence of the United States. Certainly official charges that the seeds of future Nazi aggression are flowering on the pampas is a proper matter for UNIO Security Council. Yet, the State Department says the matter will not be brought up in London.

It appears that the State Department is serving notice on the world that the western hemisphere is atill very much an American sone of influence, and that any security problems that may arise

any security problems that may arise there will be handled, if at all, by the United States. And that, of course, there will be handled, if at all, by the United States. And that, of course, makes the evidence of the salt mines a far greater threat to the UNO than it is to Argentina. Once again we have indicated that we are willing to do almost anything to preserve the peace except alter the pattern of international relationship that has produced a war per generation.

### It Won't Help

We have seen a preview of that re- drink. marksble film, "The Lost Week-End," and we feel that a word of warning is the Drys who, knowing it only by

cise the Drys who, knowing it only by reputation, might be tempted to use its forthcoming showing here to further their campaign for prohibition.

As faithfully as the novel from which is derived, the film charta the progress of a young schoolic from a couple of the other presents, and the couple of the desired present of Dom Birnam, except the smell of the cheap rye that gas plim, and Ray Milland's acting is guaranteed to give the most hardened toper a light case of sympahardened toper a light case of sympa-thetic horrors.

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Of course, Hollywood being Hollywood, one of the most improbable happy endings in film history has been tacked on. Following hard on Binnam's soul-rending bout with the bat and the mouse that loom out of his delirium, his lastreel recovery has the effect of tempering, the harsh lesson of his wasted life. However, the film still stands' as a thoroughgoing indictment of strong

drink.

Tp until the time young Birnam is delivered to the alcoholic ward at Bellevue, "The Week-End" is certain to warm the heart of the WCTU. But in this scene, the most powerful of the film, he falls into conversation with an unsympathetic male nurse. The nurse, pointing out the other quivering immates in turn, explains that they are all repeaters, "roochet cases" who will bounce into the nearest bar upon release. Then he adds, "You think this is bad? You should have been here during Prohibition. That's when we really did the business. Why most of these birds got started then—making whoopee, you know."

That does it what might have been

That does it. What might have been That does it. What might have been the most graphic "temperance" lecture in history becomes only a reasonably honest and thoroughly hair raising melodrama. Instead of supporting the prohibitionist cause, it proves only, as one whisky manufacturer is now pointering out, that some men shouldn't drink. No.matter how hard you try, you can't twist "The Lost Week-End" into another "Ten Nights in A Bar-room."

From The Charleston News & Courier:

### The Mighty Aristocrats

In origin the word "aristocracy" means Government by the best, but long ago it lost that meaning and came to denote government by the nobles, the powerful, the able, the strong.

At this moment in history, Russia is by far the greatest aristocracy on the terrestial ball, or globe. Russia is ruled "ruled" is a word once hated by-American Democrate) by the Communist parton by and its members are five per cent of less of the Russian adults, men and women.

The members of the Communist party, who yote, are a select group. They are strong, powerful, intelligent, incomed men and women. Joseph Stallm perhaps a stronger character, which is not saying that he is a more desirable

citizen, than any man now conspicuous in the public life of the United States— and we intend no disparagement of John L. Lewis, Harry Truman, Sidney Hillman, James F. Byrnes and the titans

Hillman, James F. Byrnes and the titans of South Carolina.

Mr. Stalin (he would probably zeorn the "Mister" and demand that we say "Comrade") has many puissant followers and lieutenants. Molotov is no petty-creature; indeed, all the members of the Communist party in Russia are Some-bodies, and don't you forget it. They are atrong, powerful, able; they are tried, deted in the property of the pro bodies, and don't you forget it. They are strong, powerful, able; they are tried, icated, proved aristocrats, and probably right good fellows, as the world goes. That reminds one that the world sometimes goes wrong—and don't you forget it.

Baruch Joins Forces With Byrnes Again

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one smins. The pact gives American business the short end of the stick.

FEW CARS FOR VETS

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ment.

Take trucks, for instance. Since
Oct. 31, 1945, the Army has declared 10,973 trucks to be surplus,
and the War Department estimates that only 54,300 trucks will
be available for civifian purchase
between now and June 30, 1949.

"Still Grasping In His Hand Of Ica That Banner With The Strange Device---"



Dorothy Thompson

### The UNO Looks For A New Home

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WHY NOT VIENNA?

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Yet. Vienna still is a once-great
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of mixed nationality. It has, immediately outside the dily, smply
rice, are beautiful mountain resorts. Austria contains some of
sturpes most famous spas; every
in a surpassingly beautiful with
superb mountains, lovely rivers,
and chains of lakes. And everywhere there are excellent inns.

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more appropriate place than any
great power-and its fate is in the
hands of the great powers.

One wonders why the original
Soviet auggestion was rejected.

## Fuller Explanation

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or the Germen. we getting for freedom! Recently a radio report reported that Americans were to be limited to what people use to be limited to what people use to call shorts—a portion of the mix-around mills where this was made around mills where this was made and have personal knowledge. It is still shorts being called by and propie are to have the redom to have to eat this old time hog-feed.

people are to have in freedom to people are to have in freedom to feed.

And the thinkings and knowledge of people today is to by this mass thinking (Old philosophers called it, "Interestubjunctive," and a blank to the kingdom-nothing the section pass judgment).

Lev. 25-10: It shall be a jubilee unto you; and ye shall return every man unto his position: The executive order telesizing that executive order telesizing that executive order telesizing that executive order telesizing that the executive order telesizing that executive order telesizing that executive order telesizing that executive order telesizing that the executive order telesizing that executive order telesizing that executive order telesizing that the law of the formal telesizing that the executive order telesizing that the executive order telesizing at me. I did not make railing at me. I did not make realing at me. I did not make these moral Laws; but I did go and see what they were).

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Trinity; and a speaking them its blank. (NOTE: Admitting that this is a very limited jubilee were having a very limited public with wonder what not of feed we found in the frough if we had permitted Hiller to carry out his plans for conquest. Or are we just being intersubjunctive—Eds., Tax News).

Marquis Childs

### There Isn't A Simple Formula



a "little price rise."
But quite apart from the personalities involved, the difficulty of finding a formula that could be applied generally, and still that could be applied generally, and still such that the control of defended, has proved amost insoluble to defended, has proved amost insoluble to defended, has proved amost insoluble to the price of setel believably complicated. The price of setel enters into just about everything that is made in this country.

made in this country,
QUESTION OF TIMING
Complicating the Write House problem
still further is the question of timing, Actually
there are two problems—one for the shortrange period of two to four or five years,
and the other a long-range problem for the
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completed by Government spending during the

war.

These two separate and distinct problems keep getting mixed up. What is beneficial in one phase is likely to do harm in the other phase.

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Take, for example, the matter of wages. The chief trade-union argument—saids from the fact that everybody wants to get more out of the ranking lovel. In this substantial endeath of the control of the ranking power. If millions of people do not have money in their pockets out of wages, they will not be able to buy the products of the machine.

But the fact is that, for the short period, there is a vast excess of purchasing power accumulated out of the war. Industry wants accumulated tax money to spend on public works. And individuals want to buy all sorts of new things with money they have saved.

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Therefore higher wages at this point are likely to contribute chiefly to higher prices. The problem for the short-range period is not more purchasing power but more goods to satisfy the pent-up demand.

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AGAINST THE LOAN

An argument used against the loan to Great Britain is that, when the Britain use the American dollars they borrow to come over here to buy our goods, they will merely a not likely to piction nearest articles. That is not likely to piction nearest articles. That is not likely to piction nearest articles. They are not likely not become and they only the loan works out as it is hoped it will.

Yet in Phase 1, foreign purchases could have just this effect. In Phase 2 we are going to need to help supply the world with goods if we are to keep our own enonomy going at full, or nearly tull, production.

The real truth is that the period we are now going through is a part of the war, now going through is a part of the war. To ignore that truth is to tisk an economic defeat which can completely nullify the military victory.

Samuel Grafton

### Uncle Joe's **Valentine**



PREMIER STALIN'S new spech brings us the not very remarkable news that he does not believe in capitalism. Those who thought he did have a right to be disappointed. But it is as the capitalism of the disappointed but it is as the capitalism. If he did not have a right to be disappointed. But it is as the capitalism and who heads the communist world, protective to the capitalism. If he did not have such the validity of capitalism, if he did not have such doubts, it would be a legitimate question to ask him these years. Obviously Mr. Salin has been opposed to apitalism since about the translation of the capitalism since about the translation of the capitalism is a stally a not very important question of whether Stalin likes capitalism, then, is actually a not very important question; we can expect him to praise capitalism when western leaders make capitalism when western leaders make a system when we well as the s

day-to-day attitude is going to be toward a system which, the thinks, is doomed to experience crisis, war and death.

WILL HE HELL?

If (as Stalin belleves, and as Communist have always believed; capitalism is decrepit, and as the state of the state of



"It just seems we'll never get settled! No sooner do we buy a home, than someone comes along and home, than someone com offers us a profit!"