## **A Welcome** Congressional Reversal

thingle explanation of the House ac-tions in reversing itself on Federal hous-legislation is that the Congressmen of the stirring of the people during it recent recess. If this is true—and y Riesven it may be—it seems quite by that the sentiemen will also do an rot-face on OPA. Perhaps they even of enough, while their ears were against are ground, to make them realise that it painting effort to please their con-tents by cancelling the draft was also seld effort, and worthy of spectacular trual.

The manner in which the disaident Dem-scrats, most of them Southern, stampeded hack to their side of the siale on this sec-oud vote was also encouraging. In the sec-med round more Republicans voted with the Democrats for the housing subsidy provision than Democrats voted with the publicans against it, and the onus for poponing subsidies, which means opposing rederal housing, now rests clearly upon the G.O.P. Many a Democrat, we suspect, theovered at home that he had been sampled into a most awkward political position by his ride with the coalition, and decided that the better part of wis-tion is to let biame for inaction fall along early lines. The manner in which the dissident Dem-

There is reason for opposing the \$400,-

000,000 subsidy appropriation, as perhaps there is for opposing any Federal housing plan. But it was clear, even when the original vote was taken, that Housing Adoriginal vote was taken, that Housing Administrator Wyatt's program for the construction of 2.700.000 desperately needed houses depended upon it. His plan couldn't be whittled away a piece at a time without beins rendered meaningless, and subsidies, as President Truman said, are the very heart of the program.

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The question is, as it always was, whether the housing situation is desperate enough to warrant emergency Pederal action. The answer, as the Congressmen apparently found out at home, is yes. The Wyatt plan seems a reasonably practical method of meeting the emergency, weaknesses though it undoubtedly has. Since no Congressmen we have yet heard of has any alternative plan to offer, it was the Wyatt program, in toto, or nothing.

Recriminations are meaningless. It seemed to us the Congress displayed a danger-cous irresponsibility in its original approach to the housing problem, but yesterday's action seems likely to send us on the way toward a solution at last. That's the important thing, and when new dwellings attact to bloom we suspect the voters will cheerfully forgive and forget the House's lost week-end.

## The Eloquence of Winston Churchill

WINSTON CHURCHILL, addressing the Dutch Parliament, has proposed a United States of Europe to "unify this continent (and) give you prosperity and peace." Nationalism, Mr. Churchill said, is great threat to the future—nationalism that would "reduce us all to one uniform," or nationalism based on "a senseless urge to be the biggest in the world."

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Mr. Churchill's numerous enemies will doubtless read into this latest proposal root a new one for him, by the way) some erafty anti-Russian scheme. And perhaps the fear of Russian domination, which is always with Mr. Churchill, does lie back of his ad dress. Although he carefully specified that his concept of a United Bates of Burope applies to both the East and West, we suspect he would cheerfully senting the sentence of th

The ex-Prime Minister nowhere made direct critical reference to Russia, but when he spoke of democracy, which he insists must be the basis of any new United Etales of Europe, his inference was clear Let. who could question his definition, which may yet find a place in the text books?

There are certain simple, practical tests by which the virtue and reality of any

political democracy may be measured.
Does the government in any country rest on a free constitutional basis, assuring the people the right to vote according to their will for whatever candidates they choose? It is there the right of free expression of opinion, of free support, of free criticism of the government of the day?

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We may be overly charitable when we say that Mr. Churchill doesn't sound much like a plotter to us. He, the most conspicuous veltum of the democratic process, seems to have decided to devote the rest of his years to explaining to the world the nature of what seems to him a basic conflict.—the political democracy of the west versus the economic democracy of the Soviet union. Perhaps he magnifies the extent of the conflict; certainly his frequently gloomy warnings serve to emphasize it rather than lessen it.

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He may be wrong, but if any man walks the earth today who has earned the right to state an honest opinion when and where he pleases that man is Winston Churchill. Even without portfolio, the magnificent old warnors remains the greatest atateman of the West. And if our relations with Russia have become so delicate they are imperiled by his eloquence. It seems safe to conclude that they cannot long endure no matter what he, or any-body else, may say.

# Home-Grown Fascists Are Stirring Again

IT is perhaps a comment on the times The Bernage's comment on the times that the Ku Klux Klan, America's native rescise organization, should be riding again. The crosses burn rather tentatively as yet, but out in Chattanooga the bed-sheel boys way managed to down, an act in which all the Klux will doubtless take great pride.

Raiph McGill of The Atlanta Constituon, who ranks as something of an authority on the Klan by virtue of his proximity to the home office, reports signs of renewed Klan activity in Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee and Florida. It is not, at his reading particularly important, but poison is poison, and as Mr. McGill notes, the Klan's promoters "are sweating and arying." It works like this:

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explains the passionate real of the solicitors
who go around throwing scares into as
many books as possible. Very often the
premoters make as much, even in these
days of alim pickings, as 150 a week.

They live very well cating stocks
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proud of their suckers and keep them need-led up by holding meetings and assuring them they are aswing their country and themselves from the menace of the Pope of themselves from the menace of the Pope of The fact that they have to explain, locally, that the Rome they are talking about is one of those foreign countries and not about, two-thirds of their membership

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The impulse to hide under a bed sheet and rap the skull of a Negro, a Catholic or a Jew is not unique to the Bouth. The Klux have always met their greatest success in such enlightened regions as Indiana, and we have not forgotien the gay little gatherings of the bedsheet boys and Fritz Kuhn's Bund out on the Jersey II, not a regional polson, but a nation, on, but, as usual, its having its if vival in the Bouth where the can per ancient and once-honorable tradit

The South, we think, can do its the country a service by atamping a flery crosses before they burn any b. We've done It before, by arraying opinion against our home-grown f and we can do it again. The time t is now.

#### Another Voice

## Subversive Activity In Russia

COME, comrades, you have nothing to lose but your chains and the interest on a few rubles (nominal value, about two-bits apiece), all for the glory of the new five-year plan! What has happened to Mother Russia tadel of the anti-capitalist? Well, she

What has happened to Mother Russia, citadel of the anti-capitalist? Well, some some properties of the second structure. It was to be seen to be

Yes say this is like the frish sweep-ter? Ah, but this is Russia! None of a sitellate tricks here! Better buy a look, a Swo or three, though of course it all valuatary. Anyhow, your bonds are except, and think of the saving!

What's that about savings and tax-ex-mpts? Why, Comrade, it has nothing to

A publisher thinks some of out hits will live forever. We, who are through the "Shoo-Fly Pie" thing how long forever is.

After five years of close scrut photographs of Birohito, as son of and nonentity, we still don't know the fellow is thinking if he is.

So the British Socialist Governmentying to put a king back on the throne. Without the eigar, you scarcely tell British Socialism Churchill.

When a two-ton boulder was away, the bones of a prehistoric madiscovered, in the West. There were putters in those days!



The Overflowing Lup

People's Platform

# The Klan Rides Again

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---FRANK McCALLESTER.

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(NOTE: We note sadly that the stabilishment of Republican Forums in 37 states represents complete success. The other eleven states are located in the solid and unyielding South, where the Republicans have nothing to discuss except who's going to get the Post Office when the GOP finally returns to power.—Zela, Tex Rowel.)

### The Case Bill

CHARLOTTE
TODAY our company sent the following telegram
to Senator Josiah Bailey, Senator Clyde Hoey, and

#### Challenge For Rotary

THE enclosed item by Charles H. Stone, of your of the May issue of THE MOVINGHOM may be of the May issue of THE MOVINGHOM may be of interest to the May issue of THE MOVINGHOM may be of interest to the May issue of THE MOVINGHOM may be of interest to the moving of the Movinghom may be of interest to the movinghom may be of interest to the movinghom may be of the mo

### Veteran's Opportunity

WINSTON-SALEM

O'N behalf of the Veterans Administration I want
for thank you and the members of your safe
for the part that the News played in making Veterans Opportunity Week a success. We are deeply
spreedable of your fine edutional support, as well
as for the complete coverage of our activities in
the news columns.

## -J. D. DeRAMUS, MANAGER VETERAN'S ADMINISTRATION

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# Limited Sovereignty

WASHINGTON
THE proposed here French conattention, rejected by the voters
on May 5, contained a novel provision. Article 46, after pledging
the Fourth Republic to observance
of the rules of international law,
states: "Under the reserve of
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Buel W. Patch

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### Bertram Benedict

# Uncle Sam Tied Up?

ECRETARY of State Byrnss, in announcing his project of a 25-year Big Four guaranty to keep Germany and Japan disarmed, ad-Germany and Japan disarmed. admits that it represents a sharp break with tradition for the United States. Only hair splitters would deny that the guaranty would copic close to the 'permanent alliance' against which Washington warned and the "entangling alliance' against which Pieferson warned.

Supporters of the Byrnes pro-

liance" agains which Jefferson warned.

Supporters of the Byrnes proposal reply, "Well. It's a far different world from that of Washington and Jefferson." And the rate of atomic fassion and and to great Britain of all routes between Moscow and New York across the Morth Pole, of rocket bomba, does seem a far cry from the situation was the seem of the se

treaty of peace after Yorktown.
Prance did not ask for American aid in the new French war with Oreca Britain that opened in 1793. Preferring to get goods in the altips of the United States as a neutral. But then Prance felt that the United States volated its treaty obligations with France in the Jay treaty with Great Britain Relations between Paris and Washington became strained, and in 1788 Congress abrogated the 1718 treaty of alliance.

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The present Byrnes proposal is an of unite the proposal of 1915 for a company of the proposal of 1915 for a company of the profession of France against future German agaression. Secretary Byrnes obviously hopes that his proposal, if adopted, will make France less mustern on detaching Saar Basin from Germany. Also, it would be assured to a suspictous Europe that the United States would not pull out of commitments in Europe.

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