

STRENGTH TO MAINTAIN PEACE

THEY call it "Armistice Day." A day on which the Allies and the neutral powers called for a temporary suspension of hostilities. A temporary suspension that is what November 11 stands for this year...

rumble of thousands of planes and we heard Hitler prepare his people for war. And he had to fight again. Behind the Iron Curtain today Russia grows stronger. It is a militarized nation. We must not forget that was begun because one nation grows strong while another grows weak.

Now that war is ended: now it is thirty years after the end of the First World War, three after the end of the second. A third world war draws nearer every day. The world will not be with Germany it will be a war between two nations which were allies in both previous conflicts: the United States and the USSR.

We do not swallow the "push-button" war theory. We do not believe that will be a 24-hour affair with atomic bombs ending the struggle before we are aware it has begun. But we do believe that a future war will be a fast war, that the nation which has the greatest immediate strength, the nation which has best prepared itself will be the victor.

Twenty years after the first Armistice Day, we the democrats are to fight Germany again. We had to fight Germany again because we allowed Germany to grow strong while we grew weak; we saw clearly the growth of the great German army, we saw plant after German plant and day after day production, we heard the far off

to prevent this we must become stronger and other points of power in the 78th Congress will be back in their old jobs, but there will be a number of new faces. In at least two important spots the Administration succeeded men who frequently broke with the Administration. Robert C. Byrd, who voted with the party against the Republicans 90 per cent of the time in the 80th Congress, gets the chairmanship of the Senate's Current Commerce Committee.

EMERGENCY HOSPITAL SERVICE

THE decision of the City and County Governments to contribute jointly some \$80,000 to help Memorial Hospital operate its emergency ward is a commendable step. It is a commendable step because it means that those valuable services will not be lost, at least during this fiscal year. But it does not settle the fundamental question involved.

Commissioners apparently think they are too high. (3) Is the provision of emergency ward and outpatient clinic services property a public responsibility, or is it one of the natural functions of a private hospital? There is a good possibility that the first of these questions can be answered to the satisfaction of everyone. The upcoming report on City-County consolidation is expected to throw some light on the burden of charity hospitalization; but if that fails, the question can always be answered by a friendly suit.

There are at least three important questions to be answered before a complete solution to the problem of charity hospitalization will ever be reached. (1) Is the charity hospitalization exclusively a County responsibility? The City says so, pointing to the fact that Charlotte residents pay taxes to Mecklenburg County just as those of Paw Creek or Davidson do. (2) Are the charity hospitals exclusively a County responsibility? The City says so, pointing to the fact that Charlotte residents pay taxes to Mecklenburg County just as those of Paw Creek or Davidson do.

There are adequate means of determining whether Memorial's costs are too high. The Duke Endowment has a wealth of statistical information on hospital costs in this State and there are sources for the information on a national scale if the hospital and the two governments really want to find out how Memorial's charges compare. The last question can not be answered so easily. The staffing of an emergency ward, and the provision of resident physicians and internes to direct outpatient clinics, add up to a considerable expense. Few private hospitals try to furnish such services.

REP. THOMAS AT THE BAR

THERE is in the lower house of the Congress of the United States, undoubtedly the most notorious man in the House, a man named J. Parnell Thomas. He is a Republican and is chairman of the Un-American Activities Committee of the House during the last session of Congress. He is now under indictment by the Federal grand jury for padding his office payroll and for forcing his employees to return a portion of their salaries to him.

He is being tried for what amounts to theft from the American people. Unpleasant as we find Rep. Thomas, we must agree with him in one particular. He points out that his indictment is "politics" and intimates that he is being singled out for persecution. It seems that he was singled out—but not by Congress, not by the government. He was singled out by the Federal grand jury for padding his office payroll and for forcing his employees to return a portion of their salaries to him.

His guilt, however, in persecuting such citizens as Dr. Edward U. Condon, a scientist who did much in developing the atomic bomb, is firmly established. The staff of Thomas is not being tried on this charge.

This is an official retraction on our recent front page story. The staff is okay. — Crowley (L.A.) Signal.

'Some Cabinet Remodeling Too, Boss?'

MARQUIS CHILDS



YOU can find a great many people who do not believe that the election is all along. The taxi driver, the housewife, the newspaper vendor on the corner, the man who is asked for a lunch, that it was going to come out the way it did.

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Truman May Get Break On Key Committees

New House Likely To Support President

CONGRESSIONAL QUARTERLY ANALYSIS indicates that President Truman should get more support from the House in the new 81st Congress than he got from the 78th Congress which elected from President Roosevelt. These points stand out:

- 1. The Democrats have twenty more members all of them from the North and West, than they had in the 78th Congress. This is more than they have had at any time since the 71th Congress, elected with President Roosevelt in 1940.
2. Many senior Democrats who held committee chairmanships and other points of power in the 78th Congress will be back in their old jobs, but there will be a number of new faces.

U. S. Aid To Schools

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Besides helping the public grammar and high schools, one of the Federal money to go to private or religious schools. There is a strong support for doing that, and strong opposition to it. The House is in a strong position to do that, and strong opposition to it.

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Too Many Stayed At Home

MOET everybody has had his say and how many of them have stayed at home. I would like to join the hurly-burly of opinions with a few lines of my own: There were 70 million people who voted in the 80th Congress. Some three million Negroes voted for him on his promise to establish and maintain equality for the colored people in all walks of life throughout the country.

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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

MEMO to Congressman J. Parnell Thomas, chairman of the Un-American Activities Committee. Although he has long opposed your Un-American activity in taking salary kickbacks from employees, this is the first time he has ever taken a salary kickback from you. He is being tried for what amounts to theft from the American people.

Thomas To Face Different treatment

As a result of this trip, you can write it down that: U. S. military commander in Greece, will be reassigned to a new post. The government will turn down the Greek Government's request for permission to increase the size of its army.

Merry-Go-Round

SPRITUALIST Elmer Leon of Mount Vernon, N. Y., said he had been in contact with the late General William H. Bushnell, who runs Walter Winchell's swank Stork Club, it is still being kidded by the loss of election business. Dewey's No. 1 man, Paul Lusk, had never had a floor for big election, even had the champagne in the ice bucket, without Dewey's name on it.