...... General Manager

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## TAXI SERVICE—WHAT'S WRONG?

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It axi at peak rush hours, or when it's raining, or when you have an urgent appointment to keep, you have become exasporatingly aware of the inadequacies of Charlotte's taxicab service. The trouble is that the telephone lines or the form of the trouble is that the telephone lines or the form of the trouble is that the telephone lines or the form of the trouble is that the telephone lines or the form of the form of

without delay.

Now is the time to bring Red Top and Victory up to the same level of community-wide service rendered by the Yellow Company. This will mean more than the installation of large switchboards. It will mean public insistence, backed up by the City's enforcement, that all drivers for Red Top and Victory willingly take any passenger to any given point within the new city limits without quibbling about the distance.

It is the experience of many Charlotteans that some of the drivers of both Red Top and Victory cubs have declined to accept passengers seeking to ride, for example, from Independence Square to the more distant points of The Piass. Dilworth, Myers Park and other section, proposch the cab door. "Where are you going, Lady" "Out to the Myers Park School", you reply. "Sorry, Lady, but I have another call" A block away the very same driver may be seen stopping to pick up a passenger who is planning on going a much shorter distance. An analysts of this refusel on the part of

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An analysis of this refusal on the part of some of the Red Top and Victory drivers to make the longer hauls, particularly at peak hours, reveals that these taxi drivers are under heavy economic pressure to build up their 'take' for the week, and no one begrudges them a fair living. If you are a driver, for instance, leasing a cab from Red

TOP for \$10 a day (\$12 on Saturday and Sunday), you are going to concentrate on getting as many short trips as possible. Why run out to the far reaches of Selway Ave. on a six-mile round trip when you have a chance to pick up in the same period possibly three or four short distance fares downtown? In other words, the drivers are obliged through economic necessity to violate both the City ordinance and the rules of their own cab companies by refusing passengers who want to go considerable distances.

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The cruising habit is a wasteful, traffic-congesting practice. In allow periods of the stay any number of Red Top and Victory cabs can be seen cruising around the downtown streets. But in the 5 to 6 cclock rush, or when it is raining, where can a person get a cab? This brings up the point as to whether or not Charlotte would do well to establish some taxi stands at key points downtown. These stands would have to be closely supervised by the Police Department so that no one taxi county are the stands and the elimination of cruising, an enormous amount of gasoline and tire rubber would be saved. With the present cruising in vogue, the driver invariably has to double park to take aboard his passenger, and this is dangerous, as well as interfering with the flow of traffic.

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WHEN the City Council meets tomorrow afternoon to weigh the problem of requiring the taxicals companies to install meters, there will be a fine opportunity to threab) out the important questions of providing far better telephone call service as well-fas taxi stands.

As any the meters, they may well prove to be a step in the right direction. If the 173 taxicabs now operated by the three companies all lower than the companies and the companies and

## MESSAGE TO A BERLINER

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YOUR name is Hans and you're a German. More specifically you are a resident of the American zone of Berlin. You
are an ordinary sort of German, the sort
of man in the street Americans would call
John Dee if the street were in New York
or Chicago. But you are not the comic opera
German—the portly, rorp-harded old gaffer
who sits nightly in a neighboshood rathsteller wiping dark beer from his white
wairus mustache. You are, instead, an exNazi or at least a passive party to the Nazi
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A decade of war, defeat and occupation has taught you that survival in Europe is not a gift, but a thing which you must ascite through acclusation and action. So on Sunday morning, December 5, you swoke in reciculation and actional to register support of the U.S. France and England through participation in the Western zone elections or to express dissatisfaction with Western occupation policies by ignoring the election. You and 1330,819 other Hans' calculated and acted; you went to the polis and you voied. Your vote has been halled by the West as an expression of "civil courage"; by the East as a vote for "famine and chaos".

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We of the United States do not know exactly what your vote does mean, Hans We would like to believe that it means you have faith in democracy, in the Western concept of government for the people and by the people; we yould like to believe that it means you are willing to accept the privations— the shortage of food, fuel, cloth-ting—which are the result of the Russian blockade, because you prefer Western occupation. But we must understand that there were thousands of Western zone Berliners who voted not because they had faith in democracy, but because they had faith in democracy, but because they had faith in democracy, but because they had faith in democracy of Berlin, that there would be no Russian occupation of Western zones, that there would be no Russian reprisals, as promised, because you voted in the Western election. You may have voted, Hans, because you thought (after years under Riller) that

be on the winning side.

Actually, however, the only of your vote is not as important as the fact that you did not consider that you do not consider the constant of the constant is frequently the communities in France and Italy will be given pause by your vote: Russia may be slowed by the realization that "the people" don't always awallow Marxism.

Since American election time there has been a lot of talk about mandates. We think the word can be applied to your action in Berlin Sunday; we think that now we have a mandate from the people of Western Berlin to stand firm against Russian totalitarianism.

we accept your mandate, Hans; we will stand firm.

Our Answers column has been called: Is there any way to treat the handles of farm tools so they will not blister the hands? One sure way is to trade them in on a new automobile. — Little Rock Arkansas Ga-

Everything is uncertain these day, and we won't know the full effects of November 2-and "Honest Harolds" renaissance—until we see whether the Hoover Dam goes back to being the Boulder Dam again. — Nashviller Tenn.) Banner.

There is a fellow who solved the parking There is a fellow who solved the parking problem. Not finding a place to put his car in the morning he just hired a man to keep driving it around the block until 5 o'clock when he was ready to go home.—Kingsport (Tenn.) Times.

A wife in Worcester, Blass, was divorced by her husband for cutting off the legs of his trousers. Somebody should have told her the pockets open at the top. — Fort Myers (Fla.) News-Press.

You'll know the traffic jam here really is bad when they begin using a helicopter to drop food supplies to the entrapped cop at the intersection, which probably won't be long now. — Louisville (Ry.) Times.



Long On Assurance, Short On Performance

## U. S. Not Fully Supporting U. N.

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angive limitation and the second of their authority. It was hinted that the Western powers might releast their approach Leading newspapers and commentators insisted that the Western powers might relect their approach Leading newspapers and commentators insisted that the public from blamins the Soviete for the Florid crists. A movement was started in responsible quarter to relace Mr. Lie with a more amenable Secretary of the second of

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(Frem The Jackson, Miss., Clariep-Ledger)

MANY of the outward forms of the old-fashioned

Mississippid citivalry and respect for women, such
on the street, have been abandoned. More and more
men are permittine women to stand on their own
feet, even on the city buses. Wife-beating, however,
in the best of circles. And it isn't condoned by the
average Jury. And that, we think, is as it should be.

### Undefiled

(From The McComb, Miss. Enterprise-Journal)
A HOOT OWL awakered this editor this morning
about 40 citics. The note will was in a large redoak tree just outside this editor's bedroom window.
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is all both the citics are rough.
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Muscle For Blubber

## **Expensive Show**

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## Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

# Hirohito Wants U.S. - Japanese Alliance

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## Negro Chairman

by a Negro-Congressman William Dawson of Chicago, Demorator.

And the State of the Congressional committee, but he will still at the helm of the House Expenditures Committee, one of the most powerful in Congress.

This committee can investante almost anything under the sun-from Eurosean expenditures under the Marshall Plan to how the President seeds his private allowance. Government that this committee cannot probe.

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And Charroce Brown of Ohio, Tatti campilian manifest.

After Jan 3. these gentleman not only are shorn of power, but will be called to order by a quiet-spoten, modest Merger who is well-littled even by his Bouthern solleagues.

He was well-dreased in European clothes, did not how according to Japanese custom, but crossed the room and shock hands with Kernan. About 60 butters served the hundreon shads with Kernan. About 60 butters served the hundreon shads with Kernan. About 60 butters served the hundreon was held in the importal Housekeeper's home, fore the Emperor's pales, contrart to eneral belief, was baddy hombed and has not been repaired. For the Emperor's pales, and the state of the Emperor's hand has not been repaired. The state of the Emperor's hand has not been repaired. The state of the Emperor's hand has not been repaired. The state of the Emperor's hand has not been repaired. The state of the Emperor's hand has not been repaired. The state of the Emperor's democratic default is that Dawson may be tragically unprepared to wom office or in Chi-sqo.

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### **Dewey Was Right**

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This pertains to the Tennessee Valley Authority and
sold conservation. Dewey claimed that YVA did a miserable
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Conservation are the conservation of the conservation are the conservation are the conservation are the conservation are neglected with the U.S. Soil Conservation with the University of Tennessee,
the compact PVA's soil conservation, with North Carolina's
He renorted North Carolina far ahead.

Secretary Parannan went even further than Dewey the
other night. Refreshingly frank, in a more-ex-electricity
would oppose the establishment of a Missouri Valley Authorfly unless Valley authorities, as typified by TVA, right-shoudraced reparting soil conservation.