THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 1948

America In The War Crisis

WE NEED the draft, Universal Military
Training and everything else that
President Truman recognmends in his special message to Congress. Of that, there
can be no doubt. This is a national emergency and America cannot afford to negnet anything that. Military the desired and the
let anything that Military the desired to
that it impossible to answer, the question
that is uppermost in the minds of American: Does this mean war? The answer to
that must await the Russian response, and
that will probably fequire some little time.
Meanwhile, everything in the picture supports the conclusion that this means at the
very least an armed crisis from here on
out with actual hostilities a constant
threat.

IT is impossible to give a final answer to the second question raised by the President control of the president has taken this extraordinary step is evidence enough that Russia is proceeding post-haste with its campaign for world revolution. If the prospect were not large movement and if it were not true that the situation favors further Soviet aggression, the administration would not now be taking such desperate measures to hold the line. IT IS impossible to give a final answer to

ing such desperate measures to hold the line.

There is a large question whether this American war stand will either slow down the Communist drive or put heart in our Western European ailles, the two main objectives of the Truman program. On the one hand, it may stimulate the Communists to more desperate action in an effort to win all Europe before the United States can arm itself to strike effectively. On the other hand, it may demonsize the European people with the fear of another war so soon after the last one and fan the fire's of revoil against the Governments that now are co-operating with us.

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The Communists may be expected to exploit to the full the new opportunities created by this American preparation to use force. If they find the barriers we have

erected in Europe are easy to overwhelm, it is difficult to believe that the American military threat will deter them. In that event, we will find that our show of force simply hastened the day of European catastrophe and American isolation in a Communist world.

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The hazards we are taking upon ourselves in this course are quite clear but they constitute no argument against the measures Mr. Truman has called for. In fact, the reverse is the case. We have no choice but to arm ourselves to back up the pold to the total to the pold to th

Charlotte Keeps Patriot Faith

TRUSTEES of the Mecklenburg Historical Society properly describe the symphonic historical drama to be presented here this Summer as "a tremendous undertaking". It is evident that tremendous is also the right word for the spirit in which this project is being advanced, and for the good results to be expected from it.

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One of the first hings decided is that
the pageant will open with "Clarence O.
Kuester Memorial Week," in honor of the
great civic leader whose vision, enthusiasm
and planning are largely responsible for
this grand enterprise. Mr. Kuester devoted
his life to spreading the faith and proving
that Charlotte is capable of great undertakings and he looked forward to the Meckjerburg spectacle in May as the crowning
been dead less than a week, it is not to
early to say that his people will again justity his faith and the drams of May, 1948,
will be exactly as he would have wished.
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will be exactly as he would have wished. This task falls particularly on the business community and the manner in which it is responding merits the praise of all citizens and offers a sure guarantee that citizens and offers a sure guarantee that the pageant will be a memorable success. In selecting George M. Ivey as a vice-president of the Bistorical Society, to fill the vacancy created by Mr. Kuester's death, the trustees could have made no more appropriate choice. A native of Charlotte and an outstanding business leader, Mr. Ivey is a outstanding business leader, Mr. Ivey is a true exemplar of the progressive spirit in our business, civic and cultural life.

The board has been broadened and strengthened also by the addition of Mayor H. H. Baxter, Chairman Sid Y. McAden-of the Mecklenburg County Commissioners,

Henry Dockery (the society's attorney), and Clarence Kuester Jr. and Falson Kuester, twin sons of the late Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Kuester.

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The leadership that now has been formed fulfills the high expectations that we re aroused when the accide yelected Mecklenburg's distinguished native son, State Sentious of the devoted and competent lieuternants which he has assembled in the society. Senator Blythe is receiving notable assistance from the Merchants Association, headed by Paul L. Abernathy, and the civic clubs, which have agreed to ralse the \$50,000 capital fund to finance the venture. An immediate start in the fund raising will know that the state of t

From The Louisville Courier-Journal

American Unions Fight Stalin

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A HOPEFUL factor in the present world
situation is more velocime than the
first Hower of Spring, Such a factor of a
very substantial nature is the campaign
American labor organizations are waging
to keep labor free in other lands. The top
leadership in both the AFL and the CIO
has recognized what Communists are trying to do to the world labor movement, and
they are fighting back.
Philip Murray of the CIO has a lot of
house-cleaning to do, but he is out in full
support of the European Recovery Program.
He is working to counteract the efforts of
Harry Bridges and other union leaders
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taself into a world-wide campaign to enqualit labor with the Communist danger
and to strengthen democratic resistance in
the countries where the pressure is getting
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trade unionists were "at first contused by
Bovet propagaida and misuse of the word
democracy." Now the AFL organ proclaims
a united front. Labor leaders are sensitive
to the fact that the Communist method, so

successful in Czechoslovakia and the other victimized countries, makes a cardinal point of the infiliration of labor unions. A few capable leaders are corrupted by Moscow. Their influence is then used to decive, to browbeat and finally to control the great majority of non-Communist workers.

workers.

Labor was not the only group to be fooled by Hitler, for capital also listened to his sires song. The totalitarialism of Moscow has less appeal for capital but more for labor, since it professes to set up a Utopia for the working man. The German trade unions found to their grief that Hitler included only slavery for the workers. Now beginning to see that Stalin has the same design, that Communism does not destroy class injustices, and that the sacrifice of freedom does not even buy equality. There may guill be time to get this mes-

There may guill be time to get this mes-sage to the rank and file of labor in West-ern Europe. The only good messengers are union men, for European workers have long learned to be suspicious of testimony from capitalist sources.



People's Platform

'Inside Story' To The Family

Pearons Merry-Go-Round, 'I held in this samily, 'I be a series of the pearons with the pearons with the pearons contributions to our daily reading are held in great respect by both my wife and myself. We admire, first of all, his shifty to get, and portray, the mean respective that the meaning between the pears in which his column appears. Second, we believe that the reading public should be informed to the pears of the pears in which his column appears. Second, we believe that the reading public should be informed to the pears of the pears in which his column appears. Second, we believe that the reading public should be informed to the pears in which his column appears. Second, we between the pears in the pears of the pear

The Friendship Train.

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More reasons in support of Drew Peazon and his writings could be appended to this letter, such as the courage it cometimes requires for a newspaper that have been given in it could be amplified. However, we believe that what has already been said under the convince you that we feel our reading suffice to convince you that we feel our reading unfill additional to the convince with the convenience of the convenience of

'A Chronic Liar'

President Rossevelt, who described Pearson as "a chronic liar." I also note in tonight's paper that President Truman corroborates this opinion. Moreover, I full to see how any reputable reserva-tions of the president of the president of the national control of the president of the president respect publish his distorted and perverted slanders.

Pearson Slipping

BURLINGTON

Editors. The News:

N reading your paper several days ago. I noticed you required your readers to give you their opinion of the effectiveness of the showe columnats. Until the last several years, I always thought considerable of Pearson's column, but recently the tracties' and while, no doubt, some of his statements are correct, in a number of instances I believe he has wrongly mode accusations. Therefore, I consider his column now much rea effective than I did you they years ago and longer.

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'Prejudice To None'

scalors. The News.

AM a subcriber of The News andread Drew Pearson's column daily. In reading it I feel as though I have a peek of the inside news happenings of individuals, both national and international, who are inte ittors. THE NEWS:

'Needs No Alterations'

Your editorial page needs no alterations. I

What To Do With Russia?

Editors. THE NEWS:

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ABC On Strikes

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Drew Pearson's: Ordinary People Carry Democracy Ball

Merry-Go-Round

WASHINOTON

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this new world have been largely settled and developed by men and women of Italian birth.

"We look to Rome as the cradle of our civilization, and, for many of us, the estrual citade of our religious faith, have fought for freedom in Burope, in Africa, in Asia. Today, the whole world has seen too much of the savagery and destruction of war and weath to see no more of it. We believe a structure of the save of the savagery and destruction of war and weath to see no more of it. We believe the save of the savagery and destruction of war and weath to see no more of it. We believe keep atrong their democratic institutions by resisting all the sainter forces of intimidation which seek to destroy the save to the save and the save of the save are with them wholeheartedly in their struggle to maintain their freedom and their dignity in a world that is again deskenred with the threat of oppression and savery.

The Housing War

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SENATOR CHARLES TOBEY of New Hampshire clomped
Angrily out of a Joint Congressional bousing meeting the
publican. Senator Joe McCarthy of Wicconain, got wound
up in a fillbuster against public bousing. It was an incident
which every man looking for a home should know about.
Tobey had the majority for a bill which would provide
13,000,000 homes in ten pears. McCarthy, faced with defeat,
trief to stall.

"like some unfair shilly-shallying." mapped Sparkman, "If there is any shilly-shallying." mapped Sparkman, "If there is any shilly-shallying meeting, Only this time. We have more men to shilly-shally."

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