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#### Another Bataan In Berlin?

WE ARE faced with the possibility that the United States, Britain and France may eventually have to abandon their sectors in Berlin or go to war to hold their positions in the German capital. What should we do?

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Communist in Berlin yesterday served notice that they have a two-year plan to tie Berlin economically to the Soviet occupation zone, meaning that they intend to have the Alike and of the contexted city beroe then. That may be an empty boast, designed entirely; for its systellogical effect on the Germans, an again it may not. Meanwhile, the Alike must consider whether to use fere to maintain the ir whether to use fere to maintain the ir

whether to use force to maintain their poption in the German capital or retire to their own zones in Western Germany. As the situation now shapes up, the Allies can remain in Berlin only so long as they are able and willing to maintain the air-ablut eservice which is being operated to carry supplies to beleaguered Berlin over the land blockade maintained by the Soviet

viets.

The air-shuttle service, which must carry food, fuel and other supplies needed to
austain more than two million German, is
a makeshift and ruinously expensive operation. It cannot be maintained indefinitely
without paralyzing much of our effort to
rupre Germany and Western Europe while
placing a dangerous strain on our resourcez. Unless the Russians bow to Allied
demands and lift the land blockade soon,
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demands and lift the land blockade soon, or unless we make concessions that will in-duce the Soviets to change their tactics, we must get out of Berlin or fight.

America cannot quit Berlin without sif-fering a serious blow, to her prestige, as well as losing an important artaegic posi-tion to the Russians. The American and British military commanders in Germany. British military commanders in Germany already have announced they will never

evacuate Berlin, come what may. They have taken that stand in the belief that poosession of Berlin is essential to the control of Germany, and that control of Germany, and that control of the standard of the belief that poosession of Berlin is as the standard of the support of the standard of the stan

## Soviet 'Clean-Up' In Art

WESTERN observers have noted for some time a growing Communist puritainsm in Russia. A new manifestation of this trend is found in Soviet art. In an Associated Press dispatch this week, attention is called to the Russian habit of puting clothes on-shapely girls who pose for statues, the recent Russian tendency to eliminate torrid bedroom scenes from novels and the vogue for portraving the full face rather than the nude body. All this seems to betoken a great change, in Ivan, who in the past has been internationally noted for his lustiness, not to say his lewdness.

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It is certain that this turn to Victorian propriety does not reflect the good work of Christian evangelists in the land of the athesite Stallnists. The feeling is that in the land of the athesite Stallnists. The feeling is that with the stallnist of the stallnis

not the case.

Alexander Fudeyev, general secretary of
the Soviet Writers' Union, assures us that
the Russian reaction 'against naturalistic
or erotic or vulgar effects in plays, books
and statues has not been inspired by regu-pated by the state of the state of the state of the
people. It spirings from a new state of mind
or outlook described as "socialist realism."
we are told, in which the Soviet artist sees
something more attractive than mere

"zoological man" when he paints a portrait of a Soviet citizen, the writer sees love in other than "its strictly physiological as-pect" when he narrates a Communist ro-

pect" when he narrace a "".

We don't know exactly how this "socialist realism" works but Fedeyev asserts it enables the Soviet artist to "see tomorrow in today and educate the reader in the interests of tomorrow." That still sounds a little like more dams and tractors to us and it is impossible for us to get over the notion that Stalin and his secret police have had something to do with this Russian cleanup.

we would like to believe that Ivan is im-proving his morals and his tastes under the We would like to believe that Ivan is improving his morals and his tastes under the new regime, or under any regime for that matter. However, it appears that the Soviet reform in art is about as spontaneous and voluntary as the Soviet temperance movement. Under that system, there is no legal rely like has loss of course and expedictly, but is carted off to prison or fiberia if he takes one more drink than the Communitarity of the state one more drink than the Communitarity of the state of the s

#### A Buzz For New York City

WE HAVE always had more than a little respect for New York City, We have nodded proudly when the foreign press has referred to it as the capitol of the world; we tucked our thumbs in our suspenders last month when the city celebrated its fifty years of amazing progress.

But this week our faith in New York weakened. It came as no small shock to know that the combined forces of the fire department, the police department and the park department of that great metropolis

On manue a measty little swarm of bees.

On Monday the bees arrived. They made a little cloud over Yorkville, driving mothers who were sunning their bables into their homes. That was minor. Twenty-four hours later, they were back, bustling over eff Broklyn, finally settling down over the entrance to the Holmes Ambulance & Oxygen Service Company at 468 Flatbush Arenue. They stayed. The City couldn't do a thing.

Gang killings? A mere snap of the fingers to the Police Department. Huge warehoud fires? A drop in the bucket for the City's stalwart smoke-eater. The upkeep of Central Park'r Nothing to it, shrugs the Park Department.

or Central Park? Nothing to it, shrugs the Park Department.
But bees? Police nod their heads help-lessly. The Park Department explains sad-ly. "We have no equipment for handling bees." The Fire Department: "Maybe we sould drown "em."

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Even private citizens, with the honor of
eir city at stake, took a shot at extermition. One candy store man thought he
uld lure the insects into a trap with a

pan full of chocolate syrup. They just buzzed menacingly at him and he retired to cover.

Something must be done. This situation has the elements of great tragedy, It's a David and Gollath story, a case of the elephant cringing before the mouse, Prometheus at the mercy of the vulture, Egrptian (or was it Babylonian) civilization before the onslaught of the locusts.

New York ineffectual 7 is seems impossible. But the bees still are there.

In Naples, Italian Service Mission Director Roy A. Welker reports, hundreds of Ne In Naples, Italian Bervice Mission Dires-tor Roy A. Weiker reports, hundreds of Ne-apolitians continue to live in more than 100 dark, damp caves on the hills surrounding the city. They moved there during the war. Mr. Welker declares authoritatively that this is attributable to agoraphobia—the fear of crowded public places. Over here we would refer to it more simply as hous-ing shortage.

While the sands of California are thronged with lovelles in the latest bath-ing attire, an awed salute to the astron-omers on Palomar for resolutely looking the other way.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Mrs. C. L. Brewer, 1124 E. McLemore, knows a man with a mighty good summer-time name—Lon Moore.—Memphis Press-Scimitar.

The great trouble about running a farm is the fact that as soon as it gets dry enough it's only about half a day until it's too dry.—Lamar (Mo.) Democrat.

'A Wandering Minstrel I-A Thing Of Shreds And Patches'



Editors' Roundtable

## What To Do In Berlin?

EDITORS almost unanimously oppose Western withdrawal from Berlin as a "Munich" surrender to Russian pressure. Majority opinion favors simply for the Majority opinion favors simply must apply by air, to break the Russian "built' blockade. Some editors suggest immediate referral blockade. Some editors suggest immediate referral resumption of negotiations on a united Germany, but only after lifting of the blockade. Retailatory trade embargon another ground for a sufficient committee of the suggest o

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-Edited by JAMES GALLOWAY.

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we think should be re-elected.

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sackcloth and ashes are on order
for Philadelphia.

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swill not accept Dougnas, womey put down as a New Dealer of epest dye. So the outlook is dismal. A quarflower the civil-rights plank is in owner. Any effort now to cast owner. Any effort now to cast owner. Any effort now to cast of in failure, and the effort will if you have a compared to the compared fication.

But it is much too early, in my opinion, to call in the crepe hang-

In the 1928 convention the cit wing won out, and Al Smith wa the nominee. He went down unde the worst defeat suffered by President up to that tine, carryin, only eight states for a botal of 8 electoral votes. For the first time the solid South was split, with

## James Marlow

## Not For Children

But, Mama, do you think, maybe, you gave him his first taste of cruelty by sing-songing him nurs-ery rhymes from Mother Goose?

Wertham, senior psychiatrist of New York City's Department of Hospitals, said in that article:

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#### Drew Pearson's Truman Wooing Teamsters' Dan Tobin Merry-Go-Round

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THERE was great excitement about the President's yearth.
An a recent trip down the Potomac when Paul Porter,
Anticosty, a White Retues adde saked "Truman:
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yor for the Essenhover people. He's a vice-chairman of
the nonination of Elsenhover, and, which is all-out for
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"Oh, don't worry about Paul." replied "Truman impulse
"He's all right. In fact, it's the other way around.
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ticket. Also the White House grapevine reported that Tobin was sore at Truman for not consulting with him, as did PDR.

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Truman Coos To Tobin

MEANWHILE, here is a report on the Truman-Tobin talk static may interest Dan's AFL colleagues.

Truman diffit discuss political fine points, except to any that he hoped the Teamsters Union would continue to exert its influence for "candidates friendly to labor," as it did during New Deal years.

#### Under The Dome

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