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# Things That Go Up....

If would be heartening, of course, if all citizens plagued by the High Cost of Lwing could put their finger on somebody or some group these days and say with complete accuracy: "YOU are responsible for high prices."

high prices." But this, unfortunately, is impossible. Still there is a great hue and cry abroad in the land to find a scapegoat as the high winds of inflation blow merrily along toward the long-feared and well advertised recession.

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Last year as the predicted season for a Last year as the predicted season for a Last year. The predicted season for a Last year was a wind serious of the decision of the control of the program. This shot in the arm, in company with the new markets opened by the European Recovery Program, hid, for the time being, alarming symptoms that the infiation disease had grown critical. The nation could be compared with a man easing the pain of organic lines by using dope. As long as he kept the hypodermic needic close by, his pain disappeared—but he constantly required more and stronger dose.

ger doses.

As the Fall season approached this year, the experts were wondering where the "more" would come from this time. Would there be new alarums and rumbles in Europe, causing the expenditure of larger preparedness funds? Would the construction and exports boom continue at the same high level?

These were disturbing questions, and coupled with the rising cost of living in-

det, they were causing experts and plain people deep concern. On the horizon also were the ironic facts that 1948 crops would produce a banner yield, both in the United States and abroad. There was even talk that Europe might need less food than had been anticipated. Some observers were predicting that agricultural prices would move on stage as the first performer in the drama of definition.

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So everywhere, as September arrived, there were dire warnings that somebody needed to act. Labor unions thought the inflation came from high profits. U. S. businessmen, while admitting their concern over unusual yields, did not agree the concern over unusual yields, did not agree the computed showed their sold the profits were computed showed their sold their concern over unusual yields, did not agree their concern over unusual yields, did not agree their concern over unusual yields, did not agree their computed showed their concern over the computed showed their computed their profits of high prices in all their business costs.

Here in North Carolina last week (September 1st) the State Farm Bureau Associated Women spoke out strongly against business and labor groups who would blame spiraling prices on the Federal agricultural price-support program. They said farmers are gaining less from inflation than any other group, and they claimed that Covernment-support prices are far below Lieswhere, Marriner Eccles, Federal Reserve Board member, blamed both President Truman and Congress for their failure "to face up the economic facts of life." When the bust would come, Mr. Eccles didn't claim to know—but he thought we had gone too far to avoid it.

On the political front Senator J. Howard McGrath, now booming the Democratic Party big guns, blamed "greedy price boosts by industry." In quick rebuttal Thomas L. Parkinson, president of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the U. Government placed curve con united the Schotz of the Covernment placed curve for the proposition of and this wellef of charge and counter and this wellef of charge and counter and the such and this wellef of charge and counter and the most control and this wellef of charge and counter and the such and this wellef of charge and counter and the such and the wellef of charge and counter and the and this wellef of charge and counter and the such and the such and counter and the

In all these differences in explanation and this wellef of charge and countercharge, the little householder doeant know who's right or more nearly right. All he knows for sure is that, as usual, it is he who is catching it in the neck, with prices outrunning his ability to pay, his sense of security trembling in the balance of great forces beyond his control and understanding, everything he wanted becoming daily more out of sight and out of reach. If these are the attributes of a boom, he says, a bust would have its points.

### A Job For The Home Folks

EVIDENCE of reviving aggressiveness, in the keeping with the times, in promoting Charlotte's economic growth from within is given by the Chamber of Commerce request for suggestions from the members regarding opportunities for community advancement. The appeal from E. A. Terrell, chairman of the Industrial Committee, is significant of many good things to come for this rapidly developing center of diversified businesses.

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Particularly, Mr. Terrell emphasizes that
Charlotte must not, and has not relaxed its
alertness in fostering its own welfare. Admittedly much of Charlotte's expansion
through the years has resulted from the
welcomed inflow of outside capital and
management that were attracted by this
area's broadening economic potential. Nevertheless, it was Charlotte's own realization
of its responsibilities, which, through subsequent accomplishment in progress, created attention-complising prestige.

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As Mr. Terrell has so truly commented, the Chamber of Commerce membership constitutes a tremendously important reservoir of good ideas for developing new industry at home and for expansion of existing enterprise. The Chamber of Commerce directorate and administrative staff form a directorate and administrative staff form a

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co-ordinating and directing organization, but the real responsibility for policies, efficiency of the property of the

From The Christian Science Monitor

# What Hysteria Can Do

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This newspaper has long been among
those which have admonished their
readers that American Communism is
something other than a political party in
the democratic sense. We have also, and
with considerable persistence as certain
trends began running strong, urged that
the rats of subversiveness must and can be
dealt with without burning down the house
of freedom. For when watchituless slips
over the edge onto the down-grade toward
panic, otherwise sane and sold citizens can
do some frightening things. For example:
Broome County, New York, reports the
Binghamton Fress, has a self-appointed,
unofficial "Committee on Americanism."
This group recently became convinced that
a local schooleacher was either a Communist or entertained Communist views,
basing their conclusions almost exclusively
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on a story told by the teacher's divorced husband.

These local "rigilantes", says the Press, went to the school board, which assumed, apparently because the chairman of the Americanism body had once been an FBI agent, that the information came from the FBI and required no further substantia-tion. Although the teacher appeared well

qualitied, the school board fifed her forthwith.

The Communist allegations reached the courts but by a feather coure—presumably via a dispute over autofy of via a communist or the courts of the courts of the courts of the count of the court of the cou

stitutional rights."

In the name of true Americanism, none of this makes good American sense. But this is what hysteria can do.

This world pays you not on the basis of what you have, but on the comparative scarcity of what you have. That is why honest-to-God hard work pays well. It's such a scarce item. — Kingsport (Tenn.) Times.

Cows go dry if they are not milked. States go dry if they are milked too much. Louisiana is getting awfully dehydrated. Ask you neighbor!—Bunkie (La.) Record.

'I Don't Feel Anything Yet'



This cartoon was drawn in January, 1947, and is one of a series of Herblock cartoons being reprinted while he is on execution.

#### Peoples' Platform

# A Defense Of Senator Blythe

#### Outlaw Alcoholic Drinks

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It doesn't make sense. To an extent we are out to relieve the problem's keeper and the one who makes it possible for duri follow man to buy the drink is as guilty or a first of the problem's problem's

#### **Around The Corner**

#### Marquis Childs

# No Place To Go

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In spite of a last-minute blast

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the corn crop. Nebraska farmer
swill share in the groundswell of
hisp prosperity prevailing throughout the agricultural West. As for
the ranchers in the western part
of the state, there are fauluous
weath as cattle continue to bring
record prices in the Chicago market.

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made a vigorous campaign in tas state.

Nebraskans made the choice be-tween Stassen's active internation-alism and Taft's cautious attitude toward the Marshall Plan. More-saking at me pertinent questions about the Federal subsidy system for agriculture and its relation to hish prices. That did not go down well in a state largely given over to farming.

to farming.

Butler, now in his second term, has been a close understudy to the vigorous, aggressive Wherry in the

blocking and tackling strategy of reaction in the Benate. Thus, almost single-most searnial for national defense if for no other reason. Certain powerful financial interests in the Islands were opposed to state-hood.

#### DeWitt MacKenzie

# Defiance Echoed

# Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round Taft Wants Foreign Relations Group Job

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SEN. ROBERT TAFT has a big surprise up his sleeve for the brevey hich command.

The able, forthright Ohloan Intends to become a member of the crucial Senate Foreign Relations Committee in the next Control stone committee vacancies. Sen. Arthur captures will be sen. Wellace While. Maine, long-time committee embers, are reliting from public life. Taft's hist, seniority entitles him to one of these places if he wants it. He wants it. He superared to give up his chairman-ship of the Labor & Education Committee or his seat on the first of the superared to his serior of the labor of the lab

#### No Shutout

will have a free hand, and he plans to use it where he thinks it will do the most good.

Note—Taft does not aspire to the role of Sensie GOP floor leader. He can have it if he wants it. He doesn't. His choice is Sen. Kenneth Wherry, Nebr.

#### Different Rabbits

WHEN Baron Silvercinys, dapper Belgian ambassador, was Winshed to attend the 35th Infantry Division reumon in Omaha, he was advised to wear his ornate official attire. "The folks out there don't often see a foreign ambassa-or;" he was told, "and they'll expect something extra special. You must take along all your fancy sear." to the level of the search of the sear

diplomat replied. "Timer have a lot of jack-rasous out there, but no Belgian harrs!

Hard Decision

PRESIDENT TRUMAN is gingerly grappling with a new in the late of "red" issue.

It involves making a choice between two conflicting personal friendships and doine justice to Alaskan Indians. The President, appearently, is indicing it a hard decision because the president of the late of late of the late of the late of late of the late of late of the

## Housing Crisis

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