HOUSING PROJECTS NEEDED

THE Charlotte Housing Authority will ask the City Council tomorrow to approve its application for 1,500 new Negro units and 500 white unit. The request will certainly provoke strong opposition from real estate interests, and it is not at all certain how the Council will respond.

It is the considered opinion of this newapaper that the Council should approve the application.

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THE NEWS opposed the new Federal Housing bill when it was before Congress for

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3. The probability that further Federal competition in housing would discourage private enterprise from doing the job.
Spurred by the leadership of such conservatives as Senator Taft, who is by no means an advocate of Socialism, a commonia meaning was passed by both houses.

means an advocate of Socialism, a com-promise measure was passed by both house of the Congress and signed into law by President Truman. With this action, the principle of Federal assistance in provid-ing housing for low-informe groups became more firmly embedded in our national de-mocracy. And it is unlikely that the na-

AN INEVITABLE STEP

MUCH of the harmony that prevailed at the recent Washington monetary conference is explained by the revelation that Great Britain had already decided to devalue the pound before the sessions opened. With that, proof of Britain's good faith, the United States could well afford to make the sweral important concessions which were agreed upon in Washington.

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It has long been apparent that devaluation of the pound was an essential preliminary to a revival of Stitain's ability
oearn dollers. Yet the reluctance to take
such a step was understandable, because
of the lar-reaching political and economic

complications.

It means that the British people, who-have already given the world a stirring example of sustern living, will have to tighten up their belts another notich. The prices of all goods imported from the dollar area—wheat, tobacco, machinery, for instance—will go up. If wages are to be kept at their present level in England, and it is necessary that they remain steady if ruinous inflation is not to set in, the British worker will be able to buy less. His standard of -living will drop another notch or two, and it is already distressingly low.

tion will ever again revert to the philos-ophy of every-man-for-himself where housing is concerned.

The City Council, then, is faced with a

The City Council, then, is faced with a fast accompil. Public housing is now the law of the mation, whether we approve of it or not. The decision now before the Council is whether or not to take advantage of this opportunity to provide decent lew-cost housing for a part of our low-income citizens.

our now-income citizens.

In making that decision, the members of the City Council, no matter what their personal ideas about the philosophy of public housing, must act in behalf of all the people of Charlotte, not a small segment thereof.

segment thereof.

It is a fateful responsibility that is placed on them. At stake is the tragic mode of existence of some 1,800 poverty-stricken families who are now living in slum conditions. tions which breed disease, crime and dis-satisfaction. Also at stake is the future of

satisfaction. Also at stake is the future of a fast-growing city dotted with sum areas which, as long as they exist, will be a terrible blight on the community.

The Housing Authority's application is based on a 1644 survey, but it should be apparent to everyone that the need for low-cost housing, especially among our Negroes, is much greater than it was then. Because there is no prospect than private enterprise will, in the foreseeable ruture, be able to provide housing for our lowest income groups, the application should be approved without delay.

Yet, if inflation can be avoided in the sterling area, the long term results of de-valuation should be favorable. Many other things will have to be done. Britain must valuation should be favorable. Many other things will have to be done. Britain must make some new arrangement for refinancing its war debts held by other sterling nations, debts which drained \$40 million from Britain last year. Britain factories must be overhaused, and production stepped up. Trade with Europe must be speeded up, and Britain needs to crack the American market with some U. S.-style high pressure salesmanhip.

There is much to be done on this side, too. Our tariffs should be adjusted downward, and suttons red tape shadened and the state of the

NEW ENFORCEMENT WEAPON

COVERNOR SOOTTS decision to take up local enforcement of Prohibition laws directly with North Carolina sheriffs and chiefs of police should draw recounding applause from every section of the state.

The Governor agreed to summon the law enforcement officials to a meeting, probably peat month, at the request of ABC Chairman R. W. Winston, who has been waging a one-man campaign to dry up

Chairman R. W. Winston, who has been waging a one-man campaign to dry up the flow of legal liquor to dry counties. The Governor will have available Mr. Winton's lists of suspected bootleagers—persons who have repeatedly made large purchases in other states. He is expected to hand them over to the officials concerned and request stricter enforcement of

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This is getting to the real heart of the rohibition enforcement problem. Mr. Finston has tried hard to shut off the supply at the source—wholesalers and dis-ributors in other states. He had notable uccess in Maryland, but has not made

ch progress in two other areas, the Dis-t of Columbia and Illinois.

trict of Columbia and Illinos and illinos. At best, Mr. Winston will be able to do no more than cut down on the number of sources. As long as North Carolina is surrounded by wet states, there will always be dealers of one class or another who will sell truckloads of liquor to North Carolina purchasers.

But the illegal traffic can be reduced lo-

But the illegal traffic can be recuced ac-cally if law enforcement officials are dili-gent, and if they are supported by militant public opinion. We do not believe that Prohibition will ever be completely effective anywhere in these United States. But the people in dry counties who have turned down the ABC control system certainly have the right to demand that their local officials try and keep it at an absolute minimum and to expect the full assistance of the State Gov-ernment. Mr. Winston's idea certainly deserves a

FIREPLACE MAGIC

IT is not difficult at all, to conceive of objections to an open fireplace in your living room.

One could object, first of all, to the onesidednessed the source of warnth. Many's
the open firs lover who survives a Winter
with his face a flushed vernelllion and the
back of his neck the color of an igloo. A
savivel chair at the hearth would seem to
be a bully idea for defeating this drawback.

back.

And, of course, there is the stopped-upchinney affair, requiring all sorter of
punching and prodding and resulting often
in a bath of Summer-digid scot.

There are those, too, who object to the
daily chere of bringing in wood to stoke the
open fireplace. This is doubly distressing
when, as often happens, no cord wood merchant can be found.

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wheen, as often happens, no cord wood mer-chant can be found.

Despite these genuine deterrents to the enjoyment of an open fire, more than a few of us await each year the arrival of cold weather with the prospect of a roar-ing log behind the hearth.

The wind whistling about the eaves and, if it can be arranged, a cold rain mak-ing shiny abony of the window panes, a leaping flame before which the map of the

house can roast his toes is nothing, nothing at all to sniff at.

The dancing jets of fire, sputtering and whirling like senil, encarmine the drabbest furniture, turn the commonplace corners of the room into deep valleys of shadowy mystery. The miniature torches take fantastic form before, your eyes, limning a reprembered face below the chimney.

A cat to pur or a dog to doge upon a

A cat to purr or a dog to doze upon a rug before the fire, children to sit before it in contemplative sifence as popcorn crackles quietly in the pan—these add im-measurably to the magic of an open fire.

Foes of U. S. Senator Robert Taft hope to Foes of U. 8. Senstor Robert Taft hope to beat him next year with a combination of the farm and labor vote. They'll have to do more than taik out of both sides of their mouths if they pull off that trick. We saw a candidate in South Carolina who tried to win that way get the socks beaten off him.— Greenville (S. C.)*Piedmont.

When it comes right down to it, a justifiable reduction in Federal spending is one that is made at least 1,500 miles from where you live. — Memphis (Tenn.) Commercial-Appeal **Greener Pasture**



The Other Side

The Navy Unlimbers Its Guns

By JOSEPH C. HARSCH (In The Christian Science Monitor)

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which they are defending in actually in denger.

FIGURE difficulty of grasping what this feud is all should be a spring sparily from the word Noy. That word does not describe account to the organization which primarily operates ships of war on the high seas, a nayy in the sense of being an, organization which primarily operates ships of war on the high seas, any operation of the season of th

record for efficiency. The Marine Corps is a yard-stick against the Army, etc. And the Navy, as it is presently constituted, with its Marine Corps and air arms, is a force in being capable of dealing almost instantly with any type of emergency.

I THE present Nay were taken apart it might become necessary for the Debuse Department to put together use affection to the best of the comparison of together use affection to the best of the comparison of the affection of the comparison of the condition of land, sea, and air forces which would, in effect, be a first-line, emergency force. And that would take time and it would sacrifice that Nay morals which anyone who visits Washington today will re-combe as one of the most prominent features of the landscape.

iandscape.

Some Navy feeling on the subject is just the usual reflex action of a man protecting his job. But a feeling so general and held so segingly by so many cannot be dismissed entirely on those grounds. This Navy revolt is an unusual thing. It will not die down until, and unless, the Navy geta a better channet than it has had so far to present its side of

People's Platform

Forgotteh History

Mayor Shute gave "an eye for an eye". The ones who started this mud-slinging got the same thrown back at them. Now they cry for sympathy and say that they are being condemned by "advocates that enalise the minds of people and the lives of free men and shackle the families of the victims with mistry, powerly and crime."

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I glues they have forgotten about the 'roaring twenties' during the height of Problitton when crime was rangent and when the bootleger was the life of the state of the st

Church And State

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minister? Perhaps this simple question furnishes
the answer to why the church and state should be
speaked in America.

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Southern Cooking--- Ugh!

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Despite Mr. Rogers' experiment in civilizing me up to a Southm standard, I intend to coling to my original premise: By and large most of it's bad, and the only way to avoid ptomatine is to know some-body who can steer voil to a age

Ovid A. Martin

No Guarantee

This question bobbed up again this week after the Agriculture Dept, announced a material change in its program for supporting hog prices.

prices.

The Department said in effect that from now on it will not attempt to assure any farmer the minimum price for any of his hogs. All it will do will be to try to keep the average of-prices received by all farmers for all hogs from dropping below the support level.

Now about all the individual farmer can count on is a price in the neighborhood of the support level. It is not likely, officials said, that individual prices at the height of the Winter marketing season will

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the Government will do nothing about it.

This change in the hog support program greatly reduces the post-bility of extensive Government buy-ing of pork this Fall and Winter to carry out the price guarantee.

Quote, Unquote

A pessimist is a man who knows what is actually going on today.— Little Rock Arkansas Gasetta.

God has done more for White County and man has done less than any other place in the world.—Cleveland (Ga.) Courier.

A hurricane originates 1,500 miles away, heads north and slides over Florida, then hits every Eastern Seaboard state slam into Maine but the daily press calls her a Florida hurricane all the way into Canada, Why?—Fernandina (Fla.) News-Ledger.

Lyn Bolton's old bird dog died last week after fifteen years of sleeping in the uptown streets, on the sidewalk and in the parking lots without a traffic accident . . . died of a heart attack, his master said.—Thomaston (Ga.) Free Press.

None of the ill effects of too much speed can be blamed on the comic strip artists. It takes the average character at least three days to get through a door.—Memphis (Tenn.) Commercial-Appeal.

This generation is said to be slower in paying its bills than the last.

It seems that the era of the early settlers is past.—Roanoke (Va.)

One can think of nothing that would be more heart-breaking than the parting of President Truman and Gen. Harry V. Vaughan.—Charleston (S. C.) News & Courier.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

British, Americans Swap Wisecracks

mittee.

Sen. Vandenberg set the mood by greeting British Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin with a breezy: "Hello, Ernie."

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Thanks To George III

THEN the British Foreign Secretary referred to King George III, whose tyranny started the Revolutionary War.

War.

"There is a picture of George III handing on the wall of the There is a picture of George III handing on the wall of the III to my regs and thank George III. For if he hadn't been for him. In United States wouldn't have been populous or wealthy enough to help win the war."

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