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### WEAK SPOT IN DEFENSE PROGRAM

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PRESIDENT TRUMANTS revelation of
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makes it all the more pressing to develop
an adequate defense and economic exploitmation plan for this nation pending the
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international atomic energy control.
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and the National Security Resources Board.

The latter has been without a chairman
stince President Trumany's nomination of his
old crony, Mon Walgren, was turned down
by the Senate monthis ago. It has not had
accepted to the senate of the senate has been
decreased to the field of planning.

Mr. Ilgenfrits was recommended, by the
Department of Defense to head up the
Munitions Board as the best man available
for the job. As vice-president of U. S. Seel,
Mr. Ilgenfrits draws a salary of \$10,000
a year plus a liberal pension on retirement.
He offered to water his persentirely, but
the Senate held that it would be a bad
precedent to permit the board chairman to
draw a salary from a corporation with
which the Board would be transacting

In addition to leaving these two important posts open, Mr. Baldwin reminds us, the President has declined to allow standby economic mobilization legislation to be presented to the Congress.

ented to the Congress.

Thus there are no standby laws to cover quick mobilization, and no direction of the two most essential mobilization agencies. It is a situation calculated to produce utter-confusion and chaos in the event the nation should have to get ready for war in a hurry.

a hurry.

The severest critic of the Administration's inaction in this field has been elder
statesman Bernard M. Baruch who has lost
favor at the White House because of his
outspoken and blunt fault-finding.

In a letter to this newspaper, recently, Mr. Baruch said:

That warning is more timely today than yer before.

# QUEEN CITY OF THE AIR

CHARLOTTE'S rapid development as a center of air transportation, related center of air transportation, related elsewhere on this page by Mr. Young, has come about in a comparatively short length of time.

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of time to series of special articles pointing up the city's air transportation deficiencies, and urging unitied action by business groups and the City Government to remedy them.

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to remedy them.
At that time, Charlotte had one air line
and ten flights daily—most of them, incidentally, arriving and departing at inconvenient hours of the might. Today the
city has four air lines and 50 daily flights,
and has truly become the hub of an aerial
wheel, with spokes running out in all di-rectors.

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To handle the tremendous volume of mail, express, freight and passengers, a new Administration Building at Municipal Airport is planned. It will replace the wooden stricture inherited from the Federal Government at the end of the war and adapted, insofar as possible, to the needs of \*\*manufacture of the state of

adapted, insorar as possions, or an extending a commercial aviation.

The Federal Government is contributing 2250,000 of the cost of the building, and the City Government is putting up an equal amount. Subsidy of aviation by Federal funds has been the policy for many years,

under the theory that it is definitely in the national integest to develop viriation as Codinarily, the City Government would not participate in such a project, any more than it would build a new railroad station or bus terminal. In this case, the rentais and other revenue from the building are expected to make the building almost self-supporting and may, if air travel continues to boom, amortise the original investment. In using public funds for such a purpose, the City is merely following the general trend in this country. There was a time, many years ago, when the young railroad industry received public grants and assistance of one kind or another There may a time in the not foo disant future when the country is the control of the control of the country of t

# PROGRAM FOR PROGRESS

ON hundreds upon hundreds of North Carolina's farms there live families who aren't quite satisfied with the condi-tion of the land they till or the homes they live in Things aren't so bad, however, that they are bestirred to do anything about it.

A fence would help here, they figure; a little terracing would help there. The house gould stand a new coat of paint and the barn needs a new door, but—

barn needs a new door, but— So long as a family "gets along" there is seldom enough incentive to take on the extra work, the small expense needed to make a model farm from a place that's barely "getting along." So, while many of Rorth Carolina's farms are beautiful, well-tended, and productive, there are many more which each year come closer to that day when they will be with-out value.

Up in Cleveland County, under the guid-ance of the Agriculture Workers Council, an idea has been spawned which the rest of the state's counties would do well to

The plan is this: improvement contest, with a can-

didate from each township in the county, would be launched. The Council would make suggestions, help the contestants to improve the coll, beautify the bone, polish up. in general. Merchants would help out with prizes and at the end of the year the winner, would be proclaimed "Farmer of the Year."

And the plan worked out. Last week, at And the plan worked out. Last week, at And the year annual fair, the Farmer of the Year was named, received a cash prize from Dh. J. 8. Dorton, manager of the fair, and west-home with the knowledge that he was richer, this farm was better and that better things were to come from his land. Also profitting were eleven other families who took part in the contest. Though they did not receive the honor of the "Best Farmer" title, nor the cash prize, they too wenh home to better farms.

This week the Agriculture Workers Council is planning another program, charting the course for improvement for another focus farms in Chewn of the properses.

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m The Atlanta Constitution:

#### NOW THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE IT-

WHEN the atom bomb was exploded over two Japanese cities in 1945 our scientists said two things:

There is no secret. Any physicist of ability-knows the formula, or can find it. The only secret is the technique of manufacturing the machines necessary to set

facturing the machines necessary to set off the explosion.

2. It will be anywhere from two to five years before Russis, or any other power which devotes itself to the task, can produce an atomic explosion.

About four years have passed.

Russis has set off an atomic explosion.

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The set of the set o esident of the united states so an-don Friday. It will dismay all of us. cause renewed worry and anxiety. It cessitate more and more military ex-perses. It will prevent reduction of

Exaction.
But it should not surprise anyone.
Even our atomic energy project was a
product of many brains, by no means all
of them American. Until V-J Day, Britona
and Canadians worked idongside Americans in the project. So did many scientists,

exiles from Hitler-held territories.
Since the end of the war Britain and Canada have, in a sense, been excluded. Only recently has there been a return to co-operation. We cannot have much of it until legislation is adopted permitting it. But no country has been sitting still. Britain, Canada, France, Norway and Russia have atomic piles, or furnaces. Russia have atomic piles, or furnaces Russia have atomic piles, or furnaces and in production. There is hurried need for reassessment of our position and there is

in production. There is hurried need for reassessment of our position and there is urgent need we hurry along the plans for defense of Western Europe.

There is no need for panic. The Communists will seek to create it. The Soviet propagands mill, the best in the world, will immediately exploit their explosion, to make it appear they are far a head of everyone else; that they can overwheal the service of the control of the community of the commu everyone else; that the world. That is not true.

"...Or Do You Want Me To Do The Talking?"



# A Story Of Progress

# Charlotte And The Air Age

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TWE air sge has swooped down, on Charlotte with
Lypical air speed. Because of 'the unprecedented
growth of air transport in and out of Charlotte—air
mail, air cargo and air passengers—present terminal
facilities at Municipal Airport, a quakeshift from the
residue of wartime left-overs, are inadequate to meet
today's requirements.

Charlotte, say the experts, has more air service than any city of comparable size in the U. S.

Half a hundred flights, including four of the latest Constellations, soom in and out of the Char-lotte airport daily, and the Sist is coming up shortly with insuguration of a flight to and from Wilming-ton by Piedmont Air Lines.

Charlotte, with its providential location, has become a giant center of commerce, medicine, railroad
and highway transportation and now is becoming a
great air center. Its name looms large on the air
map, America's guide of the future.

IV April, 1999, but we pitcharm Multilings were sering Charlotte, carrying mail and nothing more. It had just been a little more than 25 years since the Wright brothers had gotten their crast contraption mit of the property of the propert

more mail in a nurry but ween't in a bittry to begin from themselves.

Now, less than twenty years later, 7,500 passengers amonth file in and out of the gates, over which gleams a brilliant neon sign. Welcome to Charlotte. And the growth is AF 17 then, just one of the lines but the-biggest serving Charlotte. EAL reports that in 1871 it had six flights daily into Charlotte with 200 passengers a month. In April 1981, 1

total psiencers beared, including transact, rescues Tone same pericular growth has been shown in air mill, air carpo and air express. In June, 1946, EAL carried 2000 pounds of Charlotte mail and in June this year the figures were 40,000 pounds. The June, 1946, tonnage of air carpo was 15,000 pounds, which a year later had jumped to 51,000 pounds, which a year later had jumped to 51,000 pounds, which a year later had jumped to 51,000 pounds. While Eastern Air is the biggest line that touches Charlotte, with 40 daily lights, there are three does lines which drop their planes on the vast paved are got Municipal Airport: Capital with four faily flights. Perinnois Will four lights active the perinnel with four lights and the state of the perinnel with the complete the perinnel with the perinn

PRESENT terminal facilities are gaping at the seams and municipal authorities, supported by an active committee of farsighted businessmen of the Chamber of Commerce, are planning to do something about it.

of this largesse.

This handsome new structure will provide quarters for the various lines that serve Charlotte, will have facilities for the comfort and convenience of air patrons, and will house the weather bureau and other suxillary agencies now scattered over the field.

The question is asked, "Why should the Charlotte City Government pay for a waiting room at the air-port and not pay for a new Southern depot or a bus terminal?"

And the answer comes back:

money produced at its depot.

The city's share of the cost of the new administration building is expected to be amortized over a long period of years, the schedule to be arranged after definite cost figures have been determined and the rates of rental have been fixed.

In addition to the rentals paid for quarters, the air lines are charged \$25 and \$35 a month per scheduled flight as a landing fee.

The per foot rate for rental of the buildings at the airport was fixed by a committee of the Char-lotte Real Estate Board.

note Nest Estate Board. Total revenue from the various facilities at the sirport which by the way, the City Government got back from the Federal Government with all the wartime facilities at the close of the war, was approximately \$10,000 during the last flocal year. So we have a superior of the control of the Morris Federal Control of the Morris Federal Romes.

# Quote, Unquote

We feel a little sorry for that Jal youngster who's going to fly back and forth to school each day by plane. When will he ever get a chance to dawdle home in the autumn afternoon with his bare toes digging into the dust and the pigt-slaid belle of his choice by his side? Not at 250 mph, anyhow—Carisbad (N. M.) Current-Argus.

There are short distances, such as that around the world, and then there are extremely long ones, such as that between your nose and the pocket where your handkerchief is, when you are about to explode in a hay fever aneeze—Jackson (Miss.) Dally News.

Poem in which advice is given those times speak in public.

## Joseph & Stewart Alsop

# What Will They Prove?

TRUMAN is trying to prove that the starter, and the steel industry is trying to prove that the steel industry is trying to prove that it does. This have one of the CIO chiefs has threatened, steel strike. He was, of course, or?— simplifying. But the steel the starter is the starter of the steel that the starter is the starter of the steel that the starter is the starter of the steel center and the steel incursive starter of the steel that the starter is resisting.

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# No Great Hurry

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country the next few weeks, the Important thing to remember is this:
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or may be thinking of buying from
your local store will always be able
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#### Revolutionary Diplomacy Big Need Now Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round WASHINGTON

AST week's news that Russia had unloaved her own atom Loom caused this writer to do some digging into his own columns written during the Christmasticle immediately after the first A-bomb was expossible to the control of the control

#### Christ Was Revolutionary

"Later Jesus epifomized all this teaching and brought forth the highest expression of moral and ethical standards ever given to man in the Sermon on the Mounter of the Mou

World's End?

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### Heading Off War

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"CoNGRESS doesn't seem to realize that the time to head off wer is long before is starts. And if they would spend for the long before is starts. And if they would spend ground for pasce as they paid for the weapons of war, then the text generation could live in security. The good businessman would ever timen to make the rounds of customers. He would go out of business in no times. But we as a nation fail to apply the same good business practice in regard to the most sacrod thing in order to the security of the security

# Selling The Idea

"He had what he thought was a great idea and he traveled day and night trying to sell it.

sell our American religion.

We can't sit passive in big, ornate houses as most of our bassadors do, giving ritry cocktail parties for upper-crus ladies and other hasbeens. Our diplomats have get to out and talk to the real folks that make up the backbon

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