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### A TIME FOR CAUTIOUS OPTIMISM

THE American, sorely perplexed by the many strident voices all around him, scarcely has an opportunity for sober reflection and inventory taking, if he will shut himself away from the hubbub, however, and read the history of the last few months, he will find grounds for cautious optimism that the world may, after all, be spared another war.

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Joseph C. Harsch, the clear-headed Washington chief of the Christian Science Washington chief of the Christian Science Monitor, did just that the other day, and he came to the conclusion that we are making steady progress toward the point where war can be prevented. He based his conclusion on these factors:

conclusion on these factors:

1. The military situation in Korea is infinitely better. The UN troops cannot now be driven off the peninsula if they choose to remain. China has suffered grievous losses, and may be reluctant to throw more men away on a hopeless enter-

2. The effort in Korea is no longer a net military drain on this country. On the other hand, the U. S. has greater military power today than in June of last year, despite our heavy contribution

In Korea.

3. The most striking improvement is in air power. Our production has already passed the presumed rate of Russian production, and we have just begun. Furthermore, our Air Force has learned valuable new lessons in Korea.

The alliance of free nations has WILL TRUMAN RUN AGAIN?

WILL TRUMAN RUN AGA
THE political experts, pundits, gossips.

Soothsayes electer an on the national scene are having themselves a fine time these days predicting that Mr. Truman will not seek another term as President.

The "Ayes" had scarcely died away in the halls of the Utah and Nevada legislatures before word started around that the new 22nd Amendment to the Constitution would discourage Mr. Truman from running again.

Here's the way the analysts work it out. The new amendment doean't apply to Mr. Truman, and he has the legal right to serve another term. But the purpose of the amendment its to prevent any man from serving more than ten years a President and Mr. Truman would violate the spirit of the law if not the lefter by running for office again.

To that they add several other arguments.

COUNTY OPTION UPHELD WHEN the House Propositions & Griev-

ances Committee killed a state liquor endum bill this week, it sounded the knell for any other similar meas-

ures. The 1951 General Assembly is not going to authorize a statewide vote on

liquor.

The News concurs in that decision.

The argument in favgr of a state referendum—that the people have a right to vote on this question—is failacious. It is fail-lacious because it presumes they do not now have the right to vote on ilquor. They do have the right, on a county basis, and

withstood several severe strains—the row over the 38th Parallel, the threat of using the atomic bomb, the Soviet "peace offensive"—and is stronger today than it was before Korea. It is now a political and military reality instead of a slender hope.

5. Joint European defense planning has reached the stage where top military leaders talk seriously of bring able to defend the Rhine and look forward to the day they can defend the Bibo—perhaps.

8. The defection of Italian Communist leaders, and the videspread deviation in

day they can defend the Elbe-perhaps even the Oder.

8 The defection of Italian Communiat leaders, and the widespread deviation in the satellite nations, indicate growing dissatisfaction with Stalins iron rule.

7. Stalins Pravada interview and the satisfaction with Stalins iron rule with the satisfaction of the Kurean War.

There are other factors Mr. Harsch could have enumerated the strengthening of French forces in Indo-China; progress toward a Japanese peace treaty, the soliditying of U. S public opinion behind the Administration program for defending Europe: the magic that General Eisenhower has wrought at home and abroad.

abroad.

There are, we repeat, grounds for cautious optimism in a calm appraisal of these several factors. Of course, Stalin may shatter, hopes for peace tomorrow. But each day that passes will diminish the possibility of another World War if we hold to our chosen course with resolute

1. Mrs. Truman is anxious for her husband to leave the White House.
2. Mr. Truman would be nearly 69 by January, 1953, and would be 12 at the end of another term.
3. The strain of the current international situation in the branch to the breaking point.
4. The rush of Southern Democratic states to ratify the Amendment is a warning that they don't want Mr. Truman as standard-bearer again.
Adding all of these together, the experts have decided, without consulting the unpredictable man from Missouri, that he will step saide at next year's Democratic entire the experience of the standard deceived by such specialton. Much of it may with the property of the property of

## Modifization Fuss Goes On To Price Rise Accompaniment

By MARQUIS CHILDS

comment that wourse the transproprieting which exused Almost anything he said would have served to make it even more difficult to form a new wage board. Certain fixed points are fairly obvious. Charles E. Wilson must remain as head of the mobilization effort even though he is the target for much-of the animosity of the trade union execution. Subsequently the control of the second of the trade union expectation. There was already in the workshored for reconciling the view-points of labor and industry on wages and wage disputes. There was already in the workshored the present controvers the Wage Stabilization Board. It was to have been enlarged to eighteen members, six each persenting the public. The unions and industry Almost the only hopeful note in the statement of hopeful note in the statement of the statemen

hopeful note in the statement of the United Labor Policy Com"We, have, however, publicly stated, and we now relierate, that we are prepared to participate in a reconstituted tripartite stabilization of the stabilizati

stalled machine.

But even when this has been achieved — and it will be far from easy — the most pressing problem will still remain to be solved. That is the control of in-

fishen. We one has thus far shown that is to be done. Every dement of the economy—wages, profits, prices—is still running out of control.

The competing elements in the With Jealous suspicion for advantages which one or the other may have. Thus the International University of the Profits of the Profits of Electrical Workers is wait-nounce its profit figures for 1980, convinced that these will be greatly in excess of record profits of 1984. Junes B. Carcy, head and the Profits of the Profits of the Profits of 1984. Junes B. Carcy, head and the Profits of t

## Husbands: Read This And Go Right On Being Henpecked By ROBERT C. RUARK

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not henpecked. I wish to come out in defense of husbands. ONCE A SUCKER Female sensitivity to a gnawing fear is a heavy part of the population of the popula

to herself, and takes steps to pro-tect him from himself.

By some curious twist of cus-tom, the American husband has been accorded the position of court fool, willing drudge whose earn-ings are taken from him for his own good; compulsive liar, chronown good; computive liar, chronice stands, and perpetual avronsice stands, and perpetual avronsice stands, and perpetual avronsice stands, and perpetual avronsice stands, and perpetual avronsto be bullied and berared. When
HIS evil-doings make life intolerable for HER, SHE leaves HIM,
and HE pays HER. The poor bum
is on the defensive from the second she says "I do."
Children grow to adulthood with

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to one cut under the puppy's status.

There are, of course, some homes in which father is actually the autocrat, but they are minority homes, and the neighbors whisper mailciously about that cranky Mr. Soandso, who gives his poor wife such a bad time. In time she will be the such a bad time in time she will be the such a bad time in time she will be the such a bad time in time she will be the such as a beast of hurden with no civil liberties in, the home.

"Henpeck" is a word that is large in our lexicon, and it means what it agay, which is the constant belaboring of the skull by a constant belaboring of the skull by a constant projection of the wedded male as a fool, an oaf, and a potential knave.

And now all I have to do is smuggle this essay out of the house because if Mama catches me with it on my person she will best me and take away my tricycle.

Butler Probe In Spotlight

HERBLOCK

Let's Just Try Not To Notice Him'

By TOM SCHLESINGER

WASHINGTON

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Charlotte News Special Writer

WASHINGTON papers have been giving quite ability to the Senator flow to the Senator from the Tydings-Butter race in Maryland.

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NORTH Carolina farmers are again facing a fertiligre shortige. Last year it was caused by strike; all the strikes are shortige. The strikes are shortige to the international situation.

As a result, Congressional aid has once again been requested with State Board of Agricultry 11.

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Later, he told reporters that he was now concentrating on raising purebred cattle on his mountain estate.

PAUL GREEN gave out a highly quotable interview here while discussing the future of his symphonic drama, "Fath Of Our Fathers" which he hopes will become part of the Washington scene. A symphonic drama after the first season's production, said Green,-is like a marriage at the first anniversary: The honeymon isoli over, so the first anniversary: The honeymon isoli over, so the first anniversary: The honeymon isoli over, so the sequicontennial event which played Rock Creek The Tar Heel dramatist, when pressed a little more by repetiers to discuss first-season errors of the Sequicontennial event which played Rock Creek You, have a boy whost four feet tail one year and who is going to be five feet tail one year and who is going to be five feet tail one year and who is going to be five feet tail one year and who is going to be five feet tail one year and who is going to be five feet tail one year and who is going to be five feet tail one year. What's the sense of talking about mistakes he made when he was four feet tail when here he is, Green did any "emendation"—revising of the manuscript—was in progress, but let it go at that, explaining that his "The Lot Colony" and "The Common Glory" have been going on for years with remedations" each season.

RATHECATION of the 22nd amendment to the Constitution, limiting Presidents to two terms, is taken here as an index of the growing Truman unpopularity.

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He, of course, took an active part in its passage during the 80th Congress. His reasoning included the supposition that the Chief Executive—for the state of the production of the physical states that speeded up the mendment of the best that the tour is final conclusion."

Senator Soilh was equally in favor of the mendment, but based his reasoning on the idea that the choice between the Democratic of the mendment exempts President Truman, the raiffe

acted; only two in sires, was are retailed.

This year, twelve ratified in less than two months. And the last seven ratifications came from Democratic areas: Arkansas, Georgia, Tennessee, Texas, North Carolina, Utah and Nevada, If nothing else this is interpreted to show what the South generally feels about any Truman third-term thinking.

#### Fair Practices Act Offers Protection Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

(ED. NOTE: During Drew Pearson's absence in Europe, the following column was written by his staff.)

WASHINGTON
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The NULLE: Burning Drew Fearoon's absence in Europe, the following column was written by his staff.)

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It may be a suffered by the staff of the search staff of the position to blue-penel us, we can say some things that he would never say if he were here.

For a long time the boas has debated what he should do about the vicious attacks leveled at him from the safety of the Senate floor by Senator McCarthy—attacks in which McCarthy not only celled him a boyoti against all Drew's newspapers and his radio sponsor.

We have talked with quite a few Senators and old-timers around the Senate and, so far as we can find out, this is the most unprecedented essantival attack in American history. On top of this, McCarthy has had reprints under his frank, at the taxpayers' expense, to 1,500 newspapers. These speeches again urge a boyoti of the Pearson column and ask newspaper editors to drop it. Furthermore, copies of these speeches have been put in the hands of rival newspaper syndicate selsiemen for quiercet use in efforts to sell rival rolumns. This again makes affected to the form the entire history of the United States.

Immunity For People's Protection
HOWEVER, the boss has done-some studying of the
resolutions introduced by Senator Hunt of Wyoming
which propose changes in a Senator's right to libel private
citizens from the safety of the Senate floor. Senator Hunt
did considerable research into this question and history
shows that senatorial immunity arose in the early days of

Wilmington.
Senator Hoey is attempting to get permission for purchase of the fertilizer, destined for Korea before the present conflict, by private firms. The Senator believes it would be of great aid to the cotton and tobacco farmers of the state at the moment.

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TWIE flamboyant ex-Senator Robert R Reynold:

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Remembered chiefly as the Congressman in the
Capital, he was greeted by many friends who owe
their livelihood to his and the Government's generosity. A number were surprised at his lack of
gray hair, saying he had changed little in appearance since his first days on the Hill.

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**News From The Capital** 

the English Parliament in order to protect a legislator from the king. Kings in those days had a habit of chopping off heads or saiting members of Parliament who got too critical and immunity was devised as a means of protecting them from unfair persecution. Members of Parliament and Senators therefore got immunity to help them in the job of protecting the people, not for the purpose of using immunity to persecute the people. The protecting the protecting the people is the protection of the protect of the purpose of using immunity to persecute the people. The protection is the protection of the prot

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TWIE real danger of McCarthyism is summed up in an
A eye-opening editorial in The St. Louis Post-Dispatch of
Feb. 18: "Gloomy Washington prophets are forecasting a
period of the big lie," of the furtive informer, of the
character assassin, of inquisition, exvestopping, assessto-defined and the control of the character assassin, of inquisition, exvestopping, assessing
Carthyism, a common noun derived as in the past other
expressions have been taken from pepsonalities such as
Judge Lynch, Captain Boycott and Vidkun Quisting."
One step in McCarthy's cannapian to salence the bose
is an attempt to shut off his news sources. By demanding
has tried to intimidate news sources.
However, the bose will keep on digging out the blus-

ders that bureaucrats classify as "secret" and the hidden facts that the public should know. The record will show the boss puts security ahead of the news, and withholds stories upon the advice of the Pentagon.

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Secretary of the Army Pace stated the boss did not violate code security in publishing secret cables that Merica and the security of the Army Pace stated the boss did not violate code security in publishing secret cables that Merica advance that the only security risk would be revealing the document number and date of the secret message. McCarthy couldn't resist above gof his spy system to prove that he could get secret cables too. So he unwisely revealed both the document number and the date on the Secret has, ironically McCarthy made himself a target of his own investigation, and the Justice Dept. is checking McCarthy for revealing the only dangerous part of the document—the key to the secret message.

Drew is not the first newspaperman McCarthy has tried to silence. He used similar tartice against others, Carthy classified the Post in the same category with The Daily Worker for publishing a critical retticle about him.

"It is disturbing to find that this article is almost 100 per cent in line with the official instructions issued to the Communist and fellow travelling members of the preservance of the protecting himself from 1004.

McCarthy would have us selleve that suppose whe criticines him is following the Communist line. We do not so differ, even a size secretal to good government.

# RAPHAEL IN RUSSIA

WHEN minor irritations arise, the abil-ity to "laugh them off" is a handy possession. We have been responding in this manner to Soviet claims to the in-vention of radio and airplanes and practi-cally everything since the discovery of fire

caily everything since the discovery of fire But last week another patently ridiculous Soviet claim served us, at least, as the straw that broke the camely back. The last issue of Voke, the official organ for the USSR Society for Culturar Relations, claims that Raphaelis "Alba Madeoma" is still hanging in the Hermitage Museum in Leningrad. As best we can determine, the picture — the world's most expensive, by the way — is still hanging in the National Gallery of Art in Washington. The late millionaire and art collector, Andrew M. Mellon, bought the picture from the Soviet Government in 1931.

Now, twenty years later, without explanation they declare that the picture is in the Hermitage Museum. What happened? Did they fosts of it copy on millionaire, Mellon? Did they sreal the original in Washington and substitute a copy? How did they get it back? No explanation. Now we are not greatly concerned about the "Alba Madonna". We remember, from our school textbooks, that it shows the Madonna with the Child standing at her knee. It was a pleasant picture to look upon, but we thought no more about it. So it is not the "Alba Madonna" that we're concerned about; it is simply that we're tirted of petty claims to cultural superiority—even if that superiority exists only in possession of works of Art. We don't care even if that superiority exists only in possession of works of art. We don't care if Russia has Raphael himself in the Her-mitage Museum. So there.

From The Baltimore Evening Sun

## CALIFORNIA'S COTTON

WE CALL the attention of the citizens of Houston, Texas, a city for which we have great affection and respect, to Mr. Robert O. Foote's recent article on this page in which be pointed out that California overlass fourth and the pointed out that California overlass fourth and the pointed out that California now rates fourth among cotton producing states

Our readers may remember that last July, when the census figures showed that Houston had passed New Orleans in pop-ulation, the former arrogated to itself the title of biggest city in the South. When we protested that Baltimore was almost twice as large as Houston, The Houston

levice as large as Houston, The Houston Poor said, in effect: "Pool-pooh to you, Why, you're not Southern at all." Specifically it declared magisterially: . "The genuine Southern states raise cotion. Maryland does not." Then we pointed out that if that was the criterion California had to be regarded as "a Southern State," in which case it followed as the night the day that Los

in 1949 California outranked every state in the Union except Texas ah, there, Texas and Arkanasa and Mississippi, in cotton production, that the rush is on greatly to expand that yield in 1981, and that California, moreover, is oringing forth the "longest short-staple cotton" in the world. Well, what did we tell you? If a Southern state is defined by its cotton crop, then California is terribly "genuine", indeed ranks high among the Confederates and is still climbing. On that basis—we repeat—Lee Angeles is going to take over the title of "biggest Southern city." Don't blame us, Houston. You all can't

Don't blame us, Houston. You all can't say we didn't warn you-all.

One thing about the latest Washington scandal: \$9,500 mink coats are infinitely more intriguing than deep freeze units.

many North Carolina counties have exer-

cised the right to choose between Prohibition and legal control

The result of a state referendum.

The result of a state reterration, in matter what the decision would be unsatisfactory. A Dry victory would impose Prohibition on those counties that have decided in favor of legal control. A wet victory would put liquor stores in counties that prefer Prohibition Thousands of Tar Heela would be dissatisfied in either event.

The county option system has worked ell. It should not be disturbed.