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#### The Other Foot

The spreading strike of Montgomery Ward employees is not just a strike by union members. It is, instead, the direct result of a strike by Sewell Avery, Ward's beard chalrman. Because he has stead-fastly refused to comply with War Laber Board orders, particularly the order concerning maintenance of membership, his workers have struck in many cities.

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Bright his coveryment, has been depended on the public proclaimed that he result selves to comply with WLB directives, and said that these orders were only advisory, anyway. A WLB spokesman advises us that Mr. Ward is making good on his threat to this moment. Not only does he refuse to support maintenance of membership; he will have no truck with any board orders. He has refused to install grevance machinery to hear individual complaints, and the union now charges that he has not put into effect orders regarding wages. The WLB doesn't know for certain about that, but considering Mr. Avery's general attitude, it has suspleions that the union charge is tructored to the supplementation of the control of the process of the control of the contr

ne added this:

"To date the board has decided more than 10,000 cases since it sterred in January, Hardward and the state of the state

wage cases brought before it.

That makes it pretty plain that the man behind this strike is Mr. Avery himself, and that his position is anomalous. Mr. Robinson went so far as it asy that Mr. Avery simply refused to co-operate with the Government in wartime, and the statement seems to sum up the Montgomery Ward case pretty well.

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There have been irresponsible actions by labor groups during the war which must have caused acute embarrassment to labor at large. In this instance, management at large must blush at the sample of list contribution to the war effort as offered by Mr. Avery.

#### In Harmony

Yesterday afternoon the old Mayors of Charlotte, most of them dead and gone, looked down from their picture frames upon a little scene they certainly never saw in their time at City Hall. The City Council, in a session given over to the first official attention to the overall pilanning of community growth, greeted a packed roomful of its patrons. A large group of Charlotte's and Mecklenburg's leading citizens, both men and women, were assembled to give their support to the City Planning Commission.

were citizens deenly interested They were citizens deeply interested in our future development, but citizens who do not bear responsibility for gulding it, and translating plans into action. Their very presence, as much as the words of their spokeamen, gave weight to the proposals presented. Those

the words of their spokesmen, gave weight to the proposals presented. Those people, representing the community at large, spoke for a new design in Charlotte's growth, and the way in which they were received was a striking example of a people's government in action.

For the Council, as a body officially responsible for the plans and activities of the community, took the will of the visitors and started it upon its way to action. The Councilmen accepted the views of the gathering sympathetically and enthusiastically, and though they could take no legal action to hurry blue-prints, bond issues and construction into being, they stamped their approval upon the Planning Commission and all of its proferred recommendations.

As the first official move toward the creation of a body vital to Charlotte's development, the Council's action was constructed to the definition of the community affairs, it was inspiring.

The composite opinion of world lead-ers is that victory may be nearer than we think and farther away than we suppose. The watchword then is, get hot but keep cool, and put verything in the punch, but don't press.

#### The Inquisition

What had been billed as greuling test of our new State Department crew turned out to be no more than a color-less and halting sideshow. Secretary Stetthinus and his chosen aides went through their paces defly, and weren't ever warm when the examination was done. The band of Senate inquisitors, expected to be hostile or even victous, was only occasionally impolite, and there were soft answers to turn away wrath at every danger spot.

Senator Tom Connaily, whose ire had been avoiced by the original Senate refusal to stamp approval on these men, ran the show as if determined that is should be no more than a rou-

tine conversation, and as a consequence almost nothing of import was said, and the temper of the Senate was entirely changed. There were one or two revealing moments, when headstrong Senators pressed for information.

Pennsylvania saking if we intended to tag along after British policy in Europe and the Far East. Mr. Stettlinius replied only that the policies of the President and Mr. Hull had worked well up to the present, and Mr. Guffer subsided. Minnesola's Shipstead inquired just what our foreign policy should be, and was told that he could hear all the details he wished, in closed session.

Mr. Stettlinius, having presented his aides one by one, heard them questioned. Mr. Grew denied that he sought continuation of Japan's imperial government; Mr. MacLeish denied that he was a Common of Japan's imperial government; Mr. MacLeish denied that he was a Common of Japan's imperial government; Mr. MacLeish denied that he more them of the manufacture of the more through college so that they could enter diplomate work. It was a unique truth-or-consequences session, and we have no doubt reports of it will evoke high amusement on Doyrling Street and in the Kremlin.

Kentucky's Happy Chandler, an outspoken onlooker, summed up brillinity as the party broke up: "This isn't the way to find out anything about these brids. I'll bring it up later on the Senate floor," So the search for truth whi continue. Well ged at the bottom of this plot against the people yet, Happy's going to flay 'em.

There is a gradually growing belief that Chiang Kal-shek will never be able to whip the Jap with his left army tied behind him.

#### Self-Healing

There is stirring in the South a contest over the poll tax, and the flowering of a new movement. It is strictly home-grown, and not to be confused with the drive of southanders in Congress to force upon us the doctrine of equal pollitical rights; for all, it is taking different forms, but it is forming nevertheless. In two of the eight attaces retaining the head tax as a prerequisite to voling, Virginia and Gorgia, there is action at the moment.

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In Virghia, while the Legislature is amending the State constitution so as to entranchise some 230,000 Virghians in the armed forces, many citizens are pushing for outright repeal of the poli tax as well. Governor Darden opposes that heisous scheme, saying that Virghian Republicans and just the tick with the boys away from home. But Virghian Republicans and anti-Byrd Democrats are speaking loudly, seeing this am opportunity to accomplish a reform which will come eventually, anyway.

anyway.

In Georgia, a commission busy re-drafting that State's constitution voted to keep the poll tax, 7 to 9, but Gov-ernor Arnall asked for a study of the question. He himself took an amusing position, saying: anyway.

"As Governor of Georgia, I am pre-pared to defend the poli tax if it be found wise to do so. At the same time, if it be found injurious to our demo-cratic institutions, I am prepared to condemn It."

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There was evidence that Georgians at large felt about it much as did their Governor. In the course of his comment on the poll tax Governor Arnall said: "Not much is known about the poll tax, for no careful study has been made." But at the same time Governor Broughton of North Carolina was relating this State's experience for the benefit of Georgians:

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"In North Carolina the popular velominediately benefit of the popular velominediately benefit of the popular popular
popular equirements in 1923.

By 1936 the increase was 142 per centover the vote cast in the election immediately preceding repeal... I may eay
impolied the party's continuous control
for the period of over 40 years... we
believe we have the most harmonous
race relations of any state in the
Union."

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That should answer some of Georgia's questions, and some of the analytics expressed in Virginia. And it should provide powerful support for quite another group interested in post for region and Committee of Editors and Wilers of The South, which meets in Alanda fills mounts to dishes some case of the South, which meets in the control of the south of the sout chise—without Federal aid. The names of its members indicate that this is an all-Southern group, of home folks interested in working out our own problems: Virginius Dabney, Jonathan Daniels, Mark Etherlige, Dr. Frank P. Graham, Lillian Smith.

cranam, Lillian Smith.
The South, as is evidenced by these separate and spontaneous activities, is attempting to mend its own ways. And progress, as Governor Broughton has said, will be halted only by outside interference.

A medical research group has come to the conclusion that "cold shots" are no good. This is all right with the old rounder, who never takes them in the

# The Merry-Go-Round

NELSON ROCKEPELLER, the before the Senate for scrutiny as Assistant Secretary of State, once cancelled passage on a Potomac Rivery steamer who cancel the steamer who c



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An equally smelly mess was brewing right inside the Blate Department—unfair promotions. It brought four resolutions in Congress before it was a Mandel a career service of their own. Finally, in 1924, Congress gave it to them. That same year, Grew was made Underservatory of State, also made chairman of the personnel board to administer promoters State Department with Grew were Ruph Wilson, heir of the Chicago shirt manufacture; J. Butler Wight, arbiter of protocol and diplomatic dress; and Leland Harrison, scion of a weather than the field got note.

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Looks Like J. B. Was in a Bit of a Spot



#### Black Days In Europe

By Marquis Childs

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# Our Two-Way Policy

By Samuel Grafton

FIWO themes run through American foreign policy, It seems to me there is a constant struggle between them. One is the theme of international co-operation, and so we have Dumburtou Cotton." of "Independence," and so it turns out that while Britain and France now have twenty-year treates of mutual aesthance with the Soviet Union, we have not. We are willing to lot in the Soviet Union, we have not. We are willing to lot in the Soviet Union, we have not. We are willing to lot in the Soviet Union, we have not. We are willing to other that any sort of marriage; we are willing to enter that any sort of marriage; we are willing to attend the same picale, but not to lay in the same house.

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I wrote your sister I was hand-sewing those
things for her myself!"

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### **Everyday Counselor**

By Herbert Spaugh, D.D.

In 1942 our mational security was in a critically dangerous situation. Few of us realised at the time of Pearl Harbor that our dangerous dangerous privacy like the control of the control

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them. Seek than we could built them.

Tank God, the tide has been united efforts and what some influence of Almighty God. We have a long light for a military victory. The great for the first manner front where spiriture of the seek of

enemy.

Recently there came to my desk a copy of resolutions adopted by WCTU of Cuyahoga County, Ohto, which show a remarkable grasp

of the situation on our home front. Their resolutions, "Only upon the citizens with their children and their routh, too begin at once to live up to their own heat and highest ideals, physically, morally and spiritually in order and their south, to begin at once to live up to their own best and highest ideals, physically, morally and spiritually in order within in war, so generous is armaments, austenance and sanctury in time of global crises may show hereal! worthy of crisis of perpetuating the peace and well-being of the world, and, that she may set the example before these newly liberated peoples are the set of a fuller and better concept of Christianity and Democracy."

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# What Policy?

By Dorothy Thompson

ONE cannot lightly dismits the apprehensions of Mr. Churchill that Europe is threatened with a manufacture of the churchlill that Europe is threatened with a mental pict-wing groups who because of their auperior discipline and organization may impose their rule by force in the midst of chaos. This would not be a victory for democracy, freedom, the control of the situation was not an analysis of it. The question I would like to ask is: What are the most favorable possible conditions for the sciurce of power by a rulhies of the control NEW YORK.

the sum-total of our policies toward turspe.

A minerity seizure of power is most likely where there are weak most likely where there are weak most likely where there are weak most likely with the most likely with the policies of the support on acryling to a foreign power, for then the particular feelings of the population both right and the suppopulation of the most likely with the m

nasties, and organized interests which have already demonstrated which allow is protect the nation.

A popular government must be strong enough to maintain the interests and the independence of Alliend demands. Insofar, as, these go beyond military necessities. It must put out of office everyone connected with previous defeat, the Nazls, and put, new and uncorrupted people in. It must recognize the popular demand for so-crupted people in. It must recognize the popular demand for so-crupted people in. It must recognize the popular demand for so-crupted people in. It must recognize the popular control, in one form or another, over the basic industries. If an armed minority anywhere is able to get control, it will busy have been been seen to advente a believer and because it adventes believer has been seen it adventes believer ples, they will absorb the more

radical opposition at least for the time being, and if, in the future coup d'Etais are attempted they will exclude themsetres from the i main trends of the nation. But what kind of governments have we fostered?

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But what kind of governments have we footened a strong government, supporting and aboorbing the popular trends. In the last week Mrs. Anne O'Hars McCornick has reported the truly control of the strong control of the control of the strong control of the control of the strong control of the co

### People's Platform

Editors. The News:

The long and fruitful life of my riend, and our esteemed fellow townsman, Dr. Julian Sibley, who has just fallen to sleep in his seventiels, may be likened to a tree, one of God's most useful and most beautiful creatments and produces through many seasons, and then in the natural course of events passes away. Such a time course of events passes away. Such a time course of events passes away.

when, the full course having been run, the flame of life hurse low, falters, flickers, ar Lord. L. NICHOLS

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