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The News itself, in fact, would like almost as much as the Mayor to see a civic auditorium materialize, instanter. It would be a highly desirable community feature, now and then even a necessity. Were the proposition to be put on a simple yes or no basis, uncomplicated by any other factors, we should certainly vote yes. Unfortunately, there are other factors.

The main one is that old Nemesis, money already borrowed, spent and not pald back. City Manager Flack put out a calculation last April showing that the amount of bonds the City could issue and still stay within legal debt limit was \$5,006,048. The Planning Board has come forward with proposed undertakings totaling \$5,054,354, of which

**Enter That Old Nemesis** 

legally allowed there remains a margin of only 883,1694, which is hardly a sufficient margin against emergencies or windafils such as a Federal public works program. It is so small a margin that it hardly would cover the cost of the civic auditorium alone. True, the city is going to grow and tax valuations will increase, allowing a greater debt. But growth means an extension and expansion of facilities and services. It means new streets and street.

extension and expansion of facilities and services. If means new streets and street improvements, more garbage trucks, more garbage disposal.

The War Memorial Auditorium would be a fine thing, and we are for it. But we are against borrowing to the hilt to get it.

# Patton Rides The Escalator

Promotion in the Army traditionally follows the escalator system; a man progresses steadily upward in accord-ance with his years of service and in time his date of rank becomes more ance with his years of service and in time his date of rank becomes more important than his military record. Thus General George S. Patton Jr., after receiving a public spanking for his pecadilios while governing one small part of the American zone in Germany, assumes command of the entire Army of Occupation upon departure of General Eisenhower for the States.

Blood & Guts moved over from the limbo of his troopless 15th Army Headquarters automatically, for his four stars and lengthy career make him the senior U. S. commander in Europe at the moment.

As acting Supreme Commander B&G will have a good many strings tied to him, and General Eisenhower undoubtedly took precautions against a characteristic lapse of judgment before turned over the keys to the office. Nevertheless, this elevation of the discredited oid calvaryman is as dangerous

as it is ridiculous, for it more than cancels out his recent removal from command of his great Third Army. General Elsenhower certainly didn't boot B & G downstairs simply as a matter of personal discipline: removal of the old hero was a drastic step, taken reluctantly in order to demonstrate to all concerned, German or Russian, that the United States is firm in its resolve to root out the last traces of Nazism. And now, some six weeks later, the old army escalator, established under the bylaws of the Union of West Foint Graduates and kept in perfect running order by the membership, brings Patton right back upstairs again.

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Patton's sudden reincarnation again calls attention to the need for a complete overhaul of the Army's antiquated personnel system, which protects its own after the fashion of the Charleston's St. Cecella Society, from which, according to legend, a member can be removed only by death or adultery proved in court.

# Boston Breaks Our Monopoly

The good citizens of Boston, who habitually gaze upon the demagogues of Dixle with unconcealed horror, have just elected James Michael Curley mayor of their fair city. They know Boss Jim well, for he has served them as mayor thrice before, as governor once, and at the moment is a member of Congress, as position he inhends to keep "until I am sworn in as mayor, and perhaps long-er."

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A distinct gamy odor steams up from Boss Jim's long record in public office, but it seems, strangely enough, to be an asset. His staunch supporters are unmoved by the little matter of some conmoved by the fittle matter of some Sou600 a civil court directed him to return
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that seems to hynotize his constituen-cy. He gamers his votes the hard way, through direct appeal, and it is pain-fully clear that nobody in Boston has found an adequate counter-measure. Jim Curley is cast from the same pat-tern as Bob Reynolds, Theodore Bilbo, Pappy o'Daniel, and those departed statesmen, Huey Long and Cotton Ed Smith. He has discovered their secret— that strange blend of humor, dignity that strange blend of humor, dignity, and bathetic concern over the plight of the common people they have employed to enslave whole areas in the Solid South There is nothing in the chilly climate, sterile diet or ancient traditions of New England that builds an immunity to such an appeal, and we find ourselves deriving an unseemly satisfaction from Boston's demonstration that the South has no monopoly on demonstration demagogy

### Open Discussion

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One fine day the bartenders in Colombo Pecci's New York asloon folded
away their bar-rags, racked up their
tungstarters, turned stony eyes upon
their clamoring customers, and walked
off the job. It was a full-fledged strike,
the sort of cessation of essential service
that strikes fear to the hearts or all
good patriots, and in discussive the
AP of L bartenders' union embraced
Mr. Pecci's asloon with a picket line.

The pickets bore large printed placards
with apac left conveniently blank in
which the name of Mr. Pecci's establahment Colombo's, could be written
by hand. "Colombo's, could be written
by hand. "Colombo's, could be
unfair to his bartenders." Mr. Pecci
promptly had a sign made up for himself, hung it sandwich-board fashion
around his neck, and fell in alongside a
small picket wearing a derby hat. "I

around his neck, and fell in slongside a small picket wearing a derby hat. 'I around his necked hearing a derby hat. 'I not see that the same and the second process of the seco turn into Colombo's or continue on down the avenue in search of a saloon-keeper with a higher regard for the Wagner Act.

From The Pascagoula (Miss.) Chronicle-Star:

## The Man And The Homefolks

Our Mississippi boys have not been out there fighting for the worst in our national character, but for the best, knowing we have not always lived up to it, but hoping at least that it would grow

and their returning sons are going to help them understand. We have actually help them understand. We have actually talked to enough boys who feel this way, and enough of their fathers, to give rise to our belief that Bilbo next year may very likely get the decisive political beating he has deserved since his corrupt administration as Governor. We are going to have the gratitude and congratulations of the rest of the

it, but hoping at least that it would grow stronger, here in Mississippi and in the satronger, here in Mississippi and in the Nation. Senator Bibo represents and speaks for the residue of such that is in use of the residue of such that is in use of the residue of such that is a non-control to the residue of such that is a some degree in every human heart, and which the good isstincts are constantly struggling to gonitrol and put down.

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# The Merry-Go-Round

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Huffies was Secretary of State, it has been traditional
that the heads of the State Department meet the press
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Woodrow Whilon was ill and his foreign policy was marking time.

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Hughes during the Coolidge Administration, continued the practice respered on such subjects as sending the
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the public was thinking.

Cordell Hull, who followed Stimson, also continued
the tradition of regular press conferences. Hull, it is
true, was ill for long periods, but during, his absence
conferences were held regularly by the Acting Secretary Ed Steatie
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heard over backward never to skip a press conference.

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Today, however, it is different. Jimmy Byrnes, passionately loves the phrase "Freedom of the Praympt's hates press conferences. His aides almost to hos-tie him to get him into the diplomatic receroom where for twenty years Secretaries of State faced the friendly cross-fire of newsmen.

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Byrnes, at first, excused himself on the ground that have too bouy learning American foreign affairs, so as week. Following these poes from five or six to one a week. Following these poes from five or six to one as week. Following these poes from five or six to one as week. Following these poes from the control and the second that t

### Department of Peace

When the House Foreign Affairs Committee heard imony on the Randolph Bill to create a Department

of Peace, the star witness was a 64-year-old former mule-driver from Morganton, W. Va.

Chairman Bol Bloom sam dembers of his committee
listened with rapt attention as Raymond M. Davis read
a skrteen-page statement on why the United States
should take the lead in establishing a new Cabinet post
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We Charles Eaton of New Jersey declared:

"Mr. Davis, you may be unachooled as you tell the
committee, but you certainly are not uneducated. That
is one of the finest documents I have ever listened to."

World peace is not just a hobby with the West Virginla coal man, though he describes it as such." It is
a burning ideal. A self-made business man who now
operates two coal mines employing more than 500
workers, Davis has made many aspecifies at his own
Department of Peace. He on this ing a Government
Constitution for the United Nations that has attracted
wide attention.

nis peace resolution.
"When I was looking at the rear end of a mule all
day in West Virginia coal mines," any Davis, "I never
thought that one day I'd be instrumental in having such
an important plece of legislation introduced in Congress."

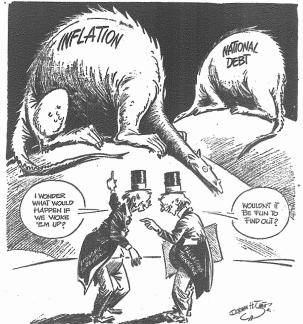
Note—The second initial of Davis' name stand for "Moses." Perhaps what we need are more plain, garden-den-variety Mosess of the Davis type, instead of striped-pants diplomats, to lead us out of the inter-national widerness.

#### Capital Chaff

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Wednesday was really Radio Day at the U.S. Senate with special precautions taken because President Truman was on hand to ordicate the new president Truman was on hand to ordicate the security conscious that they barred Secretary of Labor 2 Schwellenbach and Federal Communications Commission Commission Com

## A Little Curiosity Also Can Be A Dangerous Thing



# Obituary For A Great Managing Editor

By Marguis Childs

WASHINGTON

THE things that give a newspaper character and forcefulness, that make it a power for good in a community and in the world, are often intangible. More often than not, they rest in the character of the content than not, they rest in the character is the season of 13. To most readers his name meant little. But to newspaper men it has a legendary ring.

For 30 years, from 1908 to 1938.

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and disguises to the truth that lay beneath.

Often the truth hurt esteemed citizens, who cried
out in their pain and wrath. OKB cared not at all. He
even took a certain sardonic amusement in the anguished
yells of his victims.

yells of his victims.

It was not his fault that they had involved them-selves in the shady, shabby schemes which now led to their undoing. The surgeon can piford no emotion for the malignant growth which he removes.

### He Tilted the Dome

Bovard directed the investigation which forced the Senate or reopen the Teapot Dome scandal. The reporter who could be supported to the senate of the senate

worked for him with unswerving loyalty. And he never let them down.

OKB had character. That, above all, was the key to his career as an editor,

Many people, even his associates, found that character highly disagreeable. He could be deliberately difficult. He frequently presented an exterior as cold and as impenetrable to human warmth as the Greenland lee cap.

#### Monolith of Character

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But there, whether you liked it or not, was a monolith of character. His massive deak stayed in the monith of character. His massive deak stayed in the character. His massive deak stayed in the monitorial character was the seclusion of a private office. The tide of the news surged around him week in and week out through the years. His distilled calimy started broken. In fact, he never seemed calings than are broken. In fact, he never seemed calings than the least disturbed, no matter how much the uproar, as he marked the first edition to come off the presses. I have been a sound to the started of the presses. I have been a sound to the started of the presses of the presser. I have been a sound to the presses of the presser. I have been a sound to the presser of the presser of the presser of the presser. I have been a sound to the presser of the presser of

A Newspaper's Function

Any of us who admired him felt that in this later years he had permitted his viewpoint to become solidified. We felt that he had begun to see the world from an arbitrary perspective, and we were unhappy over this chief that the second property of the first thing out the truth. That, as he saw it, was the function of a newspaper. As practiced OKB, it was an object lesson. In the power of a courageous and enlightened press.



"We wish to protest vigorously to the Allied Commander that we Germans need badly food, clothing, fuel, Atomic bombs—"

# Logic And Destiny

By Dorothy Thompson

If I seriously ask muself what is wrong with our foreign what is wrong with our foreign with a wrong with our foreign which, with "the greatest armed force the world has ever seen close nothing but from which latter i gnominiously be retire at the American education of the last generation.

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before our minds, of armed expansion as an implement of idenlogical revolution, we are asking
ourselves, "What is Russia up to?"
and again comforting ourselves
with the thought that what we
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### THEY TELL ALL.

### The People's Platform

# Order Of The Day

By F/O J. B. (ROBIN) HOOD JR.

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#### Quote, Unquote

We (in Korea) remained unconquered and undivided through all the years under Japanese oppression. We shall fight to remain so at the cost of our very life. The Allied powers might as well know this now.