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The Fathers Take A Fling

windshields, have become as annoyed as the rest of us. But they feel that they are constrained to do a little more than merely grind their teeth in impotent fury, and they are setting out to take an active hand in such matters as traffic signals, left and right turns, double-parking, and one-way streets.

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what they woulder. They are not traffic
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experts are approaching the problem in
the role of trustrated motorias, not as
scientists. Thus it seems probable that
each Councilman will see the traffic
problem primarily as it affects him on
his individual path from home to of-fice, and he may be content to rest
once he has arranged the signals so
that he can make uninterrupted progress around his orbit. And this, of course,
may produce change seekhere. For a
stream of automobiles is like a river and
ts spills over its usual course when it is
blocked. with refreshing frankness the Fathers

The Councilmen concede that they are probably going to make mistakes, and they do not expect to arrive at any-thing like a permanent solution to our

traffic problem. Some of our troubles, of course, are beyond the manipulation of traffic signals and parking ordinances and perhaps no basic cure will be rete of us. But they feel that they are constrained to do a little more than ancety grind their teeth in impotent ury, and they are setting out to take no nective hand in such matters as traffic ignals, left and right turns, double-warking, and one-way streets.

Some day we are going to have to place our traffic problem in the hands of experts, retaining some bright young professional to come in and employ existing data as the basis for a scientific and durable plan. This, of course, will take time, perhaps, a year or longer, which is all the more reason why such a project should be initiated without delay.

In the meantime, we see no harm in Council's having a fling at working out a few pet theories of its own. The Fathers will, in a sense, be representing all of us, for no driver ever made intortured way down Trade Street withtortured way down Trade Street witn-out concluding that he could put one hand behind his back and figure out a better system than the one we've got. And it won't cost anything, for our traffic is now so snarled not even the wildest Councilmanie theory could comwildest Councilman plicate it further.

Another Good Man Goes

to come

A quiet, efficient little man named tobert Ramspeck will soon resign his eat in Congress and assume new dutes at executive vice-president of the Air transport Association of America. For ixteen years Mr. Ramspeck has represented by the solution of the property of the pr seat in Congress and assume new duties
as executive vice-president of the Air Transport Association of America. For Transport Association of America. For sixteen years Mr. Ramspeck has represented Georgia's Fifth District, which Includes Atlanta, and the Atlanta Constitution remarks upon his departure with genuine regret. But Mr. Ramspeck has also represented a good many other. Americans, and they too we him a considerable debt of gratitude.

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It would be hard, from an examination of his record, to determine whether Mr. Ramspeck is a conservative or a liberal—he has voted for and against the New Deal, even though his party regularity has been sufficient to make him a worthy Democratic whip. He is not given to impassioned oratory, but during his sixteen years on the Hill he has approached each issue as it arose, made up his own mind, and cast his own rote.

Consistently, Mr. Ramspeck has ad-dressed himself to those important, but

to come.

He is, or was, a career politician of the best sort—serving his own constituents well within the framework of the national interest. He is leaving the Congress now because we cannot pay him the salary his ability entities him to. Like many another able Congressman he has found that he cannot afford to serve longer in a back-breaking job that barely enables him to break even financially.

It is, as The Constitution says, "a tragedy that, because of the relative pittance we pay our Congressman, we must ever go on losing good, experienced men from Congressional halls." There is no better example of the false economy implicit in low Congressional salaries than the departure of Robert Ramspeck of Georgia.

Cloak-And-Dagger Diplomacy

The State Department has asked for, ms certain to receive, a handand seems certain to receive, a hand-some appropriation for the establish-ment of a world-wide intelligence net-work, but Secretary Byrnes' polished assistants want it clearly understood that they will approach their new duties in their usual dignified fashion, eschew-ing the cloak-and-dagger technique tra-ditionally associated with espionage.

"We do not propose to employ beautiful blondes who can worm secrets out of foreign officials," Under-Secretary Dean Acheson informed the Congress. "We are not proposing the employment of people who put on false whiskers and crawl out from under the bed. None of that is involved in this."

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Mr. Acheson went back to John Quincy
Adams and Benjamin Franklin to Illustrate the sort of thing the State Department has in mind. The techniques
employed by these worthy gentlemen in
8t. Petersburg and Paris are still adequate, he feels, to provide the "thousand
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en route to contact their local agents (in a dark cellar, naturally), and employ the assistance of every beautiful and patriotic blonde they could locate. They were, in fact, the only participants in World War II who behaved the way the comic strips would have you believe they did.

Mr. Acheson is obviously putting the best face possible on an extremely un-pleasant and unwholesome business. Our decision to take up espionage is one of the results of, and one of the contributing factors to, the spirit of dis-trust which is becoming so important a factor in our foreign policy, and it marks a distinct break with American tradition.

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Well, it may be that the State De-Tuled trousers or not.

From The Asheville Citizen:

With A Four-Motored Roar

Morth Carolina manufactures more decoden household furniture than any other state. And it aims, we should say, to go on doing so. This supremacy being no small factor in the states progress, it is graitlying to see that furniture manufacturers are taking every advantage of improved communications facilities to maintain their lead. At Greenshoro-High Point airport recently, for example, a High Point manufacturer hipped a large consignment of furniture to Worcester, Mass, by air freight. The Greenshoro Record weighs in the earge at 6,500 pounds, which we trust to be correct. It so, it is a heavy altipment, but one which modern air transport could well handle with planes and pilots so recently engaged in carrying huge bomb loads on non-commercial trips.

This was perhaps only an experiment, or at any rate a special order. Yet the future of air freight for rush business and sales competition is almost insides. A factory in North Carolina clean up to "ship it North" and for a handsome price.

Either the press photo doesn't do Mr. Attile justice or there is a discrepancy in his estation in the news columns as "the British bigwig."

In Manhattan an ex-gambler consesses that La Guardia and his crusaders divided the hard way. Presumably the 4-point with dice.

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forced him to make a living the hard way. Presumably the 4-point with dice.

A perturbed Congressman demands to know what protection the public has against irresponsible radio commenta-tors. 'A twist of the left-hand button does it, on our set.

The Merry-Go-Round

Thas now become fashionable in some quarters to get out the dead cats and sling them in the direction of the White House. Some of the involved cover columnists are limbering up their arms. Some of the investage in the investigation of the investigation of the investigation of the investigation of the investigation on the investigation of the i

Truman himself.

However, the Truman Administration marriage has got to last three more more than the state of the state o

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achievements.

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Truman Sticks Chin Out

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In fact he has shown more courage than FDR in
many things. Por instance, the late President had been
urged to recommend a broad national health program,
but he always side-stepped. Truman has now sent a
message to Congress urging what Roosevelt balked at
doing. Again when it came to the FEFC, FDR ducked
at too openly offending Southern Congressmen and let
by writing a letter to the Rules Committee urging immediate action. Roosevelt news wrote a letter to the Rules
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Committee during all his twelve long years in office. Truman has been equily forthright in regard to full employment, unemployment compensation, anti-rust suits, and offending his own friends by tackling the question of submerged oil. Rossevelt, though officially committed to this program sometimes ducked. Trumal which we have been sometimed to the committee of this program sometimes ducked. Trumal whether you agree with him or not, you can't help admire his courage.

Republicans who don't like the Truman-Roosevelt policies will agree that taken man for man, his Gabinet far surpasses FDRSs in ability, political acumen and ground, while his predecessor, working with less able men and the same program, kept in the air?

Four Truman Troubles

The answer lies in four general reasons:
1. Roosevelt had the gift of going on the radio and swaying the public over the heads of Congress. Truman lacks the radio technique, the theatrics, the ability to

job. But he can't whip Congress into line by monitume public opinion. That was the most powerful wedgon?

2. Truman has been seriously wounded by the very group he has considently sought to help-abor. Unautarities and the nationwide vote walk-out of the telephone workers convinced many people that Truman-Rooserelt policies of asking labor had gone too far. All the strikes the control of the telephone workers convinced many people that Truman-Rooserelt policies of asking labor had gone to far. All the strikes temperate the strikes that the strikes the strikes that the strikes the strikes that the strikes that the strikes the strikes that the strikes t

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4. Finally, Truman has not been able to gather round him sufficient men with Governmental "know-how." Running a delicate Government mentine is one of the toughest Joss in the world. There aren't many requires skilled assistants in the White House. First had a weak Cabinet, but he had around him in the White House a group of expert, engregite trouble-served as a flying football squad to go into this department or that on special jobs. What Truman needs torday is a few Tourny Corcaras. Instead he has surgentiemen, largely from Missouri or Misslasph, who know little about Government and spend almost as much time awimning in the White House pool as they do a many contained the service of the ser

solitical reactions from the labor situation may be beyond repair.

These are some of the problems Truman faces, plus the general problem that after any war there is a depressing, disillusioning let-down. As qualifications for meeting these problems Truman has sincerity, honesty, courage and a reasonable amount of intelligence. But he is seriously lacking in experience and Governmental know-how. Let's hope he picks up more of the latter before the air Decomes too full of dead cate. After all, for better or for worse, he's our President until January 1496—and that quite a long way off.

"Think You're Big Enough To Handle Him, Boys?"



Two South Carolinians And Their Job

By Marguis Childs

FWHRTY-FOUR year old Col. Frank McCarthy was a called in by Secretary of State James F. Byrnes to reorganize the State Department. As one of Genreputation as an administrator and organizer.

reputation as an administrator and organizer. In a companizer, organizer, organizer, and of Assistant Sceretary, stayed in the department from Sept. 1 to Oct. 11. Resigning, he gave illness as the reason. A well have been the mess that he pointed its law partner from Spartner from

out only a limited knowledge of foreign affairs.

At a recent press conference, Byrnes was asked about the reorganization of the department. He said it was proceeding slowly and added that he thought it ought to proceed slowly. He pointed out that there had been several shake-ups at the top which had added to the conflusion.

confusion. While that may be partly true, the fact remains that a thoroughgoing overhauling is essential if the State Departmentizant is to do the job that so vitially needs doing. No mere reshuffling of functions will suffice. A few changes at the top will not be enough.

Carry the Cause

Byrnes himself must do what no secretary in recent times has done. He must carry the cause of the State Department to Congress, because only with the sld of Congress can the necessary reconstruction be carried

Out.

The plain fact is that for years the department has been putifully understaffed and overworkes. No one has ever gone to bat with Congress to get a really adequate appropriation. The deficiency is not merely in experts and officers in the department and the foreign aervice.—There are not enough stengersphin, not enough telephones, not enough telephones, not enough telephones, not enough telephones.

WASHINGTON of anything unless it be red tape inherited out of the past.

past.

Foreign service officers in the field, from young secretaries up to ambassadors, the pay is shamefully low. This is one reason why we have so often had rich amateurs instead of trained professionals in our top diplomatile posts.

diplomatic posts.

The State Department is just now having to take over new functions. It is important that the American point of view be presented to the press of the world. Therefore some of the staff of the dishanded Office of War Information have been taken over by the department.

A New Function

They should be fitted into a revitalized division of information. The objective should be not to keep back information, but to tell the American people everything it is possible to tell within the bounds of national security.

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Security.

The apparament, with scientific secretaries attached to up principal diplomatic missions. Some such method of scientific exchange would seem to be impressive.

Yet the creaking framework or the department resists these intrusions. It is narrowed by hidebound tradition and narrowed by spinchpenny policy mill spinch policy.

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No Time, No Energy

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With his great prestige and popularity in Congress,
Hull might have got an adequate appropriation for a
modern department. But he never had the time or the
Byrnes now has that opportunity. He, too, has
strong personal friendships on Capitol Hill out of his
years in the House and the Senate.
But the opportunity will not wait forever. The
Gepartment of today could deal with the foreign problems
of, sep., 1810. For the job of 1845 and 46, is a hopolesslyhandicapped.

Grin And Bear It By Lichty



"Don't let it get you down Dearie-it's only American to want something better!"

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By Samuel Grafton

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settle outstanding differences.

LACK OF AGREEMENT
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is there not in this approach is there not in this approach or in some variant of it, the missing element which could reunitation, and make them once more what they were a year ago, a great American team, working for a united world?

The People's Platform

More From Leyte

(NOTE: The following communication, was delivered to THE NEWS by St. Don Howie.

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The News have been delivered from the Charlotte area.—Res., THE

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