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WASHINGTON
 By Drew Pearson

A House, Then A Home

Everybody, understandably, has been saying away from an estimate of the exact extent of Charlotte's housing shortage, but a man who should know came up with a scientific guess yesterday. J. E. Barrentine, the enlightened president of the Charlotte Real Estate Association to provide a minimum of 2,000 low-cost home units in 1946.

And Mr. Barrentine made a definite distinction between homes and houses, one that has nothing to do with Edgar Guest's heap of living. "You will notice," he told the builders, "that I did not say 2,000 housing units. We want homes for our citizens, a place where they can have a garden and a place where they can have dogs and cats if they want them."

Well, it's a worthy goal, and we hope the local builders will shoot at it. Whether they attain it or not, is of course, problematical, for the best-intentioned speech in the world won't create scarce labor and scarce materials, or hold prices back for a moment. It seems to be a physical impossibility for any builder to erect a structure that would fit into Mr. Barrentine's definition and still be classified as "low cost."

It may be that some miracle will be wrought in Washington to correct the situation, but until it is we are afraid the matter is beyond the control of the local builders and realtors. In the meantime, the community should be bending every effort toward finding some quick, temporary solution to the growing housing problem.

None of the propositions now being discussed - trailers, Government-built prefabricated houses, or the conversion of Morris Field barracks into apartments - are competitive with Mr. Barrentine's program. He wants homes, and we are convinced that about all the City, or any interested private group, could provide in a hurry would be houses.

The need for temporary shelter could be met, then, a big but orderly program of home-building would still follow, for few tenants would be satisfied to live long in the sort of cramped quarters that could be constructed over-quickly under a centralized program. And none of these schemes involve any investment that couldn't be liquidated in a few years, thus making possible the eventual abolishment of the temporary quarters with an inalienable right to the tenants as potential customers of the homes.

We are in complete sympathy with Mr. Barrentine's contention that every Charlotte homeowner should be endowed with an inalienable right to keep a cat, but we hope that the effort to provide 2,000 home units will not be allowed to stand in the way of the effort to provide 2,000 housing units.

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Congressional leaders attended a secret State Department dinner at Blair House—usually reserved for guests—in order to hear a sales talk on the loan to Britain.

Sales-talkers were Secretary of State, Secretary of the Treasury, Secretary of the Federal Reserve, Secretary of War, Secretary of Commerce, Secretary of Labor, Secretary of Education, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, Secretary of the Interior, Secretary of the Navy, Secretary of the Air Force, Secretary of the Army, Secretary of the Navy, Secretary of the Air Force, Secretary of the Army, Secretary of the Navy, Secretary of the Air Force, Secretary of the Army...

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Truman Talks

While we were talking, I like to do that when I talk with people—because so often I find that there is much I can learn from the people who come to this office.

One day earlier, however, it was a different story, when President Truman's old cronies of the Truman Committee (now the Mead Committee) came up to talk about the way the Army is hoarding surplus material.

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"We must all turn our attention toward full employment! I suggest each of us hound the employment agencies until they send us maids!"

Rhythm Of Unity

By Samuel Crafton

NEW YORK
 THE first fact to notice in connection with the announcement of the new Big Three meeting in Moscow is the relief in the world which follows the grim news. We feel better. Even the newsmen of editorial pages crack a little smile. As always, during and since the war, the Big Three are coming together again, the best hope of men on earth, when the Big Three come together, two or three additional countries are invited to the party.

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Truman Listens

When President Roosevelt received White House callers he usually did three-fourths of the talking. When President Truman receives callers he usually does one-eighth of the listening. But sometimes he fools people. Here are two recent cases where he used widely varying techniques.

Last week Congressman Koppelman of Hartford, Conn., called at the White House to discuss strategy for winning Congressional approval of the bill defining our participation in the United Nations. Six months before Representative Sol Bloom and Senator Tom Connally had introduced their bills for sending U. S. Representatives to UNO, Koppelman had beat them to it with a similar bill.

The President listened carefully as Koppelman told him of GOP plans to introduce in the House the same crippling amendments offered by Senator Taft of Ohio, though finally defeated.

As Koppelman was about to leave, Truman spoke almost his first word.

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Truman Trusts Army

Senator Harley Kilgore of West Virginia interrupted at one point to remark: "But Harry, all this merchandising is a fine idea only if you can use it that the Army will declare these goods surplus."

Kilgore and Senator Owen Brewster of Maine made the further point that there must be some assurance that the Army declare commercially valuable goods surplus.

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A Note On Bedfellows

There is a plausible argument against President Truman's fact-finding approach to a settlement of the major industrial war now in progress, and, despite his incontinent language, it was well-stated the other day by John L. Lewis. When the Government steps in to determine whether or not an industry, or an individual corporation, can meet its obligations, it is really taking away the fundamental rights of management and are violated, and a few of labor.

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Now That He's Finally Acquired A Container

BRITAIN'S STALLED ECONOMY



U.S. CONGRESS

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Theoretical Formulations

BOTH sides have been experimenting with the theoretical formulations which basically reduce themselves to contrary voting formulas. The last three months have been a useful and perhaps necessary period of fencing; they have shown the world that the voting question cannot be fenced, or sidestepped, or defended in formulas, but must be faced squarely. That, too, is progress; as it is always the case, the most serious of the fall and easy out.

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In Reply To Rex Stout and Company

By Dorothy Thompson

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The People's Platform

ELIZABETH SPRY, AND MRS. IOLA FAULKNER

DURHAM
 WE are writing to you as fellow citizens in the hope that you may be able to help make Christmas a happy day for many children and also so you may better understand the reasons for the shutdown of the Erwin Mills in Durham, Colee, and Erwin, North Carolina.

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Descent From Valhalla

There were a good many wartime generals, yanked suddenly from obscurity and endowed with great power, who behaved as though they were trying to demonstrate what had become of a portion of the outmoded cavalry horse, and we confess that there were times when we joined several million enlisted men and junior officers in looking eagerly forward to the day when, in a great shower of falling stars, the upstarts would revert to their permanent rank.

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Season Of The Long Dusk

Evening comes early, these days, with the sun almost at the limit of its southward and the solid ice clouds ahead. Early evening and a long dusk half-lighting a frosty world, even longer when there is a bluing of snow on the hillsides.

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Dangerous Illusions?

As for my "dangerous illusions about the alleged good Germans," I apparently knew the best Germans, who were hated by Hitler, fighting for the cause of decency, and whom I honor above Mr. Stout's German advisers who have confined their anti-Hitler activities to slandering honest Americans and all Germans but themselves at a safe distance from the Gestapo.

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The High Cost Of Thrift In Shanghai

By MRS. HORACE W. HELMS

CHARLOTTE
 Enclosed you will find a clipping from The Star and Stripes, which reports that the children of the Shanghai area are being starved.

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What No Asked?

SHANGHAI, Nov. 26.—The Casanova high-priced night spot, was placed "out of bounds" last week by the Shanghai Base Command Provost Marshal, Maj. Leslie A. Arnold.

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Question Of Ethics

But I may question the ethics of a fellow writer and a countless campaign of organized pressure on my editors and radio sponsors demanding that my writings and talks be stopped. Not once, in this campaign, has one rational argument been advanced in answer to my own.

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