Is This Good Business? sejected by the Reconstruction Funnes Corporation, have not been made pub-le, but it is known that the offer satis-ized negotiators for REC, both in Char-lotte and Washington. Certainly there could have been no great difference be-ween Carbon's Jinal bid and the RFC's original saking price, but after months of negotiation. the Federal agency's board of directors refused to accept the recommendation of their own agents. "This writes finis to our hopes for the establishment of a peacetime battery plant in Charlotte employing 500-600 people." Carbon's J. K. Grassie an-nounced. And from company headquar-ters in Cleveland comes. word that Car-bon is already shopping around for an-

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The RFC, of course, would not be much The RFC, of course, would not be much impressed by these local reasons why we read tragedy into the departure of the Carbon plant. The agency is charged with salvaging as much as it can from the Government's wartime plant investment, and after the manner of any hard-boiled banker, it can properly reject any offer that doesn't reflect an adequate liquidation.

But there are a good many considerations involved beyond good banking practice, considerations that are the Government's proper concern. The war

The terms of the offer made by Na-lonal Carbon Company for the purchase of the big war plant here, and finally rejected by the Reconstruction Pinance Corporation, have not been made pub-lif the RFC gets too tough with tis 10 did

opportunity that will certainly be lost if the RFC gets too tough with its old customers.

J. A. Krug, retiring chairman of the War Production Board and the man who bossed American big business during the war years, recently sounded this solemn warning: "If some Eastern in distribution of the West and South they will ruin not only themselves, but the national economy as well." Mr. Krug care to have a good job tomorrow, or a live of the warning of the w

nomic betterment of the nation, one that is never disconcerted by unbalanced budgets, should permit one of its agencies to pursue such an obviously penny-wise and pound-foolish course. RFC's balance sheets, after all, are not particularly important, certainly not in comparison with the loss of a great op-portunity to bring industrial expansion to a region that must, as Mr. Krug points out, prosper if the nation as a whole is to reap the benefits of the boomtimes ahead.

A Long Step Forward

Charlotte's brand-new minimum housing ordinance. Is temporarily, in suspone, placed there by Council's "resolution of policy" which will give owners
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The ordinance is now on the books, in

outlay in the interests of community betterment.

We have the machinery now for work-ing a veritable miracle in city improvement just as soon as labor and material are available, an ordinance that should guarantee to every resident, regardless of income and color, adequate and decent abelier. And from this good beginning we can. If the spirit that lies behind the housing ordinance prevails, get housing ordinance prevails, get on with the monumental task of converting a sleepy country town into a thriving and prosperous industrial city.

Opportunity Knocks Again

The economic colony that is the South has spent heavily of its limited income for education, laying out a portion of its total legislative appropriations that compares favorable, percentage-wise, with the national average. All this, market has been supported by the spent of the

has spent heavily of its limited income for education, laying out a portion of its total legislative appropriations that compares favorably, percentage-wise, with the national average. All this, however, has not been sufficient to bring our schools up to the level of the more prosperous regions. for, no matter how willing we may be to spend more money, we simply don't have it.

And yet, for a good many years the same statemen who so cheerfully dig ever deeper into the regional pocket for school funds have been rejecting the Federal Government's offer of financial assistance. Their reasoning its simple enough — Federal and implies Federal control, and faced with the realization that the Bouth's Jim Crow school systems do not jibe with the United States Constitution, the traditional Southerners have preferred to keep segregation and pay its high cost out of local funds.

A bill designed to overcome their deep-

A bill designed to overcome their deep rooted fear came before Congress the week. Sponsored by a bi-partisan com mittee of 30 members of the House, mittee of 30 members of the House, it provides an appropriation of \$50,000,000 for the first year of Federal aid to education, and \$100,000,000 annually thereafter. The funds would be disbursed directly to state boards of education and could be spent for any purpose for which they spend their own money: Federal supervision of any sort is specifically entitlement.

It would have seemed that the states If would nave seemed that the states rights adherents would have jumped at this unreciprocal pork barrel, but instead they stood by yesterday while the bill was buried in a House committee by a one-vote margin. And now, strangely snough, most of the Southern Demo-rats seem to regard this as a great vic-rats seem to regard this as a great vic-

tory.

This old-line opposition strikes us as a survey we can ill-afford, Right here in backlenburg we are now seeking authority to float another \$4,000,000 bones for an expansion of our school content for an expansion of our school content, knowing, as we set out to do ft,

in North Carolina.

We might, in time, haul our educational system up to the national level to the national opportunity throughout the land, as a practical and, proper interest in assisting us, one that has nothing to do with the desire of a few sealots to insure immediate racial equality.

In a very real fashion the stubborn resistance of Southern Democrats to Pederal educational aid takes cash money out of all our pockets. And, more important, it takes away from our children the opportunity to obtain the sort of adequate education that is atforded the children of other regions, against whom they will one day compete.

The Southerners obviously have won their point in past debates, for the new bill goes out of its way to safecuard the rights of the states to operate their shadow of the states to operate their shadow from the state to operate their shadow from the state of the shadow of the shadow of the national shadow of the states to operate their shadow from the shadow of the national shadow of the shadow of We might, in time, haul our educa-

The British lift wartime restrictions on the manufacture of long socks. Nothing as yet is said of those pre-war pants that keep the armpits warm.

This is the silly season—in the back-wash of war—and any day some eccen-tric may announce plans to hike from coast to coast without crossing a picket line.

The Merry-Go-Round

The Daily Grind

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A lot of people wondered not only how George kept the peace among his performers, but also how he stood the duily grind of running his far-flung syndicate. For the secret was that George lived for his work. The scent was that George lived for his work. The columnists were his children. They might be problem children, but they were his and he loved them.

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Looks Like The Time Has Come



A Pink Cloud For The Big Corporations

By Marquis Childs

WASHINGTON THE workings of the so-called carry-back under the wartime excess profits tax are something to behold. For corporations struggling with the problems of reconversion, strikes, shortages and snafu in Reaven; a pink cloud that will cushlon every big corporation for another twelve months.

To Pay No Tax

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When the excess profits tax was repealed in the Aevenue Act adopted a month ago, Congress voted to extend the carry-back for another year, through the end score, however, is indicated by a statement made in the report of the Senate Finance Committee on that generous law.

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Pointing a Moral

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Grin And Bear It

"Maybe you can get the G. I. Bill of Rights to pay for our wedding and honeymoon—after all, marriage is an education!"

A Four-Legged Chair

By Samuel Grafton

NEW YORK

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velopment which would hurt the Democrats more than the Republicans;) but should a Stassen oppose a Truman, and should present trends continue, it could go over in a body.

By Lichty*

The People's Platform

"A Gross Injustice..."

BY CPL. ROBERT JOHNSON

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-Nicholas G. Lely, Greek Min-ister of Education.

Quote, Unquote

The Greek people will always have faith in the United States and they very much want this country to participate in super-vision of the forthcoming Greek elections.

With world thinking concentrat-on the use of atomic energy war purposes, it would have en much better had the men science turned their thoughts vard inventing an easier way dig potatoes.

Ely, Nev., Times.

If ever a world needed to employ the Good Samaritan deed it is now. Who is in better position to do this than the people of America, a country that has suis ferred less chaos and destruction than any of the major nations of the world that has the country that the world that has the country that has the world that has the country that has the country that has the country that has been a world to be world to be world to be world to be suit to be compared to the world to be compared to the country to be considered to be compared to the country to be compared to the country to be compared to the country to the country to be compared to the country to be compared to the country to the country to be compared to the country that the country t

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Looking at the present concentration of ordinanc industries and then seeing the great infermountainers of the property of the seeing the great intermediate and sure our future safety may depend on dispersing some of them to that naturally-protected area.

Hepry J. Kaiser.