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demonstrated that they are eager to these leaderschip."

However that sentiment may strike you, it was ably and forcefully presented by an alert mind, and it spoke for a fourthern minority which is growing. It might even be said that these words schoed in the Senate chamber Thurschap, when Henry Wallace was confirmed as Secretary of Commerc. 5s to 32. In the end, with the lending powers afely tucked away, the opposition's rearr had died down to something like a whisper. No one turned a hair when visconsin's Senator Wiley, with only a handful of listeners present, numbled that Henry was a "hokum boy." Criticism had degenerated as soon as the billions were removed. The man who was a Communist three weeks ago is now only bull-shooter.

And so the battle ended, but it is not really done. For men of many walks of american life are going to discover new meaning in the words of Mark Ethridge, and others are going to discover that becretary Henry Wallace, in command important agencies like the Bureau of Standards, can atill have a very powerful effect, upon butter. of important agencies like the Bureau of Standards, can still have a very powerful effect upon business in this country. We will continue to hear from Henry, and the cleamor risided over him in the past month will become even louder as 1948 approaches, and one wing of the Democratic Party advances him for the Presidency. From this distant point is appears that this is a most forlorn. t-do not suspect that Henry is securely tucked away out of sight. So long as he remains in or near the Gov-ernment, the storms will blow his way.

The Partisans

When President Roosevelt brought home the message from Yalta-he was, like Winston Churchill, full of hope for a future of peace. He was clearly a man with a vision who believed he saw the coming of a great time to the earth. He told the nation and the Congress what he thought must be done by America, to guarantee the peace for which he had ianned in the Crimea. And his words were placed in a grim setting, Any man. Iskening, could conjure up the awesome pleture of the vast Allied armies, advancing on the enemy in Europe, of the bloody task which must be finished in the months ahead before peace can some.

And almost anyone would have ex-pected that Congress, listening, would have given him nigh unanimous support in the treaty he is soon to present, and that it would have been shouting amens saat it would have been anouting amens from time to time. For here was the American leader, speaking for the world, and pleading that his people enter into the affairs of that world—just as both major political parties had insisted. He had every right to expect a non-partisan reaction, just as he did on December 8, 1961.

But it didn't come out that way. Most-But it didn't come out that way. Most-fy, comment was split on party lines. Barkley of Kentucky, Bloom of New York and Hill of Alabama proclaimed it as a magnificient speech, and halled its presentation of a blueprint for world-peace. On the other side, there was sour dissent. Michigan's Vandenburg, a key

man, had nothing to say, Tatt of Ohlo brushed it off as interesting, but devoid of news. Knutson of Minnesota cynically said that the President was trying to sell the nation a pig in a poke. And Wheeler of Montana, the Democrat who walks like a Republican (or worse), voiced again his suspicions of Russia, hinted that the President might be naively placing himself in Russian and British hands.

naively placing himself in Russana and British hands. So, you see, the momentous message did not change things. The Congress could not agree as to its significance— or as to whether it was significant at all. Republicans could stand off and speech in last November's campaign— or as if they were judging a high school debater. Reaction was thus strictly bip-partisan, and based on the irritating divisions which have marked the two parties since 1933. If there was in Con-gress any appreciation of the fact that, one of its Houses was about to sit in judgment on the future of the world, there was little sign of it.

The President underlined one point: he had the Senate's two-thirds' mahe had the Senate's two-thirds ma-jority in mind. Responsibility for com-mitting the nation to a world organiza-tion lay with the Senate alone. He had patiently explained that to Britons and Russians. The world would have to await word from the Senate of the United States. And from the low growls which then arose, the vote will not be unan-imous at all.

Cash With Order

Up here in the Ivory Tower, where the cleaning maid is named Secchity, we had a rude jerk this week. One of The News's reporters was the cause of it. Dick Young wrote a story showing that the total of the City's proposed post-war bond issues, including War Memorial, library, parks and a number of prosale but essential items such as a new incinerator and sewage disposal plant, would substantially exceed the eight per cent debt limit set forth in State law.

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There are a lot of things that Charlotte wants and needs. One thing it doesn't want, however, is a bonded indebtedness which (a) pushes the prescribed limit and (b) will hang like a millstome around its neck for years to come. We are paying, even now, the penalty of loose borrowing in years gone

For example, when the City Manager rounds up his figures so as to lay out a budget, about the first item in the nuts down is a cool 700,000 smackers for debt service, the payment of interest and principle on money borrowed in the past, and long spent. Were this 5700,000 annually a spendable fund, incoming instead of outgoing necessary expenditures—could—be made—within the limits of a tax rate that isn't at all uncomfortable. But when we set about to add debt service to debt service, we are, in a sense, mortgaging future progress and assuring higher taxes as well.

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We wonder if it would not be wise for the City to investigate the possibility We wonder if it would not be wise for the City to investigate the possibility of getting on a pay-as-1t-goes basis, limiting whatever borrowing it has to do to short-term loans, retirable out of the revenue of two or-three-successive-years. It may be said, what with an accumulation of needs due to the war, that the time is not propitious. On the other hand, the best time to stop issuing bonds is beforehand, not afterward. And while taxpayers might kick at hiaving to pay a stiffer annual rate (and it would be stiffer, all right, especially until old debts had been paid), it could be explained to them that they were saving money in the long run. They would be.

Only the most imperative considerations should prevent the City's undertaking the highly-desirable capital improvements it has lined up. But there are bound to be at all stages of a grow it is constant need of improvements, both in facilities and services. We wonder if it is not the part of sound funance to

the constant need of improvements, out in facilities and services. We wonder if it is not the part of sound finance to recognize as much, and to provide for them in money raised by taxes when it is needed, not put off against the future by borrowing.

Statesmen At Work

(Serious, facetious and comic excerpts from the Congressional 'Record).

DN a night off, Senator Chavez'N. M.,

Proper (Fla.), Ellender, (La.), and

They (N. H.) took part in the Town Hall

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The Merry-Go-Round

By Drew Pearson

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regard to the European war only, will lawe nothing to do with the war regard to the European war only, will lawe nothing to do with the war. The No. 2 problem of two will command the knockout blows against Japan has been the subject of considerable Army and Navy wire-pulling. General MacArthur and his friends have been conducting a Proposition of the Army and Navy wire-pulling. General MacArthur and his friends have been conducting a proliment.

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against Japan.

Simultaneously. General Eisenhower would be brought back to Washington to take Marshall's place as chief of staff. General Bradley would then carry on in Europe as commander-in-chief of the American

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An Air Force For Peace

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Do We Believe In Tomorrow?

By Samuel Grafton

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And so there is the conservative pessinivis, who sees, somewhere in the shadows of his crystal ball, indications of a coming war between Russia and the United States. Pressed to explain, he says that Russia, and America will fight over Middle Eastern oil. Or, they will fight over the future of China. At any rate, they will fight.

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"If you are half as bad off financially as you said when you stormed at my relatives after their very mild hint for a loan, I don't see why you have to make an income tax return at all!"

City Hall Today By Dick Young

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Churchill's Report

By Dorothy Thompson

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