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As a reasonably just and supposedly God-fearing, law-abiding nation, the United States is in a pickle of sorts about this war criminals business. With the terrible evidence of horror camps and wholesale arcocities fresh in our memories, we are determined that there memories, we are determined that there shall be just retribution. That is one American precept. We're stern about that, and we mean business. But on the other hand there is the feeling of revulsion that sets in when we ponder the spectacle of a great "blood bath" in Europe. Messrs. Roosevelt and Churchill have declared for us that there shall be to such gruecome affair in the name.

have declared for us that there shall be no such grusome affair in the name of the United Nations.

And yet we must face the realities. It we are to punish the criminals of this war we must punish many, many thousands of Germans—perhaps hundreds of thousands. The scale on which the criminal Retch operated was so vast that death sentences for streat groups of Germans are essential. We seek justice, but hope that this seeking after it will not force us to spill too much blood. One way or another, we must decide.

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How, for example, will we, settle the
cullt for the endless list of atroetites
committed by the Gestapo. There were
hundreds of butchers at the top, but
there were butchers all down the line
—common murderers all. It is not inconsistent with our concept of justice
that every man Jack of them be sentenced, to death or life terms at hard
labor. What shal, we do with the bestial S. S. Corps? Can there be lenlency
for any man who wore that infamous
uniform? We should hope not. And what
of the high criminals of the Nazl Party,
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uniform? We should hope not. And what of the high criminals of the Narl Party, and all the Quislings of the conquered lands? And what of the Junkers generals who threw in their lot with Hitcher? All of them must be brought to judgment.

But there is already a dallying about, and in the air is a spirit of certain forgiveness. We fought the men as if they were beasts (which they were) one day, and on the next we greet them as misguided human beings. Our craving for stem retribution, already wanes. Having learned that the German mation is not fit to live in our world at the price of untold lives, we shudder at the sight of the blood bath which has been continuing in Europe these twelve long years?

A 'Misunderstanding'

Poor Elmer Davis, who's been squiched before since he camped in Washington, has been reversed on his OWI poliety toward Germany. It is fortunate
in this instance that his scheme has
been veloed, but it must have driven
him almost to the point of throwing
up his hands in despair and returning
to his radio grind. For President Truman and General Eisenhower caughthim in a most embarrassing position,
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Mr. Davis (presumably after official conferences) had outlined a news program for a beaten Germany that was a lulu. He said the people of the Reich, fed on controlled propaganda for twelve years, were in no shape to hear the truth. Thus they would be forbidden to read Allied newspapers, for fear they would misunderstand. He said the Germans must be regarded as a sick people, and that their diet of news must be very light at first. We'were going to condition these Nazi victims, so that they would come to understand how there might be clashes of opinion among the United Nations, without serious divisions.

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Mr. Davis went so far as to explain, patiently, that the Germans were a peculiar people, something new to history—and that they must have peculiar treatment. We were just about to agree that the suggested treatment was weird indeed when there came a call-down from on high. Mr. Davis, said President Truman, had "misunderstood the policy." There was a puzzler. If it was a simple misunderstanding it was as broad as all pet-out.

Both the President and General Essenhower proclaimed, five days later, that they had no idea of banning the free flow of news and ideas in Germany, within the limits of military is caurity. In short, they would not coddle

the German mind at all. If it is un-prepared to accept the true facts of life in today's world, it'll just have to take it. And that's all.

Know Your City

The new City Council, we notice, is going to spend the first couple of weeks in office getting acquainted with who's who and what's what in the City organization. That's a good idea. It suggests another idea which, in our usual retiring manner, we call good and pass along

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It's a habit of most men to follow the same old route between home and office. In time the street-side scenery becomes so familiar that they don't even see it; certainly they seldom see any other parts of the city which are off their beaten tracks. And there's a lot to be seen.

There's a lot that makes a citizen feel that this is a pretty nice place to live—substantial homes, well-kept lawns, paved streets and sidewalks' and some spaciousness. But these neighborhoods are on the beaten tracks. It's on side

paved streets and sidewalks and some spaciousness. But these neighborhoods are on the beaten tracks. It's on side streets and alleys and tootpaths where may be seen the evidence that, for at least a third of the 100,000, this is a pretty poor place to live.

No paved streets (where there are, the houses tend to be freshly painted and better kept), no sidewalks, no lightly, no space. Whole families living in squalor which lart altogether their fault — at least a minimum publle standard would have required that houses be equipped with the essentials of human habitation, and made accessible. Not spaciousness, but unpardonable congestion.

These are, in candor, the conditions in which as third, more likely a half, of Charlotteaus live. They are conditions which do the town's government mercett nor are likely to have a whole-some effect upon the character and behavior of this mente. They have to behavior of this mente. They have to be

credit nor are likely to have a whole-some effect upon the character and be-havior of its neople. They have to be seen, and looked at, before one realizes that as far as this city has come along the way to better living, its journey is hardly begun.

It should be part of the education of every Councilman to know his city— all of it.

The Rear Guard

Cotton is at once a curse and a blessing to the South's conomy. It is a curse because almost every Southern farmer tries to raise II—unprofitably. An a consequence, it drags upon the market, and not only upon the cotton market. Thus we have the strange spectacle of counties thousands of cotton farmers sticking in business at a loss every year, bolstered by artificial prices and government subsidy. The country keeps them in business because they stubbornly refuse to try some other kind of farmine, It keeps 'em up, but it costs. And cotton is a blessing, of course, because it furnishes a major money crop for the section. It always has. The living it provides for most of the people who labor with it from start to finish is pretty poor, but in the aggregate it means money. Big money.

'The men of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics in Washington hope that, by cutting down on the number of action producers, leaving only the most efficient in the field, we might be able to afford a natural commodities in world competition. They'd like the cotton scramble for itself the other American commodities in world competition. They'd like the cotton scramble for itself the other American commodities in world competition. They'd like the cotton scramble for itself the other American commodities in world competition. They'd like to the cotton scramble for itself the other American commodities in world competition. They'd like to the find the cotton scramble for itself the other American commodities in world competition. They'd like to text of the south diversity its agriculture commissioner, is furious. He attacks these-here "paper and penul fellows" as complexors, says they plot the rain of the cotton farmer, and want to sell him into slavery—while they leave steel workers and the like to prosper.

But what the Bureau is after, of course, is to turn much of the South's wasted effort away from the single-crop system, to make use of our great resources in forestry and fisheries, and to develop manufacturing enterprises. Farsight

Statesmen At Work

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

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The House was debating a bill proposite

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The Merry-Go-Round

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No peace machinery constructed at San Francisco can stop this toboggan. once it starts. The basic theory of the San Francisco Conference is that big nations shall be free to do what they please. No real machinery is even contemplated to stop war between big nations-except their own common sense. And already the big nations at San Francisco have shown themselves unable to settle their own dispute.

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Keep Out of Berlin

Relations with Russia began their nose-dive just a few days before President Roseevelt died, when Stalin sent his note accusing us of a deal with the Germans in order that we might get to Berlin abead of the Red Army.

Of course there was no deal. But there had been conference of American and German officers in Switzerland to arrange for an armistice in Italy, and the manner in which the Germans were surrentering

whether the Americans in the West, while lighting to the last ditch against the Euclineans in the Eust, saids the The Russians are a suspicious people suyway, and long years of isolation have bot made them less so. Also, in view of the fact that 700,000 Germans have allowed the supplementary bears and the supplementary that the supplementary that the supplementary that the supplementary is the supplementary that the supplementary is a supplementary that the supplementary is opposed its advance on the River Eibe, carefully kept out of Berlin.

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It Takes But One Arm To Hold A Hoop



The Old Colonial System

By Marguis Childs

WASHINGTON

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It is obvious by now that the talk at San-Francisco of trusteeships for colonial or mandated territories means little or nothing. It is the kind of talk that is invariably used to clock a determination to all tight and pre-Apparently, the big powers that have fought this war against Pracsian meant to try to put back the old colonial order. They may use somewing the continued and the colonial c

This is perfectly clear now. We do not need the burger perspective of history to make it any more obvious.

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Prime Minters (Inc.)

lent."
Prime Minister Churchill, however, would have none of R, even after the late President seminated him that on this issue there were three vote, segant one. Churchill was thinking of Bunna. He irlined to consider such a plan for Bunna.

Anything Goes

(A column of irrelevancies and irreverencies, appearing irregularly. If readers run across brief material suitable for "Anything Goes," send it in).

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"Yes, we're saving more than we ever did in our lives

—I'm putting all I can scrape up into War Bonds and
my family is ashamed to cash 'em in!"

The War Trials

By Samuel Grafton

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