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and, now. Nobody's taking the post-that Jehovah's Witnesses is any-mage but a nervey religious cult with set the most contemptible war record ignisable. But the City Council is dead one in passing an ordinance against ting Jahovah's Witnesses or thy simi-organisation have the use of City

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receverize of any religious belief. It
can do so all the less by the caprice
of its favor or disfavor, asserting that
we don't like this crowd, let's run 'em

eut of town."

To get the full flavor of the caprice with which the Council has acted, it is necessary only to rephrase parts of the Optimists' Club resolution, which the Council cheered and ordered translated into legal phraseology. Select the most respectable organization in town — the Pirst Presbyterian Church will do — and substitute, to wit:

Be it resolved that the City of Be it resource that the cay of all pub-lic property for the use of the First Presbyterian Church or any other similar organization that . . ad-vocates passive submission, and

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Be it further, resolved that the
City of Charlotte forbid the use of all
public property, same to include the
public streets, for the giving away,
sale or other distribution of literature and propaganda designed to
spread the doctrines of sald First
Prebyterian Church and such like
erganizations.

Oh, you say; that's absurd. The First Preebyterians are the best people we have in the community, and good pa-titots, all, whereas these Jehovah's Wit-nesses won't even salute the American flag, or serve in the armed forces. We grant the distinction.

grant the distinction.

Nevertheleas, the religious freedom which we seek to maintain in this country is no freedom which may be entiry is no freedom which may be entired by by religious groups of which progression may approve. It is a freedom which may be entired by the freedom to worship after their fashion, however stuitfied we may consider it, can we be sure of preserving their freedom of the Presbyterians to continue to worship as they choose.

so worship as they choose.

If the Council doesn't get that principle, it has missed one of the points of what we're fighting for. And beside that, by placing itself in the position of oppressing the Winesses, it has, in a highly practical manner, only played right into their scheme of martyrdom.

The Rat Runs

Pierre Laval is no turncoat. He did not ait until the ship began to sink to turn it. He's been one, for years. And when a plopped down in Franco Spain, seekwait until the ship began to sink to turn rat. He's been one, for years, And when he plopped down in Franco Spain, seeking sanctuary, he was no more contemptible than he ever was. The swarthy face, the pig-like eyes, the uneasy yoden'ts grin are yet the same. Laval is one old-time practicing Fascist the world recognizes at a glance. Even his whimpering in Spain is characteristic.

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For though he blustered in the Vichy
years, and invoked Biller's anti-Semitic
laws and spaine, shipped off countless
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to triture in Germany and prayed for a
Nast victory, the world knew him for a
weakling. He now fears French justice,
and restat extradition to Parls, where
he must face a death sentence. Instead,
the says, he wants to be surrendered to
an Allied Commission—where he knows
things will go easier with him. If he

has his way, we hope our Commissioners will have no difficulty in recalling his past, and his words:

"I want Germany to win. A German victory will prevent our civiliza-tion from foundering in chaos. An American victory would bring in its train the triumph of Jews and Com-munists."

He spat hatred at the United States, Britain and Mr. Roosevelt in particular, long before he became French dictator in 1942. He not only hoped for German victory, but was certain of it. If this man is not on our list of war criminals, then by all means throw him to his countrymen. They have designs on him. Proper designs.

A Turnabout

This week, when OPA officials won their case against Ralph Morton, a serv-ice station operator, they said that this thundering judgment was proof that their regulations have "teeth."

It was a severe penalty Pederal Court-called upon Mr. Morton to pay for violations of the gas rationing pro-gram ("flagram!" violations, they were called). He was ordered to suspend the operation of his business for the dura-tion of the war. In winning this one case, and securing this stern decision, OPA thought it was making much progress. It said so.

ress. It said so.

But by yesterday it was apparent that OPA regulations, even though backed by Federal Court orders, had no teeth, after all. For Mr. Morton merely announced that he had leased his gasoline business, which presumably will go on at the same stand, without interruption. And, in addition, he will continue other servicing operations in the same station.

Are those OPA teeth still good?

Civilian Defense

The Office of Civilian Defense, having outlived its time, has passed away. And the hundreds of thousands of Americans who railted at the outbreak of war to protect the nation from potential danger from the sikes may lay away the armbands and helmids, and forget the mouldering sand bags. They have long since put away their fears. But, loosely, the organization hung together, its first flush of enthusiasm past. OCD was born, it turned out, due war too soon.

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We have the accidents of geography to thank for that, and because CD volunteers were seidom stirred into action—save for practice air rate diatrons—we may count ourselves among the most fortunate of peoples. There were many lands in which the fire-fighting apparatus, the bomb-fighters and gas-alarma were not jokes. There were millions of sand bags and boxes which came to have grim meaning for whole peoples. After a few short months, they meant nothing to Americans. And so OCD is gone.

The changes are that the uniforms

The chances are that the The chances are that the unioning are already stuck away, that the badges and armbands are forgotten in bureau drawers, that most of the sand bags have disappeared. Surely most of the original volunters have long been inactive. The announcement from President Truman brought them scarcely a sigh of relief. He had been anticipated,

sigh of relief. He had been anticipated.

But we fear that another generation will know these volunteers, and better. In that time, if it comes, badges and sand bags will not suffice—and perhaps OCD members will not be volunteers at all, but a part of an entire population marshaled for war. Thus, with an eye on an uncertain tomorrow, the task of civilian defense does not end, but merely changes. The best defense, all of us must see by now, is not in hurriedly raising armies, and making blackout curtains at home. The best defense is to be fought in San Francisco and beyond, at the tables of peace—and even beyond that, in keeping watch over the every move of the nations of the world. If that defense falls again, it's curtains,

Statesmen At-Work

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Yet, after his time, conditions changed, and we modified that rule in our practice to the extent of permitting Government, in times of great national emergency, to do seemed, and the second of the second part of the second part of the second part of the formal part of the United States, acting as the agent of the United States, and the second that the second that the second the second that the second the second that the period of the second that the period that the second that the period that the second t

reaucrate are proving a mindrance to progress.
In the light of this dynamic change of circumstances that I respectfully suggest that now is the opportune time for Congress and President Truman to curb and curtail the Federal bureaucracy. To do so would give a shot in the arm to the American the Congress of the Federal Burgest on the American Congress of the Federal Burgest on people would be impressed with the fact that efficiency and conomy had once more become the order of the day and that the extravagant Federal overhead was on its way down.

The Merry-Go-Round

A ROT behind-the-scenes fight has developed in the Arraylla Property Board which developed in the Arraylla Property Board which deflect the beauty of the entire narray south of the entire narray south of the entire the second to the control of the entire the second to the condition of several shillow collars worth of machine tools owned by the U. S. Government and tone to the collars worth of machine tools are sold is round to the collars of the condition of industry times. Henry Kales, the big West Coast boat builder, has ideas about going into the automobile business are a course some of the biggest property of the condition of the condition of the collars of the condition of

automobiles. However, the first requirement of the automobile industry, or for that matter any other large-scale manufacturing, is machine tools. Billions in machine tools soon will be disposed of as surplus war property, and the companies that get them will control the general peacetime production of the U. S. during the immediate years

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Backstage Now

This is where the row inside the Surplus Property Board comes in. Ex-Senajor Guy Gillette of Jowa, chair-man of the board, believes that independent business men, such as Kaiser, should have a chance to bid on these Government-owned machine tools.

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But Col. Edward Heller and ex-Governor Robert A. Hurley of Connecticut, the two other board members, oppose. They believe the companies now using the machine tools, though not owning them, should have first lien on buying them. This would mean that General Motors, one of the biggest war contractors, would get a chance to buy a tremendous amount of machine tools and would get a head start on smaller companies.

Other big auto companies and other big contraction likewise would get a head start on practicute production if printing this two to one split inside the Surplus Property Board are other officials, all of whom strongly favor the big companies when it comes to machine tools.

Rowere: Chairman Gillette has the support of the Justice Department which has just completed send of the control of the contro

NOTE—Interesting fact is that Col. Edward Heller, who has taken a position which would hinder diversifica-tion of industry to the West Coast, comes from the West Coast.

Stassen Consults

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It busiling Senator Vandenberg of Michigan ever wants to run for the Presidency—as some people say he will—he may fluid that ex-Governor. Harold Stassen of Minnesota is one up on him.

It sall boils down to the fact: that: Stassen believes in "consulting." Vandenberg doesn't. That may cound unimportant. But when you are consultation which the heads of large church and fractant and that the heads of large church and fractants and distance. He heads of large church and fractants a distance which influence thousands this conference, for instance, probelling an election in certain key cities like Nearo consulting an election in certain key cities like Anyhow. Comdr. Harold Stassen, a candidate for the GOP nemination last year, was given one of the cast-off jobs of the conference—consulting with consultants. Nobody quite knew what to see the consultants informed.

Last week he took them on to explain the dispute over rotating the chairmanship of the conference as urged by Russia and did a believed that all the four inviling powers were equal co-hosts and that you had to try to put yourself in their position and understand their point of view. By the channel of the consultants in the consultants in mid is the fact that all the American states on this continent have a vote, and they requently vote together. Also the British have all votes.

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Then Stassen threw open the debate to the con-Then Stanen threw open the debate to in consultants and saked them what they thought about different conference developments. He also discussed the question of island trusteasily, explaining that the United States wanted to make certain that never again would it be threatened from the Pacific Islands, yet at the same time wanted to make adequate provision for ultimate sovereignty for countries which deserved their independence, such as the Philippine Islands.

The Path Of Glory-



State Department Blunders

By Marquis Childs

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Part of the blame for the German atractitis that have so shocked the world Pell puts on the State Department. Coming from a former member of the War Crimes Commission, that is no mere shot in

ment. Coming from a former memory to the war of the commission, that is no mere also I full the commission. But the commission commission was a commission of the commission of the commission commission. He speaks not of solor knowledge and a realization of the daugers inherent in a commission. Fell worked with representatives of qur Allies to define war crimes and to fix adequate punishment. The commission of the commission commission is a commission of the commission of human beings at the mercy of the Nazla, the group provided penalties ranging from imprisonment, but to death for a series of criminal code in power to put out this information.

The commission itself, of course, did not have the power to put out this international criminal code in behalf of the nations represented on the commission. What it could and did do was to recommend that the various foreign offices take over at this point and inform the world that war criminals would be punished in terms of a code agreed upon by the Allies. But 'nothing happened. The Foreign Office in London and the State Department in Washington and on the Jecommendations.

recommendations.

Pell returned to America in an effort to get action. It was already very late, since clearly the Germans would become more brutal as they became more fearful of their position in Europe. A tottering dictatoriship is always more cruel than one that is securely entrenched.

From the late President Roosevelt, Pell received being assurance of support. In the force of the Comment of the Comment of the State (Department that he was to be

dropped from the commission because Congress would not appropriate \$30,000 for its work.

At about the same time the strikish member of the control of the same time that the same time that the same time to the control of the same time that the same time to accept the commission. So nothing was done. Notice was not served on the enemy that the guilty would be purished.

Of course, this would not have prevented the hole-cause of britatility that has sweep Germany. But Peil says, and with good reason, that many individuals might have been deterred from sets of many saverages of they had been informed that it means excepts if they had been informed that it means excepts if they had been informed that it means that alled to set on the recommendations of the War Crimes Commission.

As it was, the Nazis knew that the individual governments had failed to set on the recommendations of the War Crimes Commission.

Had had the means a sections gap in our German policy. There is an embatrassing zone of doubt at the number of the comment when our military commanders should proceed under agreed-upon rules.

Had had the necessary to pass sections as half million or more first the guilt and assess the pushshment. That would make the approach to the jungle of Germany today so much simple. The process is the pass and the control of the co

Naturally that impresses the people of liberated countries. If Soviet retribution is swit; and sure white we continue to waver, then, as rell points out, fortured Europeans will chak up another score for Russian realism.

Is all my wonder that German soldiers and civilians are the continued of the country of the country

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"You'd think after Bill spent two years in the fighting line he'd be bolder, but he's shyer than he was when he went away!"

People's Platform

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Editors, Tirk New Service of April 10 entitled "Dave"

I have read with interest your editorial of April 10 entitled "Dave"

Em All' Bines your editorial of the powers of the Administrator of the powers of the Administrator of the Pair Labor Standards Act which so many peopli in the country seem coil 10 the attention of your readers what the transport of the Pair Labor of the Ware and Hour Law has been given and hou Law has been given and hou Law has been given and hou therefore cannot protect employers who follow his predictions as to what the courts will rule. If an amend the protect has under the courts and the protect had been a supported with the power of interpretation, only by litigation can a dispute of the courts with the courts with the courts with the courts with the protection of the state of the protection of the protection of the state of the protection of the pr

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Settling Down By Samuel Grafton

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OTES on San Francisco: The hysterical quality is going out the conference. We are put-

of the conference ting behind us those agitated early days, as for instance when it was rumored that the Russians were keeping a

notice, should anything about the conference in the many through the conference is firming up. It is becoming hard to remember how scared many Americans were only ten days ago, when the conference seemed like a hot-house plant, and a rough breath might shrived it.

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mail nations have become the spokesmen for social and commit progress. Australia sorting the question of full employment, from which the big nations are shuddering away. Perhaps is an antirol for small nations as it would be a supply to the presence bitter questions in the presence of more powerful neighbors."

A new perspective is opening

to raise these bitter questions in the presence of more powerful neighbors.

A new perspective is opening up: it is the small inkludin which are in the powers of the Social and Economic Council, They are content to let the big nations immings the powers of the Social and Economic Council, They are content with military council, which deals with military council and the council with a sphere. The small nations are finding their equality in this sphere. The small nations are finding their equality in the demand that the new world organization that the new world organization that the new world organization that he new world organization that the new that the new that the council of the coun

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What really stopped the Japa anese from moving through the South China See was the Army? She and 13th Air Forces. Which are the Army through the Army? the mearly to the last ship, —Reer Admi. Frank D. Wagner, Seventh Fliet Air Force Com-mander.