

# EDITORIAL PAGE THE CHARLOTTE NEWS

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## Okinawa's Blood

On Okinawi, with the bloody sub-almost done, we have suffered over 38,000 capualtes—including more than 10,000 dead. At less report channed, and had to 18 ships sunk or post channed, and had to 18 ships sunk or than the Army. Thus with the cost is more than the various of any other island taken from Japan. We suffered fewer than 20,000 casualties on Ivo Juna, and fewer than 15,000 cas Sapan.

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These facts are in the background of the public dispute ranging between Dayid Lawrence, who has been sharply critical of strategy and tactics in Okinawa, and Admiral Nimitz, who has defended the Army and Navy stouty But these are only a fit, of the facts. The cost of, Okinawa has been even creater than the casualty rolls, and the severe losses

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For one thing, the R-22s had to be halfed in their campaign of burning out Japanese crites, and put to the dask of heating at Kyushu arrifeds used by suleide pilots. The Navy's strikling power was tird up at the island, faking our carrier-based planes away from factical bombing and strafting of Jap attriblas. Jap industry and Jap avagation thus got an important breathing spell, because we had to turn our every resource to the winning of Okinawa. There is no doubt that the operation has been very very costly.

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The Lawrence criticism, bolstered by Jater articles in The U.S. News, is based on the fact that there are two plans for amphibious operations. The Marlines favor a quick rush ashore behind bombardment, taking heavy casualties affirst in order to finish off the fighting and avoid a long campaken. The Army plan rails for a cautious investment of the braches, a slow but sure establishment of beaching does not be a compared to the braches, a slow but sure establishment of beaching does not be a cautious investment of the braches, a slow but sure establishment of beaching does not be a compared to the braches of the brac

We must accept Admiral Numir' (Spination, and leave the decision to listory. It remains that Okinawa is 65 times the size of Iwo Jima, much near Japan, and more important straterially—and was taken with less than twice the casualities of Iwo Jima.

### Another Lesson

The sprawling Missouri, traced from its source at the head of Red Rock River in Montana to its end where the Mississipin pours into the Gulf of Mexico, is the longest Tiver in the world—3.66m miles long, And its behavior, traced for the past year, is about the worst of any of the world-street. Six times in the past twelve months it has flooded its banks, insufficiently and the second point of the source of alminate, carrying away millions of tons of alminal top soil, invading cities and towns and baltime industries.

That the United States has permitted the Missouri-Mississipil chain to continually street the great central valleys of the country is must restimony to the wasterful practices of our system. And

timually wreck the great central valleys of the country is mute testimony to the wasteful practices of our system. And that ther is still furnous opposition to the formation of a Missouri Valley Authority, based on the TVA plan, indicates that we are still to learn our lesson about natural resources and their care and conservation.

We have made a beginning, a first appropriation, and so it seems that the scheme of the TVA, so much admired by men of other nations, will soon be applied to the wayward Missouri, Just now the river is in flood acain, threatening ruin to crop- on the rich bottom grain to crop- on the rich bottom mer unit to crop- on the rich bottom for the desired of the Mid-West, particularly in Raisas and Missouri. And the cost of even one flood is beyond estimation of the Mid-West, particularly in What is road American to and Foreign 1991. of even our flood is beyond estimation. What is rood American top soil worth by the ton, when we are pouring it into the less at the late of more than 20 million tens, a year from the Mississippi Mission alone. Perhap, now that Complete has made the start, the years will not be look until a series of dains down the looking the late of the Mission of the meaning of the Mission of the perhaps of

as is known now to the people in the vailey of the Tennessee.

## Days Are So Long

The joke-makers ought to have a good time with the United Automobile Work-ors' (CIO) demand for a 30-hour week. It's pretty funny, to begin with, to hear a group of brawing men propose to work only 30 hours a week, though in this case they seem to be grimly serious about 31.

this case they seem to be grimly serious about 11.

But back to the Jokes. We are reminded, by a sort of association of incompatible ideas, of the story about the employee who commuted back and forth between his office in New York and his home in New Jersey. War-time trains were packed, schedules uncertain. One day his bors had a telegram from him It said.

"Dear Boss"

I won't be in today. I'm not home from yesterday yet."

The UAW may have occasion to send messages of the same kind "Dear Boss I won't be in for awhile, Got two weeks ahead by working all day last Thurs-

ay. Lameh on a six-hour shift is going

Lunch on a six-hour shift is going to offer complications. It's too long at time to do without neurishment, but if they took an hour for lunch it would make the day so long. Also they'd probably get home just as the kids were sitting down to the init-day med, and then would be the problem of whether to cat again or not to eat. An one way, though, the six-boar day would relieve the transportation situation. As it is now, busees are crowded going to how in the morning, and crowded going away from town in the afternoon In between times they repractically empty. With the 30-hour work they could catch the marning his doing lower than they are practically empty. With the 30-hour work they could catch the marning his doing lower than the same one countries.

## Control Or Chaos

At the end of the meth, the dead-har falls on the Price Control Act and unless Congress re-march 0 in the present form, we've going to see some used three in our head. It can hold it to be from that chicken, which went for 22 cents a pound four from some costs for cents a pound four from some costs for cents a pound tour from some costs for cents a found, there bereight and the control Act will be removed, and instantion will be with us for fair.

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poured into Washington by one of the big retail federations can sweep the House alone, as it has swept the Senate, the Office of Price Administration micht as well fold up for good. The special target of the retailers is the vital section of the price control law which says that the Administrator shall fits prices at a level "generally fair and equitable." Under that, the OPA has tried to set an average which will return a reasonable mumber of manufacturers and distributors.

tried to set an average which will return a reasonable motif for the largest possible number of manufacturers and distributors.

But that hasn't been enough. Price control, naturally, is gailing to retailers—to anyone except consumers. But the OPA is the one remaining barrier against inflation, and while the war against Japan goes on, and we continue to pour out billions, we desperately need its restraining influence. The cry of OPA's enemies is that free enterprise insults be given its head, and all controls must go. There is reason to believe that it is asking for the most dangerous possible situation—as far as free enterprise that if its concerned. If we permit inflution to come about a for the control of the stream of the control of the control

## Statesmen At Work

(Serious facetions and comic excerpts from the Congressional Record)

# The Merry-Go-Round

HARRY TRUMAN has now been President of the the most histore months in the nation's history. These tan menths are sufficient to get a fairly accurate gauge of how the new President to going to function for the

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#### Good Administrator

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Trumon gives the impression of having a firm graspon oil diomestic groblems. He knows them thoroughly—indicative better than Franklin Roosevelt during halter years, when he was devoting all his time to the way.

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One of Truman's frequent replies to callers when
thry urge sauction of some special idea is:

Tradiz that. But if takes time to do all these
things, and seldem have so many important things
controlled us all at one time. I'll get around to that just
as soom as I rain."

or 2000 as I ran." One thing that worses him most is our foreign attains. The new President frankly realizes it is main weakness. He does not have Roosevelt's International background, therefore has to rely almost wholly on his diplomats.

from a background, interefore has to rely aimest wholly only the probability method of months the Government is that in picking good men and siving them fore rem. This is a good system, and we could have had more of it in the past. But it breaks down when the President is and may be a superior of the president is an interest of the present of the pr

By Drew Pearson

it became known that the rental and likeshle McKim seemed too engrossed in Mrw. 'Hope Diamond' McLean's dinner parties and the social while of Washington. Politicos on Capitol Hill iercell Truman with one political error so far—his letter to the House Rules Committee asking it to vote out the fair employment practices asking in the social sector of this kind to a Congressional committee went further than most Rosewell attempts to influence Congress, and members of the Rules Committee resented it. However if Truman error politically, he did not error with the came to carroing promise made during the came to carroing promise made during the campaign, while Republican Congressional leaders, having made a similar picáge, welched.

Final impression you get of Truman during this trial heat is that he has been working under tremendous practices that the control of the co

Norwegion party lines are not yet fully redrawn. Fergussin, a Republican, was ruitted to be called the "opposition leader."

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## My, My! What Beautiful Teeth It Has!



### "The System Elliott Roosevelt &

By Marquis Childs

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WASHINGTON taken on frequent "weathers' over the dismore the disspace and royally emerging to be a space of the control of



"Margic didn't read us this part of her fiance's letter—'your mother is as bossy as our top sergeant, but your, dad told me how to handle her'!"

## Dangers Of Officialdom

By Dorothy Thompson

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By Samuel Grafton

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