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## Laundry Wages

According to the telegram which President Moore of the Charlotte Central Labor Union sent to President Truman, laundry workers in Charlotte are striking because they are paid only 18 and 20 cents an hour. (The placards displayed by pickets say 17 cents.) At another place in his telegram. Mr. Moore said that their pay was 38, 50 and 510 for a 52-hour week. A week's work of 52 hours for 58 would figure out to about 15 cents an hour.

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It seems to us that a better case would be made for and -by laundry workers if they got together on the exact wage they are striking sagainst and annufries the Arrow language is 30 cents an hour, the Bogartment of Labor figures through last December; show that at that time the lowest wage paid by any laundry or dyeing and cleaning stablishment in Mecklenburg County was 23 cents an hour. The average was 35 cents, but inasmuch as this included wages for skilled help which ran 60 cents, 80 cents, 31,00 an hour, the bir majority of workers probably drew substantially less than 35 cents an hour.

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In this connection it is interesting to review the state wage and hour bill which was proposed to the last Legisla-ture, and not acted upon. It would have sture, and not acted upon. It would have established (except in agriculture and domestic service) a minimum wage of 30 cents an hour with time and a half (45 cents) for all work in excess of 40 hours a week. The overtime provision, rather than the minimum wage, would have had the greatest effect on laundry wages in Charlotte, but the minimum wage would have caught other Jaundries in the state where wages as low as 13 and 14 cents an hour are paid.

## Sooner Or Later

Of course it's some weeks yet before the kids out in the county cut short their frolicking and return to the more serious business of the classroom. But at this point it looks as if some of them will be without teachers.

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Here it is, late in June, and County Superintendent Wilsons all needs 55 teachers. What's more, he's having trouble getting principals, too — and that, despite the willingness of county folks to dig down in their pockets and pay twenty cents more on their tax rate to boost teacher salaries.

We would have thought that Meckinchurg County, offering some \$125 a year to its teachers more than other counties, would have turned 'em away. But if Mr. Wilson, with his \$125 extra pay, is having trouble, what's going to happen in those counties which at this pay the low State salaries without any happen in those counties which still pay the low State salaries without any

pay the low State salaries without any supplement?
The schools have been fortunate to hold their teachers this long in the face of labor shortages in higher-paying private industry. The coming year will be the hardest. If they can get by the 1945-64 term, it should be relatively easier to obtain teachers.
But out of its personnel difficulties in these war years, the State should have learned (a) that education of any quality comes higher and higher and (b) that competent teachers can no longer be expected to teach for the love of it.

### Mister Knudsen

Bill Knudsen is by nature a fellow who gets things done without talking aboult it. That's the way he rose from Danish Immigrant to president of the General Motors Corporation. And he didn't change one whit when Pres-ident Roosevelt, breaking all tradition, even bing compulsion as lieutenati gave him a commission as lieutenant general and put him in charge of straightening out kinks in U. S. war

production.

For five long years Knudsen labored at the job he knows and loves best. The For five long years Knudsen labored at the job he knows and loves best. The public lost sight of him, but plant mannagers knew him well. Nota man to leave his job to subordinates, he visited plants all parts of the nation, walked down the production lines quietly making sug-

gestimu to laborers and managers. Some of the changes he suggested were little ones to be suggested with the suggested were little ones to be boost particularly in the critical airplane and tank divisions. By June 1 of this year his job was pretity well done. The automobile industry was beginning to sit; and big General Motors needed the magle touch of its soft-voleed production expert. Lt.-Gen. Knudsen stepped out of harness, became plain Mister Knudsen as Underescretary for- War Patterson called him 'one of the foremost leaders of the war in this nation."

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This week his home state of Michigan quietly observed Knudsen Day, a fitting "well done" for her adopted son.

### Same Old Posse

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The successor to the Dies Committee promises to be no improvement over the old model, whose investigations into un-Americanism were distinguished to un-Americanism were distinguished to the promiser committee opened this week, a little job on the New York regional office of OPA.

And the first phase of that task will be to clear up brandenst "with a Committee that a committee that will be to clear up brandensts "with a Committee has rolled all complaints into one, and that it expects to suff out error of raseals who don't have the proper respect for Harry Truman, the Book of Genesis and trish politicians.

From this start it appears that the committee will not raise the level of its investigations, that it will shy at the formattie will not raise the level of its investigations, that it will shy at the committee will not raise the level of its investigations, that it will shy at the investigations, that it will shy at the left of dead center. Its conception of un-Americanism, under New Jersey's Representative Hart, is unchanned; it just as if the apprehensive Marin Dies were still revolving in Washington, leading his sleuths in all directions at It the New York of the of OPA meds.

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If the New York office of OPA needs If the New york fitter of (a freely but he ald pattern of witch-hunting, of spatring with cluster shadows, work help much. If the House values its dignity and aims to spend its money wheely perhaps there is yet time for reform.

#### Frustration

When the City Council meets in spe-When the Cary Council meets of age-cial session on June 27 to consider changes in the system of handling traf-tic proposed after detailed study by Chief of Police Walter Anderson, Capt. Lloyd W. Henkel, head of the Traffic Division of the Police Depart-ment, and Chief Safety Inspector P. A.

Skinner—
We do hope that one of the recommendations will be to change the timing of the traffic lights in the city so that you don't have to stop at every danged one of them.

### **About Parks**

The test of any playground is the use to which it is put. And opening week at Charlotte's play centers reminds us that a more adequate system of parks and recreation should not be overlooked in the hubbub over more glamorous undertakture.

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Averages are sometimes misleading, but in this case they serve a purpose. In the first week of operation, the 26 play centers drew a total attendance of 43.549 persons. That's a weekly average of 559 for each center, and a daily average of 559 for each center, and a daily average of 559 for each center, and a daily average of 550 for each center, and a daily average of 550 for each center, and a daily average of 550 for each center, and a dispersion of the control of the control

Some 45 versions of how death came to Adolf Hitler are now available, no two agreeing in any particular except the happy ending.

# Statesmen At Work

(Serious, facetious and comic excerpts from the Congressional Record). SENATOR JOHNSON (Colo) on protective not to put the producers of Colorado out of business.

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# The Merry-Go-Round

By Drew Pearson

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access only to the city of Vienna, which includes one airport.

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#### Baseball and United Nations

In San Francisco, a delegation of Philadelphians called on Australia's External Affairs Minister Herbert Evatt in ask that The City of Brotherly Love founded by William Penn become the seat of the United Nations In the future.

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Dr. Evatt listened carefully. Then he replied:
"I can't vote for Philadelphia until the Phillies get ent of the cellar. I'm afraid it would give the United Nations a defentist attitude if both Philadelphia baseball teams were at the bottem of their leagues."

### Capital Chaff

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Henry Kaiser, the big boat-builder, is getting together with Colorado Iron and Pirel to take over the Government-owned steel plant at Geneva, Utah. U. S. Steel and Wall Street have discouraged the project. For the Colorado Iron and Firel to the Colorado Iron Colorado

#### President Truman's Pledges

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After listening carefully. President Truman told

Pope:

"I made a specch about that in the last campaign.

I'll do my best to carry those ideas out."

#### Ambassador Davies' Airplane

When Ambassador Joe Davies went de London for special falks with Prime Minister Churchith, he found himself ready to thy home in a virtually empty plane. There were only five in his own party, but his plane could carry about twenty.

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So Davies mitted the Army to send some convolen-ernt wounded men back with him. The Army demurred, explaining that I would have to send its own declar and couldn't spars a declar to send its own declar and couldn't spars a declar to send its own declar and couldn't spars a declar to send its own declar and the personal playsician who was with him, but this was not according to regulations.

In the end, Davies recrued his own passequers, a couple of preduction of the companies worker, was openerals, and anyone else who wanted to fly the Atlantic home.

### Diplomatic Chaff

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Hower conferred with Tumina about European relief, he
recommended that UNIRRA be disbanded and the feeding to be turned over to the Army in tolar. ... Hower
always did hate any four of fur is the UNIRRA meetins
Aug. 2. The believes in international co-speciation.
The Russians have turned thumbs down on having the
French sit with Ed Pauley and other teparations representatives of the Reparations Common the USA refused to make an issue of it, and the Princh are out
of lock.

## The Nips' Dilemma





# What Will History Say?

By Marquis Childs

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To honor Gen. Desight D. Eksenhawer, who remes to use with the appliance of millions in Journal and Paris ellif circlus.

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SIDE GLANCES





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## New Isolationism

By Samuel Grafton

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### Quote, Unquote

PREPAREDNESS does not incite war any more than insurance invites fire —Brig.-Gen. John W. Mahan.

It is clear to me that whatever the terms of peace, the fundamental basis of our defense must be universal military training. No other practical solution has been offered - Gen. George C. Marshall, Chief of Staff, U. S. Army.

# Mr. Speaker

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