## The Feathers Are Flying Today

AFTER a breakfast combining oratory and scrambled eggs some hundreds of time, feathered Community Chest workers are spreading over the City today in search of \$389,94194, an impressive sum when suddenly come upon in print, but nominal in these inflated times.

The slogan of the workers is, "Give!" but we prefer the more exact, "Invest." For the money that the citizens of Charlotte turn over to the Chest each year represents commented investments open the community of the community of the community with essential services far more valuable than the relatively modest sums spent on their upkeep. For every cash dollar invested today, volunteer workers will donate hundreds of dollars worth of time and energy in the year to come.

Thus the effectiveness of these 289,941 dollars will be multiplied many times as they are converted into health and social welfare services. The YM and YWCAS, the Ray and Oil Scouts, the Travelers Aid, the Charlotte Day Nurseres, the Community

# We'll All Pay For Operation Jordan

TALK of industrialization and increasing diversity in agriculture is soothing to Southerners, but it is well to remember that, at this reading and in all probability for many years to come; the economy of the region is still ited directly to cotton. Thus the cotton market's current troubles are no abstract matter for any Southerner; some months from now all of us may very well be feeling the effects of last week's staggering break in prices.

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Representative Sparkman of Alabama, one of the outstanding members of the Congress, has this to say: "The heavy sitump in the cotton market has been near tragic for the cotton farmer of the South. Many people. .. are thinking only of losses incurred by speculators. Such thinking misses the mark. The farmer, the ginner, the banker and the cotton merchant are entitled to a ready market at all times, to know reasonably what the market is to be, and to be free from such violent and paralyzing fluctuations."

This brings up an ancient but nonethe-less vital question: Why should Southern producers, from cotton farmer to cottor manufacturer, and the business men whose prosperity depends upon them, be eternally at the mercy of the gamblers who are ap-parently able to take control of the cotton exchanges at will?

parenty size to take contains to the con-ceichange at will?

There seems to be little doubt now that one of the primary factors in the breaking market was "Operation Jordan," the effort of a single New Orleans operator to make-of a single New Orleans operator to the According to The New Orleans State be-became a cotton speculator in 1941 when he borrowed \$300, ran it up to \$1,00 in a crap game in a gambling house, and moved over to the Cotton Exchange where the stakes are bigger and the rules less rigid. "I was busy that month and the next, February, buying carefully. By May of 1941 I had liquidated for something over one

Council, the Veteran's Information Center, the Family and Children's Service, the County Association for Blind, the Mental Hygiene Clinic, the Medical Social Service Department of Memorial Hospital, the Student Aid Program, the Salvation Army much imagination to see what would hap-pen to the community if these services were suspended or drastically curtailed.

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All of this, of course, is old hat. The
Chest organization under Chairman Henry Dockery has done its usual thorough job
of spreading the word in the weeks preceding the actual fund-raising campaign.
As of today there shouldn't be a man,
woman or child in Mecklenburg County
who isn't familiar with the Community
Chest and all its works.

The need is so great, the amount requir-ed to meet it so comparatively modest, it seems to us inevitable that the goal will be reached. If it isn't you can knock us over with a feather—a red feather, that is.

million dolars made from the original stake (of \$2,000)." says Jordan. Before he was taken to the cleaners last week his admiring colleagues, who attribute his success to the Ice-water in his veine, estimate that he netted \$10,000,000.

This sordid and shocking story has moved no Cotton Exchange official to spologize or even explain. Jordan appeared on the floor of the New Orleans Exchange on Monday when it reopened, a member in good standing. It is doubtful if he will even be forced to take another whirl at the dice table before he is ready to start even be forced to take another whirl at the dice table before he is ready to start with the state of the state

### City Council's Wise Decision

CITY COUNCIL may have been motivated by an overwhelming, and understandable, desire to wriggle off the hook when it ordered a survey of alternate routes for the ordered a survey of alternate routes for the ordered as arrey of alternate routes for the ordered to the survey of the ordered to the ordered to

ntes.

It should be noted, however, that much
of the opposition is based on the false assumption that no other method of channelling cross-town traffic through the City neling cross-lown traffic through the City has ever been considered by the Planning Board. In actual fact a whole passel of highway experts studied the problem for many months, and the final route pre-sented by the Planning Board, and accept-ed tentatively by Council, represents their best indowns.

able to suggest a route that will accomplish the same end without exhorbitant cost, or simply transferring the problems they now face to another and even larger group of citizens. \*\*

Moreover, it is important that the consideration which Council has quite properly given the protestants not be used as a means of unduly postponing a final decision. The alternate suggestions should be explored thoroughly, but as rapidly as possible, for it is vital that the City make a final decision in the matter at the ear-

be explored thorougnly, but as rapinly as possible, for it is vital that the City make a final decision in the matter at the earliest possible moment. Delay may jeopardize the Federal and State appropriations upon which the Boulevard depends.

We have nothing but praise for the manner in which Council has handled this business so far. The Fathers have been subjected to some rather rough treatment, but they have refused to be stampeded by the Boulevard proponents who would close the issue without full public discussion, or opponents who would discuss it forever. We only hope their courage and good judgment do not desert them when they face, up to the far more difficult test of making a final and irrevocable decision in the matter.

#### **Another Voice**

# Look Who's Talking Now

weteran's housing program into a national failure."

"The real bottleneck in housing," he said, "is the greed of many profit-hungry americans ... he accused real estate speculators of fleecing former Gis by un-loading properties on them at inflationary prices—of building homes for veterans when they knew they would cost more than veterans could pay, and then selling them to civilians at exorbitant prices."

Who said all this?

Some crackport "lettist"

A fuzzy-thinking specialist?

An Faul H. Oriffith, newly elected Communder of the American Legion, a conservative genitemian with a leaning to the Equilibrian Farly in politics, said as much a sailing show the 14,00,000 veterans of world war II to attack the greed and

selfishness they charge to be the real bot-tleneck in housing for veterans.

There will be painful squawks and pain-ed roars. Bulders were up against higher prices for lumber and all other materials. It was difficult tô build a good cheap house. But, on the record, few tried. But, until someone can explain why there are not more houses for veterans and why too few veterans can efford the houses.

there are not more houses for veterans and why too few veterans can afford the houses built, the American system is going to be under more and more attacks of greed and selfathness from veterans. The recent New York story of an invasion of the State Sen-ate chamber by veterans is not pleasant. Planning is a word no one seems to like nowadays.

And now and then that seems a pity.

Right now, for instance. —Atlanta Constitution.

"Controls are taken off bubble gum." It is for the instruction of those who don't believe inflation until they see it.



Time To Open Up Again

# The Fight For Tolerance

To say the least, true American journalism at a new high. new high.

The following is not to be misconstrued as an attack upon Duval Jordan who wrote the above mentioned article but an appeal from an American Catholicist to all races and creeds that are definitely an integral part of Americanism:

May I defend my people against petty bigotries and give the readers of the People's Platform an idea of a true American Catholic?

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During the war I served in Burma and China which is the land of Christian Missions. In my travels I saw these missionaries toiling hand in hand better than the land of the platform of the land of the platform of the land o

with me and my kind if I wanted this "Holy Wer" they would receive a negative answer.

Throughout my Catholic education I was taught. Throughout my Catholic education I was taught through the I wanted the I was the I wanted for American Catholicity forces the attackers to accept strange bedfellows, namely Communists. When animosity conquers the human mind then reason and catholic Church must "dig in" against Communism. The Catholic Church must "dig in" against Communism. The Catholic Church must "dig in" against Communism. The Catholic Church must "dig in" to be a Subject of the I was the

#### Let 'Em Alone!

Editors, Tux News:

Middloynerasy of man's second best friend—woman's
Everywher I go—hold lobbies, public conveysnoes, theaters, etc., in sum wherever women sit—
see, what I interpret to be a subversive movement
on the part of some females to further baffle and
frustrate the male mind.

To me this seems like feminine hypocrisy at its crowned height. Perhaps mine is not to question where or why—but mine is to impiore the ladies: Please—wear em short and leave 'em up or wear 'em long and leave 'em down—but in heavens name leave those skirts alone!

-CHARLES NICOLOSI.

#### Medical Care LOS ANGELES, Calif.

HAVE carefully read the articles by Burke Davis, also the editorial on the Medical Care Program in forth Carolina.

North Carolina.

The interesting to know that Tar News is devoting its time to inquiring as well as reberting and styry gratifying that the Good Realth Program to not the subjects into which they are inquiring.

The articles by Mr. Davis impressed me not so much because of the nice things he had to say about me, but because they show that he is making a honest endeavor to get the true picture and the feets, I certainly hope he will continue to probe because they show that he is making the will find and thereby better serve the cause.

We wish every maper, in the State would assign as

We wish every paper in the State would assign a special writer to the Good Health Program—let him orient himself, completely absorb all the surveys that have been made, learn first hand the facts on which the various recommendations have been made

More power to you, more power to Mr. Davis and congratulations to THE NEWS for their constructive and aggressive approach to North Carolina's needs.

—KAY KYSER.

The People's Platform is available to any reader who cares to mount it. Communications should be tea to mount in Communications should be tead to the possible, and on only one side specific mitted and obscently will be deleted—otherwise anything goes. Each letter must be signed, although, in exceptional cases and upon require though, in exceptional case and upon require well withhold the writer's name.—Editors, Tax News.

### California's Future

Marquis Childs

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The Douglas Aircraft Coop, had a payroll of 100,000 in California alons in the Fall of 1943, 11 of 1841. It fell that alons in the Fall of 1943, 11 of 1841 is one reason why the or the company could not obtain essential workers in the firerchy conjusted to the company could not obtain essential workers in the firerchy conjusted to the results of the company could not obtain essential workers in the firerchy conjusted to the results of the company could not obtain essential workers in the firerchy conjusted to the results of the company could not be afterned thought yell not provide mass employment.

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## Samuel Grafton

# A Planned Recession

we must have a recession in order to have good times.

GOVERNMENT WARNED

Thus The New York Journal of Commerce prints a remarkable edimore prints a recession of 1920-21 was completed within a
short time. and laid the basis for
followed. Efforts to prevent that
recession, and the necessary price
recovery because the needed readjustment of the price level would
recovery because the needed readjustment of the price level would
The meaning is plain, that we
mustn't even try to halt the coming
recession, and this picture of men
descending lash, gratefully, almost
gladly, welcoming the sting and the
pain of it. rejecting all alternatives.

PECULIAR THINKING

# Drew Pearson's: Briton Arrives To Help Plug Atom Leaks Merry-Go-Round

He is Brigadier Mende, top intelligence man of all Eng-land. Mende is head of M5 (British Military Intelligence), M6 (British Military-Political Intelligence) and M12 (British Russian Intelligence). Reason for his hurried trip to the United States was to plug leaks.

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Since England was a partner in producing the A-bomb, and since Canada, the third partner, supplied the uranium, it would seem that they were entitled to a share in the final result, evertheless, the decision to send a small quantity known only to about six top men in the USA. In that connection it is significant that very few civilians, even in the Cabinet, know much to the whereshouts or numbers of the connection it is significant that very few civilians, even in the Cabinet, know much of the whereshouts or numbers of the shortly before Harold Irkes stated as Secretary of the

Secretary of the Navy Forrestal took exception whereupon Ickes asked: 'Do you know where the A-bombs are kept?"
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"Do you know where the A-bombs are kept?" continued
tea, turning to Secretary Patterson, the head of the Army.
Patterson repliced that he did not know.

Igkes then asked President Truman if he knew where the
mind bombs were located. Again the answer was in the

ote—In the opinion of this columnist few militers

#### Missouri Chicken Lays Egg

COMMODORE JAKE VARDAMAN, one of the original Commodors, and the country of the co

coard which has the delicate job of guiding U. S. fiscal policy. Vardaman, son of the late Senator Vardaman of Mis-sissippi, moved to Missouri where he was none too successful in business and later affisted himself to the Truman en-tourage as naval attache. In Washington he distinguished himself by drafting several enlisted men to paint and repair his house on Government time. Later, when Truman ap-record mysteriously disappeared from the files and was not available to Senatorial inquiries during debate on his con-firmation.

firmation. Now that he has been confirmed by the Senate, Varda-man has been making speeches criticizing the no-speculation policy of his chief. Eccles has forbidden stock market in-vestors to buy on margins. They have to buy stocks outright, Many economists pay tribute to this policy, say it was why the investing public took the recent gtock market slump without a financial debacle.

#### Capital Chaff

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COMRADE MOLOTOV has told advisers that he favors

damitting the press to all sessions of the UN General
Assembly, even to committee meetings. He says the newsassembly, even to committee meetings. He says the newsswell get it all at the very state. . . . Herbort Hoover, who
confers frequently with Tom Dewey, takes credit for advising
into increase President Truman's 100,000 returger figure on
"Dewey's not President, he's only Governor of New York,
and the statement could win him a few thousand votes." He
was referring to the fact that Truman proposed the admisnime two nights later with a proposal that several hundred
thousand be admitted. . . . Though we only recently talked
of a credit to Russia, the State Department soon will do the
of a credit to Russia, the State Department soon will do the
libilition dollars in cash. This is about three and a half bulllons more than we charged the British. We scaled British
lilicins.

A KNOCKDOWN-DRAGOUT fight is shaping up between A KNOCKDOWN-DRAGOUT fight is shaping up between the wets and drys on the question of local option. Plats round was fought recently in Wichita County, Texas, and the west of the west of the west of the county in a local-option referended. The time to the west odomin is a local-option referended. The west of the west of the county in the west won by a majority of 1.369 out were cast in this referenden the find that more votes of the west of the wes