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Political Argument?

In Washington they're saying that rold Ickes' explosive exit from the Cabinet has thrown an entirely new light on the nomination of Ed Pauley as Under-Secretary of the Navy. The ques-Onder-Secretary of the Navy. The ques-tion now involves the integrity of Presi-dent Truman, not the integrity of Ed Pauley, and the vote on the nomination has become a vote of confidence in the Democratic administration.

Mr. Truman has fostered that impres-

sion himself, airly dismissing the 3.000-word lokes blast as nothing more than "a political argument." Democratic politicians are thus placed in the position of choosing between Mr. Truman, a Party regular and Mr. Ickes, an irregular who has been a thorn in their side for 13 years. It is small wonder that the supporters of Mr. Pauley, who had almost abandoned hope of easing him into the Cablinet, are exuding confidence again.

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The press, which was uniform! shocked by the Ickes resignation, is be ginning to split into partisan fragments. From the right there comes talk of a conspiracy of two Poelers, headed by Mr. Lokes and Henry Wallace, who have set out to discredit Mr. Truman. This is normal enough, for it is understandably difficult for a conservative editor, who has expended several hundred thousand well-chosen words damning Harold Lokes, to suddenly embrace the Old Curmudgeon and hold him up as a hero.

But the most damning summary of the Pauley nomination has come from Walter Lippman. It's been a good many years since Mr. Lippman was called a radical, and we doubt if he would now accept the title of liberal, in view of that From the right there comes talk of a

ecept the title of liberal, in view of that abused term's modern tion. Mr. Lippman goes back to the Harding Administration and the Teapot Dome scandals for a parallel to the Pau-ley nomination, remarking that "the elementary issue of good government has been well-nigh forgotten in our generation."

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Mr, Truman, Mr, Hannegan and Mr. Paulich have retived it—have gone back avowedly and unashamedly to the politication of the political properties of the political properties of the political properties of the political properties of the properties of

tions primary defense.

Elsewhere on this page Dorothy
Thompson charges that Ed Pauley fostered the nomination of Harry Truman
as vice-president as part of a longrange plan to muscle in on the nation's
oil reserves, and finally on the world's.
Miss Thompson is occasionally hysterical, but she, like Mr. Lippman, doesn's fit into anybody's conception of a
New Dealer.

The effort to write off the Ickes blast
as a political squabble looks suspiciously
like a smoke screem. And, no matter
how the Senate votes on Ed Pauley's
nomination, no matter how the basic
issue is twisted in the hands of loyal
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Democrats, Mr. Truman's reputation has already suffered irreparable damage. He may obtain a vote of confidence from the politicians in the United States Senate, but we doubt if he will be able to get a concurrence from the American people.

Ceilings Note On

A gentleman in Grand Rapids, Michi-A gentleman in Grand Rapids, Michi-gan, by the name of Frederick E. Stiles, has run up a cost estimate on a modest, frame bungalow of four and one-half rooms (living room, two bedrooms, kitchen, dining alcove). This cottage, which he figures provides minimum. which he figures provides minimum facilities for a homeless veran, will cost, for materials and labor alone, \$5.285. Adding five per cent for overhead and incidentals, ten per cent for the builder's profit, and a thousand dollars for a lot, the total cost comes to \$7.550.

This leads Mr. Stiles to believe that the ceiling on new houses should be lifted from \$5.000, as suggested by Housing Czar Wyatt, to \$8.000. Otherwise, he fears the veteran will be unable to get anything like a satisfactory dwelling, no matter how the Government juggles priorities.

It's an interesting argument, but it runs head-on into the problem of how the veteran is going to pay for a house that costs more than \$6,000. The Vet-erans' Administration's 25 - year single mortgage plan would call for payments of \$50 per month on \$8,000. According to the old rule of thumb no more than one-fourth of the income can be devoted to housing, and the \$50 covers only mortgage payments, insurance and taxes. Are the majority of veterans likely to earn more than \$2,400 a year? We doubt it—not unless the inflationary spiral continues at its present rate, in which case housing costs will soar along with

Income.

Mr. Wyatt has proposed indirect subsidies, designed to keep building profits up while holding building costs down. It's the only answer we see—unpleasant though it is. It will require a vast outpouring of Federal funds to force building costs down beneath the \$5,000 celline but it must be done if the average ing, but it must be done if the average veteran is to be housed.

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Like everybody else who has approached the housing situation in the last six months, Mr. Stile's solution is to remove a ceiling. The problem is still the creation of cellings, about 3,000,000 of them.

Dark Intuition

The vast uneasiness of the American people is reflected in a coast-to-coast survey made by The Woman's Home Companion. The poll, sampling the opinion of 3,600,000 women, was based on three questions: (1) Are we on the road to permanent peace? (2) If not, how to permanent peace? (2) If not, how soon will we be at war again? (3) Who will be our enemy? Five out of six women believe another war is inevitable, most of them think it will come within 10 or 15 years and that our enemy will

10 or 15 years and that our enemy will be Russia.

The Companion finds its poll "dismaying", and it's all of that. If might be argued that a survey confined exclusively to literate women is not representative of the American viewpoint, but we have an idea this feminine reaction is far more revealing than any of the carefully impartial polls conducted by Measra. Gallup, Roper, et al.

Most men, we suspect, will scoff at the prediction that the next war will come within ten to fifteen years. Impossible, they will say—the nations are too exhausted, they can't rebuild their armediates in a decade. But, although we are certain these women arrived at it by entirely illogical methods, it should be noted that this feminine estimate fits almost exactly into the arithmetical progression of the intervals between past wars.

Men. neighting themselves on their pow.

Men, priding themselves on their powers of analysis, have a way of bemusing themselves when they consider the pos-

sibility of nonther war. They place great stress upon industrial potentials, the availability of uranium, the financial condition of the world. They accept the fine legalistic arguments of the UNO at face value, and look upon our foreign relations as a sort of game, taking great and childish delight in the winning of a parilamentary point or a territorial advantage. They forget what women understand instinctively—that war is an understand instinctively—that war is an emotional business, immune to factual analysis,

Women, substituting intuition for logic, understand the difference belogic, understand the difference between public protestation and private conviction. They know that peace is rooted in the hearts of men, and has little, if any relation to the documents signed by diplomats. And women seem to have longer memories than men; men quickly forget the tragedy of war, women never do. And, fearing it almost beyond reason, they are acutely sensitive to its approach, noticing all the small, apparently irrelevant danger signals men overlook.

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In the darkest days of the war, when it appeared to our military leaders that the odds against victory were long, a similar poll indicated that the women of the United States saw no possibility of defeat. They sensed then that the country had the will to win World War II. They now sense America's lack of will for peace. They know that so long as we consider World War III inevitable it will be,

From The Twin City Sentinel:

Mud-Bound Tarheelia Commenting on the condition of North bound."

Odmmenting on the condition of North Carolina's secondary roads and remarking that Virginia's rural roads are in much better condition. The Richmond Times-Dispatch goes on to say:
"Since our North Carolina friends are sometimes said to have the most progressive State in the South, and they can present some important claims to that distinction, the grievous condition of their country roads, and the much better condition of ours, should be noted. This seems to be a category in which was definitely-say that we are more measure than they. Tarheelia is mud-

bound."

This statement should constitute a challenge to progressive Tar Heels, rural and urban. For many years North Carolina was famed as "The Good Roads State." Now it is acquiring the reputation of "Mud-Bound Tarheelia," on account of is muddy school bus routes and farm-to-market roads. Moreover the school system is receiving a serious set-back on account of rural highway conditions. We may be mud-bound now, but need we remain so, or will we? Not if the traditional Tar Heel spirit of progress is still alive in the State! Drew Pearson Washington Is Wondering Now About Wallace

WASHING SECRETARY ICKES' realist has now

SECRETARY ICKES resignation more than ever on Henry Walkee speculation that he will be next to leave the Truman and bulnet. Though most know it, Truman and Wallace get along very well together Theyve along very well together Theyve always been able work things out. Most important single issue on which Wallace and Truman dispersions.

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Wallace, who knew more about atomic energy than any other Cabinet member, probable of the control of

"WHAT'S NEW, PHIL?" During recent hectic weeks, even top Government officials have been confused over the dither of price-wage talks. There hasn't been this much confusion in Washington for

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well informed."

For two days this worked perfectly. Then Murray was summoned to the White House. Imagine his chagrin when the first words Truman uttered were: "What's new, Phil?"

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Three liberal Senators quietly
pulled some wires to get Chester
Bowles appointed as top man in the
Snyder-Bowles price wrangle:
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Taylor of Idaho and Lister Hill of
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to go along in voling for Ed Pauley,
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withdrawn for the jobs of RFC
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Board director. Since Truman
already had come out in supsaid they could understand
why his name couldn't be withdrawn. However, they urged
John Snyder be removed as
RFC job and that Chester
Bowles take over Snyder's duties.

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GOV. DEWEY BLUSHES

Governor Tom Dewey has learned a lot about the art of "winning friends and influencing people," but he still has a bit to learn about certain details of diplomacy.

For instance it happens that aince the war Scandinavians don't particularly love each other.

other.

The Norwegians and the Danes suffered under the Nazls. The Swedes stayed neutral. So the Danes and Norwegians have less respect for their Swedish neigh-

respect for their Swedish neighto their day excitable Norwepian Ambassodar Morgenstierne ast
beade Governor Dewey at a dinner
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Quote, Unquote

IF there is no rationing of new automobiles, it is my hope and suggestion that each dealer set aside a specified percentage of new cars for ex-servicemen and women, —Harry M. Williams, president, Automobile Merchanta Association of New York.

We hope Congress will take a good look at the Civil Aeronautic Administrations' reported proposal to spend \$3,250,000 to resume the civilan pilot training program the first six months of 1846. To us, it supplicately resembles a pork by the constraint of the constr

"We'll Try It Again, Fellas-One Scale Higher"



The Nomination Of Mr. Pauley

HAVING just returned from the West Coast, Mr. Ickes' reference to the "cloud no bigger than a man's hand" such the cloud is as big as all get out. The propositionary Assistant Serviciary of the Navy and by implication and circumstance on world million therefore, to exercise vast influence on world when the company and the company and by the company and by the circumstance of the new position, therefore, to exercise vast influence on world fitting—is sometime, and the soviet Union.

abroad, in Asia, the Middle East, and the Soviet Union.

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State Committee who willing to spill the beans—and they are not all New Dealers, either.

are not all New Dealers, either. Pauley's qualifications for so important an office are a smattering of economics, a few years of auccess in Galifornia oil development of the control of

NEW YORK all humanity in a world of poverty and the struggle of nations and classes for power. FOR A PRICE

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Patley took the Democratic Party
out of debt—for a price. The New
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by the radicals, but financed by the
interests—counting on the possibility that Pauley's man for VicePresident would be in the White
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nis. An Assistant Secretary of the Navy with Pauley's record will be regarded with more suspicion and distrust than the atomic bomb, and any more made by our Navy will distrust than the atomic bomb, and any more made by our Navy will the United States, but as an oil action. A friend of mine who met the Soviet Ambassador, Mr. Oromyko, at the San Francisco Conference of the Soviet Ambassador, Mr. Oromyko, at the San Francisco Conference of the Soviet Mr. Pauley than the average American does.

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The People's Platform

On FEPC Rebuttal CHARLOTTE

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The following letter, which is self-explanatory, is being forward-end for publication; our letter appearing in the NEWS Feb. 12th, 1946, your statements were entirely without reason and proved without a doubt just how warped your mind is too hove make that letter it would have been wise on your part—had you studied History, and in so doing you would have avoided advertising your ignorance to the "According to History the NE-GRO has taken active part in every war in which the U. S. has been engaged—all the way from every war in which the U. S. has been engaged—all the way from the provided of the part of the provided of the part in the part of the part of ours as your amptody else. Yet of ours as your amptody else. Yet is about, time and life for nothing, while you and your kind got well compensated.

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"NOW SEND THIS TO THE NEWS!!! I BET YOU WON'T??? ARNETA MONTGOMERY

W. F. HELMS

Two For Breger; One Against Bobby-Sox CHARLOTTE

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Samuel Grafton

Not A Plan But A Man

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"What's this, Beasley? I thought we had the cops here merely to preserve order!"