

Housing Priorities Aren't Enough

The number one domestic problem in these United States is, and has been, the rapid construction of several million housing units.

The Government, moving belatedly to channel the nation's entire construction effort into the building of low- and medium-cost homes, is following the only course open to it.

Many factors have worked to create this condition, and there is little point in name-calling and finger-pointing at this late date.

However, the system of priorities, no matter how well enforced it may be, cannot produce the millions of new dwellings

house for \$5,000 or less, which is the price level the vast majority of the homeless can meet.

The Administration's answer is Federal subsidies, designed to take up the slack between the normal value of the house to be built and today's inflated building costs.

The House of Representatives rejected the subsidy plan without offering an alternative of any sort.

From the beginning there has been a tendency on the part of everyone concerned—private builders and the Government—to treat the housing shortage as

It's An Old, Familiar Pattern

AMERICA is a big country, with room for many diverse opinions, and it was inevitable that somebody would appear sooner or later to defend Francisco Franco

To John Donahue, Columbia's editor, the State Department's detailed exposition of Franco's long flirtation, and sometime active collaboration with Hitler and Mussolini, is nothing more than "an attempt to smear a small nation that is a threat to no one and wants to be left to work out its problems in peace."

The Popular Front was leftist, and acutely supported in the Civil War by Communist Russia. This, we gather, outweighs the fact that Franco was rather more effectively supported by the Germans and Italians.

The Columbia editorial purports to be an examination of the facts. But in all the

black record of the Falange, the editor can find nothing against the little dictator except that "Franco, with a gun at his head, spoke softly to the Nazis."

None of this would matter particularly if it did not involve the repetition of a well-known familiar pattern. The Catholic church has been, with good cause, in and in the years when World War II was in the making this blind fear

If Columbus reflects popular, or official, Church opinion, we can only conclude that the blood of a good many hundred thousand Catholics has recently been shed in vain.

The Law And The Color Line

JUDGE LUTHER HAMILTON is a spade-caller. He began his term of Superior Court here, as is the usual custom, by remarking upon Mecklenburg's reputation for publicly condemning alcohol and privately

There had been no suggestion that the color of the victim and the accused had any bearing on the case, but Judge Hamilton went on to point out at some length that the law, as the guardian of the citizenry, is not a respecter of the color line.

It is by no means certain that the G. I. on a foreign strand would be happier here, thanks to the housing scarcity, it now is possible to be homesick at home.

It is odd that Mr. Tices should be "confused," since it seems perfectly apparent Mr. Pauley never said what he said—or, anyway, didn't mean what he meant.



People's Platform

The Implication Was Unfair

THE result of the referendum on whether or not Rookingham County, N. C., would authorize ABC liquor stores to be established in her borders

I AM amazed at the biased news reporting of Burke Davis, if ever the liquor interests had a faithful friend it is Burke Davis. In giving the results of the Rookingham ABC store vote

My own religion, raised as an Episcopalian, since then, member at different times of Methodist, Presbyterian, and Baptist organizations.

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A Baptist Hierarchy?

I was reading tonight's paper in which the Catholic Church again came up for extensive remarks ending with your comment. I personally can not see why you think that it is a violation of the traditional separation of church and state for us to maintain diplomatic representatives in the Vatican.

In our foreign policy, we frequently have to deal with governments who liberate the drafting of farmers in order to add the bumper harvest so vitally needed this year.

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the voters, at least, believe the Vatican to be a temporal power.

There is the item that some of the people under the "control" of the Vatican are in this country, but so are Communists, and we deal with Stalin!

NOTE: We repeat: The News has several editors of several religious faiths. The only label The News wears is Democratic, and you can spell that with a lower-case "d" if you like.—Eds., The News.

Up Tommy Atkins

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Drew Pearson's • Truman May Defer Farm Labor From Draft

WASHINGTON STORY behind the recent White House visit of GOP Representative William Lenke of North Dakota is that President Truman may liberate the drafting of farmers in order to add the bumper harvest so vitally needed this year.

The North Dakota Congressman told Truman that many farms in the Northwest are critically short-handed due to the drafting of only sons when they reach the age of eighteen.

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Truman

BETWEEN President Truman and the admirals who run the Navy, there is going on an over-valuation of the armed services. It is an extraordinary spectacle, this tug-of-war between the President and the Navy's top brass.

When the President announced the withdrawal of the Army, Navy and Air Force in a common Department of Defense, the Navy was surprised to find, he asked the admirals and the generals to accept this withdrawal of the Navy's top brass.

WANTED LOYALTY In the first place, he wanted someone in the Navy Department who would be absolutely loyal to him, Pauley, the President believed, would be able to resist the blandishments and the persuasions of the admirals.

When Pauley was defeated, it was in one sense a defeat for unification. Or at any rate, the going would be tougher for unification.

Samuel Grafton

Great What-Is-It

OBJECTION has been made to one of these dispatches, in which it was declared that the Security Council is a kind of parliament.

The Council in several ways admittedly resembles a mere conference. The veto power, for example, to which so much objection is made, is a normal right in international conferences, each member of which usually has one vote.

DOUBLE ANSWER

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CHIEF'S FIGURE The last figure represented the total amount of money believed adequate to maintain the Navy at a proper peacetime level. This computation was made as the relationship of the Navy to the other branches of national defense.

That is the present propaganda line of the clique of admirals who run the Navy. The President is hoping mad and the issue sooner or later will come to a showdown.

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