## Has Old Rocking Chair Got Us?

NE of the most peculiar aspects of this unsettled time is the steady increase as the number of workers drawing unem-loyment compensation while there is a sarallel increase in the demand for labor of all classes. Various members of THE NEWS reportorial staff have worked over the problem of rising unemployment in the midst of a labor shortage, and today we begin publication of another series on the subject by Reed Sarratt.

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midst of a labor shortage, and today we begin publication of another series on the subject by Reed Sarratt.

The artificial factor which makes this strange imbalance possible is the Unempoyment Compensation Commission, and is associated Employment Service, a hydrographication now under State centrol but supported in part by Federal funds. The the UCCs function to pay involuntarily unemployed workers at a scale desemined by their last earned income, and so place them in another job as soon as lossible. Supporters of the system arous that it is a necessary social safeguard, proceeding workers from beine forced into such as the state of the system arous that it is a necessary social safeguard, proceeding workers from beine forced into such as the state of the system arous that it is an encounter of the system arous that it is an encounter of the system arous that it is an expectation forced into such as the state of the system and incompetent with paid warehous and, worst of all, keeping a larection of the available labor supply of the market.

Mr. Sarratt's figures will not provide aid and comfort to the extremists on either side. They show, for instance, that the number of Negro men on the UCC rolls is decreasing, although they are commonly believed to be primary beneficiaries of "rocking chair" money. But his figures also show that a large number of women workers, white and Negro, still draw compensation for which they became eligible during the course of war-time employment, even though there is reason to believe that few of them honcestly seek industrial employment now.

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Mr. Sarratt also finds that the UCC activity is now becoming centered around the veteran, who draws unemployment compensation under special rules. He is eligible for a flat \$20 a week for 52 weeks (the origin of the "52-20 Club") and in his case the State simply acts as disbursing agent for the Federal Government, which supplies the entire amount of his compensation. This injects many new complications into the already confused picture.

into the already confused picture. We commend the Sarratt series to our readers. The articles do not attempt to point the way toward a solution, but they do state the problem clearly for the first time. And they provide the basis for further comment which we expect to offer here later.

## A Choice Of Economic Forecasts

NY sort of economic forecast is neces-Any sort of economic forecast is necessarily based on imponderables, and many of them are no more reliable than the prognostication of a fair-to-middline witch doctor. This guarantees a wide variety of charts and tables, and makes it possible for any interested party to find set tailored to fit his prejudice. They come in handy at a moment like this, when upponents and proponents of OPA are assailing each other with heavy-calibre statistics for their hand, and the content of the co satics, for they have a tendency to freeze an utterly confused public completely out of the picture.

The Republican Congressional Food Study The Republican Congressional Food Study formittee, an obviously impartial body, use a set of Federal figures as the basis for its prediction that by the end of the week lere will be a plentiful supply of food-suffs on the market "at prices not sub-annially above those prevailing under DPA." Here is the ross pattern of the Residican future: A rapid steadying of all sod markets, with only minor increases a the rurice level and in some cases a genn the price level, and in some cases a general decrease in prices accompanied by a return to almost-forgotten standards of

return to atmost-lorgotten standards of agailty.

The Department of Agriculture, jumping aff from the same set of figures, also sees the eventual resumption of a more nearly formal pattern in the food markets, but not until Fall. And when prices finally seady they will be generally 15 to 20 per and above former OPA cellings.

Well, you pays your money and takes your choice, but as for us we are most interested in an oddly-phrased remark

tucked away in the Department of Agriculture's report. There will be a marked change in the distribution of meats, the Department predicted, "from non-Federally-inspected plants to larger Federally-inspected slaughterers, and from Deverincome families to higher-income families." It will be, we suppose, a fine thing to have the flow of meat turned away from the small nealers (who are generally blambers).

the small packers (who are generally blam-ed for that old debbil, black market) and ed for that old debbll, black market) and loward the big plants, manned exclusively, we are certain, by Christian gentlemen. But is there a man in Chogness, even a Republican, who is prepared to argue that is a good thing for the low-income groups to receive less meat so that the high-norm groups may receive more? Obviously not, but there are a great many Congressmen, something more than a simple majority apparently, who will cry that no such reprehensible thing is going to happen, that the Department of Agriculture is disseminating propaganda while the Republican Food Study Committee is dealing in the gospel truth. in the gospel truth.

in the gospel truth.

On one thing every Congressman must agree: If there is a general increase in the cost of living the living standards of the

## **Sidney Hillman: Hero Or Villain?**

Sidney Hillman: Her The strike," said Sidney Hillman. "Is I a weapon of the jungle, but as long as we live in an economic and social jungle we must resort to it." That's fancy talk for Lithuanian immigrant who rose to power arough the rough- and -tumble of the american garment trades, but Sidney Hillman was a fancy labor leader. His carer demonstrated a natural brillman was a fancy labor leader. His carer demonstrated a natural brillman chat not even his most ardent semmes could deny. He founded the Amalamanted Garment Workers and led it to position of eminence in the union field. Rocept in the last years of his life he consultant of the summer of the worst of the sweatshop industries. Many of the suppoyers who dealt with him praised his fairness, and some even gave-him a large seasure of credit for bring in ga new sability to the chaotic garment tradestrikes were a rartly in Sidney Hillman's union; he got what he wanted through argaining and mediation, the "civilized sethod" he preferred.

But Sidney Hillman did not remain a more labor leader. He moved into political strategy could be adopted until out the control of the Cloy's Political Action Committee. He obtained a place so high in our Democratic councils that. according embittered Republicans, no Democratic councils that.

It had been "cleared with Sidney." He always denied the specific charge that he had forced the nomination of Harry Truman as Vice-President, but there was no reason to doubt that he was as influential as any Democrat at the Chicago convention. And if Sidney Hillman, the union boss, had enjoyed a large measure of public respect. Sidney Hillman, the political boss, did not. He became the immediate target of all the invective hurled at organized labor in general, the whippins-boy of all those who feared the growing political influence of the union man. Politicians, subjected to the sometimes potent opposition of his PaC, countered with the usual harge of Communist domination. And so, even though there was never any valid proof of it, Sidney Hillman came to be painled red.

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On the day after his death, it is im-On the day after his death, it is impossible to pass final impartial judgment on a man who personally represented one side of the most violent controversy of our time. It must be left to historians to determine whether Sidney Hillman was, as his associates in the labor movement always claimed, a conservative, or as his enemies insisted, a dangerous radical. But, whether he be remembered as hero or villain, Sidney Hillman and the drama in which he plawed the leading role will not be soon forgotten.

**Another** Voice

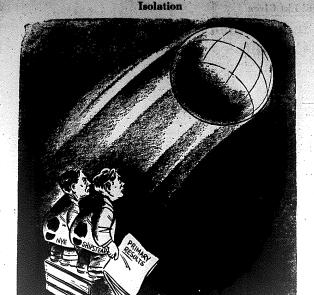
It's Only A Suggestion CONSOLIDATION of the solicitorial dis-

NEGLIDATION of the bolicitorial dissites of North Carolina as proposed by
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stay stater than a direct objective. It does seem in order while the subof the administration of justice is at
to make a suggestion: When the last
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the minority, why not as a matter of
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lest expect to vote the Democratic. can hardly imagine such a thing be-

ing done, but it might give the general run of folks who use and are used by the courts a better opinion of their possible sports-manship—to say nothing of building up a bit of character for the majority party— Greensboro Daily News. The vaunted spirit of free enterprise still lives. 'I have gone through bank-ruptcy,' says an inquirer of a Southern answers editor. 'Is it all right to begin investing my money?"

"The world's population," says a statistic, "could be packed in a box measuring a half-mile each way." Let us first, however, try the less drastic solutions of this housing shortage.



People's Platform

## Druggists Held The Line

HENRIETTA

(NOTE: It has been pointed out by many authorities that in those industries in which production that in the production is a greater degree of co-operation in holding the price in his been possible than in those-such as the lumber industry—in which there are many small, independent, producers. This, we suspect, would apply in the drug trade. However, the point of our dependent producers. This, we suspect, would apply in the drug trade. However, the point of our districtions was not possible than the suspection of control was to play tribute to the was majerial of the control was to produce the same and the publicity when the production in the world, will be powerless the local flat the publicity when the production in the world, will be powerless to hold his prices in line, or living under OPA noted by Mr. Cain is certain to go even higher, and he, and all the producers and distributors behind him, soon will have no alternative but to pass it on to his customers.—Eds., The News.)

#### Holier Than Thou

CHARLOTTE

Editors. The News:

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crime areas in the United States lie in the Western and SOUTHERN sections. Furthermore, the piece sections of the section of the study depole who read your "sheet" that they have a solid conduction, for certaing the North or the cities in the North.

—A FORMER CHICAGO CITIZEN AT PRESENT UNAVOIDABLY ACTIZENO F VOUR CITY.

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(NOTE: We have never referred to Chicago's crime rate except for the purpose of demonstrating that Charlottes, and the South's in general; is much higher. The figures used in the American Magazine article have appeared in Ture News many times, and errich a compared to the News many times, and errich are largely responsible for the shamefully high homicide rate of the region. Our "stupid" readers have never failed to get the point. We ceret that an unwilling wistor, conditioned by reading a newspaper of the high called of The Solicago Tribune, has so minumberstood us—26c., "Na Seven.)

The People's Platform is available to any reader who cares to mount it. Communications should be less than 300 words, typewritten if possible, and on only one side of the paper. Libel and obscently will be deleted—otherwise anything goes. Each letter must be signed, although, in exceptional cases and upon request, we will withhold the writer's name.—Editors, THE NEWS.

#### Quote, Unquote

No single nation, however wealthy, can do the Job. No small graup of nations can do it. We must have the all-out effort of all countries, including the deficit countries timeselves.—Sir John Boyd Orr. UN Food & Agriculture Organization director general.

To support international order, Greece must be strong and free, with well-protected frontiers. Greece should not side with any disputing powers, but stay aloof.—Greek Foreign Minister Constantine Rendis.

Marquis Childs

## O'Mahoney's Theory

economic forces on the loose to-day.

Likely chairman of this commit-tee is Senator Joseph C. O'Ma-honey of Wyoming since he spon-sored the legislation in the Senator of all. For the past 12 years, ever since he's been in the Senate, Wy-oming's Joe O'Mahoney has been talking in his friendly, intensely earnest: way about the realties of the world we live in.

#### REMARKABLE SPEECH

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REMARKABLE SPEECH

He is convinced that even though
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passed, the full employment bit
to keep our economy on a fairly
even keel. Nearly two months ago
O'Mahoney made a speech in the
Senate that been wide echoes,
Even the Senates official reporter,
whose ears are beaten down by
the daily flood of oratory, came
he thought it was a remarkable
speech.

It was a warning to America that
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on parallel between the troubted
times in which we live and the uncertainty and confusion that prevalied, when the founders of this
ter of government.

What America needs at this
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ernment are destructive of true democracy.

Since the end of the war he has democracy.

Since the end of the war he has great deal. He is one of the few men in public life who has faced up to the fact that in a boom-to-base thowdown for which we are to the showdown for which we are to enably unprepared. Senator O'Mahoney wrote about these things recently in Dunis Reviews a business men surprised him. Many said they realized the jopandy to freedom in concentration and monthly of the said of the

freedom in concentration and mo-nopoly.
"The drift toward big govern-ment," O'Mahoney wrote, "did not begin until business had outgrown the jurisdiction of little and local

government."
O'Mahoney's remedy is a law pro-viding for Federal incorporation of

### Samuel Grafton

## Is Inflation Here?

A SNARLING debate is poling on over the question of whether current price increases really constitute an inflation. Much of the evidence is pretty frivious; opponents of price control, anxious to propose the propose of price control, anxious to propose the price of price control, anxious to that we were only deeding and propose the propose of price control, anxious to the control used to a gray, and the control used to a gray and the control used to a gray and the control used to a gray and the control used to the control used to a gray and the control used to the control used to

chants are honout, but whether this cyclical process has begin.

QUESTION IRRELEVANT

When pressure for price increases becomes too great, the question of honesy becomes irrelevant. A safety walve has no concern with even if it be a Diogenes who is sitting on it. The question is of whether the hard beginning of the process in which one set of price increases of price increases and initiation; the question is whether we have embarked on an inflation; the question is whether we have embarked on an inflation; the question is whether we have embarked on a process in which one set of price increases, and so on. If we have started on that process, we are in inflation, regardless of citations, and the process in which have started on that process, we are in inflation, regardless of dishonest, or whether the first steps are to be measured by dimes or dollars.

The great thing about price constitution of the process in which is the process.—broke it by brute force, perhaps, and at a certain cost. But it broke it, we used to producers of meat, butter,

the form of subsidies.

CIRCLE RROKEN

Not so; the subsidies broke the circle and sealed off the price rise. They kept higher food prices from being translated into unlimited deficies and sealed off the price rise. The result of the result of the Teasury for food subsidies formed an insulation blanks to the result of the Teasury for food subsidies formed an insulation blanks inflation chain rescues which is a finite formed and insulation which are falling the papers with declarations of the result of

# Drew Pearson's: Congressmen Linked To Nazi Propaganda Merry-Go-Round:

U. S. ARMY and Justice Department investigators in Germany have had some confidential and highly significant talks with Hiller's former diplomats in Washington. Their amazing testimony abould be of interest to every American as an indication how foreign propagands can poison people's minds. The testimony also happens to be of especial interest to this column.

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On Sept. 13, 1949, this column published certain facts in the strange simpleme death of Senator Ernest Lundeen of delivered speaches on the floor of the Senate written for him by a paid Naul agent, George Sylvester Viercek; and that, at the time of his death, Lundeen was under investigation by the Justice Department. These facts were immediately denied by the then Attorney of the Senate written by the Collection of the Senate by Bennett C. Clark of Missouri and Burton K. Wheeler of Montana. No U. S. Senator, they said, would think of besmitching the fair name of the U. S. Senate by delivering on its floor a speech written by Mrs. Lundeen also threadened with the Mrs. Lundeen and threadened with the Mrs. Lundeen also threadened with the Mrs. Lundeened with the Mrs. Lunde

U. S. Senate by delivering on its floor a speech written by a foreign agen.

Mrs. Londeen also threatened suit, and the BloomingMrs. Londeen paper canceling the column, criticising its editorially as follows:

"On the basis of mere popularity, if that were the solestandard by which we publish a newspaper, Merry-Go-Round would be in its usual place today. However, it will not return. . . There are only 95 Senators. To say that one of them was being shadowed by Federal agents on a simplicion of treason was serious enough. . . But the Landeen item in its aupport. This was a violation of newspaper eithes as practiced by this newspaper. . . That is why there will be no more Merry-Go-Round in the paper."

The Nazi Network

DESPITE this, the Merry-Go-Round continued to publish other exposes of Nazi propagands: How Representative Hamilton Fish (N. Y.) rented his New York home to the

Nazi Consulate at a high figure and how he was being used by Nazi agents; how Nazi Agent Viercek formed Flanders Hall of Scotch Plains, N. J., as a propaganda blind; how the Hauck force and the state of the state

German Diplomat Tells All

IN German, the other day, Dr. Heribert von Strempel, for-mer first secretary of the German Embassy in Wash-ington, finally confirmed in complete detail these reports pub-lished six years earlier. Capt. Sam Harris of the U. S. Army

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After brings must the fact that Virecek was employed as the control of the contr

day?
A. Yes.
Q. Please explain to us the precise details of that connection. nection.

A. Flanders Hall was run by two brothers named Hauck, under Viersch's direction.

Q. Exectly what did Flanders Hall do?

A. The manuscripts of certain books came from the foreign office in Berlin in the diplomatic pouch or otherwise, and then went to the German Library of Information-Viercek selected from those manuscripts those which he trought might criticite and unmask British propagands be sold in the United States, olley, and which could easily be sold in the United States, olley, and which could easily be sold in the United States, olley, and which could easily be sold in the United States, and the foreign office approved, and whose publication by Flanders Hall you treall the names of the books that you and the foreign office approved, and whose publication by Flanders Hall you directly financed?

A. I remember "Lothlan versus Lothian," "English Policy In India," "English Policy India, "English Policy India," "English Policy India, "English Policy Indi

a loss?

A. I don't know. I don't believe so. Books about Ireland sold easily. "Lothian versus Lothian" was a big success. The book on India sold well. Some didn't sell so well.

Only indicated well. Some index at the services. The control of any book, did Vierek return the money you had given him?

A. No. He kept is.

Q. If no loss was suitained in the publication of any book, did Vierek return the money you had given him?

A. No. He kept is.

Q. Did he sho keep all profits on books he distributed through Finnders Hall?

A. Some much did you give to Vierek to carry out his propagands activities?

A. Between 70 and 120,000 dollars during the period 1398 to 184. But he manuscribs of all books published by Finnders Hall originate in Germany?

A. No. I believe that Finnders Hall also published one of two hooks by Congressman Stephens Day about British NOTE.—Another column continuing the revelations of the Mass propagands machine in the USA will follow seen.