OTT COUNCIL, after a reasonable period of deliberation, has hired Henry A. Anney as Charlotte's City Manager. Even casual glance at Mr. Yaneey's long and scellent record in the several cities he has reviously served demonstrates his fitness or the post, and nobody, to our knowledges a questioned the appointment. But there as been something like an organized prost against the \$15,00 salary Council fitered to lure him away from Greensborn. Now this matter of the City Manager. Now this matter of the City Manager alary has nothing directly to do with the leparting Mr. Flack or the incoming Mr. Anney. The only question, as we see it, is whether or not the job is worth the money, and there are two ways of arriving at an nd there are two ways of arriving at an

If you compare the City Manager's tipend with that of other public officials, a North Carolina or elsewhere, it is remarkably high. It is almost double that of the Governor, and three times that of the Chalrman of the Mecklerburg County Commission. It is, in fact, a higher salary than that paid for any other public job in the tate, so far as we know.

But, if you compare his salary with that of But, if you compare his salary with this you comparable private position it turns out be quite low. The manager of any multiple of the comparation we can think of to be quite low. The manager of any finute-million dollar corporation we can think of traws two or three times the salary Char-lotte has offered Mr. Yancey. Furthermore, there are few jobs in private business as somplex as the managerial post, which in-rolves supervision of a wide variety of diverse activities, and is further compli-lated by the fact that the City Manager

orkmen Worthy Of Their Hire is answerable to 110,000 highly vocal "stock-holders." In addition, there is the fact that the City Managership has a high degree of impermanence, since the incumbent must be confirmed every two years by a new City Council. In coming to Charlotte, Mr. Yancey has no guarantee of employment after next Spring's municipal elections.

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In our judgment the City Manageship of Charlotte is well worth \$18,000 a year. In the first place, no executive with Mr. Yaneey's background would touch it for less, for curiously enough City Managers alone among American public officials are uniformly well pald. Charlotte is offering plin only \$2,500 more than Greensboro is now paying him, which certainly is not an exhorbitant sum in this inflationary season. In the second place, hiring an in-experienced, and therefore inefficient manager for, say, half Mr. Yancey's salary, could easily cost the City many times \$16,000 in the course of a year, in addition to reducing to chaos those essential city services upon which we all depend.

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The fact that many competent public The fact that many competent public officials—such as County Commissioner McAden—are paid much less than the City Manager is no argument against paying Mr. Yancey what he is worth. Rather it is an argument for raising the pay of all our top-flight public officials. There are notable exceptions to the rule. of course, but it is our conviction that in government as elsewhere you get about what you pay for. Charlotte requires at least \$16,000 worth of management, and it is false economy to try to purchase it for less.

In Defense Of The War Department

ONE of Kenneth Royall's most arduous duties as Undersecretary of War is to defend the Department against public criticism. That takes a bit of doing these urlitiesm. That takes a bit of doing these flags as revelations of the various Congressional Investigating Committees link flower of the more prominent Pentagon commandos with some of the more blatant for profiteers.

In a speech at Washington, North Caro-tina, General Royall argued that the War Department's procurement record during the war years was "the most honest and most efficient that this nation or any other sation has ever known in time of war That, of course, is a comparative appraisal and perhaps it would be better left to the

But in the same address General Royal went out of his way to praise the Mead formittee's investigation of War Department contracts. "The investigation," he add, "is a public service of high honor, andly for the country but also for the War Department." That statement, we suspect, will go much further toward clearing the will go much further toward cleaning the War Department of public suspicion than even a detailed protestation of innocence.

It stands in sharp contrast, for Instance, to Representative May's claim that the Mead Committee is out to smear him, upon which he based his refusal to reply to the evidence connecting him with the dublous Garsson enterprises. The unsupported cry of "persecution" usually serves to fix the suspicion of guilt in the public mind.

Conversely, the War Department's cheerful willingness to accept an investigation
of its munitions contracts, even though
Secretary of War Patterson has already
been seriously embarrassed in its early
stages, is a good omen. The gentlemen at
the top certainly realize that a good many
questionable practices will be unearthed in
the process, and that some high-ranking
officers may come out with their reputations in shreds. But they apparently believe the investigators will find nothing
worse than the errors of judgment and petveroekedness inevitable in such a vast Conversely, the War Department's cheerty crookedness inevitable in such a vast and hurried undertaking.

It is axiomatic that no honest public agency ever has to fear an investigation of its affairs, annoying though it may be and the War Department is wise in avoiding the temptation to booby-trap the Mead Committee.

Notes On An Occupational Disease

WE can't recall a more widespread cruption of editorials speculating on the possibilities of rocket travel to the moon than we have seen in the past few weeks. This could have been the result of a commendable editorial effort to be topical. Cer-tainly such items in the news as the atom casing such items in the news at the atom-casts at Bikini, the reports on radar con-tact with the moon, the rocket experiments in Artzona, and the death of H. G. Wells have a profound effect upon even the most inhibited editor, causing him to confuse timself momentarily with the Hearst Sun-tay supplement writers. But we have feeling, somehow, that there's more to it Bean that han that.

The rocket-to-the-moon piece is a safer The rocket-to-the-moon piece is a safer fetige for the harassed editor than even the birds-and-bees editorial. In employing sither, a man may be portentous or whimistal, profound or lyrical, and he can successfully avoid economic, political or social overtones. But in the case of the birds-and-bees there is always the danger that some sharp-eyed nature lover will arise to

protest that the red-crested titwee's mat-ing call is "Peewit, peewit," not "keewit, keewit", and a raging controversy will break around the uneasy editorial chair. Since nobody has yet made it to the moon. Since nobody has yet made it to the moon, there is little chance of such a comeup-pance on the rocket front; the editor's facts and fancies are as good as anybody else's and he has an excellent chance of excaping unmolested, and quite likely un-read.

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Certainly there have been few seasons when an editor had greater need of refuge. These are the dog days, not only of the year of Our Lord 1946 but quite probably of the Twenteth Century. It is a time of heat and futility, of unwanted questions and unpleasant answers. Even the most case-hardende editorial eco admits a few gnawing doubts these days, and lesser members of the craft are weighed down with intimations of fallibility.

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Tolerant readers, we trust, will indulge us if they find here evidence of a marked editorial tendency to run, not walk, to the nearest exit.

Another Voice

On How To Deal With Communists

IPON being made cognizant of the organization of the Communist Party in the Carolinas, The Columbia State has muttered its feathers in alarm, and for its all-a-dither attitude is chiede smarthly by the undisturbed Charlotte News.

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Let the Comrades come in and scatter their dull tracts about the State, invites The Neus. What of 117 As the Charlotte The Neus. What of 117 As the Charlotte and the Company of the

but we must remember that its funda-nial and traditional freedoms are in what makes democracy what it is, curtail, suspend, or destroy these

freedoms we may have a prosperous society, an orderly society, an efficient government, or whatnot—but we shall no longer have a democracy.

have a democracy.

Another point to remember is that one of the very best ways to make a novel and socially disruptive doctrine popular and powerful is to make martyrs of Rs apostles and evangelists. Proof of that point is found over and over again in the history of the world.

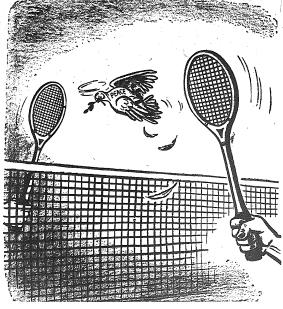
world.

How shall we deal with Communism and other isms? Why not utilize and exploit the freedoms of democracy to the fullest in improving democracy and making its virtues more widely and thoroughly known to all its beneficiaries, while allowing all peddlers of dangerous isms enough rope to hang themselves?—Winston-Salem Journal.

We found it in a newspaper of Oct. 15, 1941: "A famed physicist says now that they've split the atom there is nothing much to do with it."

"Suits of armor, as in the days of chivalry, were the hottest ever worn by man." It isn't the way we heard it. Don't they always say "Yes, but the knights are cool?"

The Bird That Got Into A Badminton Game



How UCC Works

They're Not Rocking

UNEMPLOYMENT compensation is primarily a system of insurance. Our Commission is operating for the State of Nortica Child Nortica.

Remember the tragic days of the big depression when 'many a good, honest worker lost his job and had nothing to fall back on? Except an apple of two. I have been considered that the song line, "Buddy, can you spare a dimer?"

when many a good, honest worker lost his job and had nothing to fall back on? Except an apple or two, maybe, and that song line, "Buddy, can you spare a direct that some line," Buddy, can you spare a direct that some line, "Buddy, can you spare a direct that some line," Buddy, can you spare a direct that some line, "Buddy, can you spare a direct that some line," Buddy, can you spare a direct that some line is sufficient to be line on the line in the line in

Our trust turn, to me special account of North Comes a time when the company can't get raw cotton, or has to close the waving room or redesign machiner, and John is out of a job temporarily. But time, He has wage credits liketed to his own personal account in our files. Every week he is out of work and can't find another job, but not for more than skitten weeks in a given year, he is cuttled to claim to them as if he had bought a fire hisurance policy and his house burned down.

unemployment benefits. He has just as much right to them as it he had bought a fire insurance policy and to them as it he had bought a fire insurance policy and the property of the property

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THERE is no fixed standard as to what is or is not reparred as suitable work. So many different reparred as suitable work. So many different so that the suitable work is the suitable with the suitable work in the suitable workers health, safety, and morals, to his past experience and workers health, safety, and morals, to his physical fitness and prior training, to his past experience and and prospets for securing local work in his customary occupation, and the distance of the new work offered from where he lives.

For instance, if wohn Jones turned down the For instance, if you have a suitable of a contraction project, miles away from his home, at 90 cents an hour when he was scutsomed to making 85 cents and was not too strong anyway, and he had been out of work for only a first help for him, and that he was still entitled to his benefit checks, and further opportunity to find the kind of work he is best fitted for.

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Marquis Childs

The Wireless Strike

WASHINGTON

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Peter Edson

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The Bureau of the Budget's original estimates for this year's expenditures had been 34 5 billion dollars. Congress pared it down to 331, but now it's back up to 355 billions. That's the record on economy for your first postwar year.

TERMINAL PAY COST

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The whole difference, and then some, can be accounted for in the passage of just one bill, the one giving terminal leave pay to none services. The best estimates are that it will give an average of \$165 to each of 15 million yets. That adds up, and the money has to come from somewhere, the services of the services

Secretary Wallace put in for a whopping big expension in his new Commerce Department. The Budget Bureau whiled it to 238 million dollars and then Congress command to the secretary of the secret

and manufacturing.

Agriculture was out nine million dollars, to a total of 581 million for the year, and State lost seven million dollars, to a total of 128. The Federal Security Agency lost 20 million dollars, Treasury, ten. Post Office eighteen.

Agency lost 20 million dollars, reasury, ten. Post Office eighteen. JUSTICE GETS MORE. The Department of Justice got a million dollars more for the PEI, Labow won niter million more, from the second of the million over its estimate. The total military budget for next year is eleven billion dollars, seven for the Army and four for the Navy. Military appropriations by millions of dollars. But an extra appropriation of 15 million dollars for atomic-energy development in 1948 wiped out all the the savings and then some. Veterans appropriations total over the seven billion dollars total over the seven billion dollars appropriations.

the other Army and Navy funds. UNRRA DEAL
Similarly, instead of appropriating the full 600 million dollars needed to fulfull the U. S. committenent to UNRRA. Congress just appeared to the construction of th

Drew Pearson's: Reds Demand Showdown Over Dardanelles Merry-Go-Round:

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BACK in 1919, right after the last war, the Philadelphia of Public Ledger hired a special correspondent named E. J. Dillon to cover the Peace Conference. Mr. Dillon was a good newspaper man. He told the truth.

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BENEATH the surface, however, certain ominous developments are seehing in the Near East, which could plungs
us into a war more horrible than anything ever envisaged by
the mind of man. Behind the scenees, the low millitary men
of Russia and England and, to some extent, the United

even weeks.

Here are some of the secret moves which, only one year after a war to end war, make the world so laden with dynamite:

after a war to end war, make the world so lacen with Gynamin Intelligence species have learned that Stalln now
has three giant airborne armies, totaling 120,000 men each,
poised along the Black Sea. They are alterted and prepared
for action—presumably against Turkey.

Turkey over the Dardanches—at once: tast week all the
Russian Field Marchals met with members of the Polithuro
for three days in Odessa. Afterward, Russia sent Turkey as
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3. The Russian Navy is now concentrated in the Black
Sea ports of Sevastopol and Feodosiya.

4. The British Foreign Office and the British Ceneral
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Soviet experiments with the atomic bomb and the commic
ray. The presence of rocket bombs over Sweden is known
to be Russian experimentation with ratio-controlled-rockets
eventually calculated to hit England or perhaps cross the
Stillahe Schollentisk know that the Russians may wind up
with the atomic or even the more deadly cosmic ray if the
Soviet is given another year to experiment. The British
sloc know that the United States is, not readly to wage ajoint Anglo-American was England should clash, the USA
would soon come in on the British side.

the British.

6. The U.S. Army is now spending increased amounts to fortify Alaska and its working in close co-operation with Conards on defense of the entire Arctic Northwest. The Ruiss and the Alaska and Alaska; also that all details of the Alaska and Alaska; also that all details of U.S. troops were reported back to Moscow, even including the movements of regiments in the Southern United States.

Red Army Alerted

7. The Russians are heavily fortifying the coast of Albania. This gives them partial control of the entrance of the Adratia and might keep an Allied fleet from recently U. 8.—British troops at Trieste. Moscow also has been shilling the Red Army in Europe. has replaced war veteras in the Adratian for the Adratian troops at Trieste. Moscow also has been shilling the Red Army in Europe. has replaced war veteras in R. Romania, 80,000 Red soldiers have been increased to 350-000 men. Four Russian divisions are in the Cocch Suddenland. A total of 6,000 Russian planes are in Poland and Romania.

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8. Twelve factories in Russian-occupied Germany
uring out munitions of war. The old Skoda work
echoelowskis, once used by Hiller; is turning out quant
arms of an interchangeable type for use in either
echo red army. Poland and Yugoslavia also are m
acturing standardized Russian arms. The armanuess ic
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