

IF ANY proof were needed of

ference, which Roosevelt has been accused of deliberately sabotaging.

A much-needed vacation.

There is a rather remarkable situation. The Peace Conference in Paris is going full blast, and yet Washington will be almost a deserted village for the next fortnight.

There are, of course, various means of communicating with the Presidential yacht. A ship-to-shore telephone receives messages 24 hours. The Navy will maintain air service between Washington and the ship so that documents can be sent back and forth.

In addition, a ship-to-shore radio telephone makes voice communication possible. This, however, is an uncertain instrument, as many of the President's official family have discovered. Atmospheric conditions frequently make conversation impossible.

BYRNES CALM

But it is quite obvious that Secretary of State James F. Byrnes is not a man who is easily upset. President Truman dislikes and mistrusts personal government. He has made an honest effort to demonstrate authority and leadership. Perhaps Byrnes is the most conspicuous success in this direction.

But even if the President had been able to find ten top-drawer statesmen for his Cabinet, which he has not, the situation would still be almost insupportable. He needs this vacation. He needs to get away from the White House, closest to him, so that he can get a perspective on what must be the most pack-breaking job in the world.

The President is very tired. For the first time he feels the strain of office. Of late he has begun to complain about the never-ending crises which are dumped into his lap. That is a sign of weariness.

Perhaps his major struggle is in

not dependent on day-to-day work from his chief in forming policy in the future. Returning to the Pacific the other day, Assistant Secretary of State Will Clayton reported that Byrnes had achieved a certain serenity which was quite extraordinary. In spite of the kicking, the jostling, the hard work in the conference chamber, Byrnes maintains a calm detachment.

Between the President and his Secretary of State, there is complete confidence. Byrnes has no doubts to do the constant juggling that his opposite number, Foreign Minister Vicheslav M. Molotov, has to do with his chief Joseph Stalin.

Once upon a time, there was another important conference in Europe and another President was on a ship. It was in the Summer of 1933 that the President consented for a vacation cruise on the sloop Amberjack III with two other sons. While he was off

getting good men to serve in his administration, the President created Atomic Energy Commission has proved possibly the toughest of all assignments.

At least ten men who were approached about serving on this commission squirmed out of President Lillenthal's hands. When Truman's pleading "That is why the President reconsidered David Lillenthal for the job," Byrnes, in spite of his great reluctance to take Lillenthal away from the State Department, agreed.

SECOND GUESSING

It is just possible that the man in the White House brings some of this anguish to his own self. Perhaps if he had worked a little harder on Congress, the atomic energy bill might have passed earlier in the session. Then the President would not be under the embarrassing necessity of asking men to accept interim appoint-

Several of the unhappy participants in the London fiasco have

Quiz For Candidates

Peter Edson
abolition of rent controls

FOR the next three months the roofing wall of the Congressional candidate will be heard throughout the land.

The next question you can do about it, but if you want to be a heckler and have a little fun there are a number of mightier enemies to your quiz-kid candidate. They will determine how good a Congressional candidate you are, and whether you want to vote for him or for the other fellow.

Most of the questions relate to unfinished business which the President is sure to mention in his State of the Union message to Congress next January:

RENT CONTROLS

1. Do you, Mr. Candidate, favor abolishing rent controls?
2. If this country should find itself facing still higher prices for everything next Winter, would you support tighter price-controls and extension of those controls beyond June 30, 1947?
3. If so, what are your ideas

11. How do you feel about extending the draft law, if that should be necessary to provide sufficient armed forces for fulfilling U. S. commitments overseas?

12. Would you be in favor of drafting into the armed services anyone who took part in a strike against an industry seized by the U. S. Government?

UNION RESPONSIBILITY

13. While were talking about labor relations, Mr. Candidate, what are your views on requiring labor unions to incorporate and award full responsibility for the actions of their members?

14. Where do you stand on the proposal to create fact-finding boards in labor disputes and to require cooling-off periods prior to strikes?

15. Do you favor abolishing the poll tax as a requirement for voting in Federal elections?

16. Would you vote in favor of a permanent Fair Employment Practices Committee to award and investigate of racial discrimination?

5. Do you favor keeping taxes

at present levels to reduce the national debt?

6. Suppose you vote on the proposal that minimum-wage standards be raised to 65 or 75 cents an hour?

7. As you know, Mr. Candidate, this country needs more housing, not only for veterans but for all the people. Do you favor a long-range program which would have the Government aid in building low-cost housing?

8. Do you favor more benefits for veterans, or do you think the ten billion dollars' worth they now receive is enough? Would you favor a straight-out pension for all vets of World Wars I and II, if it were proposed?

9. Mr. Candidate, do you favor merger of the War and Navy Departments into a single Department of National Defense?

10. How do you stand on the

Nations organization through which you think you believe in less international co-operation?

11. Would you vote for a bill to finance the furnishing of arms and munitions to Russia, China, America, China, and other countries?

Do you think the United States should have control of all Pacific Islands liberated by U. S. forces during the war?

Do you think international control of atomic energy? Or do you believe that the U. S. should retain control of atomic energy, and control of atomic energy for as long as it can?

LOAN TO RUSSIA

21. Would you favor a billion-dollar loan to and other co-operation with, Soviet Russia? Just what are your views on the Russian situation?

If these questions don't give

and the proposed universal-military-training program, which would provide one year's compulsory service for all able-bodied males?

your candidate a bad half-hour, are your own answers to this quiz? Nothing will. Incidentally, what are your answers?

and Split Over War Now

Inside Moscow

WHICH side will win out is anybody's guess. However, certain underground rumblings inside the Soviet indicate that the path-of-war will not be an easy one.

One factor the Soviet war group will have to overcome

Communism and many would resent being called once more into battle.

Vienna, 300 Red soldiers on a train en route to Russia bolted and ran off into the woods. In Budapest recently Red sol-

war. "I know something more than that. There appear to be one for war and one for peace," says Marshall Berlyn's and is former chief editor believes that now the Soviet Union is in Britain. This group mobilized and the American people are in the East. The Red Army regardless of the fact that they are opposed to any should wait a year or two before they can do fairly soon because of their past record on all matters to work on. The future is uncertain.