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Around And Around She Goes

UNDER the provisions of the mangled OPA extension bill the Decontrol Board is scheduled to decide tomorrow whether or not ceilings will be restored on food-

is scheduled to decide tomorrow whether or not ceilings will be restored on food-stuffs and a good many other commodities. Washington is reported filled to the over-flowing with various and sundry businessmen there for the purpose of urging the Board to leave ceilines off.

The idea of the price ceiling holiday was to provide a test period during which proponents of the no-ceilings school figured prices would level off, thereby demonstrating the lack of necessity for OPA continuation, A few food prices have steadled, and even declined slightly during the weeks, but any housewife shed the overeas, but any housewife she that the overeas, but also have been statistic are discounted on the ground of Federal blas there remain the private estimates that contirm them. The Journal of Commerce index, for instance, based on the prices of 110 commodities, but of the OPAs yielding on a variety of price lines under the provisions of the new law.

This would certainly seem to dictate a return to food price ceilings, but the upward price trend is being discounted by OPA's enemies who are reviving all the worn arguments they used before to sabotage effective price controls. Black markets, restricted production, actual losses to producers.

Ironically, Time appears this week with a set of figures showing that the net earnings of many big corporations were the highest in history during the first six months of 1946, when OPA was alleged to be strankling production and driving honest businessmen to bankruptcy. Some of the clants, notably the motor manufacturers lost money, it is true, but reconversion, strikes and shortages were responsible, not price cellines. Du Pont and American Woolen, with volume well under wartime levels, managed to increase net earnings. But all this discussion, pro and con, is largely academic. The Congress made effective price centrol impossible, and whatever the Board's decision it can apply no more than a slight brake to the price index. OPA is bound, under that strange extension law, to yield to some extension as well of the price index. OPA is bound, under that strange extension law, to yield to some extension as well of the price index of the price index open strains in should to take a mighty sput when oreanized labor presents its new demands for wage increases to offset increased living costs—and despite all the labe to the outputs would demands are

new demands for wage increases to offset increased living costs—and despite all the talk to the contrary such demands are coming as sure as shooting.

Around and around she goes, and where she stops nobody knows. But a good many people have a pretty fair idea of what happens when she finally stops. Initiation becomes deflation overnight and wast paper profits vanish in a splattering of red link. It is axiomatic that nothing good comes out of inflation, and it is no accident that on initiation, and it is no accident that many businessmen—including some of those who are shouting loudest for repeal of price controls—are quietly putting their financial houses in order in preparation for the coming storm.

An Era Of Orderly Labor Relations?

WHEN both CIO and AFL announced vast organizing campaigns in the South, the last great non-union stronghold, there were a good many dire predictions of trouble growing out of Inter-union competition. But, after months of high-pressure organizing, there has been no untoward conflict between the two unions, nor does any seem likely to develop. Van Bittner of the CIO and George Googe of the AFL exchange an occasional insult, but by and large there seems to be a remarkable lack of ill-feeling between the competitors.

Even at Oak Ridge, where the two unions have been in direct and spirited competition for the rich prize represented by the more than 20,000 unorganized at omic workers, the organizing efforts of both unions have been models of orderliness. The issue will be decided in an election this week, when Oak Ridge workers vote for of trouble growing out of inter-union com-

The issue will be decided in an election this week, when Oak Ridge workers vote for CIO. AFL or no union.

In addition to this, there has also been a surprising absence of conflict between management and the augmented forces of labor. The old Southern bourbons, who a few years ago commonly greeted "agitators" with baseball bats, seem to have subsided to a marked degree. There has been no violence of any consequence anywhere in the South and the organizing

process has been so peaceful most old-line labor officials have been moved to awed

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The unions, in their turn, seem to have abandoned some of the practices that were once used to good employers into fury. There was a time when the CIO in particular took a fiendish delight in bringing charges of anti-union activity before the NLRB and harrassing its enemies with endless hearings. In the more than six months of the current campaign NLRB has had only five complaints filed with it by had only five complaints filed with it by the CIO, which would hardly have been considered a good day's work a few years

ago.

Neither union has made any extravagant claims of success. AFL, with a goal of a million new members, claims 100,000. CIO's figures are even more modest, but it does

figures are even more modest, but it does point with pride to the fact that it has won 74 elections to 10 for the AFL or no union. Both unions figure that it may take years to successfully organize the South, and neither seems to be in any undue hurry. It is certainly too early to conclude that the region has entered a new era of orderly industrial relations. But all the signs point in that direction, and both management and labor are to be congratuated upon the excellent record established during the first six months of CIO's "Operation Dixie" and the "AFL's "Operation Expansion."

Should Wake Forest Grow Tall Or Big?

A VOCAL group of North Carolina Bap-A VOCAL group of North Carolina Baption of plan to use its newly enriched Wake Forest College as the corneratone of a great Baptist university system in North Carolina. Because of this, and because of the obvious parallel furnished by Duke, most Tar Beeis have already fallen into the habit of referring to Wake Forest University and of thinking of it in terms of a vast multi-schooled institution.

In the denominational publication, Cherity and Children, Gerald Johnson, one of Wake Forest's most distinguished alumni, offers a counter-suggestion. Wake Forest should remain a small liberal arts college, he argues, and the Reynolds money used to make it "absolutely' the first college in prestige between the Fotomac and the Gulf." cannot become the first university in "It cannot be the first university in "It canot be the first university in "It cannot be the first university

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"It cannot become the first university in that region," Mr. Johnson points out, "because there are several institutions whose resources greatly exceed even the income from the Reynolds endowment For one. I would much prefer to see it the first, college, rather than the tenth or fifteenth university in the South"

The Richmond Times Dippich, commenting upon Mr. Johnson's suggestion, notes that, while several Southern universities have now avained national rank, few. If any, of the small horal arts colleges that dot the region have attained the

prestige of Amherst, Williams, Haverford or Swarthmore, all of which compare in size with the present Wake Forest. The reason, The Times-Dispatch thinks, is linck of means. for the undergraduate Institutions of the South are in direct competitions of the South are in direct competitions of the South are in direct competitions of the South are in the South are for faculty members.

Certainly the plan Mr. Johnson suggests—reating the best college in the South—is worthly of serious consideration by the Wake Forest Trustees. It might even be the basis of an effective compromise with the Bandmum expansion of educational services. In transplanting the physical plant of the college to Winston-Salem the trustees might set the creation of a first rank liberal arts college as an immediate objective while they work out their long-range plans for its ultimate expansion into

range plans for its ultimate expansion into a first-rate university.

At any rate, experience at Duke and elsewhere underlines the principle that universities are best created by evolutionary processes. They cannot be created overnight, no matter how heavy their endowment. Conversely, we have an idea that if Wake Forest College attains real stature over a period of years. Wake Forest University will grow from it as naturally as Harvard University grew from Harvard College. Even in education, nothing succeeds like success.

'Another Voice

Ye Shall Know Them

BY their greed we have known them.

We saw them buy up coffee until it spoiled back in the days when coffee was scaree but unrationed.

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These are they who make all Government plans for reconversion difficult of success. These are they who threaten the peace and happiness of the world's tomorrow. Verily, by their greed we have known, do know, and shall know them.—Winston-Salem Journal.

The operation in which gin rummy sharpshooters took three million out of Holly-wood was the biggest of the kind, perhaps, since Uncle Joe Stalin pulled out of Yalta.



People's Platform

Less Federal Employment

Editors. The News:

[PME Joint Committee on Reduction of Non-Essential Pederal Expenditures, of which I am chairman, has been studying the quarterly reports submitted to the Congress by the Bureau of the Budget pursuant to the Pay Act of 1945, since the first report was made available. These reports set forth the Director's determinations of the properties of the proper

the following facts:

Setween July 1, 1945, and March 31, 1946, over 200
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With respect to ceiling determinations for the three quarters, the Committee called attention to the fact that while personnel ceilings in the War and Navy Departments had been reduced 1722 during the 2 months reported, and while similar ceiling the Emergency War Agencies became time the tellings in the remainder of the Government had been increased 184,00%, threeby affecting a net reduction of only 85,761.

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Under the Pay Act of 1946 Congress has placed definite limitations on the number of classified employees which may be retained in most departments and agencies. Volations of these determinations are and agencies. Volations of these determinations are supported to the second rine or imprisonment. In addition, under the Pay Act of 1945, Congress has empowered the Bureau of the Budget to place ceilings on other employment not included in the Pay Act of 1946, with the provision that violators may have reserved from the provision that violators may have reserved from the following the development requirements. As Chairman of the Committee I intend to do all in my power to see that he laws of Congress are carried out. Responsible Government officials have professed that these provisions are "just a for see that future violators find that flouting the laws of Congress are gestures involving penalties. — HARRY F, BYRD, UNITED STATES SENATOR.

The Peaceful Life

Editors, The News:

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time when they could rectim mone and the in passing to the hours at home, with their families. Now the war is over, they have received their discharges, returned they could have received their discharges, returned they could be passed they were seeking and lighting for? I say no, because a number of whites have stirred up the old racial equality stink and are stirring and stirring it until there can be no expected they could be a stirred up the could be could be a stirred up the could be a stirred up to the could fill their could be a stirred up to the a stirred up

Byrnes On His Own

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There are, of course, various the second variety of the constant of the presidential yacht, a ship-to-shore teletype record messages at all hours. The Navy will maintain air service between Washington and be sent back and forthbe sent back and forthin addition, a ship-to-shore radio telephone makes voice communication possible. The control of the President's official family have discovered. Atmospheric conditions frequently make conversation impossible.

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Several of the unhappy particlpants in the London flasco have

told in their memoirs what it meant to have the President cut off from the world. That may have been one reason for the failure of the com-ference, which Roosevelt has been accused of deliberately sabolaging. DELEGATES AUTHORITY

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President Truman dailites and mistrusta personal government. He has made an honest effort to dele-gate authority to his Cabinet offi-cers. Perhap Byrnes 15, the most conspicuous success in this direc-tion.

SECOND GUESSING

Peter Edson

Quiz For Candidates How do you feel about ex-ending the draft law, if that should be necessary to provide sufficient armed forces for ful-filling U. S. commitments over-

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State of the Union message to Congress next January:

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If these questions don't give your candidate a bad half-hour, are your own answers to this quita? anothing will. Incidentally, what are your aniswers?

Drew Pearson's : Soviet High Command Split Over War Now

To evaluate the factors behind the present massing of soviet airborne divisions along the Black Sea and the dan-serous lockeying of Russian-British forces in the Near Bast, it's necessary to scrutinise certain captured documents which have come into the hands of the Américan Army in Germany-tremely important conversations between Hiller's Foreign Minister Ribesteriop and Stalin's Foreign Minister Ribesteriop and Stalin's Foreign Minister Molotor in which the Russians debated entering the war on the side of Germany--ff the price was high enough. The German sea most methodical room's despire, and the Third German of these diplomatic conversations was fulfilly recorded these diplomatic conversations was fulfilly recorded.

They show that in 1940, about is: months before Hiller double-crossed Stalin by invading Russia. Molotov came to Berlin and discussed with Ribbentrop the terms Germany was willing to pay to secure Russia's entrance into the war to crush England.

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Significant fact is that the Russian price was almost identical with the goals Moscow has set for itself today: A sphere of influence in Bulgarie; lake in Romania; control of the Dardanellies; domination of Iran, Iraq and the Gulf of Persia; a base in Saudi Arabhi; and of course the Baltic States and one-half of Poland which, in 1940, already had

States and one-half of Poland which, in 1980, Bucausy on-been given Russia. and the Near East were tife easiest problems Molodov and Ribbentrop had to solve. Hitler was problems for the problem of the Poland of the Romania. Germany wanted to expand in the Balkaras her-self. That-was where the negotiations foundered. Hitler-by-that time considered the Allies virtually defeated, and finally Molodov went home without signify up as a Nord ally.

What Russia Wants Today

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IMPORTANCE of these captured documents is the fact that

Russian ambitions have not changed. Despite the fact
that we have established a United Nations to safeguard the
world, Moscow remains the same in negotiating with the
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Army therefore should move immediately regardless of the consequences, the other group of Russian lenders is opposed to any showdown now. They believe Russia should wait a year or stome bomb. They figure this can be done fairly soon because of the Oerman scientists they have put to swork on all sorts of new weapons—including the mysterious radio-controlled rockets now zooming over Sweden.

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.

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ANOTHER factor the Soviet war-urgers may have to worry
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been uneasy about certain of them. Certain heroes previously
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