The Secretary Reports On Round One

PERHAPS it was in deference to the dis-tinguished career of his guest that Josef Stalin employed a military figure to describe the Moscow Conference of Foreign Ministers in his conversation with Secre-tary Marshall: "The conference represent-ed only the first skirnishes and brushes of reconnaissance for ces on the European peace Settlement."

peace settlement."

At any rafe, Secretary Marshall regarded tie Generalissimo's estimate of the situation as reasonably cheerful. It indicates, he said in his report to the people, that Stalin himself recognizes the possibility of compromise. Cle arl y Secretary Marshall believes that his own unbending attitude is beginning to produce results; convinced that the United States will yield no more the Russians themselves are beno more the Russians themselves are be-ginning to explore the possibilities of back-ing down without losing face.

But Secretary Marshall still regards the But Secretary Marshall still regards the Moscow conference as a failure. At the very best, he said, the fundamental differences between East and West were stated so clearly that "future negotiators can start with a knowledge of exactly what the issues are that must be settled." In the meantime, however, chaos will continue in Europe and the situation can only become steadily worse until a final peace settle-ment is reached.

steadily worse until a linal peace settle-ment is reachy; report underlines the un-happy fact that we are now measuring progress toward a settlement in Europe by the distance we have moved away from the the distance we have moved away from the state of the secretary Marshall's idea that his first task is to strip away the contusing argu-ments that were the stock in trade of the negotiators in the days when all the great powers were still giving Up-service to the ideal of international co-operation. With President Truman's blessing, he went to Moscow to get down to cases and lay the now, tough American position on the line.

There is little doubt that he did just that. It is not surprising, therefoge, that he found conflict with the Russians at every major point of the proposed treaty. This did not result from the mechanics of the treaty—the establishment in all the proposed treaty. The did not result from the mechanics of the treaty—the establishment in all the properties of the belief now held by Russias and the United States that fundamental agree—ment between them is impossible. Certainly there is no reason for the Russians to regard the Truman Doctrine as anything less than it is—a statement of American instention to establish a world order sympathetic to Western democracy and opposed, therefore, to Russian Communism. Every American action from now on will be viewed by the Russians in that light.

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To the Russians, no less than to the Unit-ed States, it must be plain now that there To the Russians, no less than to the Unitied States, it must be plain now that there
are only two alternatives—compromise or
war. We hope Secretary Marshall interpreted Generalissimo Stalin correctly when
he read into his remarks a new flexibility
of view point. But it is well to remember that we have now placed our international relations on a twenty of the
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Was May The Only One?

NO one should pre-judge a defendant at all certain that Andrew J. Mays attorney hasn't done just that. The former chairman of the House Military Affairs Committee, now standing trial in Washington for allegedly accepting bribes from war contractors, has done little if anything to refute the Overnment's charges. His law-yer, however, has threatened on his behalf to 'zell all' concerning other peculiar war, and the contraction of the contraction of

time transactions invoving high government officials.

The Inference here seems to be that May
is guilty of accepting cash donations from
the Brothers Garsson, but that he is no
more guilty than many another Congressman. The dodge, if his attorney's preview is
an adequate guide, will be to write off cash
donations as campaign expenses. There is
precedent for this, certainly, provided recently by no less a Democrat than Theodore Bilbo of Missistoph, who received
campaign gifts ranging from a Cadillac
sedan to an artificial lake.

It would be our judgment that May's
threat to expose his erstwhile colleagues
indicates the absence of any adequate factual defense against the rather convincingdocumentary evidence thus far introduced
by the Government. Be that as it may, it

by the Government. Be that as it may, it still seems to us that it would be a highly salutary thing if May did mount the wit-ness stand and tell all, or as much of it as

he knows.

Perhaps we are overly suspicious, but it seems to us extremely unlikely that the graft and corruption that was an unpleasant characteristic of war-time Washington touched only two major public figures—Messrs. May and Bilbo. Yet in the year and a half since peace set in these are the only only the peace of the peace of

side dealings with war contractors.

The Republicans, although piedged to open every session of the 80th Congress with a prayer and close it with a probe, have shown no interest in uncovering the activities, of the high-newerd lobbyists who intested the capital for more than four years. Certainly the gentlemen with the apurpose—to look after the best interests of their clients. And certainly some of them looked after those interests in the traditional manner.

tional manner.

Andrew May will never be a martyr in our book, whatever his fate at the hands of the Federal courts. But neither should he be an isolated case. We suggest that those hot-eyed Congressmen who are about to depart for Hollywood to look into Communistin Influence in the move; industry might perform a far more valuable public service if they would find out just what Andrew May's attorney meant when he proclaimed that his client is no guiltier than scores of other high Government officials.

The Planners And The Parking Problem

The Planning Board has progressed in its consideration of Charlotte's parking problem to the point where it has autorized preliminary aketches and a cost estimate on some sort of elevated, block-square facility in the downtown area. This is only a tentative step, of course, but it is a necessary and encouraging some out of The idea of getting double uses for the control of the c

abandoning it.
That, however, falls under the heading-of
long-range planning. The Board, we are
pleased to note, is also turning its attertion to possible solutions of an immediate
nature. In its meeting this week it took official notice of the fact that bus transportation is an integral part of the parking
problem; when it is inadequate, as the

Board believes it now is, it forces excessive use of private vehicles which overcrowd available curb and off-street parking fa-cilities.

cilities.

Few commuters would argue with the Board's judgment that present bus schedules simply cannot handle the volume of passengers at the peak hours. Duke Power Company, which holds the bus franchise, would also agree, although it could point, out that it is doing its best to improve its service in the face of war-born equipment shortages. And there, has been steady improvement, although not nearly enough of it.

When the Planning Board finishes its present parking survey it expects to have several recommendations ready for the new several recommendations ready for the new City Council, dealing, estainly with the need f.os. off-street parking facilities and probably with the need for knuediate expansion of bus service. We hope the proposals will be on the first order of business, for the incoming Councilment. No thing could be more important, for they are taking over a City that is rapidly attraight to death on its own glut of downtown traffic.

Another Voice

One For The Watch And Ward

THERE is poetic justice in the fact that a Harvard man has applied to Boston the characterization: "B a ck war d Bay."
After all, the provinces have immemortally pitched epithets at the self-styled "flub of the World." But when Waldo Peirce, one of America's outstanding painters, applied dis verbal hot foot, the chicken came to prost.

pleture, in toto, has been widely displayed in other papers and magnalizes, it is not strange that Mr. Petrce above with his wrath with such accrebitly.

Bostom's conscience is always troubling her. Where other communities wince at the offending manuscript or play, then bravely carry'son, Boston, with the magnificence of a Canute, turns the errant's picture to the wall. Apparently, the fact that problibition passed from the national scene fourteen years ago is studiously ignored along the banks of the Charles. Chalk up one for the Watch and Ward Society. — New Orleans Heen.

One More Spring



People's Platform

The Central Question CHARLOTTE Illegal Eagle—II

CHARLOTTE

Held at the First Methodist Church, at which against a community Approach to alcohol probringe control was painting a "Community Approach" to alcohol probringe control. The Church's Obligation to the Alcoholic was stated for discussion.

I think that this workshop is a very splendid drea, and should be productive, realistic approach the state of good. It suggests a constructive, realistic approach the state of the state

in the propagation to determine whether I be wet of the LL is, now, examine for a moment some of this propagation, beginning with that which a Rev. Mr. Sasser regards some 50 pastors of various denominations, eathered at the Piris Baptist Church. When the President of the U. S. takes his soft. When the President of the U. S. takes his soft. When the President of the U. S. takes his soft. The president of the U. S. takes his soft. The president of the U. S. takes his soft. When the President of the U. S. takes his soft. The president of the U. S. takes his soft. The president of the U. S. takes his soft. The president of the U. S. takes his soft of the U. S. takes hi

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Now let us take a look at the Rev. Mr. Sasser's concluding remarks. "The election for the establishment of the same state of

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Editors. The News:

You'll issue of April 21st reported the killing of an eagle near Chester. S. C. No doubt the article caught the eyes of a great many people. It isn't every day that a 'hige eagle is killed'. However, the article appears to me to be a most incomplete piece of reporting.

A crime, by definition, is the commission of an act forbidden by public law. A Pederal law passed in 1940 made the killing of an eagle a crime. Yet, your paper reports a crime as the most natural thing to do.

to 60.

Since the article states that the scale was hanced and that the person who shot it had himself reported the fact to the Figh. & Wild Life Service, I sense obvious that he was not aware of his crime. Your reporter Reveite must have been uninformed for the would not have submitted half of a story. The normal reporting of a valentiem of a Federal law includes a statement on the law-direker and what happers to him.

to him.

It is not the purpose of this letter to ask for the scalp of the eagle-thooter. He is only one of hundreds of people who are ignorant of the laws protecting wild life. We do ask, however, that you make it your business to inform your readers in matters of this kind. No better opportunity can be found than that offered by reports on law violations as such

own welfare.

The killing of a "huse eagle" may be newsworthy, but with your help, ignorance of the law forbidding it could be news-worthy.

P. RHETT CHAMBERLAIN,

President,

Mecklenburg Audubon Society.

School Election

Editors, THE NEWS;

A resolution of the database school returnation appreciation to the local newspapers, all friends, and patrons of the school who so generously gave of their time and efforts in the recent school tax election. The school was been supported by the school with the school was been supported by the school with the school was been supported by the school was supported b

The People's Platform is available to any reader who cares to mount it. Communications possible, and no condition of control to the possible and no condition of the possible and no condition of the possible and supplied to the possible and application of the possible and application of the possible and application of the possible and the possib

Marquis Childs

IN HITLER PATTERN

Line On The Right

WASHINGTON.

WE can expect that a great many will try to eash in on the Trunch and the state of the state of

Hiller.

Peron is moving in a direction that cuts right across American plans for a world trade organization based on the more or less free exchange of goods and services. He is using state controls over industrial traces of the control of the co

schemed through the 'war behind the protection of Argentina's bogus neutrality.

Nany who have studied Perod's speech of June 10, 1944, at the Uni-versity of La Plata compare it with Mein Kampf. It is almost as naked a declaration of ruthless ambitions and objectives for the future.

Samuel Grafton

Wallace As Symbol

NEW YORK

Henry Wallace has been gined off so often as a pothat anything he says should still have weight and impact. The rights wang has conducted final service with a still have weight and impact. The rights wang has conducted final service for several years; it has laid him for several years; but has laid him for several years; has laid him for several years in the resulting and the resulting who was to be a several years and the right wing at once hits the ceiling, and the resulting and the resulting as bumpy, continuous sound, like the best of a riveting gum.

Let on.

LINDYING HOPE

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UNREASONING?

If its position, like Wallace's, is unreasoning, so, sometimes, is man's hope of progress, and to mil-lions who have been unable to kill the last flicker of hope inside their belifes, it is an attractive unreason-

No one carry a certain more person to go but one can see his way clearly, perhaps, through the present for, but one can carry a certain emotion travels; and Wallace has become for repository for the rest of us. I give you Wallace, the indestructionle, with the murmured footnote that he is so, not because of what we are. He is, but because of what we are.

Drew Pearson's : Martin Engineers Rent Boost Reversal crease was not recorded However, the Merr-Go-Round is able to give the line-up. Republican who voted for refit feet. See that the control of the result of t

IT wasn't talked about outside Congressional cleakrooms, but a state Speaker Joe Martin engineered the sudden reversal of the House Banking Commutee when if you'de 14-10 against commutee and the state of the state

a to per cent agreed rent increase. Joss site about any commarker, the to-load-door committee results got under way,
Martin called in Chairman Jesse Wolcott of Michigan and
cher Republicans to whom he gave some Dutch-unde sermonizing on why it would be politically unwise to increase
tents at this time.

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Later, when the closed-down Banking Committee meeting converset, the only Republicians who spoke out for the congress congress of the congress of the

Country result some ricomp.

At one stage, Democrats Hale Boggs of Louisiana and Mike Monroney of Oklahoma Jokingly asked Buffett if he was "really for a rent increase." The Nebraskan insisted, amid laights, that naturally he was, else he wouldn't be talking for his amendment. "Well, you may still be for it, but you're not quite so en-siastic today as at our last meeting," piped up an unl-tified voice on the Democratic side of the table. Ever Republicans got a chuckle out of this one. Note: The secret committee vote for a rent-control in-

Junior Congressman From Alabama Junior Congressman From Alabama
INDUSTRIOUS young Representative Carter Manasco of
Alabama, who keeps a reserve pocketful of cigars to
supplement his tobacco-cheving, recently had a chance to
unload some of his stogels following the world premiere of
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a Branch of the proud-paper of the proud-paper role well—except for one thing. He refused to give the newcomer a full "Junior" label, maning
him John Carter Manasco.

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Scnator Taft Reneges.

THE whitper has made the most cells for his one housing hill. Certainly, as GOP leader of the Senato his one housing hill. Certainly, as GOP leader of the Senate he has done intile to winth his Republican colleagues into line.

It was a line-up of Democrats, plus the clever manuscring of New Hamphire's Senator Tokey and the last limit pried the Taft Housing Bill out of committee.

Except for this, the Jegislation so urgently needed for the relief of var vets and the housing abortance would still be well as the secret committee meeting. GOP Senator Douglass Buck of Delaware, known as the Du Bout representative, and the secret work of the presentative and the secret work of the secret securities and the proposed services of the secret work of the secret securities meeting. GOP Senator Douglass Buck of Delaware, known as the Du Bout representative, and the secret securities as the Du Bout representative, and the secret securities as the Du Bout representative and the secret securities as the Du Bout representative and the secret securities as the Du Bout representative.

called on to state his position.

The would like five minutes to think this over, "said the-Vermont Republican." I don't like omnibus bills as a rule island the state of the

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Tailis mean the bill would have been licked, had Flanders Jailis when the bill would have been licked, had Flanders, Tailli haven't made up my mind." pleaded Flanders, "Let me give this a little more thought."

Tailli haven't made up my mind. "Diese "Kow-ver, I would like to remind the Senator that it is an unwritten law in the Senate that members may vote legislation ord of committee and yet reserve the right to oppose it defeated in committee, thus depriving the larger body of the Senate from acting on it. The Senator doesn't like this bill it his resent form, "The Senator doesn't like this bill it his resent form, "The Senator doesn't like this bill it his resent form, "The senator like and the senator like the sena