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#### Tax Relief In Debt Reduction

REP. CHARLES B. DEANE, the Eighth North Carolina District's able freshman Congressman, expressed in an interview here Tuesday his justifiable alarm at the size of the national debt, which he noted as one of the paramount questions which will face the second session of the

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Mr. Deane expounded his concern for the attention of the paramount of the paramount of the congress of the congressional Record, explaining his support of the President's veto of tax reduction legislation. His analysis of the problem, amply documented by figures substantiating his position, reflects a common sense approach to one of the most controversial issues of the recent Congress; those few constituents of Mr. Deane who peruse The Congressional Record are doubtless pleased to discover that their representative apparently based his vote, not on what the Gallup Poll or even the Democratic lead-erably Indicated would be a wise position, but on the logic of the factors involved. The major points emphasized by Mr. Deane were as follows:

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(3) The interest rate on this debt is a figure higher than the total Federal expenditures of any year, except 1929 and 1921, before 1934.

(2) The future tax burden will be larger if taxes are reduced now; the greater and

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switer the debt reduction now, the greater the ultimate tax reduction will be.

(a) A debt reduction of 35.9 billion year-year be an beached under present tax rates, while under those proposed in the recent Congress, debt reduction will amount to \$2.8 billion annually. Debt reduction of the first amount will save present and future taxpayers a total of \$115 billion over the interest cost of the same debt retired at the second figure. By the end of 34 years, taxes could be reduced \$11.7 billion below their present rate. The tax reduction possible if the second alternative, \$2.8 billion, were used would be only \$1.9 billion at the end of the same number of years.

(4) Tax reduction now would the the hands of the Government, making it in capable of dealing through limanisms or meeting the problems of a recession if and when they should the charge that currented production, the net working capital of corporations increased about 80 per cent from V-J Day through 1946, at present tax rates.

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Mr. Deane's conclusion that debt reduction must take precedence over tax reduction will be no less valid during the next session of Congress than it is now, however, since 1946 will be a campaign year, that ancient election-year philosophy of support all appropriations and decrease all taxes' is quite likely to supplant reason and logic in the minds of wary Congressmen.

### Marshall Secures American Base

THE victory for United States foreign policy at the Inter-American Conference in Brail surpasses in importance the most optimistic expectations of observers. Its effect in strengthening our policy in the world and advancing the cause of peace may be larger than it apparent at the moment.

For Secretary Marshall, this turn of events comes as a timely and richly deserved vindication. Of late, certain Washington columnists have been sniping at the General for his seeming neglect of public relations, the critics complaining that he is failing to dramatize the European crisis sufficiently to obtain adequate public support for the Marshall Plan. They have had almost their entire attention fixed on the Russian and European fronts, paying sean heed to the conflict in our own Hemisphere.

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Fortunately, General Marshall has not been distracted from his major purpose of putting first things first, or been tempted to divert his energies from the work of planning and executing strategy to appear in a more dramatic role before the public. He may lack the color and political adrotiness of former Secretary Sprines, as his critics have suggested, but certainly the success of the Inter-American Conference shows he is not deficient in other and more important qualities of diplomatic leadership.

As a result of this operation, planned, and carried out with the skill and fore-sight which Beerelary Marshall exhibited as General of the Amy graing wartime, we are putting in at an aggresior upon the vote of two-thrids of the nineteen republics represented in the Brazil conference, thereby eliminating the voto formerly exercised by one nation. We are also establishing a security region extending from the Arctle to the Antarctic. In thus securing our own Hemisphere against external or internal aggression, we free our hands for a stronger attack on the other fronts. er attack on the other fronts.

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In creating a workable formula for elimination of the veto and establishment of "security regions," we have found the way to proceed toward greater, security within the United Nations, under Article SI of the Charter, which provides that nothing in that document 'shall impair the inherent right of individual or collective self-defense if an office of the United Nations, until the Security Council has taken the measures necessary to maintain international peace and security.

It is a famous victory, in which Secretary Marshall shares credit with President Truman, Senator Vandenberg, former Secretaries Byrnes and Hull, the late Franklin D. Roosevelt and others who labored long and patiently for the ideal of the Good Neighbor.

## Home Rule Issue In The Primary

IT MAY be asked how much the cause of Home Rule for the cities and counties of North Carolina will be advanced by its identification with the gubernatorial primary campaign of State Treasurer Charles M. Johnson.

The question is raised by the statement of Mayor Henry T. Powell of Henderson, president of the North Carolina League of Municipalities. Speaking Tuesday at the 38th annual conference of the League, Mayor Fowell stated the case in this fash-

lina. We have stayed out of points at in.

The Mayor's advocacy of this course seems to be based sarsely on his continence that Mr. Johnson will be the next Governor. Granting, for purposes of argument only, that his crystal ball isn't clouded and Mr. Johnson will go to the Executive Manison in 1949, it still is necessary to ask how much the Governor alone can do to restore freedom to our cities and counties. What assurance have we that the election of Mr. Johnson will overcome the legislative opposition from the eastern part of the State? That is the thing which has maintained the undemocratic and unjust arrangement which gives the Raleigh poli-

ticians too much authority over Charlotte and Mecklenburg County, and benefits the poor counties of the East at the expense of the relatively rich counties of the West.

In the event Mayor Powell read the signs wrong and Mr. Johnson misses the Governor's chair, what then will be the status of the Home Rule movement? Certainly the tendency of its proponents to jump on the Johnson bandwagon will may not be Johnson bandwagon will not propose the control of the West of the

didacy, then Home Rule also suffers repudiation.

Perhaps we are wrong in making such a
fine point against anything which may
help along a good cause like Home Rule.

We admit we have become highly suspictous of the tendency of office seckers to
take a vigorous stand on one side of an issue in sections where that position is popular and to talk about something else in
another part of the State. We confess that
we are puzzled when we near it said that
Home Rule will deal a blow to the State
Machine and then see it championed by a
candidate who has been identified as the
choice of that machine.

So, if Mayor Powell will pardon us, we
will go on being skeptical while we watch
to see if his favortic continues his evangelism for Home Rule in the East with the
same fervor he has exhibited in the West.

#### Another Voice

#### Crusader And Founder

On Saturday a deserved tribute was paid to the late Heriot Clarkson, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court and the founder of Little Switzerland, Speaking of the development of North Carolina and the beauty of Little Switzerland, one of the loveliest spots in our mountain region, Justice Clarkson

side. . . When I stumbled upon this spot, after hearing of its beauty from some Watauga cattle drivers nearly 29 years ago, it was an unopened wilderness . . .

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Justice Clarkton won early leadership by fighting for municipal reform in Charlotte, he was the chairman of the committee for the nomination of Cameron Morrison for Governor; served iong and honorably as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court; and was the militant leader for prohibition through his whole life. At the unveiling of the plaque honoring Justice Clarkton, Governor Morrison characterized Clarkton as "a symbol of civie righteougness." —Raleigh News & Observer.

'What Did You Do With All That Money, Anyhow?'



# Housing Gains And Prospects

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It is reported from Capitol Hill that more com-plaints about housing shortages have come from Alabama and Tennessee than from almost any other states. Senator John J. Sparkman and Representa-tive Albert Rains of Alabama are on the housing investigation.

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man will have to take the ray in his area.

A staff director, probably a professor acceptable to both the public housing and real estate interests, is expected to be chosen in the next few weeks. But the preliminary work of the Committee is being from the committee of the commi

not charged to Senator Tatta budget.
With an appropriation of \$100.000 and a lease on life to January 1940, only the urgency of the housing situation and pressure from back home can make the committee rush the probe. The committee will concentrate on two problems—how to like the housing shortage, and while part the Government should play in housing.

The responsibility of analyzing the housing situa-tion and recommending legislation lies with the committee. It can live up to its mandate, or it can go on, as it began, with an intermedine political right on public versus private housing. — Congressional Quarterly.

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#### Soviet Isolation

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measurements. They create, however, a better picture of the Soviet
economy than quality gauges would
yield. Quality has suffered because
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middle class also wiped out the supervisory class.

"What this country needs," one
foreign engineer said, "is 50,000
good forement.

## Marquis Childs

# New German Battle

WHEN you actually come up against the German people, it is with a shock of surprise. You see them pulling and pushing carts piled with wood. You see skinny children playing in ruins. You see them working in vegetable gardens in the despolied Terparen that was once the pride of Berlin.

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CRITICAL TIME

# Drew Pearson's : Britain Readies New Greek Crisis For U.S. Merry-Go-Round

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ANOTHER discussing Oreak "crisis" is in the works bethe new hot posts will probably be laid in the U. S.
lap soon after the recognisined Oreak Covernment takes
office. The laying will be done by London.

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to carry the burden of policing the strife-torn country as
well as feeding and rebuilding it.

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against a third party," the President complimented. "When
you said a third party would help NAM and the commulets, you hit it right on the head."

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"Yes." the President nodded in agreement, "I think our
candidates have an excellent chance to win."

"From what I've observed," replied Wyatt, quietly, "I
would say the outlook is very good for liberal candidates
to win."

'Stop Dewey' Movement

An active behind-the-scenes leader in the "MacArthur for President," boom is ex-Governor Phil LaFollette, who served on the MacArthur staff in the Pacific. Now practicing law in Madkon, Phil is strongly anti-Dewey. Another leader who has indicated interest is Secretary of State Pred Zimmerman. One of the cannest politicos in Wiscontin MacArthur MacArthur