TRANSITION FROM FOOD TO MACHINERY

GOM the very first, the broad objective of the Marshall Plan has been to lift

stained.

In recent months we have seen a steady, persistent chathge in the kinds of goods Buropean nations are buying in this country with the Marshall Plan funds put at these disposal. Last Spring, the average secrery nation spent about 95 cents of each Buropean Recovery Administration dollar for food and agricultural commodities. By mid-December, this ratio had completely reversed itself. Now Western Europe is spending about 60 cents of each ECA dollar for machinery and industrial equipment and only 40 cents for food.

Most of the nations have been aided in this shift to recovery by bumper crops, amounting to increases of as much as 25 per cent in their food production. Having more food of their own, they can apply their ECA dollars to the equipment with which to rebuild their own shattered in-dustries and become ever more self-suffi-cient.

cient.

As long as this trend holds, the U. S. can
be reasonably sure that Western Europe is
steadily broadening the industrial and
economic base necessary for a healthy
economy which, in turn, will offer the best
gugrantee against Communism. It means,
too, that the prospects are increasingly
brighter that the sixtain on the U. S. economy will gradually let up and allow us to
spend some tume putting our own Federal
budget in better order.

weakened. His committee will recommend these changes in an early report to Con-

(1) Require management, as well as labor, to sign the non-Communist oaths; (3) Elliminate the provision requiring a ma-jority vote to authorite a union shop was au-committee found that a union shop was au-thority of the state of the state of the (3) Limit the National Labor Relations Board's jurisdiction. to exclude local businesses not in interstate commerce; (4) Revite the machinery set up to avert na-lional emergency atrices; (4) Revite the machinery set up to avert na-lional emergency atrices; (5) Revite the machinery set up to avert na-lional emergency atrices; from the set of the set of the set of the elimbure workers who have been kept from their jobs by mass or coercive picketing.

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There are the two extremes, both within the Republican Party, Morse and his colleagues, including Senators Langer of North Dakots, Malone of Newada, Ives of New York, and others, are obviqualy bent on backing up President Truman in his announced plans to revise the law. Both parties, however, will be mistaken if they assume that the narrow Truman victory, to which there were many contributing factors, was a mandate to discard the Tait-Hartley Act.

Of course it is not perfect. One of its authors. Congressman Pred Hartley Jr. of New Jersey, admitted as much in a recent suthers. But until labor can prove that the, and the summer of labor in a mandate to the cause of labor in a different perfect of labor in a different excesses and of labor in a different excesses and claim of fact, there is probably good reason to make it stronger, in at least one respect.

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IMPROVEMENT IN THE TAFT-HARTLEY ACT

SWATORS Morse of Oregon and Ball of Minnesota are both members of the Republican Party. But that is about as fer as the linship goes. Ball, helped along by friendly back-pats from Time Magasine, gained his fame as a GOP internationalist in his freshman term by helping write the Ball-Burton-Riach-Hill resolution, but subsequently fell in step with the Old Guard leadership, septically on the question of labor. Morse is identified with the "liberal" Republican bloc, voted against the Taft-Hartley Act and was one of three GOP senators to support President Truman's veto of the measure.

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Accordingly, it was a surprise to no one when these two gentlemen issued conflicting year-end predictions about the future of the Tart-Hartley Act.

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Mores bold newmen that he and his fel-low liberal Republicans will join the Dem-ocrate in knocking the props out from under the labor law, and that the only fight in the coming Congress will be over revisions of the original Wagner Labor Act. Mores admitted that a simple revival of the Wagner Act would not be adequate. "What the public demand, and is entitled to demand, is fair labor legislation which will check both employer and labor ex-sesses, but which at the same time, will not destroy any legitimate right of either." he said — a broad statement with which al-most anyone can sigree.

most anyone can agree.

Specifically, he will support (1) a requirement that unions as well as employers
bargain collectively in good faith?" (3) a
ban on certain "secondary boycotta"; and
0) a requirement that members of a
tiosed or union shop be protected in their
right to vote against union leadership
without fear of expulsion from the union

In 1846, the nation lost 116,000,000 manhours of production because of strikes. In 1947, under the threat of stronger labor laws, the figure dropped sharply to 34,595,000. In 1948, the figure will be down even further, probably around 33,000,000 manhours.

But in 1947 there was only one big strike, involving the telephone workers; whereas in 1948 there were dramatic strikes in the coal, packinghouse, automobile, and shipping industries, all sewerely hampering our domestic policy. If anything, the law needs revision to enable the nation to cope better with these large-scale tie-ups which include us all in their paralyzing effects. and loss of employment.

He would junk outright such Taft-Hartley provisions as Joyalty or non-communist
ocaths by union officials, the use of count
injunctions in labor disputes "directed exeluxively against labor", and a ban on thus
use of union funds for political expends,

HARNETT HOMICIDES

NORTH CAROLANA'S most famous play-wright, Paul Green, grew up in the leisurely rural atmosphere of Harnett County which has just chalked up its ninth

as any occurring in North Caronian in ser-eral decades.

Mr. Green wrote about his homefolks in a delightful little volume of short stories called "Salvation On a String" (Harpers, 1946), and he portrays them as a group of plain people, as good and as bad as people everywhere. Yet the continuing number of plain people, as good and as bad as people everywhers. Yet the continuing number of deaths by violence in Harnett raises a question about th at seemingly peaceful little county lying alongaide the upper Cape Fear River. Harnett's original stock, wrote Mr. Green, was mostly Scotch and English. Many of the settlers migrated up the Cape Fear from Fayetteville. Nothing in their background explains the lust for wife and husband killing which has lately developed in their midst. developed in their midst

veloped in their midst.

Somebody points out that the Dunn Distch's eager tabloidish editor, Hoover
lams, is responsible for Harnett's grow-

From The Shelby Star

AUTOMOBILES VS. SHOES

Last year the shoe industry's production of 468,000,000 pairs of shoes ran ahead of sales by 37 million pairs. This year's expected repetition of the same production will likely run 40 millions ahead of sales, the shoe men say.

Some manufacturers are blaming high rices for the drop in sales. Others say hat shoes are made better and therefore

ist longer.

We do not believe that either theory is nitrely correct. We think that record sales f automobiles have some thing to do with the proposition. Naturally when you ride.

ing reputation. They don't blame him for the crimes themselves, but nobody in the state seems able to give murder such judge newspaper coverage as Mr. Adams. They compare him with the able newspaper men from Kinston who once made it seem that all the biggest oddities in Tarheelia (three-legged chickens, self-kicking machines, etc.) occurred inside the borders of Lenoir County. That was good newspaper report-ing.

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An alert observer notes that the fashlon this year runs to husbands cilling wives whereas several years ago the wives themselves were doing in their spouses. There was some thought that perhaps leap year is involved, but nobody can prove anything.

It would be rather interesting if Mr. Green, the playwright, returned to his native county and issued another first-hand report on his people. The same Harnett County that produced a Pullter Prize playwright might find good use for his tale nt is in explaining the increasingly alarming pastime of some of its citizens.

We'll leave it to you as to which will enefit American commerce more, the sale f an automobile or the sale of a shoe. They are both important.

Probably everybody does deserve a good house. But what about the families that prefer two or three automobiles? —Memphis (Tenn.) Commercial-Appeal.

'Aren't There Rules For Cops Too?'



People's Platform

Let's Lift The Banner Of Peace

The News:

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We are very grateful to you for sending us copy of
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CALVIN K. SNYDER,

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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

Advisers Suggest Deflation Controls

PRESIDENT TRUMAN'S Council of Economic Advisors is
Leeping it very quiet but they are now studying an antidefiation program as well as an anti-infation program.

The Fresident's advisors have been bombarded during the
business is down in many parts of the country. Department
stores in some areas report business of as as much as ill per
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Is why some members of the Economic Council befilationary spiral may be under way and a recession
here. As a result, they are taking an entirely freshthe whole economic picture before drafting the
which President Truman will base his State of the
dress.

Small Business Suffers