

THE CHARLOTTE NEWS

Cold Or Hot, We Lose A War

LET'S BE realistic about the "cold war" that is drawing to a close and the "hot war" which our so-called realists regard as inevitable, and which is inevitable if that idea persists.

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We are being realistic for a moment at
the suggestion of Congressman W. J. Bryan
Dorn of South Carolina, who is "tired of
talk of national defense" and wants "a
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United States to stop Russia. In a step to
implement his idea, he has introduced in
Congress a resolution for the formation of
such an alliance.

"My purpose in introducing this resolu-tion is not to destroy the United Nations but to be realistic," Congressman Dorn ex-

plained.
Realism compels us to admit the United
Nations would be effectively destroyed by
this action, regardless of what Mr. Dorn
wants his constituents to think of his in-

tentions.

Now that we are reaching the point of substituting the system of naked military force for UN, let's take a quick look around and see what this competition with Russia has produced for us and what it promises

has produced for us and what it promises for the future.

It led us blindly into the cold war in which we have lost one point after another to the Soviet Union, whose expansion con-tinues with the absorption of Czechosic-vakia and a Communist move to seize pow-rin Finland. How come? Churchill, Hoov-er, Leshy, and others who called for op-position to the Communist at every point.

apparently overestimated our own strength and the strength of our ailles, underestimated the Soviet capacity, failed to analyze the situation objectively. We have scattered our energies and resources a round the world and apparently we still don't lake a world and apparently we still don't lake a world and apparently we still don't lake a sive tactics now are trying to over up the failure of their system in the cold war. They say we can turn the tables in our favor by saddling ourselves more heavily with a group of ailige who airedy are being propped up with the still proposed and goods. They tell us that and goods. They tell us that and goods. They tell us that we orge military tiles with a group of nations which have war-ruined cities, exhausted populations, bankrupt economies, and are close to collapse and revolution. Do ris' aillance may make sense to some people in Washington, but outside the Capital it means only that we will get nothing but insoluble problems if rom our aillies if we go to a Conceding that our atomic weapons can knock out the Russians in the military the conceding that our atomic weapons can knock out the Russians in the military the conceding that our atomic weapons can knock out the Russians in the military the conceding that our atomic weapons can knock out the Russians in the military the conceding that our atomic weapons can knock out the Russians in the military the content of the Russians in the military the content of

problems from our allies if we go to a shooting war.
Conceding that our atomic weapons can knock out the Russians in the military phase of the conflict, does any same person believe that such a victory would settle anything. Does the think it has done the weapons of the control of the contr

Housing Is The Big Issue

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WASHINGTON politicians have received many indications that decent housing for Americans is the main issue with the mass of voters, of even more concern than high prices and much more pressing than the Marshall Plain for European Receivery. For instance, in the recent special election in the Bronx, reporters who interviewed campaign workers found that disastifaction over rents and housing facilities had more bearing on the result than any other factor. The election of the American Labor Party candidate backed by the control of the con

author of the Taft-Ellender-Wagner long-range housing bill which is before the House Banking & Currency Committee. The New York Senator sent out question-naires to 500 individuals and received re-plies from 257, including 29 governors and 82 mayors representing 42 per cent of the nation's city population, and 133 leaders in home building, real estate, labor, jour-nalism, education, religion and other fields. All but 50 of this representative group services the service of the service of the service of the Private industry.

Private industry cannot in the fore-seeable future provide either new or used housing of adequate quality to meet the

needs of low-income families at the rent or the costs they can afford to pay.

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All available figures support this view, despite the fact that the boom in private home and building construction has been proceeding at a near-record rate. The number of new permanent housing units on \$11,000 in 1946 to \$85,000 in 1947. (Record year is 1928 with \$27,000 starts). The number on which work was completed rose from 438,000 in 1946 to \$35,000 in 1947. Average building time for an average house was cut from seven months in January, 1948.

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That is an impressive record but it is far short of the need. Even at the present rate of almost 600,000 units under the Government estimates of the new units a year, new building is 600,000 units under the Government estimates of the new units a year that are needed. The shortage on new rental housing is tremendous. More than 85 per cent of the new units britt last year were for sale. Only about 50,000 of the new houses and apartments were for rent, Housing Expeditor Tighe E. Woods estimates.

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Although the building situation has improved with respect to the availability of materials and the efficiency of workers, costs Pave mounted steadily and Government experts see no signs of a decline or

even a leveling off.

In brief, Congress is face to face with
the fact that the Federal Government must
undertake a "recovery program" for America in the field of housing or invite politleal and social disturbances that may be as
serious as any of the dangers that threaten
us from abroad.

'Donkey Without Head Or Tail'

SENATOR TAFT'S wisserack that "President Truman is riding a donkey without a head or a tail" accurately describes the condition of the Democratic Party. This exe any way in which this fine old positional steed can be put together again.

While the Southern revolt against the Truman Administration shows no signs of slackening, the threat from the left grows more menacing. The Administration's latest move, an effort to concentrate fire on the challenge that comes from the Wallace Third Party movement, is another sign of distress.

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The new anti-Wallace strategy is a confession that the national organization
leaders in Washington fear further defections among the liberal elements in the
party. It is an attempt to hold the progressives in line with Truman and at the same
time to dampen the revoit sentiment of the
Bouthern conservatives by holding before
them the spectro of more Wallace gains. It
may be doubted whether the ringing of this
alarm will produce the desired effect.

The stage now is being set for a knockdown, drag-out convention buttle in Philadelphia in which there seems to be slight
chance for a compromise. Present prospect
convention with the intention of naming a
Presidential candidate to their conservative
liking—possibly Byrd or George—writing
the platform planks on civil rights and
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If the Southerners don't succeed in these sima, or if the convention doesn't pick a substitute for Truman, that the South can accept, then the Dick secsion from the party almost certainly will go on. If the South does have its way at the convention, then the liberals, the New Dealers and the labor organizations that h a ve remained with Truman almost certainly will take a wail. Wallace is in a fine position to be the beneficiary of that revolt?

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McGrath, the Democratic national chair-man, reminds the left that "a third party has as much place in American politice as does a third party on a honeymoon", and liberals who vote for Wallace will waste their votes. These groups are apt to be more impressed with the fact that there is even less hope for them in a Democratic Party which, as femotor Tait points out, is "com-which, as femotor Tait points out, is "com-beed nor a tail."

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* Taft now predicts that Wallace will cap-ture 10 per cent of the Democratic vote. If the break-up continues as indicated, he will soon have to revise his estimate up-ward again.

Marshal Tito charges the United States with encirclement. If he means that most of the time we're going around in circles, he has hit the nail on the head.—Roanoke Times.

Well, anyhow, Fritz Kuhn's escape from Dachau does make the place a far more decent place in which to live for the other prisoners.—Memphis Commercial Appeal.

A Seminole Indian gave President Tru-man a shirt. Republicans may try to prove the President took it right off the Indian's back.—Lakeland Ledger.

Disgruntled Southern Democrats may slam the door, but won't push the bolt. — Dallas Morning News.

Senator Taft stamps himself, modestly, as a "true liberal" and for all we know the only one of its kind in the world. The Ohioan apparently has worked himself up to the point where he would rather be President than Right. — **Inheville Citizen*.

A lady motorist mislaid a pair of gloves three years ago. Yesterday they turned up in the glove compartment of the car, of all places.—Roanoke Times.

Pussyfootprints On The Sand Of Time



People's Platform

Learn The Facts About UMT

Dr. Daniel A. Foling, whom has summary vigorously, vigorously, vigorously, which is the property of the proper

ments, as well as I can understand them.

THE President's Advisory Committee was composed of nine well informed leaders in different civilian of nine well informed leaders in different civilian paralleled in the history of this country concerning paralleled in the history of this country concerning our best course of action in a highly dangerous world situation in which the United States has just be-Poling, only one of the religious leaders on the Advisory Committee, knowing that many honest oppositions to the proposals could be found in any group of thinking Americans, and in Charlotte recently also well as without reading the first 85 pages of the Committee's report. This is actually all of the report, including discussion of all ideas of each question, the remaining discussion of all ideas of each question, the remaining that the proposal country of the committee's report. This is actually all of the report, including discussion of all ideas of each question, the remaining data.

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Will Italy Be Next?

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that happens, it will almost certainly be politically impossible for
other non-Communist government. That is why Italian Communiform a non-Communication over
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siav dictator the gracious promise that the Italian boats will be returned. Italian boats will be returned the property of prieste to Italy, will be forth-gracian press. There have been grand prize, the return of the property of Trieste to Italy, will be forth-grand prize, the return of the property o

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RUSSIA HOLDS CARDS

In this rather squalid game of bidding for the favor of Italian nationalists, the United States and the Weltern nations have see cards the Maritime Commission is assually firmly bound can be unraweled, some frifteen Liberty ships as authorized by Congress. But against such minor gestures, the Soviets can still play blort see, brokets can still play blort see, the still play the see the still play the see the seed of the se

Samuel Grafton

Nutcracker Effect

This does not man that Carcho-slowka might no have been taken over, even if we had been on the friendless terms with Russia. But I talk the word have been harder to think it would have been harder to think it would have been ander to think it would have been and that we ourselves would have been and that we ourselves would have been cause we would not have exhausted so much of our indignation in preliminary websia skirmishes. We are angry about Caechoslowski, but angre against Russia that flows through, say any ordinary speech on behalf of the Marshall Plan. we find that we have already spill-

by Czech Communitat of our pressure policy is one, seing the conweek the control of the contro

Drew Pearson's: Democrats Need Opposition Candidate Merry-Go-Round:

Missouri.

Mrs. Truinan—who carries a great deal more weight with Harry than most people suspect—felt exactly the same way. The same way was supported to the same way. The same way was supported to the same was supported to the same way was suppo

run, but are afraid he has the bit in his teeth and can't be persuaded to boy out.

Bob Hannegan, the man who two years ago repeatedly denied that Truman would not run again and who was the denied that Truman would not run again and who was the privately sorry he ever made the suggestion.

Ed Flynn of the Bronx, who helped nominate Truman as the 1844 Chicago convention, is also convinced that Trumana's name on the ticket means certain declar. Southern to junk Truman at any cost.

But although Truman two years ago would have been quite in the mood to bow out, today it may be different man is known to be a stubborn man. Sometimes when his friends, such as Tom Pendegast or Ed Fauley or Gen. Wallace Graham, are under fire, he has gone to extreme lengths (Bec Graham, are under fire, he has gone to extreme lengths to erase the name of Harry S. Truman from the Democratic ballot in Philadelphia come July. You can't beat need is an opposition candidate. It this Comercial reads in the case of the

Red Circle Around Italy

YOU can now put a red circle around April 18 as the next big day for Red Russia. That's the date of the Italian elections and the date when the Communists will attempt their next Czechoslowskia.

counters parties out of the Cabinet and take over Italy completely.

In preparation, a score Red batalion of about 250,000 mp., including Rugoslava, has moved into Northern Italy Meanwhile also, the Russians are spending millions of lirs in Italy. Money is being pumped in as never before to learn relief to Italy. Most important fact about the Soviet more; is that its spent where It counts most. Much of its Discourage and the property of the p

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the rest of Western Europe can be considered virtually Sevietized.

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