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#### American Test In Housing

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DLIND indeed is the opposition to the

Tatt-Ellinder-Wa g ner housing bill
which is forming in the House of Representatives. This measure, which was passed
by the Senate Thursday, is as important to
'America as the Marshail Plan is to Europe,
'and Congressmen who vote billions for
European reconstruction but obstruct an
'adequate housing program for this countiry exhibit a bland disregard for the velflars of their own people.

Main fight centers on the provision calling for a 500,000-unit housing program,
which would make Government-owned and
operated dwellings available to low income
families unable to afford houses built by
private industry. This represents, as the
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Congressmen and representatives of bushess who oppose this program in the belief that they are resisting the movement toward 'socialism' are short-sighted in the extreme. They ignore the fact that poor and inavificient housing is one of the major causes of social unrest, in this coun-

try as well as foreign lands, and the drive toward socialistic measures gathers mo-mentum when private interests refuse to co-operate in efforts to solve our acute housing program on a national scale.

co-operate in efforts to solve our acute housing program on a national scale. In the course of the Senate debate on this measure, Senator Wagner of New York made the observation that most of the rioters in the recent Colombian revolt came out of the Bogota slums. The Colombian disturbance is only one of many violent demonstrations of the fact that crime, disease, anarchy and Communiam grow from the slums which the nations of the world have permitted to develop, and these disorders will continue until the nations take steps to provide decent living conditions for the whole population. Senator Taft, the Republican leader in the Senate who is one of the sponors of this program, earl be suspected of encouraging Government competition. He has been outspoken in his belief that this operation will interfere in no way without the organism obtable as a measure to give maximum encouragement to private construction. It provides the blueprint, the credit incentives and the financial assistance for the grandest undertaking in the history of private building—15 million new homes over a 10-year period.

#### More People, Less Courtesy

THE famous Southern hospitality "is largely becoming a thing of the past," cocording to Port, Wilson Gee of the Uni-versity of Virginia. He made the state-ment in reporting on the changing social and economic pattern at a meeting of the Southern Sociological Society in Knoxville. The Southerner, he said, has become "more reserved and critical of those whom he meets in a casual manner." At the same time, he added, Southerners are bet-ter educated.

we agree with the Professor. If any ex-ception is to be taken to his remarks it might be on his afterthought concerning education. We are more educated than we used to be; we are not necessarily better educated; it depends on how you regard the fruits of the prevailing educational system.

system. The change in manners in the South was noticeable long before the last war, particularly in the larger cities. Time was, and not many years ago, when a stranger came to town, from anywhere within several hundred miles, many of the people he met would know his family name, if most his father or his brother or his stater, or some of his former neighbors, and the Now his farmer is almost a basis. Now the stranger is almost all likely to be Now the stranger is almost all likely to be

Naturally the change has been more pro-nounced in the fast-growing cities, where

constant elbow-brushing grows irksome and too much familiarity with humans en masse breeds contempt. Instead of spacious homes with servants, where enough was cooked for every meal to accommodage any extra guests who might pop in, more of us live in cottages or apartments, without an extra bed, buy all we eat at high prices, and an unexpected guest plays havoe with the budget. Our dispositions toward hospitality hayen? 'changed as much as our inability to be hospitable on the old basis.

But everything is relative, and we don't But everything is relative, and we don't believe we have changed in comparison with Northern cities of which New York is the most notable example. New York City can be the lonellest place in the world, probably because it has more people in it than any other.

than any other.

No, we may not be as hospitable as we used to be, but we think the difference in friendliness here and in the North is just a pronounced as it ever was. If we have grown more callous, so have people in other properties.

ather places.

If you don't believe it, try a bus trip to New York. A bus, because people are thrown closer together than of trains. Jim Crow laws and all, you'll not courtesy and good humor on the part of passengers and driver south of the Potomac. How our experience. North of the Potomac, in our experience of the protomac in our experience.

#### Under The Sea And In The Air

WHEN a friend or relative in his seventies or eighties dies, many of us take the attitude that it is just as well; the elderity person was tired and worn and probably not getting much satisfaction out of life. But aren't we being presupptious? Especially in these times? Here are a couple of items from widely separated sources:

An oil boom is in the making in the Guif. Four wells already have been drilled beneath Guif waters. One is eighteen miles off-shore. Each has hit it rich. There are about 30 selumograph crews and three gravity meter crews working that areas beneath the sea. Grews locate their positions with radar fixes from the land, drop instruments through the ooze on the sea floor, set off blasts, and glot the time illuste energy from the explosions to reach illuste energy from the explosions to reach

isse floor, set off blasts, and plot the time it takes energy from the explosions to reach rock layers and bounce back. Graphs in-dicate possible oil traps. Last Summer the Supreme Court held that tidelands off California belonged to the Pederal Government. Gulf stakes con-tend the decision did not affect their rights. Congress is considering two bills—one for

In Carson City, Nevada, State Engineer Alfred M. Smith is considering Alfred M. Smith is considering an applica-tion to appropriate rain, the rain to be ob-tained by sowing dry ice on clouds.

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Owners of a huge ranch ask rights to 1,000 cubic feet per second of water from all clouds over Nevada that may pass over their 12,300 acres. That is a tankful 10 feet by 10 by 10 per second.

The state water law, says Engineer Smith, provides that water from all sources of supply, above or beneath the ground, be-longs to the public. The applicants maintain that "above the ground" would in-cluide the clouds, but Mr. Smith says the law is 35 years old and the legislators must have meant Just water on the surface of the earth. Anyway, he says, "it would seem the clouds, being interstate in character, would come under the jurisdiction of the Government."

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of the Government.

Yes, regardless of how old a person is, we can't blame him for wanting to stick around. Just to see what happens next.

From The Christian Science Monitor

### Baby Sitting: New Mode

WHAT Henry Ford did for automobiles,
Maj. J. L. Wood is doing for baby sitting. Major Wood served with a tankdestroper outif before turning his peacetime abilities to baby sitting—and the same
sort of mechanized daring is no doubt evident in both activities.

What he has done is to put baby sitting on a mass basis and run it by remote control. The sitter sits in his own home, surrounded by amplifiers. The gentle sound of babies' breathing, or the less gentle sound of babies' breathing, or the less gentle sound of babies' breathing, is transmitted to the amplifiers by sensitive microphones piaced near the cribs of the various sittees in their respective homes. When sittee fashes to the recussion of the state of

what, as someone has said, will they ink up next? The question applies ually to the babies and their ingenious

elders. For the lone sitter brooding watch-fully over his amplifiers, we propound a solemn thought: Those delighted gurgles from number three are posterity's challenge to man's inventiveness. Take care that they don't turn into screams.

Our school-agers are getting more effi-cient every day. Now they can yo-yo with both hands while pedaling a bleycle with both feet and consume a popsicle and nev-er missing a lick with either yo-yo or stam-peding traffic. — North Georgia Triburs.

Insurance statistics reveal that women live longer than men. "We've always heard that paint was a good preserver," comments the Northern Virginia Dolly unkindly, After saying a thing like that, we wonder hop the editor can have enough courses they home and face his wite. — Roomoder Times.

#### 'After Awhile We May Let You Testify'



People's Platform

## Mecklenburg Bootleggers

Editors. The News:

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#### First Step Toward Peace

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Lest us hear more about the forse great step toward peace.

Let us hear more about the International Trade Organization (IPO) and other fruits of interna-tional agreement.

-KATHLEEN M. BARTLETT.

#### What Did Lewis Win?

# Miners Count Heavy Losses 200,000 (Since not all the owners pay the royally, the minimum loss to the welfare fund was probably \$4,000,000 or more). The \$14,000,000 fine on the union is not a cruating blow. How much the union treatury has now it not known. A year ago it was reported to have \$15,000.000. The union pays none of its money in \$15,000.000.

WHAT did John L. Levis gain by the coal strike and what was too! It is not certain that Levis his miners. Now there as court fight over that that was lost letter as court fight over that the coal was lost to the result of the coal was dug this happened.

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The miners lost about \$100.274.000 in wages. Their wellar fund lost between \$4,000,000 and \$3,000.000 and \$3,000.000 tons. Only the state of the state

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strike benefits.

Lewis fixed salary as head of the union is 435,000, plus expenses. Whether his \$20,000 fm will be considered "Expenses" is not known.

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been working since the contract was signed last July July Lean accepted a pilon superside by Seri-Ballitet was supersided as a proposed by Seri-Ballitet was supersided by Seri-Ballitet was a plan by Thomas E. Murray. New York business-man who, with Lewis, representing the miners, and a three-man board of tusteets to decide on a plan.

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## Drew Pearson's: Italian Vote People-To-People Victory Merry-Go-Round:

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And on top of all this came the friendship letter-writing campaign to the people of Italy. Suggested afrom Rome least December by this columnist, the campaign was pushed by Generoso Pope in his Italian-American newspaper, il Progresso. Day after day he punded home the idea. Then it seems to be a progression and the second of the progression and the progre

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Everybody Wrote To Italy

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#### Friendship Train Of Books