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Modifying The Housing Law

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Bereit in the Planning Board's recommendation that the city postpone or eliminate that, provision of the ordinance requiring standard-size rooms in existing construction, a change that also has been proposed by City Manager Yancey.

There also is good sense in the City Manager's suggestion that the City defer or abandon the requirement for bathing facilities in existing housing.

In the present emergency, when all emphasts must be placed on eliminating in hand safety, it is more important to get action on those parts of the ordinance which will put running water, tolets, sinks and electric lights into, sub-standard homes. Moreover, the Yancey proposal recognizes that it is neither reasonable not practical to demand that landfords immediately install bath facilities and remodel sium homes to bring the rooms up to standard sium homes to bring the rooms up to standard sium homes to bring the room up to standard sium homes to bring the room up to standard sium homes to bring the room up to standard sium homes to bring the room up to standard sium homes to bring the room up to standard sium homes to bring the room up to standard sium homes to bring the room up to standard sium homes to bring the room up to standard sium homes to drawn the standard-room and private bath features of the ordinance with respect to existing housing. The expense of such improvements is such that the rental income from most of the properties involved will not justify the change. In hundred of cases, landlords would let their houses be condemned and see them de-

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stroyed rather than comply with the law
on these points.
Under the circumstances the Council
could well make it a matter of policy, either
by resolution or amendment of the ordinance, to force permanently the bathing
facility and standard-room requirement
for existing dwellings. However, there
should be no departure from these standards in new construction.

As we see it, this modification would be
entirely in line with the purposes of the
City authorities and civic interests that
fathered the law. It would, moreover, make
for more efficient and expeditious enforcement of that part of the law which can be
used now to improve public hygiene in the
blighted areas. Owners of properties will
be much more inclined to co-operate if
they are assured that they will not be required to pay for etaborate alterations in
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the installation of accesses in sub-standard
homes be postpoind. Proponents of this
exemption argue that the DDT spraying
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that the DDT didn't catch all the files and mosquitoes, and that some insects like wasps seem impervious to DDT. The spraying does not answer the whole purpose of screens as a public health measure. The clean-up of the slums is a long-range operation, as City Manager Yanicey reminds us, and gradual approach to the standard is the only sensible and feasible course in any event.

Communists Are Not Idealists

WE ARE having a chance to take a closer look at the American Com-munist, and see what makes him tick, in the Russian spy ring hearings in Washing-ton.

Many observers long have been puzzled t the success of the Communist Party in Many observers, long have been puzzled at the success of the Communits Party in winning adherents among members of the middle class, the hated bourgoise, scheduled to be liquidated immediately after the dictatorship of the proletariat takes over. Commonest explanation is that the sons and daughters of capitalists who run with the Soviet agents have turned against their own class out of love for humanity, or because of the community of the control of the community of the communi

pers, now a senior editor of Time magazine, who renounced his membership in the Communist Party in 1937. Describing his break for freedom, he said: The hold which the insidious evil of ecommunism has on its victims is so secure

that I could still say to someone at this time? I know that I am leaving the winning side for the losing one, but it is between a state of the losing one, but it is between the state of the losing one with the state of the losing one of the losing one of the statement, the Weshington Post remarks:

"And there, we think, you have it. The measurelic full uncene that the Comrades are able to exert over the imagination of American youth is nothing more or less than a modernized version of the familiar American success myth. In other words, the impulse that prompts so many smart young Americans to get into the movement well in advance of the inevitable revolution is not very different freim the impulse which might have prompted their grandfathers to get into the might have prompted their grandfathers to get in the ground floor of what appeared to be a 'sure thing."

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There is, we believe, a great deal of truth in this analysis. It probably is a fact that not all who join the movement think they are getting on 'the winning aide' but Communism appeals to the motive of self-aggrandizement in other ways beside self-ing itself as "the wave of the future." The militant and conspiratorial nature of the revolutionary program draws adventurous, ruthless and emotionally untable personant the self-act and the self

Get Rid Of The Ragweed

DUE TO become this month's most common expression, "Ahchoo!" is one of the distinguishing marks of the hay fever

sufferer.

Each year in late August and early September thousands and perhaps millions in the nation begin carrying an extra stock of handkerchiefs, tucking them in back pockets, side pockets, breast pockets and

purses. These squares of linen or cotton are used to cover a "widely variegated collection of smears. Perhaps the most ordinary, or orthodox, sneeze is the aforementioned "Ahchool" although among ladies the most common sneeze is the nose-twiching little sniff, almost completely stiffed but visually quite evident in the lady's facial contortions.

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Sitting in our editorial offices we can now and then hear from the general direction of the composing room a horrible scream, as if someone had fallen into the vat of lead kept boiling by stereotypers. We have become accustomed to it, however. It is merely a sneeze. Wed like to see that man, wheever he is, sneeze some time.

Nasal spasms may be caused by a number of things, the common cold among them. We are here concerned, however, with those induced by hay fever.

The most common sort of hay fever is taused by ranked polymers harmless plant can spot one—nasally—at well over a mile. He

ergic to this otherwise harmless plant can pot one—nasally—at well over a mile. He need never see the offending object; the recess will inform him of .1st presence. There are ways to escape the wily rag-reyed, however, You can simply run from it. The need of the control of the control of the property of the control of the control of the seed of the control of the control of the control one there is nouth and eastern Florida which claims no ragweed.

Some may cure their allersy—fr allay it, at any rate—with injections prepared by doctors. Others have been known to wear clothespins on their noses.

We have no particular favorite method of combatting hay fever, it just struck us that now is the time—rayweed is filling the air. And, as so many have said before us, rayweed is nothing to sneze at. Some day, we hope, every American community with have sense withough to eradicate this source of misery to countless citizens.

Faith In North Carolina

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THE GLOONY GUSSES who apparently
never tizeof making chilling predictions of disaster and depression evidently
aren't getting their tips from North Carolina agricultural experts, economists, and
business men.
C. Bryce Ratchford, in charge of extension farm management at N. C. State College, the other day predicted flatly that the
farmer faces a 'roy future'. He based his
slatement on a study of ternds in populaulation, market demand and other factors.
There'll be fluctuations, of course, but agriculture can count on property in the
years ahead, he contends.
North Carolina industry takes the same
view. Tobacco, textile, and other major Tar
Heel products aren't in the mood to viewwith alarm. Many plants have their products sold for many months ahead. Hardheaded, realistic business men are going
forward with ambitious construction and
improvement prozenas, despite high contevery hand in Greensbore. It would be hard
to go through the center of the city and
witness the Sears, Roebuck and the Meyers
Department Store projects without concluding that the gentlemen behind those
enterprises are anything but quaking in
their boots. Other projects are under way
and eyen more are being blue-printed. —
Greensbore Daily Nees.

'Boy, Did We Show Truman!'



People's Platform

Phantasy Of States' Rights .

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There is no difference in the legal rights and sovereign qualities of the citizens of this country and the citizens of this country and the citizens of the country and the citizens of the country and the citizens of the citizens

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Diplomacy Trends

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Drew Pearson's Campaign Funds, From Many Sources Merry-Go-Round

in the political life of Congressman J. Parnell Thomas. New Jersey Republica. Congrument who institutes other processing the congrument who institutes of the processing the congrument who institutes of the control of the famous prober—J. Parnell Thomas.

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IN 1942, the first year of the war, Hyman Tiplits had a
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"Last week our entire regiment was examined to find
those physically it for foreign and field duty. The doctones of the state of the state of this week I was given yellow fever intection. All this
comes after a War Department letter seiting all station
complements that their personnel would be composed of
soldiers who are physically unfit for field duty-line Tiplits "not to arose any bridges", until 700 comes to them.

mediately."

In August, young Tiplitz figured his bridge was about to be crossed and frantically wrote Rep. Thomas:

"All physically fit men will be out of this post before the first of September... Every day counts. It is suggested that I be transferred to a technical unit which is the Coast Artillery here, and then I would be doing the same work on special duty."

Tiplitz Gets His Transfer

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JUST WHAT. H anything new Thomas did on behilf of
Jouring Tiplits at this particular moment is not clear
from the record, but a few days later Tiplits did get the
break he so desperately wanted.

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commended him, but Capt. Bruce T. Nash aid no. "Your
attention is invited to the fact that the present War Department policyes regarding outstanding qualities of leadwrote Capt. Nash.

Rep. Thomas wrote Tiplitz various cheepy letters promise.

Army Gets Wise

and when that time comes, you should contact me imN J. So Rep. Thomas went to work again, and on Nov.
22 reported back to Tiplits:

Thomas Gets Reward