MONDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1949

### THERE IS STILL TIME

THERE MOST RE thousands of perrespondent in the People's Flatform today, have not yet been asked personally to contribute to the Community Chest.
Charlotte is a big place, spread out all over. It is virtually impossible fer any organization to solicit personally each potential contributor.
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to give to worthy andeavors go by unless we are remineded. It is easile to forget all about it than to write out a check, of fold a bill in an envelope and drop it in the mail.

The Community Chest and its services belong to the people of Charlotte. It is the expression of their deaire that less fortunate residents of the community, young

The 1949 campaign has gone reasonably well so far, but much more money is needed if the goal — really, a minimum figure — is to be met. Several days remain before the Thursday deadline, days in which those of us who simply haven't gotten around to sending in our contribution can do so.

## A PROJECT FOR EVERYONE

VARIOUS AGENCIES which make it their business to keep tab on our Fed-eral lawmakers are still occupied in trying to evaluate the first session of the 81st Congress.

to evaluate the inter-season of the congress.

They know what bills were passed: They congress.

They know what bills were passed: They have a list of those still spending action parts at list of the year. They have a pretty good idea what new legislation will be introduced in the next season.

But, significantly, no one knows just how great a deficit the Federal Government will compile in the 1950 fiscal year. Every-one agrees that income will not equal out-go. But estimates as to the deficit range from \$3 billion to \$5 billion, depending on tax revenues between now and June 30 of next year.

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That is typical of the utter confusion in Federal Government financing — confusion which stems mainly from two

sources:

(1) The unwillingness of either the President or the Congress to effect real economies in the administration of present Federal services; and

(2) The hopeless jumble of archale and cumbersome government operational

practices.

Anyone who takes the trouble to study the Federal budget will quickly realize that the major portion of the \$40-odd billions goes to paying for past wars and preparing for another. The tendency is to shrug off economy in those outlays as in-

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The blueprint for these economies — and for a resulting ingresse, in efficiency without impairing a single Federal service — has been sketched in the "Bloover Commission reports. Five bills which substantially meet the recommendations of commission reports. Five bills which substantially meet the recommendations of commission reports. Five bills which substantially meets a strain and the strain service of the strain service of the service of th

applied to Congressmen and Senators by the people suck home. This recess period is an excellent opportunity for the voters to tell their hepresentatives in person that they expect each and every measure framed in accordance with the Commission report to be enacted into law. In many sixtes special committees to keep public attention focused on the Hoover reports have been formed. North Carolina Jias no such committee as yet, but there are reports that such a group is being formed and that it will have local chapters in each community.

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This is one project in which everyone, no matter his political creed, can afford to Join. No matter whether you favor more government or less government, it still makes sense for Uncle Sam to operate as efficiently as possible. Then the dollars that he does have available will go that much further.

realize that I wasn't afraid of them and didn't intend to be pushed around"

That, too, has been a rather common experience. Even though Americans dis-like force or the threat of force in peace-

time negotiations, we have learned, as General Howley did, that Russians respect

Finally, he states the Berlin problem

Since the formation of a puppet Com-munist state in Eastern Germany, Berlin has become even more important. Most seasoned American observers agree that it would be extremely difficult, and per-haps impossible, to keep the Western Ger-man government at Bonn on an even keel if Russia should force the Allies out of Berlin.

Berlin.

The Allies are still in Berlin, thanks to the determination of men like General Howley and to the skill and ingenuity of those who planned and executed the spectacular Air Lift. It will jeopardize our whole postwar program if we ever permit the Soviets to squeeze us out.

#### OUR STAKE IN BERLIN

WHATEVER MAY be forthcoming in Winture issues, the first chapter of Brig-Gen. Frank Howley's series in Cof-liers sums up conclesly the problem of Berlin.

Gen. Howley was the American commodant in Berlin until his recent return to this country was the American commodant in Berlin until his recent return to this country was War With The Reds", he described how his illusions about the Russians were punctured:

That shattering of illusions, it might be pointed out, has been experienced by vir-tually every American who has tried to work with the Russians since the end of

"Somebody had to do it, so I shook my rst in the Russians faces. When they sent cops to enforce their demands, I set up achine guns against them, and when they nt more troops I sent for more machine-uns. Eventually the jokers came to

From The St. Louis Globe-Democrat

#### KAISER LOAN QUESTION

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REPORTS from Detroit in dicate employees, managers and stockholders of General Motors, Chrysler and Ford are beginning to wonder whether the Reconstruction Finance Corporation's new 584, 460,000 loan to Kaiser-Pors, vabilditing a competitor so he can threaten their jobs, profits and production. RPC, it will be remembered, announced the loan was to enable Kaiser to produce a car to compete in the low-price field.

The wonder has been stimulated, too, by rumors another 315,000,000 loan is to be forthcoming to the control of the co

bing frankly to old-line motor concerns
t other government agencies have
deviously to the private power indus-

communities by aiding weak or new businesses when bankers were over-shy of the risk. But now, with other government policies drying up the usual security sources of risk capital, RFO is going into sums few individual banking institutions can chin. For instance, the Kaiser enterprises are now RFO's biggest "outcomer," with loans totaling #140,000,000.

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Does that mean government is gradually becoming the principal source of truda for private business. Does not never the trude to the private business. Does not new competition wherever it sees fir! Most important, does it mean that RFC, which has handed the most dollars to the man who most promptly signed labor contracts in line with White House policies, is sinking to the lavel of pork-barrel politics? These are questions Congress needs to answer before RFC is allowed to go farther with the irony of taxing workers and stockholders to create new insecurity for them.



'Now To Figure A Way To Avoid Using Them'

People's Platform

## A Boost For The Chest Drive

AS a citizen of Charlotte, and in spite of the fact that ours is a small organization, nevertheless we have the same interest in our civic problems.

Our check is enclosed herewith for \$25.00 pay-able to the Charlotte Community Chest for proper

distribution. We have noted your comments from time to time relative to the fact that Charlotk int's meeting its requirements in this drive.

With due respect and praise to our voluntee workers, we earn't help but wonder if this drive is being properly plannied. Up to this writing we haven't been solicited hence the letter and check. I am interested in seeing this drive go over the top as I am proud of Charlotte and no one questions the urgency of these funds more than I.

We are not mad at affyone—just want to age Charlotte reach its goal in this Community Chest Drive.

-M. J. SIEGEL.

#### A Republican Replies

ASHEBORO

Editors, THE NEWS:

IN REGARD to Mr. Ostrom's letter in "People's about be deported. He certainly docure tyre that should be deported. He certainly docure tyre the sounds alightly foreign.

I'm not a Communist either.

J. H. HENSON.

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—J. H. HENSON.

## Likes School Articles

ROCKINGHAM

Editors, THE NEWS:
I thoroughly enjoy the articles by Henry McFadyen and hope you will continue to publish them.
—MRS. J. B. LEIGHTON

## Trucks And Railroads

ors, Tra News:

CORDING to a recent news item headed Boston,
Mass., Mr. H. D. Horton, president of the AmerTrucking Association Inc., charges the railroads
"out to oreak the back of motor transport".

would like to think.

Methinks that when the trucks offer the public
the consideration they deserve and offer the railroads fair competition they need not fear anyone
trying to "break their backs".

#### Note Of Thanks

CHARLOTTE THE officers and board of directors of the Piedmont shincrely for the excellent coverage given to us by your newspaper during our recent exhibit and convention held at the Mint Museum of Art.

-ARTHUR F. BLACK President, P.P.A.

## Quote, Unquote

Optical Illusion—Hobbs is considering abandoning its city concilenancy from every final property of the following the city concilenancy from the property of the functioning in Tucumeari, where peritions are currently being circulated asking abolishment of the major-council system, For some reason, politics sit ways looks cleaner in the other fellow's town. — Caribada (NAM) Current-Array.

Marquis Childs

# The Swedish System

Hospital care has long been sub-sidized by municipalities, counties and to some extent by the central

Robert C. Ruark

# **Bigger And Better**

#### Wrongful Tax Lien Cause Of Tragedy **Drew Pearson's** Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON

AET week this column told how various hig-shot taxwaders managed to delay or squirm out of criminal
tax-fraud prosecution, sometimes because of lennery on
the part of politically minded or easypoing U. S. attorneys.

It was pointed out that U. S. attorneys are appointed
sometimes appear to work more for the Senators than for
the Justice Dept.

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the Justice Dept.

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little fellow who got into a misunderstanding over his taxes.

This taxpayer, Prancis J. Massey of 202 and St. Washington, a displaced Government was worker found a bot after
the war as a werchouse worker for Lambauriph Brothers.

In 1946 Treasury agents checked Mr. Massey tax
returns for the war pears and found proper returns had
been filled and taxes paid, then suddenly it was discovered
from stock owned in the Washington Gas Light Co., and
the Treasury promptly assessed Prancis J. Massey additional
taxes.

Tax Lien On \$28 Salary

A preser received any dividends. It belonged to his tather, now deceased. Edward 7. Stafford, scortistry of the Washington Gas Light Co., certified that Francis J. Massey order to his stather, but this made no difference to the Townson or the Day of the Townson of th

This burial expense probably about equalled the improper last assessment of \$14.31 runs from Mr Massey, 86. Finally the office of Deputy Collector 2 Illis Bowen apologized for the mistake, which-they sald was made in the collection of the collect

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