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### **EDUCATING A COMMUNIST**

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indicrous state of affair revolving
around the head of a graduate student at
the University of North Carolina—would
appear to have a rather simple solution:
1. The Agmine En'e rg Commission'
should, without further delay, detach Mr.
Prestadt from that \$1,000 scholarship he
now has; and then,
2. The ARC abould immediately extend
its security rules and regulations to cover
all the budding young scientists it is now
educating-ast public expense.
The facts of the L'Affaire Preistadt, revealed to an open-mouthed American public this week, are so inconceivable that one
has to take a second look.
It is unbelievable that the Atomic Energy
Commission should be appending U. S. tax
money to educate a practicing, arowed
Communist in preparation for his eventual
work in atomic energy.

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Presistadt has a ready answer. They did not ask him whether he was a Communist or not. That makes it more inconceivable.
The ARO has a very rigid loyally standard which it applies to all persons connected with its great and secret enter-nected with its great and secret successions are not applied to the property of the secret succession of the property of the secret succession o

from the great mass of deserving young Americans. There is no point in throwing away that good money educating a man who will be disbarred from atomic energy

secrete later.

Frelatadt came to UNC from the University of; Chicago where he headed the Communiat organization on that campus. Since being at Chapel Hill, according to the student Daily Tar Heal, he has been 'the most prolific Letters To The Editor' writer' on the campus, who has "consistently statecked the American form of government which a given the state of the consistency of the cons

The Daily Tar Heel adds another thought which merits repeating:

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"The really great suffers in the whole affair is the University of North Carolina.
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## ZONING AUTHORITY UPHELD

"Zoning is a part of city or community planning designed to promote and protect the health, sofety, morals, convenience, and prosperity of the inhabitants of the community."

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THE fundamental principle set forth in the above quotation from the Zoning Manual for N. C. Towns and Cities, issued by the N. C. League of Municipalities, has long been recognized in the courts of this mation.

nong owen recognised in the court of the manner have been numerous test cases—tileast two in North Carolina—which have upheld the right of a city to dvide its real estate into districts, prescribing such things as lead utilization, height and built of buildings, density of population, and area of lots on which buildings are piaced. The courte have been simpet unantimous in hölding this such noning ordinances are legal and constitutional—provided they are not arbitrary or unreasonable.

The recent decision of the North Caro-

lina Supreme Court in the case involving the establishment of a restaurant in a residential district was aimost a foregone conclusion. The plaintiff did not seek a change of sone, but saked permission of the Board of Adjustment to establish the restaurant within the residential area. Permission was refused, and the plaintiff sought to have the local ordinance declared unconstitutional.

The Supreme Court's decision, although anticipated, clears the atmosphere for continued regulation of property use in this

anticipated, clear the atmosphere for continued regulation of property use in this
fast-growing city, and establishes once
and for all the reasonablemes of the ordinames and the authority of the Board of
Adjustment.

Careful soining is absolutely essential in
any modern American city if real estate
owners and developers are to have confidence in the glabulity of their property.
For that reason, the Supreme Court ruling
will be received locally with deep satisfaction.

## REDUCING THE TAX RATE

MECKLENBURG County taxpayers can get at least one consolation out of the new county tax rate—it could have been higher.

The County Commissioners have set up \$551,000 as the amount of anticipated ABC revenue for next year. That's almost a third of the amount the Commissioners will collect from the 97 cents levy on property in the whole country.

in the whole county.

is equivalent to 30 cents on the tax

Without it, the tax rate for next year would be \$1.27 Instead of \$7 cents.

The revenue from the ABG stores is, perhaps, the least important reason for their existence. Far greater, for example, it has elimination of the vast bootlegging empire which once siphoned off this tre-headous volume of money annually. Nevertheless, it is some consolation to know that the revenue is being put to good use by the County Government, and will be put to equally good use by the City Government when it draws up its new budget, not to mantion the aid to the library the Park & Reception Commission, and the five other incorporated towns within the County limits.

### **NEW GERMAN CONSTITUTION**

GERMANY'S parliamentary Council, 65

Gelegates who represent the states of the conference.

West Germany, have approved a new conFour vers is a long time for a pation to

stitution.
It is a constitution based on British and
American theories of government. It seems
to be a good constitution, and a vast improvement over the government headed
by Hiller. In essence, it is quite similar
to the constitution of the Weimar Republie, the government that immediately preceded National Socialism in Germany.

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There is a chance that the Landtage will not ratify it; there is this chance because they will be considering the new government while the ministers of the Four Powers ruling Germany are meeting! They may hope that some government, unting

in the conference.

Four years is a long time for a nation to
be without a government, to be under
martial law. It is to be hoped that this
new constitution will restore Germany to
peace and its citizens to status of members
of the civilized world.

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But as it now stands, it is likely that only Western Germany will be governed by the new constitution. Eastern Germany, coupled by Russia, is not likely to agree, or be permitted to agree, to the new law, or the permitted to agree, to the new law, or the permitted to agree, to the new law, or the permitted to agree, to the new law, or the permitted to agree, the permitted to agree, the permitted to agree, the permitted to agree the permitted to the perm

It is certain that Germans will hope for Russian agreement in the Paris meeting of the Four Powers on May 23.

From The Charleston (S. C.) News & Courier

## EDITORIAL FACTORY OUTPUT

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Proof of how rapidly children grow: Almost as soon as you stop sitting up with them you start sitting up for them.—Little Rock arkansas Gasetts.



## **Congressional Quarterly Survey**

# What Kind Of Farm Program?

THE Six Congress is beginning to put out exploraI tory feelers looking for the easiest way out of a
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# Troubled Shanghai

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James Marlow

# Not Too Old To Learn

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At 60 he is trying something
new: A smoother way of getting
along with the public and the coal
owners, his old antagonists.

Lewis has been a famous "abor ,
leader at least 30 years. He's moved
from strike to strike and crists to
crists in the coal fields.

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# Merry-Go-Round

# FDR Jr. Inherits 'Old Man's' Charm

TAMMANY politics who have kibited the Manhattan I railies of Franklin D. Rocsevell Jr., are definitely worried. They have been forced to admit the kide has hinerted the Old Manris charm, seemed to admit the kide has hinerted the Old Manris charm, seemed to be seen to be seen

A Puerto Rican woman, as a meeting broke up, cried:
"I pray he gets elected; he's our hero!"

cartels and monopolies. In fact, it was his expose of Ger-many's I. O. Farben and its conspiracy to control rubber and synthetic gasoline with Standard Oli of New Jersey which first shot the Truman War Investigating Committee into the

rmany."

Three days later, and much to the dismay of the General self, the White House announced that Clay would be reed on May 15. Clay's friends and advisers immediately ried some backtage wirepulling to keep the General in tee, but when Truman makes up his mind, it usually rs made up.

### Truman's Private View Of Congress

Senatorial Heart-Throbs