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PERENNIAL PROBLEM

WHATEVER else may be true of the W taxicab situation in Charlotte, it has certainly had for full share of public discussion. For months and years the City Council had, wrestled with the problem without solving; it satisfactorily, and each time the matter came up the valious arguments were appeale before the people so that the council of the council

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1. A system of meters which would vary the fare in accordance with the distance traveled is theoretically sound. Such differences as we have had on this question arise from specific jates rather than the principle of the thing.
2. The practice of two of the cab companies in renting their cabs to operators is fundamentally unsound. The driver is most interested in collecting enough fares to pay his rental fee and have something to right of the property of the cabs.
3. The practice of "crutsing" should be abolished It makes for traffic congestion along certain streets, and denies passengers in other areas access to the cabs.

along certain streets, and denies passengers in other areas access to the cabs. 4. The lack of cab stands in the down-town area is a serious shortcoming, and they should be installed. The city takeab ordinance provides a way to overcome each of these defects, but previsus Columils have been reluctant, for one reason or another, to enforce the pertunent provisions of the ordinance.

Now the question has come up again. The new Council has informally agreed to extend the deadline for installing meters from 89th. 1, 1840, to March 1, 1950. Perhaps this turther delay is justified, though it-would skeen that the companies have had ample fordwarning. But if it is not extended beyond the March 1 date, the people will be agitafied.

The Council has also authorised the City Manager et aummons the cab companies to show cause why their franchises should not be revoked for failing to observe the other provisions lof the ordinance. This appears to be a more forceful method than merely fining them, and then letting them go and sin again.

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And now the unpredictable Councilman Boyd has come forward with a series of amendments to the ordinance which would solve the problem by simply removing from the ordinance six provisions which have caused the arguments. This would be a complete retreat by the Council, and would once again open wide the door to every conceivable abuse of a public franchise by a cab company or individual drivers thereof.

thereof. The Council will be acting in the best interest of the people of Charlotte if it ignores Mr. Boyd's ill-conditered wamendments, and continues on the path it has already adopted. The possession of a public franchise carries with it the obligation to serve the public in the most efficient manner possible, and it is tile duty of the Council to age how the public can best be served and then enforce vigorously its decision.

NEW LIFE IN THE WEST

TWIGGE of as who live among the tall buildings of the cities and make our way to and from work along hot, hard coincreis streets are prone to forget how wast is: the sweep of the old North State from east to west, and how infinite the variety of topography and scenery.

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attractiveness of our surroundings to take
advantage of them and use them. Many
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advertising for the State, that Tar Heels'
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PRESIDENT Truman's major pronouncements on foreign policy continue to have a dignity, a forcefulness, and a simplicity which are often missing from his speeches on domestic policy.

Speaking in behalf of the Military Assistance Program before the VFW convention in Manni yesterday, the President outlined in a manner understandable by the least literate among us just what is involved in the arms-sid proposal.

The freedom of the world he said, depends on joint, voluntary action by free mations to pregrere their security and liberty and thus assure the expansion of their economics and their democratic institutions. He listed the major steps aince the recent war toward achieving that

1. Affiliation with the United Nations,

Affiliation with the United Nations, and acceptance of its objective.
 U. U. S. aid to Greece and Turkey, which has kept those troubled nations free from domination by Moscow;
 The Pact of Rio de Janeiro which bound the nations of North and South Americk, together in a strong defensive alliance;

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4. The European Recovery Program, which has prevented economic collapse in Europe and restored the hope of once-conquered peoples;
5. The North Atlantic Pact, a pledge of mutual assistance by a group of nations mutually of inherest community of inherest conference as sixth major step in halting the spread of Communism by all-laying fear and building un agil confidence.

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"I have recommended to the Congress that e United States supply three kinds of illitary assistance to friendly Democratic tilinary assistance to friendly Democratic tilinary assistance the first military pro-cision. Second, we should transfer to them me seemtal thems of military equipment me seemtal thems of military equipment and the second with the second of our capital road to help train and equip their military to the second of th

Astounding changes have been made since the war. The whole western part of the 8tate has a fresh coat of paint. There are hundreds of new taverns and motor courts. Whole new recreational areas are springing up. The roads are packed with autos bearing license plates from every state in the Union.

Everywhere the story is the same. This year of 1949 has been the best year for the tourist business western North Carolina has ever experienced. And the momentum of 1949 will surely carry over into 1950 and

Of course, there will always be the beaches. There is no substitute for sun, sand and salt water, and one need not worry that they will ever cease to draw their full quota of persons seeking rest

and relaxation.

But the rejuvenation of the tourist industry in the western part of the State is one of the best things which has ever how the Carolina. It means that the far reaches of the State are moving forward with the busting Pedemont. And the whole State will move faster and farther because it is moving together.

Atlantic treaty."

Even as the President spoke, various members of the Senate were suggesting to the Senate were suggesting to the senate senate the senate senate

money voice and additional contract authorizations provided.

These Senators — just like the members of the economy bloc in the House — professed a concern over deficit financing for MAP and generally used greater economy, both commendable positions. But it was rapidly becoming evident that, both houses had decided to make MAP the scapegoat for their own unwillingness to effect possible economies in some of the Covernment's domestic activities. After all, the people of Europe can't vote.

The battle over MAP is a fateful engagement. No one can say with complete authority just how much should be authoritied, or how little. But the evidence laid down before the House Forcian Affairs Committee by Administration spokesmen was a comber of the Joint Cupies of Staff Countries. The MAP may be a financial gamble. The MAP may be a financial gamble.

The MAP may be a financial gamble. But if it pays off in peace, it will be many times worth the full amount asked by the President. If we lofe the gample, its cost wifl be a drop in the bucket compared to the cost in money alone of a third world War, much less the lives which will be lost.

Bee In The Car



The Week In Congress

Arms Aid And Reorganization

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CONGRESS handed the Administration of the first round of the Milliary Add Posterior (MAP) funds fight last week—but eased the show by electing six, of even proposed Government reorganization play become law in the House Aug. 19 when members voted 200 to 181 to 18ah in half, the amount requested by President Truman for aid to U. S. associates in the North, Atlantic Treaty. Impact S. associates in the North, Atlantic Treaty. Impact Aug. 19 when the A

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was 11 more votes than the Constitutional majority week genetic resolution to reloci Plan No. 3 'was defeated 32-97. The plan transfers the Bureau of Employment Security from PSA to the Labor Department. Also, defeated, by a 60-47 vote, was a result of the Policy of the Policy Road From C. 71 transfers the Bureau of Public Road From C. 71 transfers the Bureau of Public Road From C. 71 transfers the Bureau of Public Road From C. 71 transfers the Bureau of Public Road From C. 71 transfers the Bureau of Public Road From Commerce. Continued and the Bureau of Public Road From Commerce of Public Road Security Council and National Security Council and National Security Of Security Resources Board a part of White House Security Resources Board a part of White House Security Road From Commission Charles and Commerce of Public Road From Commission charles and Public Road From Commission charles and Public Public Public Road From Commission charles and Public Public Public Road From Commission charles and Public Public Public Public Road From Commission charles and Public Public

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but apparently never reached Mr. Truman.

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Washington Airport Lighting Stalled By Cost Fight Merry-Go-Round

(ED. NOTE-While Drew Pearson is on vacation, the Washington Merry-Go-Round is being written by his old partner, Robert S. Allen.)

INSTALLATION of essential runway-lighting equipment on scores of airports has been stalled for months because of a back-stage wrangle over costs.

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Lack of these safety facilities is a perious fibring hazard
as idany of the atfields are useless in bad weather and at
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which have inadequate lighting equipment, also are affected
by the dispute.

Principais in the protracted controversy are the Civil
Agentantics Authority and the Weibach Corp. Philadelphia.

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The CAA balked at the price: The Government pays half the cost for control towers and other safety installations. CAA contends Welsbach's figures mean an added burden on taxpayers,

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Taking No Chance

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