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I do the very best I know how, the very best I can and I mean to keep doing so till the end; if the end brings me out all right, what is said against me won't amount --- ABRAHAM LINCOLN to anything.

Monday, May 9, 1949

"Grave And Tragic"

A public hearing on Governor Driscoll's low-cost housing program has produced the usual sharp conflict of opinion. It is a matter of national shame, reflecting as it does the degree to which selfish interest often obstructs social and economic progress, that this problem remains unsolved five years after the war's close. Both at the national and the State levels effective tactics of obstruction have been employed by groups animated by their own financial interests.

While three of the five hills constituting Governor Driscoll's housing program have been passed by the Legislature, two more are awaiting action by a special session later this month. They are fundamental, providing as they do for the submission of a \$100,000,000 bond issue to the voters in November.

Underlying the opposition to the program is the hostility of real estate interests to public housing. This eriticism is no more valid when applied to a State program than it was when employed to defeat successive housing programs in Congress. The program is not invulnerable to criticism. Authorization to ignore local municipal zoning ordinances and building codes is of questionable wisdom. A number of changes may be made with benefit to the bills.

But there were two statements made during the course of the hearing that transcend in importance all of theorest of the discussion. One was the declaration that aluma, in addition to being places of deep human minery, serve as recruiting centers for Communism. And Commissioner Erdman reminded the members of the Legislature that the situation is "grave and tragic."

If it is permitted to continue, the record of the Legislature, as well as public welfare, will be impaired seriously.

An Injustice Remedied

the higher the public official and the more generous his said he never would permit re- it is nothing short of shocking. salary the easier it is to obtain a further increase. While | vival of the cartels as long as he liberal advances have come without a struggle to those in the top brackets of the State's payroll, workers in the lower classifications are still uncertain whether they will get anything at all from the \$6,000,000 authorized by the Legislature for pay increases.

It will be recalled also that, notwithstanding an agreement that all city employes, high and low, were to receive a uniform increase, the City Commission shamefully granted large increases to those with large salaries sisted of Garland S. Ferguson, these giant trusts, to make inand gave nothing to cleaners, a gross injustice which has since been remedied.

The experience has been the same in the school system. Provision was made in the school budget for substantial increases for principals, vice principals and supervisors. Clerks and janitors, being persons of less consequence in the school system, were passed over.

It is accordingly to the credit of five members of decartelization program had and finance were hardly conduthe Board of Education that they had the disposition and found the means of remedying this discrimination. And it is also creditable to the clerks that they had the spirit to appear before the board and fight for their

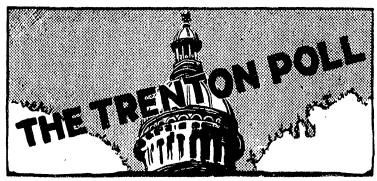
Democracy In Jersey City

There was a time, only a few years ago, when critics of Frank Hague's regime in Jersey City charged, with considerable justification, that the rule was totalitarian, that the voters were regimented, that no opposition was permitted to arise.

It is a fact that Mayor Hague, who served notice on program be "strengthened" was all concerned that "I am the law," ran the town with a strong and heavy hand. There was little tolerance of dissenting voices. Police broke up street meetings. Critics found no halls available to them. "Undesirable aliens" who were so indiscreet as to make the trip from New York under the delusion that they enjoyed the right of free speech were rushed off to the nearest ferry boat any responsibility over the proand "deported" across the river.

In recent years, however, due largely to the pressure of a Federal Court which held that the Mayor was not the law, there has been a substantial penetration of under American control and not democracy into Jersey City. Opposition to the established order flourishes. In fact, it is going full blast and the regime that has held sway for 30 years is on the de- the chief of the decartelization between the mother and the

Whether the insurgent forces of Mr. Kenny, vigorous and well-organized though they are, can prevail against the entrenched government of Mayor Eggers, who is a nephew of Mr. Hague, in tomorrow's City Commission election, is questionable. At least, however, the many. The commission, on the each year, one as it hibernates opposition has enjoyed all of the freedom of expression contrary, held that this was not and activity to which it is entitled, which is in itself a true, but that production would as it estivates. The age of water sign of progress in Jersey City.



Health Insurance O. K., Says 1 Of 4

National health insurance meets with the approval of one out of every four voters in Trenton, the Trenton Poll of Public Opinion reported today. One of 10 voters opposed the plan for a nationwide health insurance plan. The following question was asked of a voting crosssection of 402 people in Trenton:

"Would you want your Congressman to vote for or against national health insurance?"

VOTE FOR 27% VOTE AGAINST 10% NO OPINION 14% NOT HEARD OF

The above question was asked pefore President Truman sent his national health insurance plan to Congress. No action has been taken on this issue by Congress as yet, although some is expected during this session. Voters were asked the following question regarding the meaning of the plan:

"What does the term 'national health insurance' mean to

Health insurance for all 8% Government insurance 7% Cheaper medical aid .. 6% Like Social Security .. 6% Socialized medicine .. 6% All other answers .. 5% Don't know 13% Not heard of plan 49%

Reasons for favoring and opoosing the plan were obtained As the issue is more widely discussed, additional reasons for and against might be ex-

do you favor the "Why

Everyone would get medical care 14% Help lower income

Other answers 5%

"Why are you opposed to the plan?"

Too much government Doctors would have no

freedom 2% Take care of self; unnecessary expense 2% Other answers 4%

National health insurance is one of the most controversial issues before the 81st Congress. President Truman has introduced his plan, which would be financed by compulsary payroll deductions similar to the present Social Security plan. Other plans have been introalso which provide different features such as making participation on a voluntary

Over half of the voting population of Trenton is a member of some voluntary group health insurance plan, the survey showed. Such group plans have greatly increased their membership during recent years. following question was

"Do you happen to be a member of a group hospitalization or health insurance

YES 55% NO 45%

Voters opposing the plan felt more strongly about it. Of the 10 percent opposing the plan. percent said they felt very strongly about it. Among the 27 percent of the voting population favoring the plan, only 16 percent indicated a very strong

Problem Of German Cartels

By Thomas L. Stokes

rectly now with responsibility to | be continued. redeem a war aim to which both nancial monopolies, or cartels, chose, at their own whim, to and economy of that nation and strangest cases of government It is true both in the State and the city service that plunged it into aggressive war. by men, and not laws, ever

> was in the White House. Yet such a revival is in the making. An official verdict that the decartelization program has very simply to two things-our Germany late last year by then | not be a potential for another Federal trade commissioner. chairman; Samuel S. Isseks, cratic as part of the necessary New York lawyer, formerly in program to democratize that nacharge of the Justice Depart- tion. ment's anti-trust division, New York office, and Arthur T.

Kearney, Chicago business management expert. commission found that the porter frequently in recent on the lack of sympathy with top officials in American Milibeen revealed here.

How the President may proceed to remedy this situation is suggested by the commission.

Wants Staff

Strengthened Its criticism of top-policy officials and its recommendation that the staff responsible for dangerous to our national carrying out the decartelization carried a step further in a supplementary report by Mr. Isseks who urged that three American Military Government officials-Lawrence Wilkinson, economic adviser; Phillips Hawkins, his deputy, and Richardson Bronson, chief of the decartelization branch-be removed from

Among many other things, the a commission also recommended L. R. N. that the program be put under turned over to the Germans: affect the unborn child in body. that it be pushed vigorously in a branch be familiar with our babv.

anti-trust laws, which is basic. The excuse given by the top officials named, who were responsible for changing the policy laid down by our Government, was that the policy would inter- by counting the rings. The comfere with production in Gerbe increased under decarteliza- turtles can only be told by the tion. It said that the policy was size and the weight. .

President Truman is faced di- | sound as laid down, and should

Whether the responsible offihe and his predecessor, Frank- cials like the policy or not and lin D. Roosevelt, pledged them- what they speculated might be selves. This was to break up the its results hardly were issues, or giant German industrial and fi- even their business. That they that dominated the government change it seems one of the Only recently the President seen. With all that is at stake Policy Had

Double Aim The whole story boils down not been carried out as directed policy and its objectives and an by our Government is before the attitude of mind. Our policy had President in the report made a double aim-first, to break up by a special commission sent to the giant cartels so they would Secretary of the Army Kenneth war, as they have been for two C. Royall at Mr. Truman's in- wars in our generation; second, struction. The commission con- growing from the dissolution of dustry in Germany more demo-

To carry out such a policy required an understanding of, and sympathy with, that objective. But predominant influence in As revealed in detail in news the setup in Germany was dispatches last week-end, the given to men whose background and experience in big business been virtually abandoned, as cive to that. This was pointed has been disclosed by this re- out in a series of articles by this reporter at the time, over three months, and it pinned the blame | years ago, analyzing the backgrounds of influential figures declared government policy by delegated to plan the program, some of whom were in corporatary Government, as also had tions and financial institutions that previously had connections

> and interests in Germany. Under such direction, it hardly could be expected that anything would happen but what has happened. It is late, but something still might be done to salvage the program and correct an error that may prove safety.

You Ask It

By Haskin Service

A reader can get the answer to any question of fact by writing the Trenton Evening Times Information Bureau 316 Eye St., N. E., Washington 2. D. C. Please enclose three (3) cents for return postage.

Q. Is it possible for a mother "mark" her unborn child as result of fright or shock? A. Medical science has defin-

civilian control; that it be kept itely disproved the belief that so-called maternal impressions soul or mind. There is no concase-by-case method, and that nection by nerves or ligaments

> Q. How can one tell the age of a turtle? P. M. B.

> A. It depends on the species. Sometimes the age can be found mon box turtle grows two rings and growth stops and the other

An Archbishop Views China

By Bob Considine

Death will come to Archbishop | my country, if it is a policy, is Paul Yu-Pin, the huge, pleasant, short-sighted. It daily watches learned Chinese prelate, if he our people pushed back and prereturns to China, his anxious sumes there is no fight left in friends keep telling him. But them. There is. It watches he plans to go back later this

The spiritual leader and educator of 5,000,000 Chinese Catholics is rated No. 2 on the most recent list of "war criminals" released by the Chinese Reds. His friend Chiang Kai-shek is

He has thought a bit about the counsel of his friends, he told us the other night at a restaurant as he tucked a napkin in his clerical collar and delicately went to work on a piece of duck. It is not a new threat in the life of the vigorous scholar who recently flew to Rome to give Pius XII a first-hand account of the collapse in China, The Japs had a \$500,000 (American) price on his head during their occupation of his homeland.

"But not to return would be another way of telling the Chinese that they have lost this new war for survival," he said. "Their morale is low enough as it is. I must do my bit to show them that all is not lost. With a lifting of morale, a handful of American officers and, in time, the kind of supplies the U.S. will give to Atlantic pact countries, China can still win, That's a fact that is being tragically overlooked.

"We don't ask for American soldiers," he went on, "If there is one thing in which we are a bountiful country it is manpower. So many Chinese troops have faith in their commanders, but though the Communists have spread an enormous amount of propaganda against the Americans the Chinese still feel that with American officers plotting their battles they could win." I asked him about his personal danger again. He took off his napkin, revealing a thin line of the Magenta vestment beneath his coat, and thought before he

Claims He Can't Be Found

replied.

"It won't be easy for them to find me," he said. "They have seized or destroyed several of the newspapers and schools and farms for displaced people that I formed, and, of course, my home in Peiping. But I am more

"I know one thing: If they do catch me, I won't be another Cardinal Mindszenty. I don't want to be that kind of a hero-I will go quickly, but not by suicide. That is against my belief. There are many good men to take my place if I go."

But the Archbishop, who was the youngest Catholic Bishop in the world at the time of his consecration, is not sure that his death-if it comes-will be the work of Communists.

"Those of us who have devoted nuch of our lives to strengthen ing Chinese-American relations are in danger of death at the hands of the good people to long before there were world whom we appealed," he said wars and starred names on a with the trace of a smile. "The Generalissimo and Madam Chiang, who is a noble woman, and I-to name a few-have long told our people that their great friend is the United States The United States, we assured the people, would not let this or that happen to China. But

Our Policy Short-Sighted

The Archbishop shrugged, and a friend at the table added what he did not choose to add: That General Marshall's "truce" had enabled the beaten Reds to redeploy, that there never was a chance of achieving the American desire for a coalition gov ernment in China, that shipments of U.S. supplies to China were held up, that Communists have exploited ably the stories of graft in Chiang's government. "America has been kind in bishop cut in, gently but firmly.

a great land-mass taken and

Mao will be another Tito. "He won't be: but, if he is, he'll be killed and replaced by a party-liner.

"It watches untold areas rich in natural resources fall into the hands of an enemy of all free peoples, including Northern uranium deposits far richer, than those of the Belgian Congo.

"And your big business men are short-sighted too, in assuming they can do business-as-usual with the Reds. In such a short time they will find it impossible. In such a short time, through force and propaganda, we could find China an enemy of its old friend, America, a tragedy too terrible to visualize."

The Archbishop worked with his napkin again for a bit. Then he smiled and said: "We have spoken of many unpleasant things. Will you have a beer? . .But please remember that there is still time. Still time.'

Trout Pool

New York Herald Tribune Every Spring a trout gets into gray and shadowy action almost as promptly as pussywillows dart up a twig. A trout going places in May makes a cloudy streak through clouded water. But if a trout could be interviewed, we think he would say he doesn't really enjoy himself until things warm up a bit and the time comes for a shadbush to drop a few petals in a clear stream. It is an underprivileged farm, of course, that doesn't have a trout brook which winds under a hill. A farm whose acres looked on uncovered stumps now finds, when the trout season opens, a half-dozen oddly appareled city persons tramping across a rye field to a brook, where they make hasty motions toward what seem to be blind or unappetent trout.

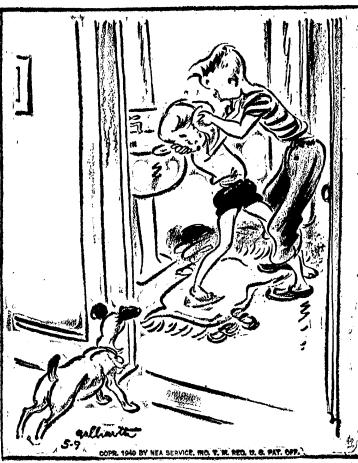
the Spring any farmer worth his salt pork and pancakes. is too busy to go fishing. He is content to wait for the post-haying season and a lake where a two-pound bass can make a brook trout seem a variegated tidbit, but a farmer likes to tell himself that if he really wanted to catch trout he could surprise city fisherfolk. For he knows well in just what pool May trout are hanging out now and doing a few daily dozens to limber up for

It is the same pool that a farmer swam in as a boy. It hasn't changed a mite. On the sides of a big rock there are marks of various floodtimes. Even in a dry Summer there are 12 feet of water in front of that rock. A boy used to dive there, scaring generations of trout into piscatory fits. That, of course, was wars and starred names on a bronze plate in the village of boys who taught a nine-year-old how to dive. It is to this pool a farmer would go now, if he wanted to match wits and worms with an early trout. But it is better, he decides, to wait until there is columbine in crevices of the big rock, until the chokecherry trees have blossomed and a thrush or two sings up a hillside above the alders. Then, even if a ten-inch trout decides to stay under a ledge, a farmer would have caught something to take home, although it would be something that wouldn't fit into a frying pan. Perhaps a farm trout pool is often worth more than any fish that come out of lt. Perhaps, a farmer thinks, that is why city folk go fishing.

Quotable Quote

"It is pride which plies the world with so much harshness many ways to China." the Arch- and severity. We are as rigorous to offenses as if we had never "But its present policy toward offended." - Blair.

Side Glances



"You're too young to think that far back, but I can remember the good old days of the soap shortage!"

"Where Does It Go?"



Letters To The Editor

Raps Park Fees

ship, wrote protesting the fee that the State proposes to charge for use of the ball field at the Washington Crossing Park.

I heartily agree with the thought expressed in that letter. However, it only tells a very small part of the story.

I understand that the proposiacross a pasture lot and hides tion to charge a ten-cent per capita fee on all picnickers at have been empty of urban visi- all the State parks will come up tors ever since the last skiers for consideration at the next board meeting of the Parks and Historic Sites Division of the Department of Conservation and Economic Development.

> Our wonderful State parks were purchased with State money for the free use of the public. Every public-minded citizen and newspaper should rise in protest against the imposition of such a tax on the use of public property.

William H. Blackwell,

For Veteran Peddlers

Sir - Since 1904, New Jersey has granted war veterang the privilege of peddling throughout the State. Recently, the State Legislature

Mathis, Ocean County) which, in effect, takes away this right. The bill is now before Gover-

nor Driscoll. We want a veto. However, we are simply little

i fellows with little money and little influence. We cannot afford Sir - In a recent issue of the to create a powerful lobby nor Times, H. G. H., Hopewell Town- to fight through political channels. We are doing the best we know how to safeguard our livelihood.

If there is sufficient publicity concerning this bill we may 'persuade'' the Governor to veto

Who will give us "vending veterans" a helping hand?

R. Perr, chairman. Veteran Peddlers Association of N. J.

For World Rule

Sir - It has been extremely gratifying to notice evidence in your letters column of interest in Trenton in the organization. United World Federalists. I had been a follower of the world government leaders in spirit from my high school days and recently was happy to find right here in my own city a group of people who felt and thought as I did and do about the necessity of world government.

If anyone in Trenton has considered this matter, and anyone who reads the papers must, and feels he wants to meet people who are thinking and acting about these matters, why not do as I did? Come to the meetings passed a bill, (Senate Bill 118, at the Friends Meeting House and contact Miss Betty Hagedorn, Box 25, Trenton, to express your interest and request notification of meetings.

World Federalist

Voice Of Broadway

By Dorothy Kilgallen

Hey, I detect a new kind of no romance between you and nobility cropping up in the news- Roberto, if you do not intend to paper profession. And I would divorce the father of your child like to point it out in the hope and marry Rossellini-then for that the authors who immortalize reporters-playwrights such as Charlie MacArthur and Sidney Kingsley, and the whole assortment of cinema dramatists -will take proper notice of the Fourth Estate's altered menu.

In the interests of accuracy as well as fairness, I will thank them to stop portraying journalists as brash fellows who put the story first and grandmother's deathbed second: who flav their victims with callous questions and care more for a page one headline than a lovely woman's heart.

This premise is old-fashioned and no longer in accord with reality. As an example, I give you the recent interview with Ingrid Bergman, which I cannot refrain from citing even though the writer, Robert Conway, toils for an opposition pa-

His story of his four-hour chat with Ingrid had me crying into my wheaties, and I imagine it plunked the heartstrings of millions of breakfasters and subway straphangers. Perhaps I was even more deeply touched than most because I have known Bob for years, and I the little pink villa on Stromboli.

been. Bob is a big, rugged, shag- such current exhibits as "The gy, tweedy type with a worried: expression and a shoulder built Out to the Ball Game," not to for crying on, and Ingrid must | mention Jimmy Stewart's forthhave done a lot of crying on it: because he only got 10 lines of And, knowing the follow-thequotes out of her in the whole leader instincts of the movie four hours, one of them being moguls, I wouldn't lift an eye-"Are you kidding?" and none of

them very revealing. His own end of the dialogue was far more dramatic and fascinating than hers, for all that she is a big movie star with plenty of Ibsen in the back of her head, and I am certainly Frankie Boy and Gene Kelly and glad he included his quotes in the story because they were what really clutched at my

"Ingrid," Bob reports himself as pleading, "may I both as a newspaperman and as a man old enough to have been your father, give you some sound ad-

She must have nodded, mutely, because he went on:

God's sake deny it now. But be sure you are telling the truth." Now, does that sound like Hildy Johnson, or any of those other stage reporters-those hard-boiled scoop-happy fellows

with the battered headgear? No. It sounds like the Rev Davidson, Little Eva, Mother Machree, Carrie Chapman Catt or any character you care to name from "East Lynne." Where ginema newshounds would have barked: "Any statement for the press, Miss Bergman?" Conway delivered himself of an impassioned entreaty for the kid's own good. Where the cold headline-ferrets of the footlights, might have snapped "C'mon, Ingie, are you gonna marry this guy or not?" Conway adjured her to veracity before Heaven.

I certainly think this indicates journalism is growing most refined. Who knows? The sob sister

may be coming back. Movie Cycle

Around Baseball This isn't an out-and-out prediction, but I wouldn't be surcould see him standing there, in prised if the next movie cycle revolved around the diszy subject of baseball. Ray Milland's next vehicle, "It Happens Every Spring" is about Happy What a scene it must have Chandler's favorite sport, as are Babe Ruth Story" and "Take Me coming "The Stratton Story." brow at the news that all the studios were going to but with

> hat-and-hall enics What's more, if all the celluloid baseball pitchers and batters turn out to be played by dreamboats like Ray and so on, I foresee a new and giorious epoch for the great American sport. Not that baseball has been disregarded in the past, exactly, but the league managers ain't seen nothin' yet.

If the female aggment of the movie-going public once gets the idea that Ray and company are typical of what you see when you buy your way into the

Polo Grounds, the girls are "If this isn't true-if there is going to mob the ballparks.