them later on.

rent control extension bill:

suffering from a critical housing housing accommodations. shortage. Many families are des-

problem similar to the one which the Congress placed before me in the price control bill which it sent me o nJune 28, 1946. That bill was so damaging to price control depends of a system which the price control depends of a system which the price control depends of a system which the life and there are the small increases in rents which the until now have been held at reasonable levels. The cost of living is already too high without this additional burden. was so damaging to price control donment of a system which has It is evident that the present that I vetoed it and addressed the been both fair and effective. In nigh cost of living should not be in-



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WASHINGTON, June 30-(P)-1 control provisions of the act is out permitting substantial in Text of President Truman's mes- the so-called "voluntary" increase creases in the general rent level. sage to Congress today on the of 15 per cent in cases where the ing irreparably weakened, I ap landlord and tenant enter into a peal to the governors of the states I have today signed H. R. 3203, lease that will continue until Departicularly those populous states the housing and rent act of 1947, cember 31, 1948. This is voluntary where rental housing is more prevented by the state of 1947.

despite the fact that its rent con- only so far as the landlord is con- alent-to exert every effort to protrol provisions are plainly inade- cerned. Many tenants, however, tect tenants from hardship, evicquate and its housing provisions will feel that there is no choice. tion or exploitation. They can softacutally repeal parts of the vet- The tenant will naturally fear that en, although not avoid completely, emergency housing act unless he enters into such a lease the blow to rent control dealt by which have been most helpful in he will be subjected to even more H. R. 3203. meeting the housing needs of vet- exorbitant increases when rent control is ended. Whenever a vacancy also marks a step backward in our Had I withheld my signature, na- occurs, the landlord can refuse to tional rent control would die to- rent except under a lease provid-It is clear that, insofar as ing for the rent increase. Many tional housing for our citizens. It the Congress is concerned, it is landlords will press for rent interpeals almost all the emergency this bill or no rent control at all.

I have chosen the lesser of two evils.

Without any rent control. mil
Treases whether or not there is aids to housing provided in the veterans' emergency housing act of 1946. lions of American families would ticularly acute in the case of vetface rapidly soaring rents and wholesale evictions. We are still

The act also weakens the protecperately seeking homes. In their tion against eviction which is necdesperation, they would have to essary for effective rent control, marks a step backward in our efrent. Even this inadequate law and completely removes the protect forts to protect tenants against unsubmit to demands or exorbitant tion of rent control in many cases justified rent increases arising out presents fewer dangers than would where it is still badly needed. Ad- of war conditions. For millions the complete lack of rent control. ministration of the law will be of families, it will result in sub-I have been confronted with a made more complex by the injection stantial increases in rents which

country on the subject. Then, on its administration of rent control, creased further by a sharp in-July twenty-fifth, the Congress sent the federal government has made crease in rents. me a second price control bill, in every effort to give full protection prices down, not devise means of some respects worse than the first. to both landlords and tenants. The getting the price of shelter up. vent the complete destruction of the pre-war years of 1939 and 1940, en 17 percent. Food has gone up simplified controls over materials control was impossible under the visions for granting rent increases A basic weakness of the rent liberalized and simplified. Over price increases. On the whole, one million .ent increases have been granted. Controls have been removed in cases where the need steps and many more have been taken to keep the administration of rent control simple. Practicable, and fair and to prevent hardship. This has been accomplished with-

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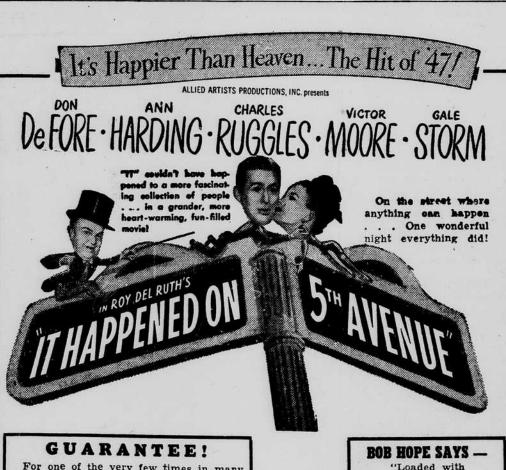
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prices and the cost of living have astrous to home building. leveled off. This progress-and the further progress we must makewould be nullified for millions of no longer appeared acute. These far lies by higher rents. Rents lay a decline in building costs and ing. amount to 25 percent to 35 percent of many family budgets. Rent increases could revive the inflationary dangers which we have greatly reduced.

> meet an immediate emergency in housing. I recommended that the housing expediter be given the necessary powers to expedite the production of building materials and the construction of houses.

The Veterans' Emergency Housing program was announced in action. February 1946. By the close of that year 670,500 permanent family housing units, in addition to attention to the shortage of decent over 300,000 units of other types, homes and the enforced widehad been started. In the first five spread use of substandard housing and home finance. Ye months of this year 280,300 new and warned that the housing shortpermanent family dwelling units age would become more acute as

CRINSON The most serious loss in housing aids under this act is the virtual elimination of controls which have prevented the diversion of building materials from homes to nonessential and deferable construction. As the supply of build-

Y O U N G

"THE PERFECT MARRIAGE"



JANE AND JEAN CUNNINGHAM (left and right, we think), 18year-old identical twins who constituted a single entry in the "Miss
Chattanooga" beauty contest, wear their title ribbon and hold the
cup they won in Chattanooga, Tenn., when judges awarded them the
title as an entry. It was a simple case of "two" much beauty for
the judges. The twins next seek the "Miss Tennessee" crown. Jane
and Jean are instructors at a Chattanooga Dancing school. (AP
Photo).

The time was so late that I had net rental income of landlords toto sign that bill in order to preday is substantially higher than in vent the complete destruction of the pre-war years of 1939 and 1940, price control. But effective price or in the previous decade. Proquarter of 1947, we have made real were retained were necessary and al insurance.

> The increased demand for mamay even result in further cost in- 5. To provide a substantial propresent cost levels, and this will ing the cost of housing. further aggravate their problems. In January 1946, I recommended Moreover, delays in the completition for materials and labor.

We should be taking steps to pro-On many occasions I have placed

housing high on the list of subjects calling for decisive congressional

On September 6, 1945, in my message to the Congress, I called to the needs of those families of low or moderate income who cannot buy or rent high priced houses. The overwhelming majority of veterans need such legislation for this reason.

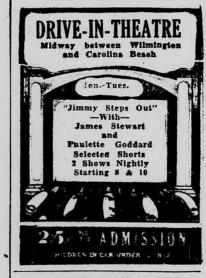
On January 14, 1946, in the message on the state of the union, I again emphasized that we faced a major post-war housing problem. I recommended that the seventy-ninth Congress promptly enact general legislation for a comprehensive housing program along the lines of the Wagner-Ellender-Taft bill then under consideration. The senate approved the bill, but the house of representatives was denied the opportunity to vote by delaying tactics within one of its committees.

On January 6, 1947, in the message of the state of the union, I eightieth congress on comprehenlegislation has been introduced and favorably reported to the senate during this session, but has not yet been passed by either the senate or the house of representa-

The obligation upon the federal government is one which cannot Again I urge the congress to

complete action upon legislation to accomplish the following ob-

1. To provide public aid to localities for low rent housing for



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progress in checking these sharp important, however, and their re- 3. To provide a more adequate put in its place. There are enormoval by this act may prove disprogram of farming.

4. To extend aid to our cities not the least of them being that for the clearance of slums and we are used to it. But every systerials and labor resulting from blighted areas and to perfect and removal of these controls may de- supplement aids to home financ-

creases. Already many veterans gram of housing research to assist are unable to pay for homes at industry in progressively reducpolicy of the government, it takes

Means are at hand for the prompt enactment of legislation the enactment of legislation to tion of veterans' hospitals and of which will go far toward accompother essential construction will lishing these objectives. I refer to result from the increased compethe Taft-Ellender-Wagner bill now before the senate. This bill has It is of deep concern to me that been developed after long and this most unsatisfactory law rep- careful consideration of our hous-The Congress responded to my resents the only major action tak- ing needs, these needs are known. recommendations by passing the en by the Congress at this session Now is the time for action to set Veteran's Emergency Housing Act with regard to the housing probthe number of Americans a decent place to live, in a decent environment, at a cost they can afford. In the face of our acute need

for more effective aid for housing, it is unthinkable that the congress would actually take steps to make more difficult or even impossible the efficient administration of the government's present activities relating to housing and home finance. Yet, I fear

The house of representatives were begun, and 300,000 were comveterans returned and began to has already indicated its disappleted. Although this accomplishment is heartening, it is not enough.

H. R. 3203 will weaken rather than strengthen our means for greater achievement. is essential if our housing policies are to be carried out with a consistency of purpose and a minimum of duplication. I strongly urge that this plan be allowed to become effective.

Another danger threatening even the existing aids to housing and home financing arises from the action of the house of representatives upon the appropriations for the national housing agency, including the office of the administrator and the constituent agencies. The drastic cuts made by the house of representatives in these appropriations, if they are allowed to stand, will seriously handicap the efforts of both governement and private enterprise The effectiveness of the national housing agency will be greatly impaired. If we are to have an again recommended action by the effective housing program now and in the future, this agency sive housing legislation. Such must have adequate funds and personnel.

A continuing high volume o home-building activity is essential to provide decent housing for all the people. It is equally important because of its contribution to the maintenance of prosperity and full employment. Home-building should provide continuous employment to several million workers, directly or indirectly, and be a strong support to the rest of the economy when postwar restocking s over and when the extraordinary foreign demand for American products has leveled off. In the past, this major industry has been an unstable element in between boom conditions and almost complete stagnation. Without the national economy, fluctuating effective action, it cannot contribute its full share to the mainten ance of high levels of production and employment.

AERO CLUB MAKES WEEK-END JAUNT TO RICH'S INLET

Sunday some 100 members of the Wilmington Aero Club flew to Rich's inlet as part of aerial enthusiast program. The airborne party, in which 15 planes took part, landed on the beach at low tide and spent the afternoon swimming, fishing, sunbathing and pic-

Some 30 round trips were made from Wilmington to the beach, transporting those who do not fly planes. No mishaps were recorded as the event was timed so that planes could land during a falling tide and take off during the

The Vilmington Aero Club's activities during recent months has included several breakfast "hops" to sites in the southeastern area. Planes from Carolina Skyways, Wilmington Air Park and Penning ton's Flying service participated in the day's activities.

Guyton Prepares For New Post GREENVILLE, S. C., June 30-(P)-Dr. C. L. Guyton, city health officer, today prepared to close out official duties here prior to accepting a post with the newly created South Carolina Hospital

Today And Tomorrow

By WALTER LIPPMANN

for vetoing it.

office to administer it.

In saying this I am not suppos-

mous advantages in our system,

tem of government has its disad-

vantages, and there is no doubt

that President Truman's dilemma

illustrates sharply the greatest

It is that when the people de-

cide to change the direction and

them several years to change it.

It takes them two years to change

the House of Representatives,

four years to change the Execu-

tive, and it may take as much

as four to change the Senate. Du-

ring the period of change, when

one party is coming into power

by installments and the other is

going out of power by install-

ments, authority is divided. There

is an interregnum. Mr. Truman is

President during such an inter-

regnum, and his position is all

the worse in opposing the will of

elected by the people, because he

happens never to have been elect-

ed President of the United States.

and therefore to have only a nom-

inal, an exofficio, mandate from

The problem of the labor law

has been whether enough common

sense and good will could be

mustered to overcome the in-

herent difficulties when the Presi-

dent belongs to one party and the Congress to the other. In the field

of foreign relations that has i

the people.

weakness of our system.

denounced.

considerable measure been done Gerhard P. Van Arkel had The _Veto _Overridden We now have a labor law which because there the patriotic feeling the President, was must administ that politics should stop at the he does not believe in the ter it, has said is unworkable and water's edge is a powerful offset law and, therefore, ought unjust. Therefore, if the results to partisanship. are as bad as the President pre- But in the domestic affairsdicted, his Republican and Demoparticularly in such matters as Van Arkel's example.

cratic opponents on this issue will taxation and labor laws — it is seems to me clear that say that he caused the law to much harder to legislate by to act in the spirit of Ma fail: that he encouraged resist- agreement of the parties. The is- Arkel's action. ance to the law and did not administer it sincerley. If, on the other hand, the law works out bet- to agree. They are issues which ter than he says it will, he will have to be decided by majority have refuted his own arguments rule and the minority must not be asked to agree with the ver-A dilemma of this kind, when dict but only to accept it loyally so much is at stake as in labor and with good grace. relations, could not be posed in Mr. Truman has ample notice

Canada, Great Britain, or in any that this Congress held a man- President will, after m other country which has a democratic government. There would date from the people to write a be a new administration, once the law for the purpose of reducing takable and unchallengeable legislature had expressed itself as decisively as did the Congress in American society. What should overriding the President's opposi- he have done? I think he should tion. For a new administration have told Congress explicitly and headed by Messrs. Taft and Hart- specifically while the law was in ley, and composed of men who the making which provisions he would approve and which he could believed in the law, would take not approve. He should not have made a mystery of his position if There would then be no confuhe intended to take part in the sion of responsibility about its lawmaking process by exercising success or its failure. Mr. Truhis veto. He should either have man would be out of office, free abstained entirely by not using his veto or have taken a responsible part in shaping the legislation while it was in the works.

Then, even if he had failed to achieve a compromise which he could approve, he would not be Mr. Taft wrote and Mr. Truman in his present dilemma of having to enforce a law which he has totally disapproved. He would be enforcing a law which in certain ing that our Presidential system specific respects he disapproves can or will be altered, and a sysand he could then have asked tem of parliamentary government



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The general counsel of the tional Labor Relations Board signed for the sound reason administer it. Obviously M man is not going to foll

Congress to observe the support defects of the law and to an

resign, and he ought to ask leaders of the Republicanocratic coalition, which over his veto, to submit an agreed of candidates from whom h select men to administer Then the law will be in the of men who believe in it. protest, have accepted th



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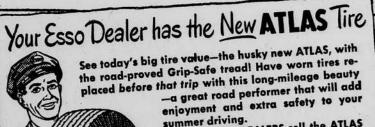
Lots of things could go wrong to spoil that wonderful weekend trip you've planned. Big things ...like tire or engine trouble. Little things...like windshield

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