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What To Do Secretary of State James F. Byrnes recently expressed some doubt to Soviet Minister Moletow that treaties of peace will be concluded at

ADOUT KUSSI present some down to that treates of peace will be concluded at all, pointing out that the present rate of progress, the whole, at the present rate of progress, the whole, at the present rate of progress, the whole, at the present rate of the completed until 1956. It is recorded that the Soviet Foreign Minister to ousidered the view "peasingtic" but the record seems to uphold the simulation of Mr. Byrnes. So far, the Council of Foreign Ministers has been unable to agree upon any important issue, largely because the Russians do not agree upon any solution of, any problem except their own.

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It is difficult for the people of this country ouderstand the position taken by the Rusian officials, but, if we judge from comments neason nonunist newspapers, it is equally as difficult for the Russians to understand as position taken by, the Vestern powers.

There is the necessity that treaties of peace drafted in order that the nations of the earth can get back to the routine of peace. The enemy countries are estilled to know the last of their late folly in order that 'they can begin, if they see fit, to rehabilitate themselves and become acceptable members in a society of peaceful nations.

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Bats the lerich, of Louisville, Kentucky, calls attention to an example that seems to confirm the famous "best mouse trap theory."

Mr. Hillerich was a member of a firm that made the baseball bats for a nation. He turned out the first "plugger" in 1848 and it was such an instant success that his father's wood-working slop, was devoted exclusively to the production of baseball bats.

Subsequently, he conceived the dea iof making a bat for every player and putting his name on it. Sold to the stars of the national pastime, the hats were cagerly purchased by their admirers on the sandlots. The result was that the company turned out more than 2,000,000 bats a year and always had on hand 5,000,000 sticks of forty-inch ash, seasoning in its yards.

WE PRESUME THAT THE TRAFFIC THAT USES our maip public highways varies in amount, depending upon the seasons of the year. For example, in the summer it may be that north and southbound traffic on Hunter Blvd. is heavier than in the winter; in that case, that line of traffic may be favored with longer green lights. Right now, though, that direction of traffic still is favored—the cast and westbound Oakland avenue traffic gets very little green light. Ask any pedestrian who crosses there, on that subject!

REPORTS FROM WASHINGTON SUGGEST THAT President Truman is going to demand revision of some labor laws; that he may suggest more equity hetween labor and management. If so, we know, her, that Mr. public about the property of the property of

UNTIL LABOR UNIONS REMOVE THE COMMUNISTS who, too often, dominate some of them, labor unions will not get along very well with public opinion.

Terrorism we have called attention to acts of terrorism committed by some underground or Terrorism cannitations in Palestine. The use of dynamic to damage public buildings has resulted in the death of a number of innocent people. The terrorists have been denounced by some of the responsible leaders of the Zionist movement throughout the world. At the same time, they have declared by proclamation that a state of war exists with the British and the declaration has been used as a justification for the policy of terrorism. The danger that comes from such activity is illustrated by the damage recently done to a synagogue in London. British newspapers were advised over telephone that the attack on the synagogue was "a warning to the terrorism all the use of force to settle questions which require patience, tolerance and intelligence. Nothing much is to be gained in the long run by dynamiting public buildings and killing people promiseuously whether such acts take place in Palestine, in the United States or elsewhere.

DIRING THE YEAR JUST CLOSED BIRMINGHAM'S fire losses totalled but 38,995. This remarkably low loss must be credited to the care which property owners exercise in the use of their premises, plus the excellent fire inspection and response to calls given by Fire Chief Vern Griffith's fine city department. We have said it before, and never hesitate to say it again: Birmingham has one of the best small town fire departments in the State—thanks to Vern and his boys.

DUE TO THE SCARCITY OF BOTTLES, BIRMING-ham housewives, we are told, soon may not be able to buy milk unless they have an equal number of milk bottles to exchange at the time of purchase. Just why, common glass is so rare we cannot understand.

W. C. FIELDS, THE FUNNY JUGGLER AND MOYE' star, has gone to his eternal Bacchanalian retreat. The bulbous-nosed comedian, who boasted of his love for John Barleycorn, probably lived his life as he wanted to—or, really, did he?

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Christmas feeling in their hearts.

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