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Attlee Put on Spot
King George IV's spech from the throne opening par-
liament in London-a s.eech written as customarily by the
new government, promised that an con new government, promised that all controversial legisla-
tion would be pigeonholed during the coming year, as tion would be piceonholed during the coming year
neither the laborites or oonservatives want another elec
in the naer future. Prime Minister Attlee immediately
lowed with the announcement that labo wor schedule for nationalization of steel, "to give effect to ac
passed by parliament", but would not press for other n
tionalizations now.
Winston Churchill immediately put Attlee on the spot
with a request for a definite pledge that labor would not
take take over steel until a date "not later than nine months
after the next genera election. This offer to tabor was
a respite from threat of sudiden overthrow and to relieve a respite frrom threat of siudaen overthrow and to reilieve
the pressure on the administration forced by an election.
The nationalization bil passed by the last parliament provides that government directors be appointed after
October 1,1950, and that the actuan takeover of the theel
industry hould becomplished between January 1 , 1951,
snd January 1,1952 . and January 1, 1952.
Churchill's conservatives decided last night to press for
a vote expressing disasatisfaction with nabor's policies on on
nationalization of steel and construction of housing. With nationalization of steel a and contstruction of housing. With
labors' precarious majority of seven seats in Commons, tes position is rrecarious for an averse vote of lack of confi-
dence would orce another general lecction. When the steel
nationalization bill was pussed, nationalization bill was passed, labor had a 148 -seat major-
ity.
The conservative challenge-which conceivably could bring the government's resignation if successful-was con-
tained in two proposed amendments to the customary govlaid down the program yesterday,
One amendment expresses regret that the speech con-
tains no reference to the future of the iron and steel in-
dustry. The second amendment scored a "continuing decline" in house building, criticizing the government pro-
gram for not including "more effective measures to deal
with the situation."

The Mayor's Off-Street Parking Plan Mayor Elistrom has long been an advocate of off-street
parking, whether downtown or in shopping areas of the At the Friday meeting of the Retail Trade Bureau, Elf-
strom made the first definite contribution offered by anyone yet, to help the downtown parking situation. He any-
gested the widening of three streets and the using of a section of River street next to the Willamette bridge for
parking lot. His latest auggestion to the downtown merchants was
one combining the logic of city improvement and merchant initiative to meet the problem of finding more parking
spaces.
The The widening of the streets is a sound, intelligent, long-
range move. Other streets in the city should be widened,
too, as the too, as the city manager has indicated, but the three Elf-
strom mentioned for downtown will help a particular park-
ing problem. On the other hand, the Baldock traffic plan calls for the widening of streets in other parts of town at
a later date for improved traffic flow.
Elfstrom was shrewdly cautious in limiting his
tion to the street widening and the one parking lot. He
was speaking both as mayo
merchant. He realized the
$\qquad$
$\qquad$ Elfstrom has offered the merchants the basis for a pro-
gram that will ease the downtown situation if those merch ants respond by uniting and supplementing the plan with
parking lots of their own. Elfstrom has made the first
move as mayor and civic leader. Now the next move Dust Bowl Returning?


MacKENZIE'S COLUMN
West Germany and France at Loggerheads on Saar Valley


## Join the Latest Fad; Pick <br> A Name for Delake's Monster



POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER
Getting People to Attend Public Dinner Now Active Industry

It Looks Like Myrtle the Turtle

Is Going to Be a Mama All Right





Suppose you are resesident of the society for relieving impoverish-
ment among Eskimo architects Mont among Eskimo architects.
You want the society's annual dinner to be a success, so you go
to a profesional arranger.
"To begin with my fee will be "To begin with my fee will be
\$750," murmurs this dear old
lady.

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { "What!" you bark. "Why } \\
& \text { there are only } 100 \text { members in } \\
& \text { our society and we were going } \\
& \text { to throw our clambake in Joe's }
\end{aligned}
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Who Says Hollywood Isn't Wild?
$\qquad$ be foolish, nobody goes to a two
bu ck affair anymore. She
schedules the dinner at the Wal.
dort-Plelaza hotel and ups the en-
trance fee to $\$ 15$ a ducat.

## "Who's going to make the main

## spech?" she asks. "Why, I was," you say lamely, and she remarks, "Don't be piti- ful. We gotta get some big name

## "But who cares about helping the poor, downtrodden Eskimg <br> 

## Well it turns unt that a sena- <br> Ior from wars out that a sena-

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