

Letters To The Editor

Boycott

As a law-abiding resident of this community, I cannot disagree with the decision of a duly-constituted court of law in the recent "affray trial." The decision is a legal one, and I am sure in accordance with law. As a peaceful citizen, therefore, although I do not agree with it (and I sat through five hours of testimony before forming my opinion); I will not question its legality or call for violent action, or mass-meetings or anything in the least indicative of extra-legal action.

But, as a student of limited funds I can be very, very choosy where I spend my money. I for one, WILL NOT call for an "Independent" cab, if I have to walk in the rain; or take my date to a formal dance cab-less. In my opinion these drivers, employed by the Independent Cab Company, represent a misguided element, an element that is a blot and a blight on our fair South.

I do not think I could trust my sister, or my mother in a cab driven by the type of employee I saw in the court-room Tuesday. In all sincerity, therefore, I ask that the other students of Chapel Hill join me in boycotting the Independent Cab Company until the community is assured that the employees involved in the "affray" have lost their jobs. I, for one, do not want these men driving around our streets at night, or even in broad daylight.

As peaceful citizens it is our moral duty to make sure that the Merrit brothers do not have a chance to cause our community further harm.

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in the first three months of this year. Only 45,000 "starts" were made in home building in the first quarter of 1946.

"In other words, last year, when we had government controls, we were getting more home construction than we are now, though the construction industry and its friends in Congress told us that building would increase when the controls were lifted," said Krooth.

The President said he was fully aware of this. Grimly, he admitted that the "housing situation" was not improving—if anything, was getting worse.

"We need a lot more rental construction than we are getting," observed the President. "It is way down. Builders are putting their houses up for sale at high prices that the public cannot afford to pay."

Truman added that the end of price controls, plus delay in passing urgently needed housing bills, such as the Taft long-range public housing bill, were chiefly accountable for the housing shortage. He said that he had made "five appeals," public and private, for passage of the Taft bill, but Congress has stalled for over three months.

JESSE WOLCOTT STALLS

Truman said that the stalling was particularly evident in the House of Representatives, where the Banking and Currency Committee, led by Rep. Jesse Wolcott of Michigan, has effectively blocked action on a house version of the Taft bill, introduced by California's Helen Gahagan Douglas.

"I have done all I can and will continue to do everything possible to relieve the housing shortage," the President promised, "but it's a tough battle against the real estate lobby."

One of his visitors remarked that the real estate lobby had \$10,000,000 to spend to block the Taft bill.

Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
1—Small South American rodent
3—Manuscript
5—Store
12—U. N. worry

- 21—Positive pole
22—Spirit
24—Take a close look
26—Light shoes
28—Primarily Italian family
30—Japanese coin

ANSWER TO
PREVIOUS PUZZLE

