

ful, for governmental operations tend to increase in mass and ponderousness, and always in expensiveness, because government officials do not dare to use a firm hand in holding down costs.

The problem of staving off inflation is best met by abundant production of needed consumers' goods, under a strongly competitive system of manufacture and distribution where manufacturers and dealers compete both on price and on service. With the large

number of companies now straining every energy to get into peacetime production on a normal basis and with some already in production but unable to market their wares because of governmental red-tape and administrative delays of various kinds, the consumer's best means of getting action will apparently be to urge his congressman to remove various governmental obstructions, including the OPA's operations, from the way of progress and let refriger-

ators, washing machines, toasters, and other long-needed appliances roll off the production lines into the dealers' sales rooms. If these wares are priced too high at the beginning—and many probably will be—it is safe to assume that competitive activity will dispose of the too-high-profit producers in a fairly short time. It has often happened before, and in any event it is a better regulator of excessive profit tendencies than the slow, insensitive, and heavy hand of government.

Ratin

THIS section aims to give a digest of opinion from a number of critics ranging from the motion picture Parents' Magazine, which rates not only on their quality as entertainers but on their suitability in various aspects.

It should be emphasized that the ratings which follow do not represent the opinion of a single person but are based on the reviews appearing in some 15 magazines. (See January 1945 issue for the reviews.)

The figures preceding the title indicate the number of critics who rate the film A (recommended), and C (not recommended).

Audience suitability is indicated by "Y" for young people (14 and over), "A" for adults, and "C" for children, at the end of each line.

Descriptive abbreviations are as follows:

adv—adventure	hist—historical
biog—biography	mel—melodrama
c—in color (Technicolor or Cinecolor)	mus—musical
car—cartoon	mys—mystery
com—comedy	nos—drama
cri—crime and capture of criminals	rom—romance
doc—documentary	soc—social problem
dr—drama	trav—travel
fan—fantasy	war—dealing with war
	wes—western

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