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German Preview

In whatever corner of Hell he now occupies, the late Paul Joseph Goebbels must be rubbing his hands with glee and signing loud enough to disture the other lost souls. His life work, as propagand minister to Adolph Hiller, was creating discension among the Allies, and now there's a Soviet-American newspaper feud going on in his old home town of Berlin upon which even he could not improve

The U. S. Army-controlled Allgemeine The U. S. Army-controlled Aligenetive Zettung charges that the Communists are busy rehabilitating Nazis and admitting them to party councils. The Russian-controlled Deutsche Volkszeitung counters by exposing a scandal in Zehlendorf, where, it claims, the Americans have tossed anti-Fascists out of their houses and allowed prominent. Nazis to move in.

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The Germans, who are used to havling all their zeitungs speak in perfect
unison, are reportedly confused by all
this, and occupation officials have expressed fear that both the Russians and
the Americans are losing face by publicyl airing their differences. We see no
particular reason to keep irom the Germans the secret that Russia and America, unable to agree anywhere in the

mans the secret that Russia and America, unable to agree anywhere in the world, don't get along too well in Germany either.

We even have an idea that the battle of the zeitungs is a fairly healthy thing, for a little criticism never did any government, military or otherwise, any harm. We are under no illusion that the two newspapers involved are shining examples of a free press at work, but, at least, they are giving the Germans a sort of preview of democracy, and its attendant quibbling, which, we fondly believe, measures our progress.

Long-Range Bonus

All the boys have not yet come march-All the boys have not yet come marching home, but already there is serious talk of voting a bonus for this latest erop of veterans. The Disabled American Veterans, who worked valiantly and successfully for a handout during the recent truce, have been convening in Chicago, and a new scheme has emerged from their deliberations.

The DAV criticizes, with some justices the tangled mass of veteran's legislation The DAV criticizes, with some juster-the tangled mass of veteran's legislation now on the books. It takes some 750 pages of fine print to cover it all, and a vast beaurocracy to interpret it. The organization believes that much of to could be replaced by a simple bonus system.

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The DAV proposal calls for "readjust-ment insurance", the amount to be computed on a basis of three dollars a day for service in this country, four dollars a day for overseas service, plus \$500 for those who were wounded, the total not to exceed \$4,500. If he were unemployed or attending school, the veteran could draw against this sum at the rate of \$100 a month. Otherwise he would have to wait ten years, after which he could collect the total plus three per cent in-terest. Since eventual payment would be guaranteed, the veteran could, of course, borrow against it, thus obtaining immediate credit.

If we are bound and determined to make some sort of cash donation to the veterans, this approach has a good deal of merit. The veteran would know exactly what to expect from his kind old Uncle Sam, and would not have to wait until the veterans organizations can build up sufficient political pressure to shake a check loose from Congress.

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The whole theory of a bonus is, we think, fallacious, since it tends to create another special class of citizenty. You can't place a monetary value on military service in wartime, and it would be far healther for the veterans to write be far healthier for the veterans to write off their contribution to the war effort as a simple matter of duty and forget it. What the Government does owe them —an opportunity to find a place in a sane and stable economy—they do not seen likely to get anyway, and no cash payment can make up for it.

seems to be, it will be far better to base it on some, logical long-range plan. Certainly we accomplish little when we simply invite the boys to step up to the pork-barrel and have a handful.

Painful Progress

The other day Western Union announced plans to spend \$62,000,000 for a radio relay system which will replace thousands of miles of wire with high frequency radio beams, capable of transmitting as many as 1,000 messages simultaneously. This is no test-tube dream; an experimental circuit has been in operation between New York and Philadelphia since last Spring, and, the FCC willing, Western Union expects to replace its were connections between major cities within seven years.

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Similar improvements are coming up in other industries, not in the dim future but within the next few years. And they will, as in the ease of the radio realay, save labor, which means that a great many gainfully employed citizens will find themselves out of Jobs.

It can be argued that such technological unemployment always takes care of itself, that great industrial expansion follows in the wake of progress and new Jobs are thus created. We think this is generally true, but the process is not smooth and even, and the time

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All this means grave trouble shaping up for the immediate future, when the pent-up progress of the war years bursts into full flower, trouble that can't be cured by the panaeca of the shortened work week, which we have used in the past to spread employment around. The only solution now available involves Government planning, which means some degree of Government control, and probably Government specialing. These three words—planning, control, and spending—are likely the most unpopular in use in Washington right flow, and understandably so. Yet nobody. Republican or Democrat, has stepped forward with an alternative.

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It is a natural thing, we suppose, after the tensions of the New Deal- and the war, to turn back toward yesterday. But war, to turn be we're getting along now, and the prob-lem is one of today, and tomorrow. Its solution, unfortunately, won't be found in the industrial anarchy that served us when we were young and healthy.

Colossal Clambake

Representative Hoffman of Michigan, a tireless Republican ferret, has turned up a nice Democratic scandal that may well acree Westbrook Pegler as a substitute for Eliot Roosevelt's income tax returns. It's timely too, for it can be used to smear the White House's present incumbent rather than his deceased

ent incumbent rather than his deceased predecessor.

Mr. Hoffman, who is not noted for delteapy and restraint, is of the opinion that President Truman has fallen into the hands of the lobbyists. That party the Democrats threw down on Jefferson Island on the Chesapeake last month was not the innocent little clambake it appeared to be, he claims. One Russell M. Arundel, a Washington lobbyist whose employers think so highly of his efforts they provide him with a \$1,000-a-month hotel suite, its supposed to have picked up a check for some \$75,000 when the feativities were over.

Well, it must have been quite a ball it toost that kind of money, and we have been shuffling through our own memories of ancient stag parties in an effort to imagine how Mr. Arundel managed to spend \$75,000. It's beyond our comprehension, however, and we have an idea Mr. Hoffman silopued in a new lote Mr. Hof

aged to spend \$75,000. It's beyond our comprehension, however, and we have an idea Mr. Hoffman slipped in an extra zero or two.

The charge, even if it is true, doesn't prove anything much except that Mr. Truman lan't as careful as he might be in his choice of companions for an evening of barbershop harmony, And, perhaps, that the happy honeymoon glow of the first days of his administration has definitely faded.

Statesmen At Work

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The Merry-Go-Round

By Drew Pearson

Same Old Dish

WASHINGTON

THIS columnist recently proposed that we begin thinking a little more about the Sermon on the proposed that we begin thinking a little more about the Sermon on the proposed that we begin thinking a little more about the Sermon of the relations, and among other things establish a Department of Peace.

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first step toward having alert diplomats guard the peace front.

However, when Byrnes' Appropriation Bill not up-before his old friends in Congress the other day, the House Appropriations Committee slashed it to ribbons. They particularly cut the new agencies patterned on the general idea of a Department of Peace.

Why Men Leave Navy

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Worried about the failure of men and officers to remain in the Navy, Secretary of the Navy Forrestal recently put out an order to naval separation centres for discharge. The result showed bitter recentment of the discharge. The result showed bitter recentment on the part of reserve officers against the Annapolis clique. Heres are some (typical interviews quoted verbatum:
"The only reason I would join the Navy again would be if I are a sharving."
It singles late for the Navy to try to sell uself to reservists.

"I think the officers of the regular Navy are grasping, pushing and self-centered."

Perhaps the bitterest comment came from a reserve officer who in civilian life had been a professor at the University of North Carolina. When interviewed by the discharge officer as to what he thought of the Navy's replied; the proposed proposed the proposed proposed to the proposed the proposed that the way officer, was drunk and constitute. Was anything done to him? No. He was an Annapolis graduate."

Exit Happy Chandler

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Meet Wachington visitors are anxious to see Congress in session. Bowever, the majority come away scratching their heads, wondering how Congress gets anything often. The other day, two hours after the session got underway, the galleries of the House of Representatives were moderately crowded. However, the Hone was as devoid of Congression as Speaker Rayburn's head is barren of Rayburn, seated in the presiding officer's chair, seemed a little ashamed of the poor attendance. Out of the 435 members of the House, exactly the were in the chamber, three Republicans and two Democrats. One Bill. Congression Clair the Hoffman of Michigan was heckling him. In a far corner, another Republican sat whapering will Senator White of Maine, GOP Leader who had ordue over from the Senate for a visit. The other corner is the service of the afternoon papers.

This, of course, is the wav Congress has functioned for generations and somehow or other they seem to get things done.

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"We can list this stuff from a previous emergency as surplus war material, Major—I believe adequate counter-measures for this weapon have been developed!"

We Are Being Weighed

By Samuel Grafton

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furgo is sisting in a brown studydeciding whether
to be a Communnist or a Capitalist. In point of
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People's Platform

Let The Army Alone

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By TA Jimmie W. Patten
Camp St. Louis, France
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The danger in any proposa was that, a weak compromise would merely result in time wasted all around. If we are to have universal training and that is the difficult decision move it contributes the difficult decision move to the difficult decision move that the decision move that the decision dec



war.

This suggests a contradiction that is likely to be aired during the debate in Congress on this far-reaching proposal—it represents a break with our past, and there is no concealing that fact. The President stresses like need for the kind of scientified training that will keep this country ahead of the world. But in the light of this country ahead of the world. But in the light of the long and intensive study necessary for modern science, many will ask what a year's interruption is likely to mean at the critical age of eighteen.

Historical Precedent

or two critical moments.

The soundest argument the President makes is that next time we shall not have two years of grace in which to prepare. As General Marshall made clear in his report the other day, those sears of grace, when we were of the British and the Russians.

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expert who testified on the atomic bomb repeated over
and over that even a near perfect defense would let in
What is most disturbing is the President's halfhearted reassurance that the "better answers"—the kind
of tried and tested world co-operation which will make
for prece and to come." This country, says the Presideffelt, will continue to strive to reach that period quickly.
He adds that it has not yet arrived, and he seems to
hold out inthe hope that it is even on the wash President Truman had failen under the influence of those
inilitars men who constantly art their conviction that
another war in the near future is inevitable and we
lad use. Tennian prepared to the hinde in Kanasa Citiv
with impromptu courage for a world state without sham
or deception" Where is the President who spoke at San
Francisco with vision and foresight?

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