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An Artilleryman's Foreign Policy

T was Harry Truman, the old artillerynan, who outlined America's foreign policy in an Army Day address. It was the seech of a man who places his confidence speech of a man who places his confidence in military power as a preservative of the peace, a man with unflagging faith the purity of America's motives, a man who believes we will obtain international co-operation only if we are so strong it would be fatal not to co-operate with us. It was a speech delivered by a man who doesn't want to fight but is afraid he may have to.

It was a good speech, despite a discrepancy or two—for instance the statement that the United Nations Security Council "is fully capable" of settling disputes between the nations of the world followed immediately by the announcement that "the United States intends to join with the other sovereign republics of America in a regional pact to provide a commoderense gasinst attack." And, considering the background of international suspicion against which it was made, it was rather a temperate speech.

But, aithough Mr. Truman proudly de-clared that America is the strongest na-tion extant and therefore obligated to as-sume world leadership, it was not the speech of a man bent upon leading the world along strange new pathways to peace. If he endorsed the motives of the UNO, he also made broad reservations as to the machinery of world organization when he staked out America's plan for espablishing and maintaining her own apphere of influence in a world of power politics.

No one, we think, will quarrel with Mr. Truman's statement that America must have a "universal" foreign policy, applying with equal force to every nation, large and small, weak and strong. Nor is there reasmall, weak and strong, nor is drive tea-son to argue that such a policy, estab-lished independent of the policles of the UNO, can be effective unless it is backed by "powerful peacetime military reserves." That means that we must accept along with the President's foreign policy, according to his own premise, universal mili-tary training, draft extension and unifica-tion of the armed forces.

It seems to us there are two courses open to America. We can move forward into strange territory, where there is a hope of true international co-operation based upon good will, not fear: this course into the course wholehearted participation in the United Nationa Organization with the aim of eventually erecting upon that shaky foundation a true world government. Or we can turn backward, traveling over familiar ground, and pin our hopes of peace upon a balance of power; this means, at this reading, that we must match military might with Russia, and, in a sense, we, the peace-loving nation, will turn our destiny over to our enemies, for it is they, destiny over to our enemies, for it is usey, not we, who will determine how large our Army and Navy must be. Mr. Truman, a cautious man, would like to hedge, but his Army Day address makes it clear that he will, when he finally has to choose, take the road to the past.

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This may be the course of wisdom, but it should be clearly understood that it too involves a gamble, and that, even if we succeed for the first time in history in maintaining peace through the threat of force, the cost in money and in freedom will be high. Moreover, we must recognize that we cannot compromise on Mr. Truman's "universal policy"; we cannot approve the statement of principle and reject universal military training. One goes with the other; if we do not accept the military "foundation stones of ... a strong nation" we cannot expect to "stop the penetration and coercion of weak nations."

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policy, and it must be accepted, or rejected, whole. Those who oppose it must
accept a new, untried principle of international co-operation, and the life-and-death
gamble it involves. There can be no compromise between these two positions. Nor
can there be further postponement if we
are to preserve the channe for peace purchased by the blood, sweat and tears of
World War II.

Why The Smoke Screen, Gentlemen?

WE have had some reservations about the 65-cent minimum wage, wondering at what level a wage floor decreed by Pederal flat ceases to be a necessary sociological measure and becomes an economic device of questionable value. We would therefore, have welcomed a debate on the ments of the measure passed last week by the Senate. Instead we were treated to a selge of parliamentary maneuvering about as enlightening as a bingo game.

Opponents of the measure, desiring to opposition to such an viously popular plece of legislation, re-sorted to an ancient political trick. They clude an inflationary and irrelevant higherfarm - price amendment. This, of course reversed the field; the President, who had arged passage of the measure, announced that he would veto it as amended, and the opponents of the bill thus became its champions. Senator Pepper, co-sponsor and Administration floor manager, declared the measure dead when efforts to remove the amendment failed.

site, it seems to us, is indicative of the low state of politics at the moment. And we could not fail to note that the leaders of the opposition, the parliamentary abarples who conceived the sitck device for killing it through an utberly confused record vote, are Southern Democrats.

If these gentlemen had good reason to sppose the minimum wage—and we can

think of several good reasons-it ill bethink of several good reasons—It ill became them to resort to a dodge to conceal their real motives, a dodge, inclentally, that also had the fraudulent effect of making them appear as champions of the down-trodden farmer. Did they ever, even in the privacy of their chambers, give the bill serious consideration? Or did they again react instinctively against a threat to the status quo?

We wonder-and we'll never know-if the Southerners paused to consider the obvious fact that minimum wage legislation affords fact that minimum wage legislation affords the greater advantage to the workers of their own region. If they had looked, they would have found some rather surprising support for it, support from sources like The Greensborn News, which has argued that the measure would wipe out the North-South wage differential and give Southern workers a long-needed break in the high wage economy that seems to stretch indefinitely ahead.

The devious course followed by the op-ponents of the minimum wage bill leaves these, and a good many other questions unanswered. But it does point to one dis-tressing but not surprising conclusion—a good many fouthern Democrats, even though they may be convinced of the wisdom of their present opposition to the Administration, are not at all aure their course is popular with the folks down home. It's still necessary to lay down a smoke screen when they vote their con-victions.

Watchman, What of The Night Shift?

HEN, some weeks ago, two prisoners W departed from Mecklenburg County's escape-proof jail, walking unmolested through a series of doors unaccountably through a series of doors unaccountably unlocked, we expressed considerable consern. It was not only that we were disturbed by the knowledge that a couple of convicted criminals had thus been unleashed on the community—it seemed to us the County, which aspent a pretty penny on steel, mastorny, locks, etc., was hardly getting its money's worth out of its escape-proof jail. And you know how we are about economy.

Well, at the time of that original es-Well, at the time of that original except, rep orters, having finally gotten around Sheriff Mack Rileys standard response: "What jail-break?" obtained from the High Sheriff a promise of a complete investigation. Having waited what we considered a decent interval for the Sheriff's report, we once again called attention to the matter. We were left, however, with the distressing conclusion that our words, if they are read at all, carry little weight in the county's bastile. The report of the complete investigation was never made public.

We are pleased to note, however, that the Sheriff has made considerable prog-cess in correcting the conditions that per-nitied the first escape. When two more prisoners departed from the escape-proof sitted the first escapa-risoners departed from the escapa-proof il last week they found no open doors ekoning them to freedom. No, indeed, a Sheefff and his Jailers have learned for leason—the doors were locked as tight

as you please. It was necessary for the escaping prisoners to steal the keys this

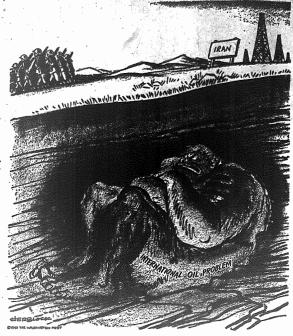
Another complete investigation, we understand, is now under way. We are not, however, sanguine about our chance of obtaining a report on its result. But it may be that Sheriff Riley, facing the necessity of being re-elected this Summer, may feel it politic to offer his report directly to the voters. They too, unless we are mistaken, have a considerable interest in the comings and goings atop to the County Courthouse.

Despite the urgings of Washington in the interest of wheat conservation, we have so far seen nothing of the proletariat ple—the one with no upper crust.

. A thought for the average Jap in his hour of disillusion. After years of fighting for something else, all he has to show for it is freedom.

Boston, faced with the necessity for do-ing something about those streets, is los-ing the old affectionate regard for the cow as a city planner.

A new juke box automatically adjusts its volume to the surroundings. When the bar is quiet it plays softly, On the other hand it jumps when the joint does.



"LANGE LOT TO"

People's Platform

Ode To The God Of War

CHARLOTTE

A MILITARIST PRAYS:
WE THANK THEE, O, great god Mars, for Rusvi sia. Keep her strong and fearful, 'till we bend
the necks of nations to take thy yoke.
From Iran and Iraq streams of oil still bleed
to feed thy engines of destruction; and make
hyperites of the strong and rightcoss men the cervitrage and the strong and rightcoss men the cervitrage and the strong and rightcoss men the cervi-

The Arab and the Jew only wait for word from you-and us. The riches of the dead sea do not inspire trust.

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to the property of the surviving cock mounts his dung-bill throne to crow, so shall we some day ascend a pyramid of bones to announce your conquest of the world—if you but add us now ... a conquest of the world—if you but add us now ... a conquest of the world—if you but add us now ... a careful that it is now ... a consequence of the world—if you but until we can establish concerption permanently, and improve compulsory infillitary training,

Educational Opportunity

ATENOUGH education has been a veritable religion on an in this country, with free education for all the goal, it is only now-for the first time in our history—that a free college education is available to every physically and mentally equipped box.

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The college described by a short time to discover II—for it may not exist after Oct. 6, 1846.

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ment expense five years of higher education in a college, business or trade school of his own selection after three interesting years of Army life.

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This means that thousands, who otherwise would never be able to afford a college education, may now have the advantages of that training. I also provides a partial solution for the problem which colleges and universities face immediately as a result of the overfaxing of their facilities by more than 1,000,000 returning veterans who want to resume their educations of the college of the college

tion this Fall.

Hundreds of thousands of high school graduates
will not be able to enter college this year, even if
they have the money, because of the over-crowded
condition. At the, end of a three-year enlistment in
the Army, however, they can obtain their college education free at a time when colleges and universities
will be better able to take ear of them.

J. VANCE BABB

The Phonic Method

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AVING read with interest recent articles in Tree Ryaws in regards to spelling methods, I hope this interest becomes state-wide and is not confined to Charlotte alone.

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The Bulwinkle Ad

FRANKLINVILLE

PRANKLINVILLE
DLEASE make it clear that the University Press is
not sponsoring Bulwinkle Bill ad I sent you.
Thirty-two years ago Governor Creik said that unjust
freight rate distriminations were coating North Carolina \$4,000,000 yearly. The loss is thrice this figure
today.

-JOHN W. CLARK

Randolph Mills, Inc.

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The People's Platform is available to any reader who cares to mount it. Communications should be less than 300 words, typewritten if possible, and on only one side of the paper. Libel and obsecutly will be deleted—otherwise anything poes. Each letter must be signed, although, in exceptional cases and upon request, we will withhold the writer's name.—Editors, Tur. News.

Important Victory

Marquis Childs

whatever form, would have had a paralyzing effect on the infant-world organization which is strug-paralyzing effect on the infant-world organization which is strug-paralyzing effect of the victory can be exaggrated, That is already happening. The U. W. has been an experimently. The victory is a respite. The infant can be taken out of the oxygen tent to face the world again. Now part to the world again, we will not be a superimently. The victory is a respite. The infant can be taken out of the oxygen tent to face the world again, when you will not be the world again, when you will be the training crisis has been anafely weathered, it is appeared to the control of the contro

The pro-Russian Deputies to sit in the next Iranian Parliament.

FUTURE FIGURE 1.

If that is true, you can readily see how things would move along such a course. On some not foo distant day, there would be a majority of "pro-Russian" delegates propaganda, infiliration and the judicious use of gold and military resources would have a dicitation of the properties and properties any outsider possibly could have analysis. A. C. Millspaugh is a political scientist who directed the finances of Iran from 1922 to 1927, and again from 1954 though 1955. The majority of the properties of the

BOGEY WORD

Those who cling to the concepts of the past will immediately, of course, raise shat bogey word sovereignty. This solution would be a violation of Iran's sovereignty.

violation of iran's coveraginy.

What a quain fiction! The old gods on Mt. Olympus must shake we have a construction of the construction of the coveraginy leaf is a fiction in the age of atomic fission and supersonle planes But the fiction that the sovereignty of Iran equals the evereignty of the USA or the USSR is a fable out of a past that has utterly disappeared.

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Even within the framework of sovereignty, however, there is a sovereignty, however, there is a vite the three powers to form such a guardianship, Sowereign fran had better move quickly or that last transparent veil of sovereignty will be rudely jerked away.

Is the Millsphugh proposal merely a piece of quixotic idealism? One answor is that Russia would here!

powe of quixotic idealism? One answer is that Russis would never join in such a move, since Russis has so far declined to join in any of the constructive, creative features of the U. N.

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Nevertheless, it is not enough a
nawer. If I fram were to make
a request and Beltain and
country were to agree, it v
be a lot harder for the Soviet
ion to say no. To say no woul
a confession that Russia had a
intentions.

Samuel Grafton

Nine Or 12 Months? NEW YORK

NEW YORK
THE Administration wants price
control renewed for a year from
June 30, when it is due to explice
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for endy and ments, take your pick; is
there a substantial difference?
There is, indeed, for it a wellmonths before the expiration date
of a governmental bureau, its officials and workers (who are family men, even as you and I
belies. These internal vibrations
interfere with their work, cause
loss of concentration, and a
dwinding of staff. If the Welcott
when the staff is the Welcott
renewal ever wins, these quivers
of fear will be set up in the interiors of the OPA staff slong about
April 1st.

PRACTICAL JOKE

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That means we would have about six effective months of renewal—
If we would have that, for there is something so menacing, so like a secondary of the something so menacing, so like a compared with the classical one year, that price control morale would probably go into an immediate decline, Mr. Wolcott may not effect that would be produced; the amendment has that quality of being a practical joke on price congressed changes local of most suggested changes local suggested that the local suggested changes local suggested changes local suggested that the local suggested changes local sugges

leather suspender trimmings.

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at any set date?

If price control is to be a matter of Presidential responsibility, why not leave it so, without any fixed termination? Providential responsibility, why not leave it so, without any fixed termination? Providential termination of the control of

an amendment, it costs aim a ceiling.

AND FRICES RISE

Whether so intended or no.

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The solution of the solution of the preposterous, works out as a very real increase in the price of something. The increases are coming fast now, and we are in a control must be hurt in order for to be aved, how much of it we must throw away to be allowed to keep it. A show of public oppowed to the solution of the soluti

Drew Pearson's: Inefficiencies Discourage Volunteer Army Merry-Go-Round:

AFTER the last war, we let our best officers leave the Army, were content to make the Army a refuge for hundreds of misfits who couldn't adjust themselves in other walks of ille, and settled down to complete complacency regarding the armed forces.

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misfits. A thorough re-organization of the Army might make it more enticing to good men and thereby eliminate conscription. Even Senator Chan Gurney of South Datota, most ardent conscription enthusiast, will admit that a volunteer army is more efficient than one composed of men who are forced to serve.

Army Weak Spots

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IN view of President Truman's Army Day speech, therefore, here are some inefficiencies which worry the best men
in the Army and which Secretary Patterson's caste system
board, as well as other War Department agencies, could well

I. There are no efficient personnel records in Washington. The Adjutant General could tell you in 1944 which
officers had worked as bricklayers before the war, but could
not tell sho had been overseas. For instance, one officer
who speaks three languages and is an expert at Military

Intelligence was listed as a "tank commander" despite the fact that he had been crippled since 1842.

2. There is no system of eliminating inefficient officers. During the war they were sometimes relegated to the ground and the system of th

Liquor For Officers Only

took off from Charleston, S. C. for Cuba to bring back a cargo of whisky and nylons for officers and officers wites only. . . . Young officers bitterly resented having to fly from Guam to Hawaii to pick up a load of Christmas whitsy for more important work. . . . Gen. A. D. Smith, commander at the Asore, even sent a plane all the way to NewToundand for whisky. It was consumed by saaff officers only. Junior officers and Ols got none.

General's Horses Come First

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A T Cairo, Gen. Benjamin F. Olles had special stalls built
into a transport to send his horses back to the U.S.A. The
espace was needed for GTs who awaited transportation home.
It cost the taxpayer thousands a month to maintain Olles's
headquarters in Cairo, while at the same time be had other
facilities for headquarters at Camp Huckstep eighteen miles
away. . . . Gapt. Floyd Herman Rolf, discharged Army chaplain of Fomons, Calif. told how when Congressmen eame
to visit a Facific Army base, OTs were given chicken to show
Congress that they were well fed. But that was the enty
time. according to Capt. Rolf, OTs received chicken. . . On
Chinnew, OTs complained because they hadn't tested fresh
meat for four weeks, but had to die barbecue pits for their
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from nurses and brother officers. . . . In the Philippines, s
U. 8. railroad battalion, aix months after the end of the war,
was kept on as potential strike breakers, in case the stellies
Those are some of the things which President Truman
must take steps to clean up before we can build a solid
peacetime Army.