

Our First Line Of Defense

A LITTLE more than 170 years ago a small... quarterdeck of the United States ship Ranger and, with black and brilliant eyes, watched the American flag flutter for the first time from the peak of an American... Today that same Navy—bathed in the glory of distinguished service in seven American wars—is still firmly on the world and the most respected, Oct. 27 is the one day of the year during which the Navy is officially honored throughout the nation.

Food Saving Brings New Problems

LIKE the distillery workers and the chickens, we are unable to regard our experiment in food saving as a howling success... Charles Luckman, chairman of the Citizens' Committee, expressed himself as "highly gratified" over the results of the drive to produce more than 96 per cent of the nation's whiskey and industrial alcohol for a 60-day holiday, which meant a saving of 10,000,000 and 17,000,000 bushels of other grains and products.

We do not take the easy view, expressed in some quarters, that there should be no difficulty in finding new jobs for these men. Although a brisk labor market prevails in most of the communities in which they are being rehired, it cannot be doubted that many of these men can find temporary employment in unfamiliar lines where their wages will equal what they were earning.

Danger In De Gaulle's France

WE ARE having difficulty in accepting for the view that the Communists have suffered a severe setback in the recent French elections, which brought that mysterious man, De Gaulle, to the fore again. But anyone who has seen the French Rally of the French People was staging its startling advance to the leading position. De Gaulle qualifies as a very efficient instrument.

From The Washington Post

FILMFLAM is it scarcely to be doubted, has its origins in the great American actors, vegetarians, prohibitionists and fanatics in other fields. The movies, which pretend to be an art form as well as an industry, naturally attract some extremists. But anyone who has seen the great American movies can appreciate the reasons for their immense popularity for the communication of ideas—evidenced by the occasional film which comes to grips with the problems of life—this is a defect. But it is not a defect in the agency of the Government can legitimize attempt correct. For governmental interference in the making of movies would be an interference of press freedom.

men who served in World War II have been organized into a strong and united force trained and well disciplined. Research with new weapons—planes, guns, radar, guided missiles, fissionable materials—has continued behind the scenes, almost without fanfare, without publicity.

Today the United States Navy exists as a constant warning to our potential enemies and a source of comfort to the American people. It has not grown soft and flabby; it has not completely relaxed its war-time vigor. The fleet of the navy, though considerably trimmed from the preponderant war tonnage and manpower, still are hand hitting, well-equipped squadrons capable of striking and striking hard on short notice.

It was on Quiberon Bay, France, on Feb. 14, 1778, that John Paul Jones and the American Navy first tasted the deep satisfaction of a salute to the American flag from the muzzles of foreign guns. It was such a satisfying salute that Jones (deliberately) is today a constant fight again on the following day to receive another cannon salute. Since those days our Navy has been the recipient of countless salutes, foreign and domestic, important and unimportant.

People's Platform

THE regional concept of education expanding from the recent Conference of Southern Governors is most encouraging. It is fine as a counter movement to Federal aid to schools, which is objectionable on two grounds. First, that the Federal Government is not able to further extend its credit, and second, because it means sooner or later the control of our educational policies.

However, there are fundamentals that must be observed. Social equality and racial amalgamation are out of the picture. It's easy for outsiders to come down here and stir up trouble and ruin. We have to clean up after them, which clean-up is a composite, both participating. And speaking more frankly, I must say that I have no respect for the outsider who comes in here and makes trouble. Let us handle this in a dignified and a contemptible way.

The regional or state-compact concept should be implemented in form of endeavor. Bugas Island project should be a regional undertaking. The TVA was and is a regional project. However, there is power involved in that project. It is a power which Washington wants to have its hand in.

Longer Work Week

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In the struggle that now is shaping up, France may be propelled into a revolution at the very moment when we are trying to stabilize Europe with the Marshall Plan. If that should happen, we would find that the return of De Gaulle was not a defeat for Communism but a timely diversion for the Soviets that would floodgates to chaos in Western Europe.

Film Flam

EXPOSURE. Its effect, nevertheless, is to intimidate and coerce the industry into an even more rigid acceptance of Mr. Thomas' concepts of Americanism. In showing, as he will no doubt manage to do without difficulty, that there are in Hollywood some individuals subservient to the interests of the Communists, Mr. Thomas will by no means have established what must be his major premise—that these individuals have succeeded in making the movies a vehicle for Communist propaganda. Representative Rankin, in Congress a couple of years ago that Hollywood's products contained some "loathsome, filthy, insinuating, un-American undertones." Unless this assertion can be supported and these undercurrents identified, there can be no justification whatever for an inquiry into the private political, social and economic views of the movie industry's employees. Those who labor in Hollywood will not be accustomed to much privacy; but they should be left free, at least, to think as they please.



Better Than Federal Aid

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A HEADLINE in the Sunday Times, "Home Fleet Cut To 100 Vessels. Not One British on Active Strength," shook Britons from one end of this island to the other. The ancient symbols of British power seem to be passing swiftly. All the Opposition powers have now taken up the Sunday Times scoop. They are uttering loud outcries of anger and indignation. The question is whether this is a real shift, indicating a weakening of British prestige, or whether it is merely a device to dispense with costly costs of past grandeur and might.

It is not surprising that the Government had cut into the Navy. When Minister of Defense A. V. Alexander appeared before a House of Commons committee, he was heeded, which was a sign of things to come. The traditional Navy tradition of a "Navy staff" has been abandoned. The Navy staff has been disbanded at the extent of the cutting.

THEY claim that the Government, however, is that all possible resources must be allocated to re-arming the Navy. It is impossible to support weapons of the past and at the same time prepare for the future. The cuts are enormously costly in resources and manpower. The real meaning of the cuts in the British Navy. Research and development are being pushed to the fullest extent possible given the harsh necessities of the British economy in a period of critical transition. In the same way, and for the same reasons, long-term government expenditures are being cut. The Government is working with the goal of eventually having a new major source of raw materials. The United States are those now being made in the British Army. Lord Montgomery, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, is engaged in cutting the force to approximately 300,000, which was the pre-war strength of the Army.

TROOPS BROUGHT HOME The British Army is being reduced in various parts of the world to a strength three to four times that of the United States. They must be removed as the cuts are made. This will put responsibility squarely up to the USA.

Samuel Grafton

A Dangerous Course

THE poor must have a home in America. A man who has been in the poor are less poor than the poor of England or France, and I believe that the poor of Russia are less poor than the poor of the United States. We are the danger in the Hollywood world. We are the danger in the possible tarring of all advocacy of the poor as "un-American."

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Drew Pearson's 'Merry-Go-Round': Friendship Train To Start November 5

WASHINGTON ONE criticism that used to be leveled at the Roosevelt Administration was that the nation's leadership came entirely from Washington. The people who got into the bad habit of sitting on their hands, doing nothing for themselves. Whether true or false, some healthy signs are now apparent that the American people are quite capable of acting on their own.

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Types Of Food

WHILE the Friendship Train will have to follow the direct route to the Midwest, it will co-operate in the northwest with the Christian Relief Overseas Program which is collecting grain in Minnesota and North Dakota and expects to deliver it over the rail into the Chicago area. In the southwest, also, the Friendship Train will co-operate with the Oklahoma Wheat Relief Committee, which is to attach cars to the train as it passes through Iowa.