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Notes For The Fourth Of July

IT is appropriate to recall on this anni-versary that the United States of Amer-tea was born of revolution. The right of men to shape their own destiny by force of arms was set forth in the Declaration adopted by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1785; indeed its signers regarded revolution, under the circumstances, as an obligation and to carry it out they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor.

The Declaration remains one of history's

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usually overlooked in the light of the giow-ing words of the preamble and the conclu-sion, lists his refusal to "to assent to laws, the most wholesome and necessary," his refusal to vest authority in the resident Governora, his effort to limit popular rep-resentation in the colonial legislatures, his

obstruction of the administration of justice and his effort to intimidate the courts, his policy of rendering "the military independent of and superior to the civil power," etc. The colonists demanded, and would settle for nothing less than, political independence

under the leadership of a handful of zeal-ots. These were proud men, confident of their own powers, unafraid to launch the ots. These were proud men, contident of their own powers, unafraid to launch the first great experiment in self-government. The word liberty recurs in all their writ-ings and all their speeches; they saw lib-erty as a tampible thing, worth dying for because life was not worth living without it. They fought for, and son, a nation in which no man would ever have to bend his knee before another.

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ion and an unshakable faith in themselves.

That was the heritage they left—and it was at least as important as the oceans, and the uncharted acres to the west, and the series of historical accidents that iso-lated America in her formative years. Without the sprit of 76; that burning faith in individual freedom as the cornerstone of society, the great physical assets would have gone for nothing.

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These are the things we need to recall on July 4, 1947. Liberty, as the grave little band of revolutionists at Philadelian sought to remind all who came after them, never comes cheaply Its price is still eternal vigilance—at home and abroad.

Bird's-Eye View Of The World

TRAVELING 20,000 miles around the world in thirteen days, a newspaper editor discovers that this battered old globe needs more than American money and goods.

and goods.

Reporting his findings in an article for the Associated Press, the Hying journalist—Ewin D. Canham, editor of The Christian Science Monitor—writes that American assistance "should rather consist of technical know-how, of practical tutelage and example along the many lines in which we are proficient. We should make democracy—in-action as vigorous and revolutionary as communism seems to be."

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The last line of this prescription suggests that Editor Canham got too far off the ground while he was viewing the world, along with a number of other newarpapermen, from a Pan American-World Airways plane on the first regular scheduler and the property of the pro

ary as communium.

Some of our trouble today results from
the notion that it is necessary for the
United States to organize a world crusde
for democracy. Its profonents probably
will never learn that democracy isn't an
exportable product. The moment you
start proselyting for your version of freedom it turns into something else—something like imperialism, or power politics,

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you want our democracy you'll have to come and get it."

President Truman said it right in his Sunday address before the National Asso-ciation for the Advancement of Colored People: "Our case for democracy should be as strong as we can make it. It should rest on practical evidence that we have been able to put our own house in order."

How Effective Are The Lobbyists?

SENATOR TAYLOR of Idaho, a fast man SENATOR TATLOR of Idaho, a fast man with a probe, has seconded President Truman's motion for an investigation of the "brazen" real estate lobby by introducing a bill that would appropriate \$50,000 for the purpose. The measure, however, has little chance of passage, since the official Republican reaction (with the notable exception of that of Senator Taft who 'thought it might be a good idea") has been to challenge Mr. Truman to prove his own charges.

Although the President's demand is largely political, it nevertheless points up the fact that there is an unseemly amount of lobbying going on in Washington these days. Benstor Sparkman of Alabama has countered Sensior Taylor's measure with a suggestion that all lobbying activity be subjected to the Sensite's eagle eye. "Why sipple out the real estate group?" he asks, with complete justice.

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There are few Senators who have not complained at one time or another of the undue pressure to which they are subjected by special interest groups. These complaints are varied, of course. A Senator who finds the advice and counsel of the NAM quite proper and helpful, for instance, may have write. As the presuring of the CiO, and vice wras. Neverthendam, which we have the complete the content to the content to the content to the content to the complete the content to the content

It's anybody's guess as to how much in-fluence the lobbylats have on legislation. The recent law requiring them to register was designed only to establish their num-ber and financial resources, and, full of loopholes as it is, it has produced impre-sive evidence that they are both numer-ous and well-heeled. The present law does not attempt to define or delimit their ac-tivity, however, and it seems probable that additional legislation in that field is in order.

Senator Sparkman's suggestion for a Senator Sparkman's suggestion for a general probe of lobbying probably is out of the question until after the 1948 elec-tions. It should not be filed and forsol-ten, however it might be an excellent idea to let the people know who, if any-body, is helping their Representatives make up their minds, and why.

A Congresswoman favors the airing of political soap operas, to educate fair listen-ers, and in fancy we hear world peace, as the weeping wife, pleading in vain with the cad, Russia, who laughs nastily.

John Fischer's book on his two months in Russia is characterized by the utmost cla-rity, whereas our Red chum. Ilya Ehren-burg, stayed over here long enough to be-come confused.

Courtships of as long as 60 years have lately culminated in church weddings. If we had known, Wagner could have composed another, about it being a long, long time.

'You Might Be A Displaced Person Yourself Next Year' Samuel Grafton



People's Platform

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inrough reduced Federal spending. Moreover, now that the Nat has been over for two full years, who should Government spending her times higher than in the 1920s, and even five times higher than under FDR who spent lavishly? Why should taxes take 25 per cent of our present hige income when formerly 5 per cent of our present hige income was sufficient.

If people only realized that the Truman Admin-istration is spending their earnings at the stupendous rate of more than \$4.280.00 every hour, they might not be quite so unconcerned.

-O. PITSCHMAN.

Public Enemy

Editors. Tut News

POINING time to form, the New Deal zealote are reversibly engaged in directing a barrage of uncomplimentary criticism at the Jim Farley expose similar social saviers—Faratilin D. Rooserell—but one would have to invade the precincts of an impair easylum to find a more monsensical source of verbiage than the current flow of critical quackery, additional to the control of t

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must look forward to the end of our civilization.

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CHALLENGE TO STATESMEN

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Pursuit Of Happiness

TIFE liberty and the pursuit of happiness. The "right" to pursue happiness is one of the things that makes our Declaration of Independence a unique document it never occurred to any other people to put that in the basic charter of their freedom.

PARK ATTENDANCE

The National Park Service ex-pects more than 12,000,000 visitors to parks and historic shrines from Maine to Calligraia. Attendance is running about ten per cent above last year And, incidentally, the na-tional parks will return to the Treasury this year an estimated \$3,000,000

At the beaches, in the moun-tains, in the cities the pursuit of happiness goes on It's too frantic to be entirely healthy It sometimes seems too heedless. We snatch at happiness the way a child snatches at a Christmas tree.

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it's happiness in the true sense or
whether in just motion, getting
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before the gasoline motor, people
had more time to savor their happiness and to appreciate II.

We are almost the only country in the world today that can engage in this race for happiness. Maybe that's one reason we go at it 8 of feverishly—because we want to for-get that in Europe and Asia the measure of happiness is enough

food to keep off hunger and enough fuel to keep off the cold.

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Drew Pearson's : CIO Counsel's Words Crept Into Veto Merry-Go-Round

THEREVE been considerable charges and counter-charges
that CIO counsel Lee Pressman ghost-wrote the hot
White House veto message on the Tail-fastiley Labor Bill.
Truth is that he had no direct hand in writing the message
though some of his worts did creep in.

Inside fact is that the bristling veto message was composed by White House assistant Clark Clifford with the help of two principal contributors, William S. Tyson. Solicitor of the Labor Department, and Paul Herzog, chairman of the National Labor Relations Board.

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Honever, both Tyson and Herzog wrote analyses of the labor bill for Clifford's guidance. And these were strikingly similar to an analysis Writter by CIO's Pressana—This. is ornbably why certain phraseology that cropped up in the final White Boase draft of the labor message was attributed to Pressman.

Further maide fact is that Clifford requested the opinions of several other individuals outside the Covernment, including William Leiseron, former chairman of the National Labor Relations Board. However, Leiseron is plent personal because Clifford repleads his wees—after seeding them.

or relations. Lesserson tells friends that, while he couldn't ind whole bill, in his opinion, some parts of it were g any case, the former Labor Board head privately decit some of the hot language Clifford wrote into the re should have been "toned down."

Though some doubt exists among Justice Department largers as to whether the act is not unconstitutional. Clark has decided that the best way to get a bad law changed is enforce it vigorously.

The Tait-Hartley Committee be has appointed consists Crune. Peyton Ford, Assistant Attorney General for Claims; Stewart MacGregor, assistant to Clark; and D. M. Ladd, Assistant FBI director.

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Already the FBI has been keeping an eye on John L. Lewis to see whether prior to June 30 he communicated with any of his union, chiefs in the coal fields to inspire a strike. Rowever, Clark has reported to Truman there is absolutely no evidence of a Lewis strike conspiracy.

Clogging The Criminal Division

WHILE Congress has been badgering Attorney General Clark for criminal prosecutions in Kansas City and for strict enforcement of the Taft-Hartley Act, simultaneously Congress has refused to let Clark have a new head for his Criminal Division.

Criminal Division.

More than three months ago Clark asked J. Edga: Hower to pick the best prosecuting attorney he could find in the entire country to become Assistant Attorney, Ceneral in charge of crime. Clark felt that Hower, first, would know the men best qualified; and second, that the man he selected would work closely with the FBI. Oc-operation between the two in preventing crime is essential.

Accordingly Hoover submitted several names. Tops on the list was Vincent Quinn't hard-hitting young crime-prosecutor from Brooklyn. The FBI had worked closely with Quinn in various subversive cases and, hast April, recommended him as one of the best prosecutors in the nation.

A NYONE in aviation will tell you that there's nothing A bashful about Major Alexander de Sevenky when it comes to airpiane design. Repeatedly, before Pearl Harbor he bearded and badgered Gen. Hap Arpold to build long-range pursuit planes, put armor around flying fortreases. When it comes to kissing his wife in public, however. Seversky belongs to the old school.

"Mr. President," he demurred, "the place for a man to his wife is at home, not in public."

"I don't blame you." chuckled Truman, greatly amused Pinally Mrs. Seversky took matters into her own hands giving her rejuctant spouse a clinch that would have done justice to Hollywood.

Enforcing Taft-Hartley Act