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WEAKNESS IN NATIONAL SECURITY

"National security is still thought of too much in terms of military strength alone. There is still inadequate recognition of the equal, and possibly even greater, contributions to our national security that can be and should be made by our political, economic, human and spiritual resources."

Eberstadt Committee Report.

THAT THE tense relations with Russia have paramount the military in our present national scheme of things should be perfectly obvious to us all now. The tension of the Berlin blockade, the sweeping Communist victories in China, the continued failure to defeat the guerrillas in Greece, the threat of other Moscovite directed uprisings in the Far East have already led us into the expenditure of many billions of dollars in money for war material and the training of many thousands of new fighting men to use it.

We have spent the money willingly, because we believe it necessary to be strong and well-prepared until such time as a stable peace can be worked out. And, because of the urgency of the situation, we as a nation have been willing to permit to gain greater influence in Washington than it has ever before had in peacetime, an influence that we have traditionally denied the generals in the firm belief that our fighting forces should, in times of peace, be subordinated to civilian control.

The recent report of the Eberstadt Committee of the Hoover Commission affords a sharp warning that national security can be left entirely in the hands of the generals and admirals.

The committee, while admitting substantial progress in some directions, scored the whole thinking about national security as "out of date" and "lacking in deficiencies in our security" all along the line.

The committee criticized severely the inadequate liaison between U. S. foreign policy and U. S. military policy, pointing to "disturbing inadequacies" in our intelligence set-up. (Proof of the latter was an Air Force intelligence report that the Russians were preparing for military action last Spring.)

The committee also found "unsatisfactory" plans for mobilizing the human and material resources of the nation, for internal security, for psychological warfare, and for defense against mass destruction weapons of biological, chemical, and radio-

TIGHTER ESPIONAGE LAWS NEEDED

REVEALATIONS in the Chambers-Hiles spy investigation, confused to a degree by the shadowy tactics of the "red herring" incident, emphasize two important factors.

1.—Need for revision of our espionage law and a more vigorous investigation and prosecution policy by the Department of Justice.

2.—Recognition by the President of the United States of the seriousness of the situation.

The first appears in a fair way to receive Congressional attention when the first Congress gets down to business next month. Attorney-General Tom Clark, in his action by the testimony developed by the Joint Committee on Un-American Activities, has said that he will request legislation tightening the espionage laws. And Representatives Mundt and Vinson of the committee also are advocating revision of the laws relating to spying.

It is quite evident that Communist agents have been working for Stalin under the nose of the espionage laws. It is equally evident that if new laws are needed to cope with this threat to our security the laws

A COSTLY ERROR OF JUDGMENT

YOU would think, off hand, that of the millions of wood and steel footlockers the Army handed out so generously during the recent war enough would still be lying around Army warehouses to take care of a new pint-sized civilian draft army. But apparently it is not the case.

A news item out of New York says that a Rhode Island firm has submitted the lowest bid for the manufacture of 500,000 plywood footlockers, at a total cost to the U. S. Government of a cool \$7,765,000. The new boxes which will be personal issue to all servicemen, will cost the Government exactly \$15.41 each.

If you have a carpenter in recently to build a contraband box, the price is not so cheap. But while the U. S. Government is forking over \$15.41 of the taxpay-

ers' money for the new lockers, any private citizen can walk into one of the surplus stores and pick up one for between \$1 and \$2, depending on the condition.

Most of the lockers apparently found their way to the surplus market, where they were bought up at ridiculously low prices. A lot of them rotted and rusted away in various Quartermaster depots and surplus storage warehouses. The Government got back little on its original investment.

The Defense Department is now faced with the problem of following the end of hostilities remains one of the most tragic, and expensive, errors of judgment the armed services have ever committed. Now we've learned that it is not the case.

And we wonder why wars are so expensive.

From The Memphis (Tenn.) Press-Scimitar

FAILURE TO SIGNAL IS DANGEROUS

A MOTORIST appeared in City Court to prosecute a cab driver whose car hit him as he slowed down for a left turn.

Tammy revealed that the motorist failed to give any signal. He admitted this and said that because it was cold he didn't lower his window to make the signal.

City Judge Sellers dismissed the charge against the cab driver and fined the motorist-prosecutor \$3 for failing to make a signal.

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logical warfare. It hit at "waste and incoherence" in military operations, and was particularly strong in its censure of the complete lack of cost-consciousness prevailing among the military, citing instances after instance of budget and auditing carelessness. (One misplaced figure added some \$30,000,000 to the military budget, just like that.)

This poor co-ordination, wasting of resources, and lack of careful planning have produced a confused relationship between policy and planning, the committee found: "... Instead of policy determining strategy, and strategy in turn determining its military implementation in terms of the size and nature of the military establishment, the tendency is to force strategy on the military. To a great extent, the unilateral aims and policies of the military services are combining to make the strategy they are supposed to serve, and the strategy is tending to make national policy."

In addition, the existence of long-standing service jealousies and feuds is still hampering unification of the three branches.

To a certain extent, the services are still headed by the same men who have been carrying on the same controversies from the days preceding unification. At the very least, the act is unjustified to a fair trial under the direction of people unprejudiced by the acrimonious disputes of the past, all of whom are sincerely devoted to its purposes and principles.

The Eberstadt committee made a good many detailed recommendations for remedying the weakness it discovered, which still have to receive the final approval of the Hoover commission before they are transmitted to President Truman. But perhaps the most important recommendation is the worth of the committee, and of the principle of keeping a sharp civilian eye on the military planners.

We are not a warlike nation. But men whose whole training has been aimed at the single objective of fighting a war often lose their perspective. The Hoover commission is performing a vital service in bringing to the attention of the nation the deficiencies in our present security preparations, and its full report, when made, will undoubtedly make it crystal clear to all of us once again that military preparations are just one part of national security, and that the on-call job of planning for the future of this nation must remain un-der civilian control.

should be enacted without delay. At the same time, it is imperative that the Department of Justice get on its toes and enforce existing laws against espionage.

Of equal importance, however, is the attitude of President Truman who has stood stubbornly by his earlier characterization of the inquiry as a "red herring."

In this connection The Richmond Times Dispatch thinks that "even those who voted for Mr. Truman must be bewildered by his narrowly partisan attitude in the face of actual or potential treason within our State Department."

"It is possible that the President fails to appreciate the symptomatic significance of the evidence that has been developed by the members of only one Communist camp in the trail leading to our secret archives. It there any reason to doubt that as yet undiscovered traitors remained entrenched in positions of trust after Chambers' reforms?"

Although the investigation may have been politically inspired in its beginning, the result has been too important to be dismissed lightly by the President. Reforms in the espionage laws are badly needed. Truman should recognize the seriousness of the situation and act accordingly.

At this juncture, chase in Arabia would further the Soviet plan for a Communist Near East. There could be no greater menace to a democratic Israel.

British influence will continue to be preponderant in the Near East, so they also began before British policy it will not favor Israel's development. The British are already trying to block Israel's out-

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If there were more prosecutions for fail-

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turn, Memphis streets would be much less

dangerous.

One school has a class teaching women

how to argue. And we suppose another

teaching birds what their wings are for.—

Littell Rock Arkansas Gazette.

One time was an old man who never

boiled in his life, and he never quite

learned how free he could be. — Charles-

ton News & Courier.

Never A Dull Moment

Joseph & Stewart Alsop

If Marshall Goes—

WASHINGTON
THE CONDITION of Secretary of State George C. Marshall's health continues to cast a cloud of uncertainty over the future conduct of American foreign policy. For the moment, however, the situation is so fluid that Marshall is so insistent that he has thus far refused serious consideration of the possibility of his resignation after his operation. The Secretary can be reasonably certain to continue to carry his heavy burden.

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ACCEPTABLE MAN

When Vinson was sounded out some weeks ago, very informally and very unofficially, on his attitude to taking the State job, his response was that he was not interested. Naturally in his position he cannot discuss the matter. But friends count on more than the word of a man who would be so candidly and so firmly in the conduct of our foreign policy.

Yet the appointment of Vinson to the State Dept. would give rise to a curious and somewhat troubling problem. Who would replace him as Chief Justice.

James Marlow
Valued Christmas

WASHINGTON

A NOTE to anyone who believes in an everlasting Santa Claus:

I know you're busy now buying up your last-minute presents before Christmas.

It's been good shopping, too. People have money and stores are busy.

But I hope you'll have a fine Christmas, comfortable, surrounded by loved ones and friends, and with rich, good food.

But on Christmas Day if you're going to make a New Year's resolution, let me suggest this one:

That on Christmas and all your Christmases be as good and cheerful and peaceful for you as this one.

With love and good wishes to you and yours.

Maybe that sound like a little chilling, like the bony hand of a witch knocking on your door in the moonlight. I don't mean it to be.

But I know how easy it is to feel cozy in your own warm house on Christmas Day, and forget what's happened in the world since the war.

It happened on my own street. The war is still going on. It's still going on in the countries of Europe—right in the Communist zone.

And in Europe there are 50 million people are living under Communist rule and the figure soon may be 70,000,000 while we are only about 147,000,000 of us here.

In China, with its population of 450,000,000, now 200,000,000 are under Communist rule and the other 250,000,000 are under Nationalist rule. Russia's 200,000,000 are under Communist rule and the other 200,000,000 are under Nationalist rule.

And in the Americas, too, there are 50 million people are living under Communist rule and the figure soon may be 70,000,000 while we are only about 147,000,000 of us here.

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