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COLD WAR SHIFTS EAST

T THERE were any assurance that the cost of the cold war against Russia had fabilited itself and would remain about he same, or perhaps come down a little, at the next few years, the U. S. could look wer the world, see what it is getting for so money, and decide whether or not it as been worth it. But the recent shift as the cold war from West to East opens up as entirely new areas of conflict beween Russia and the democracies which will probably call for vast new expenditures of money without any very good

il billion dollars—half the total U. S. bud-pet—all of which will go to (1) making surselves stronger militarily, and (2) help-ng the rest of the world back to its feet of t, in turn, may be stronger and better hile to resist Communism. The figure may help of the trend in the Far East

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IS II. you may well ask, worth if? If you consider the checking of Russian expansion in Europe easerulers and the second of the

a fertile field for seeds of unrest and dis-cension as in the Far East. Among its teeming, ignorant starring millions there is a new craving for political independ-ence and for material things and higher living standards which generations of harsh colonialism denied them. Commu-nist agents are now exploiting to the full-est this pen-buy desire. Communist victories in China have been dramatic and spectacular, and there is

est this pent-up desire.

Communits victories in China have been dramatic and spectacular, and there is every reason to believe that, once victorious. the Chinese Communista will work closely with Moscow. The Dutch "police action" against the Indonesian Republic is cut to order for Communits supporters in the East Indies. There are rumblings in Malayas. French Indo-China and Burma. Two others Indies and Pakistan, having gained their independence, are still divided and weak, and would be an easy target for Soviet pressure. There is also the pressure. There is also make the pressure of the pressure of the pressure of the pressure of the East, have been the bulwarks against which dissident colonials battered themselves. But those three nations are weak today, and are being largely kept alive by U. 8. help. As it is, we are inheriting the long stored up hattereds and dissension which colonialism always breeds— and it is a new burden which is coming at a particularly inopoptrume time.

ticularly inopportune time.

DECAUSE of the sheer geographical distance movived, the penetration of Communism into the Par East is not so immediate and so pressing a problem as it is in Europe. But the democracles, and especially the U. S. cannot long sit back and give Russia a free hand in that vast area. It may be that we will have to develop a Marshall Plan for the Par East at a staggering cost before political stability and economic independence ever can be attended secreting prospect for the New Year. There is, of course, infinitely more involved than the mere cost in dollars and cents. At the very base of all our efforts should be the unrelenting light for human justice and the right of self-determination for all peoples everywhere. Our battle is not only against the economic principles of Communism; it is mainly against the oppression of the mind and the soul which Russia applies so ruthlessly in every nation she controls, and from which the peoples of the Far East, more than any others, need some respiter.

PREMIUM ON INEFFICIENCY

THERE was a time, back in the depression years of the Thirties, when the suiding by Federal law of a "floor" under spricultural prices was a steadying influence which beined our national economy stabilize itself and start back up the road to prosperity. Parity prices — the purarnatesing of a certain price for a commontly, no matter how great or how little the production — became a part of war western.

More recently the tremendous consump-tion by Allied armed forces and civilians, and the anticipated demands of the post-war years made desirable the continu-tance of the price supports through the war and for several years thereafter. It was believed, logically, that guaranteed prices would spur production. They did, and today we are faced with greater pro-fliction of some commodities than this na-ison, or the world, can consume at the present price levels.

A fight on the price support issue is al-

ready shaping up for the next Congress. The farmers of the nation are renewing their demands for the full 80 per cent, or higher, parity prices.

There may be justification for the support system as an emergency measure but it should not become a permanent feature of our economy. It means, in time of abundance, that city dwellers are taxed to pay for the surplus commodities which the Government buys up and destroys at the same time they are paying a high, protected market price at the grocery stores. This is planticularly vicious sort of subsidiy. Furthermore, the system does not encourage a sound agriculture, because it protects those farmers who, because of sub-borness or just plain indolence, refuse to borness or just plain indolence, refuse to borness or just plain indolence, refuse to more substantial to the long run, discourage crop diversification and farm modernization, which is the best way for the U. 8. farmer to be sure that he will make a reasonable profit each year.

TRYING TIMES FOR TAFT

SENATOR ROBERT TAPT is a strange politician in many ways. To GOP lib-rals like Senators Morse and Ives, he is a sactionary who favors such things as a strong labor law and lower taxes for business; to conservative Republicans he is almost a shouting New Dealer who battles bor such things as public housing, public saith insurance, and Federal aid to edunation

Actually he is neither. Bob Taft is Bob Faft, an intelligent man with strong con-dictions and the courage to battle for them. Se is not a good politician, lacking both he personality and tact necessary to in-pratiate himself with the populace, and cossessed of a penchant for speaking his nind bluntly without regard for the con-

ountly without regard for the con-equences.

Withal, he is a strong leader, about the only thing the Republicans have left in longress to cling to in the back wash of he November tidal wave. There have been seent attempts at revoit against the GOP saderabip of the past, notably from the derahlp of the past, notably from the ang GOP liberals. But at the moment b Taft seems to be a sure bet to retain-chairmanship of the powerful Repub-an Senate Policy Committee in the next

longress.

His will be the job of bringing order out f chaos, of setting, and then holding to, a efinite Republican Party policy. There ill be those who will want the GOP to mbrace the New Deal enthusiastically. will be others who will insist that ally hope for the GOP lies in a return pre-Roosevelt policies. There is a

which the Ohloan is more likely to follow. He will not be working entirely in the dark. National Chairman Hugh Scott of Philadelphia, in some respects a decided likely of the property of the control of the contro

goes before the people again.

Drummond recalls that the GOP has benefited every time it has had an honest soul searching. The Olenn Frank-report in 1937 brought gains in the House the next year. The Mackinac Conference in 1943 turned the party away from isolationism and heiped it hold its own in Congress although! It lost the Presidential election.

The conference of the Presidential election was drafted in 1945, the year the party look both houses' of Congress.



People's Platform

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Pattern For The World

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capable of making the needed adaptations to changing conditions.

Thelieve this is a book which all people interested in world government should read, for, while it was not written on that subject, the reasons given for the condition of the nations. For instance, I think the following quotation can be used as an argument for world government:

nation keep its own form of government for local affairs, out give to the world government the power mecessary to the "preservation of harmon" among increases to the "preservation of harmon" among ing "national boundaries.

I hope that many people will read this book thoughtfully asking themselves the question. "Is this applicable to world government to the preservation of the preser

Others Seek Road To Peace CHARLOTTE

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Quote, Unquote

To beat the cost of eating on trains, a St. Louis traveler suggests a revival of the old-time lunch carried in a shoe box. For this, one buys an \$18 pair of shoes and throws away the shoes.—Washing-ten Evening Star.

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Cost Of Cold War

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Bad Intelligence Set Off Army Jitters

war Jitters since Pearl Harbor.

Actually, it probably wasn't Clay's fault He had warned
the Army Dept. last March that Russia might be preparing to
attack. But he added that his estimate was based not on
military evidence, but upon the Russian attitude in Berlin.

blockade. When Clay made his report to Washinston lights burned several nights in the Pentason Bidg while the intelligence experts diagnosed the situation, and pieced together various reasons why he was right.

Result was a faulty intelligence report which almost caused President Truman to ask Congress for general mo-filliantion.

Marshall's Health

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Wasps To Fly Again

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has ambitious for bringing back the Wasps.

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