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'Door Wide Open' To A Truce

THERE ARE two points in recent Administration statements on America's position in the international atrugale which seem to deserve more attention than they have received.

One is the conspicuous absence of any reference to air power in President Truman's call for Universal Military Training the Secretary Marshall's ascerton that "our temperature of the forestary Marshall's ascerton that "our

man's call for Universal Military Training and revival of the wartime draft. The other is Secretary Marshall's assertion that "our purpose, our policy is to stand firm on basic principles but at the same time to keep the door wide open for any general conciliatory moves." In this he echoed as never been closed, nor will it ever be closed to the Soviet Union."

Both President Truman's slience on air power and Secretary Marshall's declaration on the "open door" assume growing importance in the light of the American mobilization campaign that now is shaping up in this country and Europe. That campaign is distinctly defensive in character, a "hold-the-line" operation, despite all that Henry A. Wallace may say to the contrary, and it isn't likely that this fact has escaped the attention of the Moscow strategists and policymakers.

BOTH Universal Military Training and BOTH Universal Military Training an of the limited draft plan recommended by Mr. Truman are security measures definite-bly of a defensive nature. Air power is both defensive and offensive and, in the present stage of the atomic age, it is the main striking weapon.

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The President's failure to mention this subject in his special message to Congress last week may be regarded as an omission carefully designed to a say use Americans, Europeans and Communists that nothing in our current security preparations contemplates an attack on Soviet Russia. An objective appraisal of the over-all situation bears out the impression that the Truman and Marshall gestures for a settlement are not intended meriely for the historical record, as a footnote showing our pacific intentions before the shooting starts.

First of all, the mobilization campaign re now are conducting makes it abundant-

WE CANT be sure that this giddy feeling of tax relief will last long, so let's
get out the pencil and figure how much
better off we are this year than last.
Senator Wayne Morse. Republican, expresses the general hope when he declares
that "overriding a veto is in the bag," but
that was yesterday when the Senate approved the bill that would cut Federal income taxes 34s billion, retroactive to Jan.
1. A lot can happen between now and the
time when President Truman returns the
bill with his veto, which seems to be the
only certain thing in the picture. It is goting to him from the House, which earlier
this year passed a \$8.5 billion
bill but is expected to ratify the Senate
measure quick-overriding the veto will still
be large unless the world crisis grows more
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blast. So let's hope that the earth opens
and swallows Stalin, Wallace and their
buddies while we take out the pencil and
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First of all, the majority of individual taxpayers need not compiain because the Senate bill is being substituted for the House bill. Both measurer sale to 5800 the taxpayer and each dependant, dropping some 6 or 7 million from the income tax rolls. The Senate bill makes cuts ranging from 126 per cent for the low incomes to 5 jer cent for the low incomes to 5 jer cent for the low incomes to 5 jer cent for the biggest, compared to the House cuts ranging from 30 to 10 per cent, but that does not amount to a substantial difference for individuals until you get up into the high middle income brackets.

For example, a man with a wife and two

It's A Fair Tax Reduction

ly clear that we do not have the stuff to throw in a shooting war, nor even enough to back up our present policy of contain-ment of Russia.

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Second, the Congressional and public response to the emergency call shows it will be difficult to get action on this limited preparation and it will take some time and a deeper crist to unite the American people behind a more ambitious program. Third, our plans to rehabilitate Western Europe and to form, feed and arm a Western anti-Communist league took impressive propositions. Establishment of bases in Europe and creation of real military power in non-

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operation.

Fourth, the election campaign in Italy is bringing us a new realization of the magnitude of the effort that will be required to hold Western Europe from the Communists. In short, all our energies and presentiresources are being employed close to the limit in the current campaign to 'hold the lime' in Europe and Asia. In view of the scope of that global context, and the strain it is imposting on us, it is easy to believe Secretary Marshail when he declares he is "sincerely anxious" for a settlement.

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A CONCILIATORY move might well come after the April 18 elections in Italy if those elections go against the Communists and Italy remains in the democratic camp. Such a truce in the "cold war" could grow out of recognition on, both sides that each has expanded to the limits of its capacity and cannot proceed beyond that line without undertaking risks which neither wants to incur.

Meanwhile, the danger persists that Italy may go Communist and upset the balance we are now trying to establish. The danger rises that some incident in the present ideological and political contest may set off the spark of war. The threat remains that neither side will accept the new situation. Noretheless, in the midst of all the terrors and hazards of the 1948 Spring crass there is a clear possibility that forces are working toward an opportunity for a settlement.

children who earns \$2,500 a year would get \$4 more money to spend after taxes under the House bill than under the Senate bill. The family man making \$5,000 would have \$46 more spendable income under the House bill than under the Senate measure. If he is in the \$50,000 a year bracket, he would have \$392 more. A spendable income the spendable than \$400 more than \$40

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As the figures-show, this is an eminently fair tax slash, meeting the principal objection raised by President Truman when he vetoed the tax reduction bill passed by this same Congress last year, it grants the lion's share of the cut to the low and moderate income earners, both in percentage of reduction and the total of revenue collected from that source. The leicht of the hickness

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People's Platform

Dry Advice To A Candidate

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Sincefely yours,
--WARREN W. WOODS.

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Joseph & Stewart Alsop

The Wallace Pattern

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Samuel Grafton

Is There A Crisis?

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from that source. The right of the higher income groups to the consideration they receive is clearly shown by the confiscatory rates under the old law and the new bill. Drew Pearson's: U. S. Would Not Drop The A-Bomb First The Last Man

can women and children would not be spared when it came on empt bombing.

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From The Washington Post

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It is reported that Mr. Clarence Booth, a
machine-shop proprietor of Lakewood,
N. J., has designed and is now constructing
an underground refuge against an anticipated bombardment by atom bombs. He is
building the shelter at a site 237 feet above
sea-level and it is to have a glass roof
about one half story above the ground calterior will be completely airproof, an of
equipped with an underground dyname to
provide heat for cooking and current for
lighting, Presumably there will be plentitud
supplies of food, oxygen and whatever else
is necessary for the preservation of life
during the period of bombardment.
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It is in this important particular, of course, that his case is distinguished from that of the Patriarch Noah when, acting on advance intimations of the deluge, he be-

gan to construct his three-decker ark, fixed up within and without with pitch. Noah, you recall, made room not only for his wife and their four sons and four daughtera-in-law, but also for two of every sort of living thing. Thus after the waters had subsided and all hands had stepped ashore on the summit of Mount Arrat, it was hardly any time at all—just a matter of a few dozen generations—before the earth was repopulated, and the descendants of Noah were busy again at the old games of politics and technical—progress.

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But we infer from the news dispatch Mr.
Booth is unmarried or at any rate childless and has no plans for collecting any of the fauna of North Central New Jersey or for extending the hospitality of his bomb-proof refuge to his neighbors. Thus, presumably, he will have the distinction of being the last existing specimen of homo sapiers, and as far as we are concerned he is wel-come to it.

A "reactionary" is a person who refuses to believe that "changes in the times" change the meaning of the Ten Command-ments or of the Constitution of the United States.—Charleston News and Courier.