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Taft Sidesteps Vandenberg

SENATOR ROBERT A. TAFT'S role in the "current" Republican struggle over American foreign policy is a curious one in which he appears to be dodging a showdown with Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg. It is difficult to escape the impression that Taft is playing the game of compromise for the time being in order to avoid a party explosion that might well knock him out of the race for the Republican Presidential nomination.

From the beginning, Taft has shown that he has no heart for the Marshall Plan. For some time it was uncertain whether he would support the program at all and all along he has objected to the size of outlay for European recovery.
All that sums up to definite encouragement to Congressional sentiment for the Marshall Plan aid funds that was made by the House under direction of Speaker Martin and Rep. John Taber, who move in the same conservative Republican camp...

End Of 'Peace Offensive'

RUSSIA'S new protest on our "warmonger" service notice that the Moscow "peace offensive" is over and reminds us that it brought no real lull in the "cold war."
During this period of peace talk the Soviets tried various expedients to fill us with hope of a settlement between the United States and Russia and to soothe us with promises by Molotov that a statement that Russia had accepted an American invitation to a two-power talk, a report which immediately produced consternation in Washington, London and elsewhere.

It is possible to believe that Moscow has decided to return to the old footing of exchanging denunciations and recriminations because its soft talk created more anti-American propaganda than it did.
Suspicious Europeans and Americans found the Russian's sweet reasonableness a little too good to be true.
The Soviet campaign went on, however, producing relative quiet on the whole world front, but particularly in Europe.

Our Wandering Elements

REMEMBER all that scrap iron we were selling to Japan before Pearl Harbor, and which was used by the Japs to kill our young men in the Pacific? Well, the scrap iron is now being sold to the Japanese.

With the defeat of Japan, some of these same elements will now return to the United States—to be made into what? Perhaps a washing machine to be purchased by the same fortunate family who used the lexbox which was scrapped and shipped to Japan to be made into the gun? That is the best we can hope for.

Children And Their Money

ANOTHER poll has been taken, this time among the children of America. Conducted by the Gilbert Youth Research Organization, the survey revealed that American children between the ages of eight and twelve received \$1.7 a week, including allowances and earnings. Approximately 1,100 boys and girls were questioned.

more than three candy bars per week, but stopped eating cereals at the age of fourteen.
What effect the unusually large amounts of money entrusted to American children will have on them is not to be known. If having ample money for the fadish teenage luxuries causes them to mature with the idea that all money is so easily had and that it is to be spent purely for superfluous wants, the modern parents would best take note and put their children into lower "income brackets," providing more recreation entertainment free at home for them.

'Is He Off The Ground Yet?'



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Strain On Anglo-American Ties

BY REELMAN MORIN
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SCROLLARLY Sir Oliver Franks, the new British Ambassador, is hardly a man to be envied.

of exported products, and through Marshall Plan aid, Americans will demand some degree of supervision over the use of the latter.
Criticism already exists, in Washington, over the matter of trade between Europe and those countries within the Russian orbit.
Britain recently sold Russia steel railway track- ing in exchange for coal grains for cattle raising. Britain needs timber, and she can get it more cheaply from Russia than from the United States.

People's Platform

STABLE Earnings Rise
TARBITAL progress has been made during the last five years in narrowing the differential between earnings of North Carolina workers and those of the nation as a whole.
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The question of East-West trade brings with it the American administration certainly will object, and frequently, to products or by-products shipped under the Marshall Plan being sold or traded to the Iron Curtain countries.

Martin, Pew & Weir

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There was also another motive in this foray of Martin's, which is all too plainly disclosed in the less conspicuous Martin maneuver.
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Marquis Childs

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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

CONTACT with the Eisenhower inner group has been maintained by Southern Senators through Mr. Gen. Flood Parks, retiring press relations chief of the Army.
For one thing, there is the "merging blob" how will British and American administrators decide between an "earned" dollar and a "free" dollar? The British are going to acquire dollars both by the sale of surplus goods and by the sale of American securities.

Work For Eisenhower Train Goes On

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