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# **Edgar** A. Mowrer Atlantic Pact

F THE United States adheres to the North Atlantic Security Pact, as President Truman recommends, it will probably find itself one of many states. In addition to Canada and the original Brussels group-Britain, France and Benelux-the pact is likely to bear the signatures of Iceland, Eire, Portugal, Denmark and Norway, with Italy receiving an invitation and perhaps joining.

Norway's willingness to adhere to the pact became certain on New Year's Day. Then, that country's Foreign Minister, Halvard Lange, gave an interview wherein he stated that Norway must cooperate with "the nations outside the borders of Scandinavia" to preserve and safeguard its freedom. Everybody in Europe knew that this meant adherence to the North Atlantic Combine. . . .

D ENMARK'S position appears to be identical. The Danes seem ready to join, along with the Norweglans, but are looking back regretfully at the Swedes.

Mr. Lange's interview apparently caused something like dismay in Sweden. The Swedes had apparently been looking forward to the coming Scandinavian conference. They hoped to persuade Norway and Denmark to be satisfied with a Scandinavian regional group within the U.N. organization. Instead of waiting for that conference, Mr. Lange went ahead with a declaration that virtually burned the bridges behind Norway and Denmark.

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THE differences in attitude be-I tween Sweden and the other two Scandinavian countries can, I think, be reduced to three essential factors.

In the first place, Sweden lies almost alongside the Soviet Union and can easily be attacked. Norway and Denmark are somewhat more remote. In the next place, Sweden, a couple of years ago, made commitments to the Soviet Union to deliver an overwhelming share of Swedish exports-and could be hurt by Soviet repudiation of the order. Nothing like this happened to the other two countries. Finally, during World

Washington Background Scandinavian House Freshman's Plan Bloc Split on Makes Him Lobby-Proof By The Inquirer Washington Bureau Staff

### WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.

R House freshmen, has adopted a plan to make himself lobbyproof.

Furcolo has organized a council of 45 members, who will study political and economic trends and report to him. His constituents represent labor, business, house-

wives, farmers and the Chamber of Commerce.

"The existence of the council makes it almost impossible for a Congressman to be lobbled without the knowledge of the people of his district-and it insures the Congressman that he will always get all sides of the story," Furcolo told some of his colleagues.

Twelve years ago Dr. William M. Mann, director of the National Zoo in Washington, visiting the island of Suma-tra as a member of a Smithsonian-National Geographical Society expedition, met Tom Davis, 10-year-old son of the American Consul-General at Singapore. Dr. Mann presented to the young schoolboy a gibbon captured on the expedition. This started young Davis on the hobby

of collecting zoological specimens. The other day Davis, whose father is now American Ambassador to Panama, repaid WILLIAM M. MANN

Dr. Mann by bringing him a collection of rare yellow and black frogs, collected in the Panama jungles, several boxes of lizards and a dozen honey creepers-tiny brilliant blue birds which feed on the honey of tropical flowers. Young Davis is now employed in Philadelphia.

A bill has been introduced in Congress by Representative Andrew Jacobs, of Indiana, to authorize the United States Marine Band to attend the final encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, which will be held this summer.

Few "college" presidents have had a longer tenure than Michael Francis Doyle, of Philadelphia, president of the Elec-toral College. Doyle is entering on his 17th year, or fifth term. as head of this august institution. He is also a member of the committee in charge of the dinner which the Presidential electors will give in honor of President Truman and Vice President Alben W. Barkley on Jan. 19, eve of the inauguration.

We dislike to be captious but we feel duty-bound in the cause of education to point out that the press release from the Electoral College Committee, describing plans for the dinner, spelled the first name of the Vice President-Elect "Alban" instead of "Alben."

We are compelled also to report that Congress had more trouble with the count of the electoral votes than first appeared. It has already been noted that Mrs. Mary T. Norton, Representative from New Jersey, inadvertently announced the votes of Connecticut and New York for President Truman. The other day Representative Percy Priest (D., Tenn.) called the attention of the House to a slip which he charged to Senator Theodore Francis Green (D., R. I.), who presided over the count. Priest said Green announced the votes of Alabama for Mr. Truman and Senator Barkley instead of for Gov. J. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina, the Dixiecrat candidate Green denied that he was at fault; he said the error had been made by the official reporter and was quickly corrected.

**Mark Sullivan** U.S.Foreign Policy Needs GOP Views WASHINGTON, Jan. 13

A N ATMOSPHERE arising in Washington is illustrated by two current incidents. One is an action taken by the Democrats in the Senate, reducing conspicuously the number of Republicans on the Foreign Relations Commit-

When the election caused the Republicans to become the minority party in the Senate as a whole. it followed as a matter of course that they must become the minor ity also in the committee on foreign relations. But the reduction on this committee is out of proportion to the reduction in the Senate as a whole. In the old Foreign Relations

Committee the proportion was seven Republicans to six Democrats. Republicans felt that this proportion between the minority and majority parties should be retained in the committee as newly constituted. The Democrats, however, made the new proportion eight Democrats to five Republicans.

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DART of the reason for Republi-I can complaint lay in the fact that our policy about foreign relations, especially our relations with Russia, has been bipartisan. Some Republicans apprehended the possibility that the Administration might intend to change our policy about Russia, and might wish the Republicans to have less part in the policy.

The Republican's found additional grievance in the fact that Mr. Truman, in appointing a new Secretary of State, who will conduct our foreign relations, did not consult Republican leaders in advance.

Some Republicans felt that, in that spirit of bipartisanship about foreign relations as conducted in the past, so important a step, bearing so directly on foreign relations. ought not to have been taken without previous consultation with Republican leaders.

For light on all this, the whole matter may be divided, theoretically, into two parts. One is our relation with Russia as it now is and our policy about Russia as it now stands. The other is how our present relation to Russia arose how did it become necessary that our policy about Russia be what it now is? A BOUT our present relation to A Russia, the necessity of bipartisanship is well recognized. It is part of the idea commonly expressed by saying that in foreign policy we should have unity, that politics should end at the water's' edge. But how our relations with a country in the past, in this case Russia, have been conducted by the party in power is legitimate for the opposition party to raise as an issue. But if theoretically the two can be kept separate, keeping them separate in practice raises difficulty. Logically the two are not separate at all, they have been the relation of cause and effect, the. policy about a foreign country, at make and much cheaper. Jets, by any time, in this case Russia, is the nature of their construction, a consequence of the history of can be turned out faster than the our relations with that country. conventional propeller type planes. This the Republicans sense, they That is why the Germans went in sensed it during the campaign and for the V-1's. They lacked steel, instinctively felt frustrated by the oil, and high grade fuel for connecessity for not raising our Russian policy as an issue. Only the invention and develop-The history of our relation to ment of their "secret air weapons," Russia is associated with peculiar the V-1 or buzz-bomb, the gliderdirectness with the party in powradio bomb they used against our er. The whole period in which we ships, and the eventual terror, V-2 have had any official relations or rocket bomb, kept the krauts in with Soviet Russia at all is a period in which the Administration in Washington was in the hands of ON'T think such rapid develthe Democratic Party, and in Dopments are overlooked by the which the party leadership in U. S. Air Force. If huge bombers office reflected a special school of are the first priority, it's because thought that determined its poliall jets are in process of evolution. cles, both domestic and foreign. Hardly a week passes but what . . . some new type sets a record for T HE boundaries of the period, speed. Since jets, once blue-printas bearing on our relations ed, can be turned out rapidly, the with Russia, lend themselves to production of bombers-for instant simple statement. The period beuse if the need arises-rightly gan with recognition of the Communist government of Russia by Big aircraft wear out, whether the Roosevelt Administration in bombers or freighters or passenger its first year, 1933, after four precarriers. They must be constantly ceding Administrations had withrenewed; motors, instruments, held recognition. The end of the running gear especially. The most period, so far, is our relations with disturbing thing I found about the Russia as they now stand. Airlift was the amount of repair Merely to state the beginning necessary, and still the planes usuand the end is to suggest how apally had something wrong, Everypropriate the period is for attack time one reads that another has by the party that was out of power crashed, the thought occurs: throughout the period. Yet the "Well, I wonder what wore out on Republicans, because of the necessity for bipartisanship on existing policy about Russia, feel restraint T'S not surprising or upsetting about attack on the history of how therefore, that bombers are bethe policy came about. ing made first, as the 70-group This sense of restraint accounts, Air Force is temporarily whittled in large part, for the restiveness to 48 groups. The war showed that about bipartisan policy which simwe could build planes very rapidly; mers in the present atmosphere of the factories, jigs and technicians Washington. Hardly anything are still around. If the defensecould be more incumbent on the minded 81st Congress, which con-Truman Administration than to tains some vigorous proponents of keep the Republicans content to the 70-group minimum for the Air cooperate in foreign policy. Force, wishes to expand on fighters

# -: Gossip of the Nation :-Walter Winchell

wife!

cash customers.

of a Negro.

Air Force Be Cut to 48."

Hayworth away?

my Sgt. Major!"

An open and shut KKKase?

invading Will's home State, Oklahoma.

little joke.

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THE Two-a-Daze: The Cantor-Jessel unit played

finale) Cantor squirted seltzer at Jessel. Jessel tore

for the wings (where Benny Meroff kept the supply

squirting each other while the audience howled.

Burns & Allen and the other acts on the bill were

The shenanigans ended with the entire company

Cantor paid \$1600 (in damage suits) to have his

. . .

HAT Georgia Jury deliberated a whole 26 min-

At a dinner Will Rogers sat next to a bigot who

complained that New York was being taken over

by "foreign names." He asked Will if they were

"I don't know," sarcasm'd Hogers. "Where I'm

Headline: "Truman's Message Urges 70 Group

If that happens, his next message may be an SOS.

. . .

WILLIAM ALLEN WHITE once heard a bigot attack foreign-born Americans and then brag

The great editor mowed him down with this re-

minder: "The language you use came to us from

Europe. The 100 percent is a part of the decimal sys-

tem invented by the Greeks. And the word American

Hollywood was colder than New York this week.

What do they expect with Merle Oberon and Rita

Former Irgun Commander Beigan (recently in

town) told this: The British flogged several members

of the Irgun Army, so the Irgunists whipped as many

British soldiers in reprisal. They posted signs that

read: "If you flog our soldiers, we must flog yours!"

To which some Tommy with a sensayuma scribbled

on the bottom of the posters: "If you do, don't forget

TITE THINK the U.S. and British Intelligence

W chiefs can give up their long search for Hitler.

Two midtown drunx had a big shindig last night at

any snow at St. Moritz but there was in Los Angeles

. . . Jeannette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy to be

teamed again in a romantic MGM musical, "Embassy

Considering all those Berlin pardons, if Adolf

from we know each other by our first names."

that he was 100 percent American.

is taken from the name of an Italian!"

is living, he'd be looking for them.

utes before acquitting that man in the murder

running through the theater squirting seltzer at the

of seltzer for his act) and squirted back.

the Palace in '31 and ran 14 consecutive weeks.

Closing night (as the acts came out for the

NEW YORK, Jan. 13 MODERN DESIGN Many's the lad I've cast away And manu's the heart I've shattered To find, that despite all the poets say It never really mattered.

Not one has drooped away and died Upon their lips-my whispered name. How quickly the tear is brushed aside ... How quickly they find another dame. GAL TRUDY

. . . N "THE SAROYAN SPECIAL" (Harcourt, Brace) William bashfully informs: "Most people meeting me do not get the impression that I am a great

writer, and often do not believe me when I tell them so. Very often, even after I have told them six or seven times, they do not believe me, and I beg them to read my stuff. I know they will know, while they are reading my stuff and afterwards, that everything I have said to them is true."

Item: "Toni Seven said the publicity of her romance with Senator Warren G. Magnuson, of Washington, 'is all a Repub-

lican plot.' " Prob'ly means plotonic. Burt Lancaster, who fought

his way up to the big time, is TONI SEVEN now at the Capitol Theater.

Richard Monti wondered if doing five personal appearances a day "wasn't very tough?"

"It was tougher," recalled the star, "when I wasn't doing any.' . . .

TILM CRITIC ARCHER WINSTEN'S scoop: "Lena Horne, though still beautiful, doesn't look

exactly like herself,"

Merely beautiful.

A flash stated that Robert Stripling (of the Dies-Rankin, etc., Committee) was resigning. "I have an offer from an oil firm," he said.

"Motor," asks Barry Gray, "or banana?" Headline: "Arabs Criticize King Abdullah." That's like Cholly talkin' back to Bergen!

OHN BARRYMORE'S agent once took him to one of the biggest doctors because of his fading health. The medico prescribed a lengthy diet, but specified it wouldn't work unless Barrymore stopped drinking for two years.

"Don't worry," cheered the doc. "I've never lost a patient yet!"

"Zat so?" said John, leaving, "You've just lost me!" their apartment. After the guests had gone they de-Mark Hellinger once sent humorous party invitacided to clean up. tions to Hollywood pals. One invited guest indignant-"You empty the ash trays," said the Papa Lush, ly cornered Barrymore. "and I'll empty the bottles."

## **Danton Walker**

D ROADWAY ROUNDUP - One of Dean Acheson's sports should have stayed in Hollywood. There wasn't

Beach.

New Musical Set for Joan "Is that guy kidding?" he beefed. "His invitation specified particularly that I was to bring my own Crawford "What are you squawking about?" said Barrymore. "My invitation says I must bring my own whisky!"

> HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 13. LOR months a discussion has I been going on at the Warner studio about a musical Jerry Wald had in mind for Joan Crawford.

adefg 25

**Louella Parsons** 

Miss Crawford a wish to do some dancing once again and be starred in a musical comedy as a change from the heavy dramas she had made the past years. At a meeting with Jack 10.00 L Warner, Jerry was given the go

duce a music-JOAN CRAWFORD al, and to

have it written pronto. More than that, Jack will ask 20th to lend him June Haver and he will put Jack Carson, Gordon Mac Rae, Virginia Mayo in the same movie, making it an all-star cast.

. . . John Ford doesn't often bestir nimself in activities outside of movie .naking. But once he makes up his mind to do something-he's a boy who gets results.

When the board of the Motion Picture Relief Fund told the pipesmoking director how badly they needed money to carry on the fine work-he came up with a whale of an idea.

Ford will stage and produce "What Price Glory" with John Wayne in the star role and it will play on the stage in every key city on the West Coast. Because of the charity angle, theater tickets will sell at about twice the usual cost. But don't worry that the fans won't shell out to see the cast of movie stars Jack is lining up.

You would be surprised at the number of telephone calls I received before Lazar Wexler left town. Actors with contracts, and without contracts, wanted to talk to the man who brought Montgom

ery Clift to fame in "The Search."

Although Wexler was in Holly-

wood only briefly, he signed Cor-

nel Wilde to appear in the picture

he is to make in Switzerland. Be-

fore he left town he paid Betty

Smith, author of "A Tree Grows

in Brooklyn," \$70,000 for a 170-

page original screenplay called

"School Bus." This is another

story of a school teacher, which

Wexler hopes to produce in this

country after he finishes the ro-

mance of the GI and the Swiss girl

in Zurich. He hopes to get a top

. . .

Snapshots of Hollywood Collect-

Ernie Byfield and his attractive

Adele arrive on the 21st for a visit

to the southland. The Byfields,

who have entertained so many Hol-

lywood people at the famous Pump

Room in Chicago, will receive a

royal welcome from their many

Frank Sinatra has put on five

pounds-and on him it is becom-

ing. Nancy and Frankie, Dolores

Hope, the John Haskells and this

writer dined with the Henry Gins-

bergs. Dolores sang, and so did

Frankie, and it was a gay and hap-

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Dru were at the closing night of

Neithe. Dick Haymes nor Joanne

name star.

friends.

py evening.

Kay Thomp-

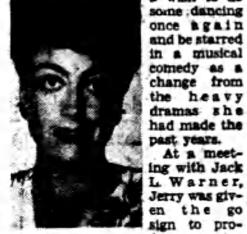
son's show at

the Mayfair

Room, al-

though both

ed at Random:



Ho, ham.

War Two, Norway and Denmark were occupied by Nazi Germany. Their faith, in neutrality is decidedly less than that of Sweden, which stayed out of that war.

VET Swedish confidence in Soviet intentions can hardly be as unshakable as Sweden's apparent determination to go it alone might lead one to believe. In case of attack by a powerful enemy, the Swedes have no real defense. Sweden's unwillingness to sign

the North Atlantic Security Pact -if this reluctance lasts-can make the other western countries reluctant to accept Norway and Denmark as members. Conscious of their inevitable inferiority to the Russians in actual numbers of soldiers, western military leaders have been looking for "narrow fronts." These can best be built on peninsulas where the two wa-ter-bordered flanks can be protected by naval power. Such convenient peninsulas include the sandy Danish projection and its rocky Scandinavian counterpart to the north and east.

NORWAY and Sweden are a geographical unit. Some western military experts feel that while the two together make a wonderful fortress, Norway without Sweden would prove to be an indefensible mouse trap. Therefore, they would favor politely excluding Norway from the North Atlantic Pact unless (or until) Sweden was disposed to come along. Since Denmark would hardly decide to join without Norway, this would be a considerable weakening of the strategical situation of the western nations.

Moreover, without Denmark's adherence, full use of Greenland on a legal basis by the North Atlantic Combine might prove impossible.

This is a matter about which American military experts have been thinking long and hard.

## Inquirer on File At Free Library

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Headline Hopping

With the gracious permission of James Caesar Petrillo, 525 musicians will play in a single orchestra ensemble at the gala inauguration eve celebration in Washington's armory. Playing in the mammoth band will be members of the National Symphony Orchestra, Army, Air Force and Marine Corps and other nationally known bands.

-Edited by John C. O'Brien.

tinued Luftwaffe types.

the air war during 1944-45.

comes first.

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# Ivan H. Peterman U.S. Adds Bombers as Reds **Build Stoogeland Airfields** THE Government's cancellation that fighter planes are quicker to

1 of \$300,000,000 in jet fighterplane orders, but for the shift to heavy bomber construction, would disturb security-minded Americans if the Air Force had not quickly explained.

It happens, you see, that Soviet Russia is hurrying a number of new airfields on its side the Iron Curtain, notably in Communized Hungary. This, except for preblematical Yugoslavia, is as close to the Mediterranean and Western democratic territories as the Russkies can place them. Budapest, for some time the economic "show window" of the Soviets, thus goes under an extra thick blanket of secrecy as whole areas are barred to the local comrades.

UST what prompts such sporadic activities by the Reds, unless their penchant for making a "nervous war," baffles peacefulminded observers. There is no greater threat today against the Reds than say, two months ago. In fact, there's less. Since they cut out clowning around our Airlift, tension has abated. And if they don't get funny with that phony Berlin regime (the one the Stooges "elected" during that outdoor political clambake) there's no immediate worry over an outbreek.

However, as A. Vishinsky and Co. repeatedly screamed at United Nations, the Russians think the that flight." West is war-mongering, so maybe they feel a show of counter-measures will make their arguments seem authentic. Hence, airfields in the stoogelands, to impress the satellites.

M ORE important to Americans, is the emphasis upon big air bombers. The Air Force knows

# Leo Durocher Gets too Free

#### THEY'LL DO IT EVERY TIME Most important is the aroused

first chores will be to announce that the Atlantic Alliance, tying us up in a defense pact with certain European nations, is ready for signature

... Mrs. Calvin Coolidge, 70year-old widow of the pre-de-



skiing at Warwick, N. Y., with George Ross, Jr. . . Louis MRS. COOLIDGE Adamic, the author, has depart-

ed for Belgrade on a mission (his friends say) to bring Tito and Stalin together.

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▲ IUSEPPE CREATORE, 78-year-old bandleader, will give up his job in Rome and return to the U. S. for medical treatment . . . A deal is on for Jean Cocteau to translate "A Streetcar Named Desire" for Paris presentation next season. Edwidge Feullaire, to be seen in the movie "Eagle With Two Heads," is set to play the young Southern newspaper solicitor . . . Mrs. Ad Schulberg has contracted to distribute foreign films to American television networks ... Benay Venuta quit a West Coast video show because the studio allowed the amount of her actual salary to leak out . . . Lew Brice, Fanny's brother, in New York, talking of taking over a night club.

THE Burmese Government is buying a television show in New York for promotion purposes, something along an American minstrel pattern . . . Peter Lind Hayes and the missus (Mary Healy) considering a Mr. and Mrs. quiz video show . . . Doris Duke must be serious about the singing lessons she recently started. She has moved a grand piano into her suite at the New Monte Cristo Hotel in Palm Beach . . . Tyrone Power, Ella Raines and Norma Shearer, who went to Switzerland for the winter

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## **Samuel Grafton**

# British 'Protect' Area Menaced by Peace

sible in the Middle East.

doing this at just the moment at

which peace at last seems pos-

world uproar on the eve of the

Rhodes armistice conference.

They, a third party to the con-

flict between the Arabs and the

Jews, have thus managed to be-

come the chief stumbling block

to the success of that conference.

THEY have magnified an inci-

dent concerning five of their

planes, supposedly shot down by

the Israeli over a battle area, to

THANK! AND THE HATLO

OPERA HAT IS DOFFED,

TO DAVIDE MANN, JK

H2 SHEETZ ST.

INDIANA.

They have recklessly created a

S MATTERS stand, the Brit- has seen since the war. They are A ish are making trouble in an area in which everybody else, from the Jews to the Arabs, seem to be trying to make peace.

They have sent their fleet steaming into a region which is menaced-by an armistice. Their spokesmen murmur unofficially about a potential British

obligation to protect Egypt under the Anglo-Egyptian mutual defense treaty-which Egypt has denounced. . . .

HEY are putting on one of the I most threatening demonstrations of military might the world a point at which the United States

By Jimmy Hatlo

for Brazil" . . . Kay Thompson is issuing her customary semi-annual denial that she and one of the four Williams Brothers are Mr. and Mrs. . . . Jackie Eigen, the Copacabana disc jockey, will have a book on the stalls in February titled "Etiquette With False Teeth," written in collaboration with Gloree Walsh. RTIST RUSSELL PATTERSON, perennial A judge of beauty contests, will open a modeling school of his own, Feb. 1 . . . Diana Barrymore

will play hostess when the new luxury liner Caronia is opened for inspection here tomorrow at Pier 90, North River. All fees charged will go to the March of Dimes campaign . . . Maggi McNeillis will do the March of Dimes pitch at a fashion show in Buffalo, arrayed in a gown of pure gold . . . In case you care, one of Sonja Henie's Madison Square Garden skating costumes is pure sable, costing \$27,000 ... Joe DiMaggio is one of the athletes who will receive a citation for his work in behalf of a home for cardiac children ... John Buckmaster writes that he is not in an upstate sanitarium, as itemed here recently, but is in good health in his West 58th st. hotel suite ... Joe Frisco, the stuttering comedian, is coming out of semi-retirement to work at Mother Kelly's in Miami

. . . OVERNMENT agents, investigating certain aspects of luxury tax returns, have uncovered a beehive of illegal trading in a midtown Manhattan drug store (mostly selling drugs without prescriptions) . . . For the why-restaurateurs-go-maddept.: At the peak of the noonday rush, eight tourists parked themselves in a 42 st. restaurant, ordered coffee and then unpacked a lunch basket . . . Florida police investigating the "protection" angle on the fire that destroyed the Beachcomber night club in Miami Beach . . . Leonard Hicks, owner-operator of Key West's Casa Marina Hotel (and general manager of the Morrison in Chicago) is rumored to be slated for the chairmanship of the Illinois State Boxing Commission . . . Lina Romay will rejoin Xavier Cugat's band, replacing Ilona Massey, when Cugie departs for a tour of South American bull rings following his current Copa engagement . . . Harold Minsky plans to bring his Colonial Inn burlesque show to the Carnival Club here next spring ... Wendy Barrie's entertaining "Inside Photoplay" video show has gone

that they calm down.

dle East.

They, not the Arabs, not the

Why? Why are the British be-

having in this incredible and out-

rageous fashion? The question

troubles not only Americans. Even

the highly responsible Manches-

ter Guardian now says curtly of

its own country's Foreign Minis-

ter that his Palestine policy "is

making fools of us, and is in dan-

. . .

F THE explanation be the sim-

ple one of British interest in

Middle Eastern oil, then we ought

to face frankly the fact that we

are in a new kind of imperialist

It is the imperialism of a coun-

era. It is the imperialism of fear.

ger of doing worse.'

Jews, have become the U. N.'s

problem number one in the Mid-

network, with 16 stations.

JOANNE DEU

Later, Kay and the boys want to Ciro's to catch the new show and to say au revoir to Herman Hover. who gave them their start toward fame.

Turhan Bey, at a ringside table at Ciro's with Selena Walters, received attention from guests and photographers alike.

Edgar Bergen gave a dinner at the Bel-Air Hotel honoring his old friends Ken Murray and the new Mrs. Murray. Edgar leaves for New York to close his radio deal.

If the California snow gags given this column were put end to end they would reach from here to New York. The one that gave me the biggest laugh comes from Universal-International. This studio says it has applied to Lloyds of London for snow insurance.

were supposed to have had reservationsseparate ta bles. Danny Kaye W & S there, however, and whistled the loudest to get

Kay and the

Williams boys to do encores. They came government has had to suggest back again and again.

## In the Home of the Braves

By Ollie Crawford

ASEBALL COMMISSIONER CHANDLER slaps another \$500 fine on Leo Durocher. Chandler sticks to "The Lip" like s pool-shark's cigaret.

The next time Leo wants a coach, he'll go to the U.S. Employment Service.

Durocher is accused of signing Freddie Fitzsimmons away from the Boston Braves. Under baseball rules, you can't dicker with an opposing player without his club's permission. This is like requiring Eliza to get a note from S. Legree before taking the ice route. But it prevents a player from making a deal for himself while he's headed home with the winning run.

COR a coach, Freddie turned out to be easily convertible. This is the first time anybody every stole third base, coach and all. Durocher may have been a poacher, but Freddie was ready. It was the biggest talk-talk in Boston since the Cabots last spoke to God. They chatted in whispers, but even little pitchers have big ears.

Nobody has had this much trouble going to the Giants since Jack planted his beanstalk.

HANDLER must like Durocher. Whatever Leo does, Chandler says "fine." Every time Leo opens his mouth he puts his foot in it. And every time he opens his sock, Chandler takes a bite out of it. Leo is in favor of a sequel to the Jimmy Stewart picture to be called: "You Don't Have to Stay, Happy." This time, Leo is accused of getting too free in the home of

the Braves. Smuggling Fat Freddie out of Boston was like sneaking Macy's up Gimbel's escalator. Chandler was willing to overlook fits of temper, but not tampering with Fitz.

Just because Leo's at the Polo Grounds, does Chandler have to ride him?

gram now prevalent in the U.S. More youngsters are enlisting, air crews are getting the finest training, the recent moves to improve their morale in Germany (especially the Airlifters) all incline toward keeping Uncle Sam No. 1 in the air. As Representative Carl Vinson (D., Georgia), normally a big Navy booster, has declared: "I am convinced a majority in this Congress will vote funds for a 70-

it can do so-with the advantage

opinion and support for the pro-

And Vinson; perennially a Navy

fund booster, added this remark-

able utterance: "The United States

cannot afford to let its Air Force

THERE have been some alarmed

outcries against the enormous

expenditures of money in Presi-

dent Truman's new budget. The

fact that almost half goes for Na-

tional defense, is deplorable-ex-

cept it's vitally necessary. What-

ever is being spent for aircraft and

air crew preparation, can scarcely

be questioned. Without the best

air force on earth, Russia with its

huge land armies and proximity to

Those of us who have seen the

Soviet diplomats in action, know

without waiting, what would be the

next move. The Kremlin is past

master in the policy of threat and

our only allies, moves shead.

blackmail.

of still later development.

group Air Force."

run second to anyone."

T TAKES A WHOLE BOAT CREW HOURS TO SET LEAD BOOT O'BRINE INTO HIS DIVING SUIT-BUT HE NEVER LOSES HIS GOOD-NATURED SMILE- BUT WOW! LISTEN TO ALL THE WORDS HE LEARNED AT SEA WHEN THE FRAU TRIES TO GET HIM INTO A TUXEDO ....

try which, caught in a long, slow, difficult effort to establish recovery at home, seeks desperately for sources of strength elsewhere. It is like the imperialism which sends the Dutch, staggering from a war blow themselves, into a war in the East Indies, and it is also like the imperialism which sends the French, unable to establish stability at home, into a military adventure in Indo-China.

> . . . A ND of all forms of imperial-A ism, this new one is the most dangerous, for it cannot work, it can only destroy our world. For what the world has not granted to strength, over these many generations, it is not going to grant to weakness. The world will merely push on to forms of organization which will render this kind of arched-back imperialism helpless. But in the process it may render our Western World helpless, too. And the United States is faced with a severe problem. It cannot preside successfully over a Western Alliance, the ideological throat of which can be cut at any time by any member who feels an urge come over him to embark upon a military adventure among those

peoples whom we once used to call

"natives."

Grace and Abel Greene will arrive tomorrow for a business-andpleasure trip. They will be at the Beverly Hills Hotel.

Eachary Scott goes to France to appear in "Rachel," the movie Aly Khan is backing.

Susan Peters starts a televisionradio series Sunday called "Mabel's Fables," styled especially for children.

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the T-H business in the first few hours of play and then worry about new labor act. That's the two package theory.

Now they're one package apart. Everybody is confused. Labor leaders do not doubt Mr. Truman's sincerity. But they'd feel better if he would take on a flock of New Deal experts to write the laws and straighten things outso action would parallel promises. They want delivery. The backslapping they can do without.

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