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U. S. BEING 'EMBRACED' WITH DEBTS

U. S. BEING 'EMBRACED' WITH DEBTS. BY BRUCE BARTON. NEW YORK (AP)—The foreign countries were "devalued" last year, and now we and Americans are about to engage in a program of devaluing our own money.

U. S. BEING 'EMBRACED' WITH DEBTS. Each time he came before Congress as President with a new budget message he apologized for not having balanced the budget and made a payment on the debt.

U. S. BEING 'EMBRACED' WITH DEBTS. Now both political parties are committed to more and bigger expenditures than the budget allows for our dollars.

U. S. BEING 'EMBRACED' WITH DEBTS. Alexander Pope wrote these famous lines: "To be a monster of so frightful mien, As, to be hated, needs but to be seen."

U. S. BEING 'EMBRACED' WITH DEBTS. We are now in the "embrace" of a new year.

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New Year Will Bring New Requirements To Citizens. 2. A new Social Security tax. Employees will contribute 1 and 1/2 per cent (instead of the present 1 per cent) of their salaries to Uncle Sam.

New Year Will Bring New Requirements To Citizens. 3. Increased rates for local taxes. City Council has authorized the three local gas companies to boost their meter rates from 35 cents for the first mile and a half to 35 cents for the first mile.

New Year Will Bring New Requirements To Citizens. 4. A new, tighter City smoke ordinance. The new law will affect many local householders as well as industrial and commercial plants.

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Japs Told Of Right To Defense Anti-War Clause. The supreme commander nevertheless highly praised the Japanese renunciation of war and intimated that there was to be no change in the prohibition against Japanese armed forces.

Japs Told Of Right To Defense Anti-War Clause. Japan was completely disarmed and surrendered in 1945, and remains so. The present national constitution adopted under occupation guidance forbids officially anything as a Japanese idea—renouncing war as armed force entirely and forever.

Japs Told Of Right To Defense Anti-War Clause. ANNUAL MESSAGE. The self-defense statement was contained in the closing section of MacArthur's annual New Year's message which was broadcast here last night.

Japs Told Of Right To Defense Anti-War Clause. "Some contemporary cynics describe as visionary Japan's constitution... the concept of ballantry and armed security, but it is really a concept of self-defense against unprovoked attack."

Japs Told Of Right To Defense Anti-War Clause. The global ideological struggle brought close to Japan by the communist roll over China, and the international procedure which is delaying call of a Japanese peace conference.

Charlotte's Man Of The Year

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Charlotte's Man Of The Year. An attorney of note who has been the State's most active civic leaders for years, Mr. Dockery distinguished himself again in 1949 with his leadership of the Community Chest campaign.

Charlotte's Man Of The Year. Mr. Dockery's efforts to raise \$35,000 for most of Charlotte's 1949-1950, the largest sum in the history of the fund-raising campaign reached a high point when a general public subscription was organized by a contributing group of many contributors.

Charlotte's Man Of The Year. Mr. Dockery's work on behalf of the Chest was not his first. He had conducted extensive work in other years, and had served as a city officer and director since the early 20's.

Charlotte's Man Of The Year. Mr. Dockery's historically-important given names may or may not have had some influence on the final choice.

Fear Japs In Waters Off China

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Fear Japs In Waters Off China. The Flying Arrow is due to head for Communist Shanghai Tuesday. The skipper, Capt. David Jones of Chicago, indicated today he would sail his ship into Shanghai in spite of mines.

Fear Japs In Waters Off China. The Hong Kong Sunday Herald said, however, the crew had called the U. S. State Department and the National Maritime Union in New York to the effect: "We will not work if the ship attempts to run through the blockade."

Fear Japs In Waters Off China. U. S. Vice Consul Frederick A. Hill said he had talked with three members of the State Dept. and that he had not heard of any news which would indicate the Japanese in Shanghai, nor that men were being sent to the island.

Fear Japs In Waters Off China. Jack M. Pattison, Liberator ship agent here, declared he did not know of any attempt by crewmen to leave the ship. The Herald also reported that the crew was represented as saying "we know about flying bullets and shells but not mines."

Fear Japs In Waters Off China. Crewmen said the NMTU had been Secretary of State Dean Acheson Dec. 29 urging him to protest against or help ships out of the danger area in China. Acheson previously rebuffed the Indonesian plea of New Year for running the Nationalist blockade.

Fear Japs In Waters Off China. Capt. Jones told a receiving a notarized letter from Vice Consul Hill to change his sailing date. Some of his associates which will call for far less than the \$40,000, \$100,000 now estimated as the Government's outlay for the current fiscal year.

Fear Japs In Waters Off China. The estimated tax yield for this fiscal year—excluding excise taxes—is only \$38,000,000, leaving a net of about \$2,000,000. That indicates that the Government may face another multi-billion dollar deficit next year, unless Congress either trims spending sharply or votes new taxes.

Fear Japs In Waters Off China. The settlement against new taxes running strong on Capitol Hill, Mr. Murray then asked to see what would be the effect of a cut in excise taxes on the Federal Treasury.

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Mrs. Phil Murray Charged With Speeding In Virginia. Trooper W. H. Spencer charged Mrs. Murray with driving "70 miles an hour in a 50-mile-per-hour zone."

Once Over Lightly



Search For Life Elixir Continues

Search For Life Elixir Continues. Hormone Suggested For Longer Life. BY HOWARD W. BLAKELEY. NEW YORK (AP)—Man's oldest desire, an elixir for longer life, was revived today at the closing sessions of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

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Good with 2 names

Good with 2 names. Of course, it is hard to get a name that is both good and easy to remember. But if you are looking for a name that is both good and easy to remember, you should consider the name 'Good with 2 names'.