

A BETTER COMPROMISE

THOSE of us who favor a sound, pay-as-you-go system of financing our State Government have agreed, in general, with the economy bloc in the Senate. But we find it impossible to go along with that bloc in its "contingent" teacher pay bonus program for the reason that it is intellectually dishonest.

There is, as you all know by now, a \$30 million "cushion" reserve fund, set up originally to protect state expenditures against a drop in revenue. It has been sought by many pressure groups, among them the school teachers.

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It is a mistake to think of alcoholism as a disease. It is unmistakably reminiscent of that of the insane scarcely more than a century ago, and this comparison in no way implies that alcoholism is a disease. The alcoholic is a social outcast, and his rise and popular acceptance of the concept of insanity are a historical concomitant of the nineteenth century. We must have a similar one in this century for the alcoholic.

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New Approach to Alcoholism
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THE PROBLEM IS WITH US

If you saw the figures they would see dry, perhaps you, for one, may be content to say that sure, alcoholism is bad, but it is something for the rest of the country to worry about—big cities like New York and Chicago.

But complacency isn't justified in light of the facts concerning your town and your state. Many people in medicine, social work, law and government are alarmed about alcoholism; after reading that fat file I know about it.

Marquis Childs
Bogeyman Threat

OUT of Berlin are coming ever more ominous hints that the Russians are looking for some way to lift the Berlin blockade. The French sectors of the city, Paris, are being surrounded by a formula that would avoid public confession of failure.

MORE THAN ENOUGH

On the practical side, the Air Force has had more than enough of what has long since become a burdensome routine assignment. It is set out to prove, including the demerol, that a plane can carry 940 tons in 24 hours, that more could be transported by air.

IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION

THE value of the Butler clinic will depend on several things. First, the personnel will be all important. (One doctor and a flock of guards and a closet full of strait jackets won't be of much value.)

Joseph Alsop
Where We Came In

IT was only a little more than two years ago, in the present, 1944, that Secretary of State James F. Byrnes made his momentous decision.

THREAT REMAINS

While Tehran may be alarmed, it must be re-emphasized that the implication the Soviets have openly made is the aggression that they fear.

Halloo—Listen, Folks—Can You Hear Me?—

ANTI-AMERICAN PROPAGANDA

VOICE OF AMERICAN EXPENDITURE

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON
I'm not announced officially, but the State Dept. has taken a secret and highly significant step to stop the spread of Communist in the Philippines, the Malay and Indo-China.

State Dept. Tries To Top Civil War

WASHINGTON
The Legion's No. 1 Lobbyist YOUNG Olin Tague of Texas spent eleven times as long for bravery in the war, but on a fresh battle recently with the No. 1 American Legion lobbyist.