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THE GREAT FIASCO

THE B-36 Investigation, which may well go down in history as The Great Fiasco of 1949, has accomplished several worth-

while things:

1. It has shown us that men in high places—in this case, a special assistant to the Secretary of the Navy—will sacrifice their integrity, when it serves their on purposes, or those of the movement they represent.

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2. It has pointed up the deadly potentialities of bitter inter-service rivalry and jealousy in the national defense program.

3. It has strengthened the nation's con-fidence in the ais defense system, and in the men who have been chosen to

develop it.

4. And above all, it has again warned us that we are living in an Age of Suspicion which the filmistest charges, made adrottly in the right places and duly exposed to the public through the proper channels, can impugn the integrity and reputation of our most respected governmental officials.

ficials. Not in a long time has an official investigation fizzled out so completely. The suspended Navy man who wrote the original memorandum on the B-38 and its sponsors—Cédric Worth—did an abject abouti-face of every one of his charges. He repudiated any suspicion of corruption involving everyone connected with the B-38 project, denied all the charges and cumors of irregularities, confesced he had cumors of regularities, confesced he had not provided the charges and the support of the confession of the confes

GOOD NEWS, IF TRUE

MERGILL LYNCH, Pierce, Fenner & M. Beane, one of the busiest of U. S. investment frouses, in not ordinarily given to over-optimism. Long familiar with the unfavorable government attitude toward business, and acutely conscious of the uncertainties facing any would-be investor, Merrill Lynch is understandably wary of any friendly gestures from Washington. This week, however, the company sent around a memorandum, Washington. This week, however, the company sent around a memorandum that the horizontal sent and the sent and

"Hemseforth America's 15,000,000 investors can expect an atmosphere of quiet friendatip to replace the suspicious folkance and open hostility of yesterday. ... Investors may find themselyes thighest with the same deference as farmers and the working man.

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To support this conclusion, Merrill ynch cited three important statements by

On August 7, Federal Reserve Board Chairman Thomas McCabe told Congress the plight of American investors "is to be viewed with concern".

LESSON IN SELF-HELP

THE STORY of poverty-stricken Puerto I Rico's dramatic efforts to achieve economic self-surficiency, as told in the current issue of The Rodarian, has a pointed moral for some of the other underdweinged areas of the word.

Not all of them have the favored relationship with big nations that Puerto Rico Riso with the U.S. But the same analysis of the world with the U.S. But the same analysis would help materially in every instance,

stance. Puerto Rico's basic problem is one of over-population. More than 2200,000 people must exist on less than a million acres of arable land, and the population is increas-ing, rapidly. The island's traditional agri-cultural economy—with emphasis on sugar, coffee, tobacco—simply will not support so many people.

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Of the many suggestions for halting
this population growth, only two have any
real merit:

1. Large scale migration which might
work if Puerto Ricans were not so firery
loyal to their island and so dissatisfied elsewhere.

where.

2. Birth control, which would have to overcome the restraining influence of religious teaching and which even then would probably not work because of the high level of poverty and semi-literacy of the inhabitants.

the inhabitants.

Under the leadership of Luis MunozMarin, the island's first elected governor,
Puerto Rico has stopped talking and, thinking about over-population, "Suppole you
phrase it another way; don't say we're
over-populated, but rather say we haven't
sufficient work for our labor force," says
Don Luis.

task, then, is to create new jobs, The task, then, is to create new jobs, not in agriculture, but in industry for the 700,000-odd available workers. At first, during the administration of Rexford Guy Tugwell, the program of Munoz-Marin's Popular Party bordered on outright So-cialism. The Government went into the power, transportation and banking business. Large plantations were broken up, and 196-prog given small homesities.

But now the emphasis has swung to petwee enterprise. The Intuits Legislation

brought about heartaches and "a great dis-service to the American people", and spread "a lot of loose, false statements.".

Even Rep. Van Zand of Pennsylvania-he man who used Worth's anonymous, un-documented memorandum for an irrespon-sible and widely-quoted speech on the floor of the House-woted with the full commit-tee in clebring the Air Force of all sus-nicion.

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The investigation is not ever. The Navy, properly embarassed over the role of one of its top officials, is conducting an independent requiry to find out if anyone else in the naval-establishment participated in, or had knowledge, of the memorandum. The House Armel 8 ervices Committee meanwhile continued digging for facts to determine if Worth was "covering up" for someone else.

That is good. The rumors and charges should be pursued as far as humanly pos-sible, and such other persons as had a role in this infamous affair should be duly

But we have already had enough to give us a valuable lesson in public affairs. Under But we have already had enough to give us a valuable leason in public affairs. Under the American system of justice a man is innocent until proved guilty. In this case, a goodig number of upright individuals had to go to great lengths to prove their innocence by dispelling a cloud of suspicion stirred up by a disgruntled bureautrat and an irresponsible member of Congress. That is too great a burden for any man, in public service or out.

2. On August 17 Treasury Secretary John Snyder stated that private American Investigation of the State of the

The memorandum pointed out that any pronounced change in the Washington attitude toward the investing public will obviously benefit the markets for stocks and bonds, and added:

"It will also have a profound effect upon future capital outlays, both private and public. It will affect millons of savings accounts and billions in life insurance. It could touch off a gigantic wave of confidence and progress."

The two main deterrents to investment The two main deterrents to investment in the past fifteen years have been (1) the unfriendly attitude of Government toward business, and (2) the unfavorable tax structure which penalizes the investor by taxing corporation earnings heavily and then charging him full personal income rates on hi sdividends.

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If a start has been made toward removing the first, as Merrill Lynch believes, it will help. It will help further if a more just, system of taxation is devised. If both deterrents are removed, U. S. business will never have to fear from a dearth of equity capital.

passed a law which grants exemption from all income and property taxes up to June 30, 1959 for new industries in 42 broad cate-gories of business and manufacture. Partial exemption is granted for three years there-after.

Even after the end of the exemption pe-Even after the end of the exemption period, the industries will fare better than they do in the United States because of Puerto Rico's lower tax schedule. In addition, prevailing wage rates are much below those on the maintand, and favorable shipping rates make it feasible to imight the state of the sta

mainland duty free.

Many U. S. firms have taken advantage of this opportunity, and many wealthy Puerto Ricans who formerly heatisted to invest in their own country because of the apparent hopelessness of its economic futures are now finding it destrable to do so. Forty-one new Industries providing \$000 new jobs have aiready been established, and the creation of \$0,000 jobs has been set as the goal for the project. Simultaneously the Insular Government has provided greatly increased funds for education, blousing, and public health in an effort to remove thousands of its people refore the provided prove thousands of its people in the provided prove thousands of its people to the provided prove thousands of its people to the provided provided

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Munor-Marin is conscious of some criticism from this nation, especially from New England which has lost several industries to the Island. But he instate that the Island will never lure more than a tiny he points to the only alternatives: constantly increasing direct aid from the U. S. Government or a complete collapse to the Puerto Rican reconomy, either of which would be disastrous for the island and costiy to the parent country.

Puerto Rico faces a long, hard pull before it can claim economic self-sufficiency. But if the Munor program works, a real miracle will have been accomplished, and the big, bearish man with the eyes of a foriorn spaniel will have proved himself an economic genius as well as the political whard he most oevialny is.

The Camel's Back



People's Platform

The Plea Of A Greek Student

Editors. The News:

AMERICAN justice, American people fellow students of the second people fellow students who has come to your country tagstage in your universities. Your country fascinates me, therefore, I decided to major in political science in order to learn the In Oirece I fought against the Italians. During the German occupation I served in the Anigidorest underground which constituted of informing the Allied high command.

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Thinkly persecuted by the Communities I left Greece to come here and study in your university.

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Better Foods Needed

Editors, Tiet News:

EXCLOSED you will find letter to Charles F. Brannan, Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., which is of general interest, duplicates of which were sent to W. Kerr Scott, Governor of North Carolina and to E. Y. Ballentine, Commissioner of Agriculture of North Carolina.

-BERNARD T. WALKER.

Secretary of Adriculture,
Washington D. O.

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—BERNARD T. WALKER.

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Washington Merry-Go-Round

Senate Full Of Outstanding 'Freshmen'

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OLD-TIMERS cannot recall a Senale with as many cutstanding newcomers as the present one.
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following:

Topoping this group of distinguished freatmen are the PALL R. DOUGLAS 40. DIL. 5 former professor of economics, battle-scarred Marine veteran, and gentlemanly but indominable liberal whom Senator Ed Johnson, three-term Coloradoan, rates the "rootley of the year." Douglas the strength of the present the same fighting qualities and independence in the Senate. His debate against the strongly supported bill to circumvent the Supreme Gourl's rejection of the basing-point, price system was the most impressive of the seasons, approached the present of the seasons, and the seasons are supported bill to circumvent the Supreme Gourl's rejection of the basing-point price system was the most impressive of the seasons, price system was the most impressive of the seasons price Southern uncompromissing in making good his campaign promises. Kefaruer is the only Southern freshman who has gone 100 per cent down the line for the Pair Deal program, including cell rights. He sensor shows the seasons his Southern colleagues like the Wallington Anni-

ment does in the Capital. Kefauver is a good Winter-book bet for a place on the 1952 Democratic Presidential ticket.

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ROBERT S. KERR, Oklahoma ex-governor and million-aire oliman, whose liberal record is distinctive on public

power, labor, housing, education, Social Security and farm legislation. His big deviation has been on the big-ris is of control over a major segment of the natural gas industry and open the way for a \$1500000 bits in condumer rates. Kerr is the second of the two freshmen lauded by Senator O'Mshoney.

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