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ACHESON'S CRITICS

DIPPING here and there into one of the know-it-all tell-it-all Washington "News Letters" the other day, we ran across this paragraph:

"Acheson is honest and in most matters he is entirely competent. Trouble with him is that he's high-brow, intellectual, lacks common touth, also horse sense. His popping off on Hiss was just a big dumb blunder."

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Several things about that blurb are of more than passing interest.

First of all, honesty and competence are rather unusual attributes in our national leaders these days, and we would think them deserving of more enthusiastic recognition than this particular dope sheet rate.

Secondly, we are not quite sure that being 'high-brow' and 'hindlectual' are deficiencies in a Secretary of State. After all, he lives in a high-brow, intellectual atmosphere, and would be somewhat of a mishit if he were low-brow and ignorant. Lacking the "common-touch" and not having "hore sense"—whatever those phrases mean—may be more grievous faults, we suppose, though to us they connote that good breeding and a logical mind are liabilities rather than assets. But the crowning touch was that alur on

Acheson's "blunder". This particular news letter pulled one of the biggest blunders of the century last year. It not only condi-dently predicted Dewry's election, but had prepared a special booket telling U. S. businessmen what, to expect from the new Dewey Administration. Advertisements plugging that booklet ran in national magazines a couple of days after Truman's re-election was assured—and the motive behind its publication, we are confident, were somewhat less unselfish and less Christian than those which prompted Acheson's remarks about Hiss.

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editorial comment were it not so typical
of the continuing campaign of insinuation
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and innuendo against Secretary of Siste
Acheson, a campaign carried on by people
who are intellectually and politically his
inferiors, and who neither understand nor
want to participate in a sincere and lotty
effort to repair the damages of a shattered
world while guarding it against Communism.

munism.

It is not often that we can attract men of real ability to government service. When if does happen, we should discount the oblique attacks upon them by small-bore politicians and Washington "experts".

SECRETS ON CAPITOL HILL

HOW MUCH of the affairs of govern-ment should be kept secret among administration leaders and how much should be released to the public? And how long may the Government keep a secret about foreign policy, a policy af-fecting the lives of us all? These are some of the questions raised by James Reston, able New York Times that main correspondent, in an article in line the article, "Secreey and the Report-er", Reston declares:

"The Government of course must protect its right to private discussions and private ingeotiations. The consequences of promature disclosure in certain negotiations can be seri-

"But the people have to be adequately in-formed in a democracy in spite of these prob-lems, and the Government is not deling what it could to keep informing them. The more ground they become, then the niner they must be explained to the people; but the opposite procedure now prevails."

while calling Pana Acheson our "ablest Secretary of State since Henry L. Stimson". Reston regrest that Acheson and other administration officials feel com-pelled to play "cops and robbers" with the press. The administration (cops) tries to conceal information; the press trobbers) tries to disclose it.

Who is right? The press or the admin-

to Capitol Hill; but by then policy has crystallized so much that aggressive reporting of the facts could in some instances upset a few facts could in some instances upset a Government will not make an effort of the facts of t

Reston indicates two reasons for the Washington secrecy:

(1) Acheson and other officials are just plain ornery about reporters, think the press would rather have the story first than have it right.

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(2) Officials try to hide information as
much as possible because they do not quite
know where they are going.

There is no answer in the back of the
book for this question; it cannot be solved
with a map of the fineers. There is too
much truth on each side.

Yet, as members of the public, we do
feel quite heipless in the shaping of our
own destinies. If there is to be war, the
own destinies. If there is to be war, the
compact has a chance to consider it. Tree
decisions now being made in Washington—
in secret, most of them—are the
decisions which will mean war or no war;
and the most important of recent decisions,
—the go-ahead on hydrogen bomb construction—no tonjud id not get to the
people, it didn't even get to Congress.

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pancial control of the properties of the people, it will require the active and informed interest of the people to keep it
democratic.

LAUGH AND THE WORLD LAUGHS ha-ha-hunh waste of heee time, just sit-ting there nft-nft laughing. Sometimes they sit there for hunh an hour and heee an hour and a half.

NEW YORK — A group of College of the City of New York sudents have organized The Laughte South They meet each Thursday—30 or more year and gather than a circle. Then they sit and continued the continued the continued to the con

and then they're off-sometimes for an hour and a half. News Item

THERE are these people up in New York's City College, see? About 80 of them and they set together every Thursday, see? And-they-sit-in-a-big circle and hunh-hunh just sit there and hunh laugh. No reason, see? They just like to hunh smift laugh.

Now you might think that's a ridiculous

an hour and a half.
But this huth hut student named hut
Milton Luchan—he's the ha ha fit "sultan" of the Laughter haww Society says
"With the ho ho world in the ha hee state
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haww-haww ho laughter."
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From The Asheville Citizen

MAN OF THE SEAS

THE LATE O. Max Gardner made many wise and generous benefactions in his will. One of them, the annual O. Max Cardiner Award, which goes this year to Dr. Robert E. Coker, best typifies Max Gardner Award, which goes this year to Dr. Robert E. Coker, best typifies Max Gardner Award, which goes this year to Dr. Robert E. Coker, best typifies Max Gardner Award, and the control of the fact of the human race."

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in the citation which accompanies the Gardner Award sheds interesting light on this activity:

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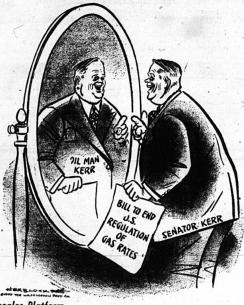
the distribution of the products of the seas.

One day—who knowa?—we may have to
turn from our exhausted lands to a literal
"farming" of the oceans for more food and
greater employment. Robert E. Coker, of a
line of distinguished South Carolina Cokers,
famed as teachers and soil researchers, is
steadily pointing the way to greater opportunity for his people across an old but
neglected frontier.

There is more talk about getting the Reds out of the government than there is about getting the government out of the red.—Pittsburg (Tex.) Gazette.

Baseball fans will soon begin to read the morning newspapers again.—Coffeyville (Miss.) Courier.

'I Agree With You 100 Per Cent'



Peoples Platform

Needed: A Truckers Depot

Editors. The News:

FIO OBTAIN the Q.M. Depot is a wise move. May I
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thousands of dollars from wear and tear on pavement.

thousands of dollars from wear ann uses on the control of the present time three his freight trucks block traffic all over town. It is only a question of time this will be done all over the nation, why mot be Charlotte take the lead in establishing a central-traffic traffic tra

How About Kimbro?

CHARLOS ...

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Editors, Tir. News.

I HAVE been reading in The News that 50 or more
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in favor of Kimbro. It seems the deserves a chance as
in favor of Kimbro. It seems the deserves a chance as
in favor of Kimbro. It seems the object to be parolled.

I would like this letter multiplied to see how manyothers feel the same way.

—HARVEY THREATT.

Selling Poison

CHARLOTTE

Editors, The News: CHARLOTTE

I WONDER what you think of a city that makes
it legal to sell a habit forming drug for revenue
then has to build a hospital to take care of the then has to build a hospital to take addlets?

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If we vote to make it legal to sell poison or to steal are we not sharing in the evil!

—ROSE BLANTON.

Editors. The News:

18 America losing its freedom? No politican ever
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tells his listeners that he is trying his level best to
take their freedom from them. If he campaigned to
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material welfare merely ways to make us into servants of a dictatorahip? Do the American people wan to be a free people? or do they, like other countries, we have a construction of the people of the people. The construction of the people of

"It wasn't Phineas Taylor Barnum but Abraham Lincoln. Barnum's best known: "There's a sucker born every minute," which may be just as applicable to Mr. Boyle's point. —Editors, The News.

Forget The H-Bomb!

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Genius Needed To Plan For **Total Diplomacy's Economy**

By STEWART ALSOP

WASHINGTON

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This proposal calls for bearing the political-attrategic responsibility in the NSC, while creating an entirely new organization to deal write whole range of American economic policy wherever it impings on the sovid struggle. The new or on the world struggle, the new or man of sufficient stature to exercise independent authority in the name of the President.

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It's Time To Stop Being Simple About Accusations

By MARQUIS CHILDS

WASHINGTON
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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

State Dept. Frowns On Peace Promotion

METRY-GO-ROUND

WASHINGTON

A DELUGE of mell has poured into this office listly personal lining ideas on how to win peace. This main highlights one of the most important problems faced by Governmentison for largely neglected—how to mobilize the energy of milling in the personal lining in the personal lining is an analysis of the personal line is easy to mobilize during war. There is an urgency, a drama, a denage behind war. But peace is bundrum. It is easy to ait back, pay taxes, let the diplomats wrantel, the rest of us of back, to pay taxes, let the diplomats wrantel, the rest of us of back to fight all over segain.

Of late, however, large numbers of the American peoplewed to play some part in moudding the peace. They realize that peace is like the soil; a little erodes here and a little erodes there, until the international pastures are all mills when the first small guiley justes eroding that you have to begin packing up both your pastures and the peace, have to begin packing up to how you was a first they have started. The problem fighting to win wars after they have started. The problem of the Government is to take advantage of this wast good-will and boundless coatry.

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