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MOBILIZING THE AMERICAN IDEA

THE blame for the parlous, if not worse, state of world affairs has been laid to everything from the Democratic Administration to flying saucers to sunspots to Joe Stalin & Co.

st week, the erudite editor of "Britain y" put his finger on a likelier cul-ignorance.

"It is one of the basic facts of the modern world that there can be no war between any of the English-specking nations," he wrote, "because they know one another well enough to be sure that disputes between them can be settled peacefully."

If understanding averts war, does it not ollow, he asks, that organization to pro-note understanding is as important as rmies and navies and air forces?

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Perhaps it is too late to awest another
world war, but it is not too late to under-stand that allies can be won to our cause
through the use of propagands.

In the meanest sense of the word, pro-pagands is no answer to the problems be-setting the world, for military propagands
often has no more beats in truth than the legand of the monster of Loch Ness and
is no more convincing. Witness: the Rus-stan instatence that the South Koreans
"started the war".

But there is a form of propagands which

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That variety of propaganda is a necessity now that the fuse of conflict is sputtering.

Fortunately, the organization (and part of the machinery) required to spread that sort of information is already available—The Voice of America.

Unfortunately, on the other hand, Congress has not seen fit to regard The Voice of America as the powerful wapon it is could be a seen to see the could be a seen as the modest appropriation which has see up and continued The Voice has been well spent. The Russians considered the Voice of America is a sponym for lies and slander."

One review began: "As millions of Russians already know, The Voice of America is a synonym for lies and slander."

So we know Russia has heard it, has heard the truth about America is a valuable weapon to be regarded alongside our Army, Navy and Air Force.

Connecticut's Sen. Benton has introduced a resolution for a greatly expanded Voice of America, making use of the entire technical skill of America's radio industry. This mobilization of the America Idea as a weapon against Communism is as

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THE SPENDTHRIFT SENATE

P. FOSTER FURCOLO of Longmead-from much since he took his seat in the sist Congress in January, 1948. Thirty-nine years old, a yeteran of World War II, Mr. Furcolo has been sitting around ob-serving his elders. Last week he decided to speak his piece about economy in gov-ernment.

ernment.

Plart, he introduced into the record a tabulation of all appropriations voted by Congress since 1860. In one column he put the figures as voted by the House, in the second column he put the figures as approved by the Senate. In the third column he put the final compromise figure between the House and the Senate.

The tabulation showed that from 1840 to 1850, the Senate, voted to spend 318,—809,110,948 more than the amount of money voted by the House of Representatives.

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Mr. Purcolo pointed out that 1943 and
1944 were years of heavy war appropriations. Even so, with those two years excluded, the Senate voted over \$12,000,000.

More than the House in the mine-year
period in only one year, the House.

Then the Massachusetts Congressman
got down to details. He mentioned charges
of "pork barrel" legislation, pointing out
that most expenditures of this type come
unour either Civil Functions nor the Interior
Department. In the eleven-year period,
the Senate appropriated \$658,000,000 more
than the House for Civil Functions, and
\$500,000,000 more than the House for the
Interior Department.

"I... want to point out to the people of the nation that if they want to cut down on xpenditures, the first task is to begin with the Senate. In other words, if the people

cown to the golds need and then take the seek seep site that: said at Process.

One reason for this situation, and the Congressman, is that the average Senator usually feels that the people of the state want him to do everything possible to get want him to do everything possible to get said. But do they? Mr. Purcole thinks they don't, and he suggested a way that the Senators might find out.

At the beginning of each assion of Congress, each member of the Senate would notify his State Legislature of the projects under Civil Functions and the Interior Department he propose to sponsor or support. The State Legislature, representing the people, would then memorialise Congress for or against the projects.

sate will be greatly impressed, said Mr.
Purcolo.

We think so, too. And we think the
Purcolo plan would do much to bring
economy in the Federal Government down
to the "grass roots" level, State Legislatures might be reluctant to oppose any
Federal project within their state borders.
Being closer to the people than the Senators, however, legislatures would be more
apt to express the popular will.

In the final analysis, we will never have
economy in the Federal structure until
the people are willing to forego some of
the hand-outs from Washington. Mr.
Furcolo has offered a way for them to
express that willingness. It is worth a try.

FASCISM IN ITALY

A GENTLEMAN who frequently reminds As us of things we tend to forget is Max Assection, the Italian-born editor of that useful fortnightly The Reporter.

Just now it is that, while we are busy trying to kick Communism out Italy's Tront door, Pascism may crawl back in at the

window.

Ascoll is just back from his fifth trip to taly since the war. In the current issue if this magazine, he reports that there is est cause for apprehension about Italy, lespite the 1948 electoral victory over tedly effective propaganda, keeps om establishing "democratic party as we over here understand it

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A few of these self-proclaimed Fascists are of course poseurs. But there are many Italians who believing themselves democrats, yet look wistfully over their shoulders at the 'good old days' of the middhirties. In their present drab existence, they unconsciously pine for the Duce's pomp and circumstance; his cardboard empire looks less filmsy against Italy's present inconsequence. Admid domestic strife, with unemployment widespread, many say, "What price freedom?"

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Fascism, or any other.

To forestall that, Associate that Italy's anti-Fascist measures be vigorously enforced, that Communium be defiated by removal of the political and economic our government make it "unmittabably clear to everybody concerned in Rome" that we will not let Italy revert "to one-party totalizationism—no matter how bland." He concludes:

"Once more it is a case of showing that American power can be as tough as it is kind."

That sounds to us like a good rule of thumb for American policy in Italy, and everywhere else.

Charlie Justice has gone to work for the North Carolina Medical Foundation. Now if they'll just assign him to try to discover the causes of the common cold, it'll give us a handsome headline: "Choo-Choo Chasses Kerchoo".

"Nah! Let's Wait Till They Go Communist, Then Spend A Few Billions Fighting Them'



Peoples' Platform

Taking The Odor Out Of Sugaw Creek

Editors, The News:

[RaEAD with interest your editorial "Suaw Creek Solution in Prospect". I have been enginer for all the drainage work done by the Macklenburg Drainage Datriet for the past 39 years.

Nine years ago I wrote the U. S. Public Health Draphtment and asked how to eliminate the odors in Department and asked how to eliminate the odors in told me they were asking the drainage engineer of the City of Memphix. Turn, to go into details showing me how that city had controlled their stream odors.

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Memphis eminer made a blueprint of the proposed improvements that we should make on Sugaw Creek. These improvements hat we should make on Sugaw Creek. These improvements are to build a small concrete lined ditch in the bottom of the present disanced which will carry all normal flow, there is a small concrete lined ditch in the bottom of the present disanced which will carry all normal flow the stream at normal times to be a swift flowing stream will carry his have a small concrete line of the same at the same at the stream at normal times to be a swift flowing stream with this swift flowing stream will not be noticed. The old Graham mill dam site will make a good coultet for the concrete ditch. I have visited at least three cities streams by this method all are very satisfactory.

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We have been slapped at, kicked at, abused by them, so long now that its more than about time, we doubled back at them. We got in the first blow, all we need to do now is give them a good knock-out punch and be sure they don't revive any more.

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Note Of Thanks

Editors. The News:

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-OWEN J. MULLANEY JR. Chairman, Advisory Council,

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Witty Talk, Literature Are Routed By Canasta, Charades By ROBERT RUARK

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Swaggering General Messed Up Korea Merry-Go-Round

Capturing The South

IT IS doubtful if Jonathan Daniels' talk with the President made too much of an impression. Daniels had talked to him before—in Chicago last May and again last Fall —

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