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THE EMPTY STOCKING FUND

INSIDE the paper was a story which said that... \$14,000,000—seven billion dollars, to spell it out—For Christmas toys and gifts this year. On another page was a story about the Empty Stocking Fund and the plans for this annual community-wide toy drive.

In those two stories was the stark contrast between wealth and poverty that still exists in our favored nation... the contrast between a gaily-lighted home, one lit with Christmas lights, with the simple, modest dwelling here of all but the basic necessities.

THE DEBATE ABOUT THE FBI

TRINING have come to the final pretty much as the Federal Bureau of Investigation has been attacked by the FBI for abetting the civil rights of Negroes and the counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union has defended it.

The corporation lawyer is Max Lowenthal, whose book, 'The Federal Bureau of Investigation, is an angry exercise in harrowing... Lowenthal's earlier work, 'The Federal Bureau of Investigation, is an angry exercise in harrowing...

Lowenthal has made a thorough study of the FBI. The evidence he presents in his book... though exploited for all its worth, would be a most valuable asset to anyone who is interested in the FBI.

PICTURESQUE SPEECH DEPT.

IN REVERTING momentarily to the recurrent pattern of arms between President Truman and the military establishment, no intention of refusing that lamentable controversy.

On the contrary, it is most anxious to see sweetness and light among the Washington brass. It agrees heartily with the volume of unification is now beyond question. It welcomes every new sign that inter-service feuds are being forgotten.

Indeed, such is its concern for inter-service harmony that it has retained for its comment upon recently released statistics indicating that the President was right—in his complaint about the 'Greens' excessive publicity.

There are some men in the world you meet just once—and they stick in your mind. 'Bole' wrote. Westers was a kind man, and courageous leadership... a robust sense of humor, a kindly heart, and generous leadership.

From The Atlantic Journal: HOLLYWOOD AND CONGRESS WHICH, would you guess, commands the larger reader interest, Hollywood or Congress?

Elmer Roper, a pioneer in public opinion research, has focused his field glasses on the question and found a rather surprising answer. Many of us, fancy, would have inferred offhand that gossip, glamorous movie land has more appeal to the mass of Americans than does our national legislature.

There are five times as many people who want to know everything they can about what's happening in Washington as want to know an equal amount about Hollywood.

has grown in concept and altered in practice. Now it attempts to provide some measure of Christmas joy to every needy child in Mecklenburg County, to every needy aged person, and to as many poor parents as the available funds can cover.

The new philosophy of the Bureau is to preserve the pleasure of planning in advance by making cash available to parents in ample time for the family to shop for each other's gifts. That practice has been followed for several years, and the Bureau officials believe it has worked beautifully.

The people of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County have always supported the Empty Stocking Fund generously, and we are confident that they will do so again this year. Every penny donated to the Fund goes to some deserving recipient. There is no overhead, no administrative cost.

THE FBI

More than half of the book is concerned with events before 1941. On the other hand, Ernst's knowledge of the FBI stems from experience in court rather than from historical investigation.

Yet his experience as a lawyer trying to break the FBI's case against the Communist Party is not so much an attack on the FBI as it is now operates, although the lawyer does present instances of what he considers injustice in some recent cases. Lowenthal is more concerned with the tremendous potential power of the G-2—power gained through the FBI's expanded relations campaign to convince the people that the FBI is infallible.

His attack, though temperate, will be useful if it serves to remind all of us that there is an inherent danger in any secret police organization. In periods of international stress we are likely to be much less concerned with individual liberty than with national security and allow such organizations as the FBI to expand their control beyond the needs of the moment.

Ernst's defense is equally important. The FBI is doing its anti-spyionage job now and must be allowed to continue doing its job. If public faith in the Bureau is undermined, that job would become more difficult and perhaps impossible.

People's Platform

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French Must Hold Indo-China To Protect Southeast Asia

By JOSEPH W. STEWART ALSO

WASHINGTON (The Associated Press)—The French must hold Indo-China, to block the advance of the Chinese into Southeast Asia, according to a statement issued here today.

When in the long run, more important, the French now seem to be unable to face the real facts of the situation in Indo-China, which is that there can be no military solution in Indo-China as long as the Chinese are present.

Both French High Commissioner Francois Bédaride and French Foreign Minister Schuman in Paris, have recognized this. Accordingly, they have proposed a long-term plan for the French in Indo-China.

The target is a 200,000 man national army, to be organized and trained by the French. This army will be largely Indo-Chinese and will be ready for service by the end of 1951.

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Medical Profession Challenged

(The following is an excerpt from the address delivered by Dr. H. H. Hester, Chairman, President of the Southern Medical Association, at the recent S.M.A. convention in St. Louis.—Editor.)

WHAT about the work of medicine? Is it really the work of a profession? Or must it also take its place along with the other professions of the world?

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body else. When the self-sacrificing soldier for the Community Chest finally runs his hand, he makes a total gift much as if he were making a small change in his pocket.

Somehow, the school and completion of hospital internships and residency—a period of 10,000 and 130,000—must be made to reach the young people who are entering the profession and who are to be the future of our medical profession.

Professional Self-Discipline ANOTHER area in which we have done a sorry job is in the field of self-discipline. The doctor who has a license to practice medicine and bring a county medical officer, one which he may be called upon to enforce by a court for some criminal offense, he can continue to enjoy the rights and privileges of his profession.

These antiquated medical practice acts which limit the practice of medicine to those who are licensed by good doctors, but should be condemned and properly dealt with by the courts. Privileges and responsibilities are now operating in more than twenty states and the American Medical Association is taking steps to bring about the right direction. All of this constitutes one of the most interesting experiments of modern times.

Antiquated Practice Acts A THIRD area in which we need to clean our own house is in the medical practice acts which in many states permit doctors to carry out procedures upon their patients without their consent. I am not speaking about criminal abortion, violation of the Harrison Narcotics Act, or the like, but about the kind of medicine which is practiced by the honest, virtuous, and kind of us as we practice our profession.

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It should be perfectly clear to anyone that if the American Medical Association is taking steps to bring about the right direction, it is taking vigorous steps to correct its own shortcomings. It is taking the initiative for action to be transferred to other hands.

Progressive Action Needed NOW, in summary, here is what we have done: We have observed wonderful progress which has come about in the field of self-discipline. We have observed wonderful progress which has come about in the field of self-discipline.

These suggestions by no means exhaust the possibilities of progressive action. They do so, more especially the primary purpose of this discussion, which is to make it as clear as I possibly can that the American Medical Association is taking steps to bring about the right direction.

Medical Education I FETTER began with medical education itself—and that better place is the one that makes the difference between a good doctor and a bad one.

Many institutions, organizations and individuals are doing a good job. But there is still a great deal to be done. We must have a better medical education. We must have a better medical education.

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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

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Something is Wrong

I F YOU will forgive me for generalization, I will tell you that it is my opinion that something is radically wrong between the medical profession and the public.

True enough, the people have not yet permitted the obstructing hand of the politician to lead the way. But the only thing that has saved us so far from political control of our profession is the fact that we have a large number of unselfish medical leaders.

Well, it is tempting to conclude that they are simply ignorant of the situation. But even if they are, it is their duty to be informed. They are seeking collective security rather than individual responsibility in all areas of life.

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New Promises Chances

WASHINGTON (The Associated Press)—The Navy has promised to bring 10 troopships up to standard as soon as practical. Already a plan has been tentatively approved.

Brannon Plan Feud

FRIENDS say that Allan Kline, hard-working boss of the American Farm Bureau, had working hours like a barnyard rooster over his latest snub by the White House.

Quote, Unquote

John W. Clay, Westchester-Salem Journal: "Some days ago I told of trying to invent a clucking machine so that these little orphan chickens could be taken care of."