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THE FRANCOPHILES' DILEMMA

THE resumption of ambassacorial-level relations between the United States and Spain presents an interesting dilemma for a good many men in Congress.

Both Houses of the Congress have had many advocates of a full rapproachement with Generalissimo Franco. Some of the pro-Franco Congressmen have been motivated by a commercial interest—the dester to do business with Spain. Some of them have been interested mainly in bringing Franco and his divisions into the anti-Communist front.

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By coincidence or design, these menMcCarran, Wherry, McCarthy, Brewster,
Tafs and others—have been highly critical
of Administration foreign policy in the Far
East and in Europe, and several of them
have publicly expressed agreement with
ex-President Herbert Hoover's scheme to
withdraw to our own shores.

The Truman decision to name an am³ bassador to Spain catches this group with its guard down. They have long sought to bring Franco into the anti-communist framework. (Last Summer Congress voted Spain a loan of \$42,50,000 over the objection of Mr. Truman.) Now that Mr. Truman has capitulated to their wishes, how can this group continue to endorse Mr. Hoover's abandonment of Europe? How can they reconcile their previous stand toward Spain with a Hoover policy that would cut Spain admit and leave Franco open to attack by Russian irropes. We would not suggest that would cut Spain admit and leave Francopen to attack by Russian inches and the standard alpointeneration in the railse the Hoover school But it will certainly have that effect, and it will be interesting to see how the Francophiles extricate themselves from this dilemma.

FEAR-OUR GREATEST ENEMY

THE now-famous words from Frankin D. Roosevelt's first imagural address—"The only thing we have to fear is fear fteelf"—have a new and equally appropriate meaning for the American people as they move into troubled 1951.

For the first time in the history of this bustling nation, there is fear—deep, gnaxing fear—that we may not be able to survive as a land of free men. It is not like Americans to be cowering frear. We have been a confident people.

It is not like Americans to be covering in fear. We have been a confident people. We expected to dust off the Kaiser in short order. We were going to send our navy to Japan and blow the Japs out of the Pacific If they started acting up. We laughed at the Austrian painter, and the Italian blabbermouth.

Always there has been a great confidence our ability to do anything we set our

minds to, and to do it better than any other people in the world.

either people in the world.

And now this fear-fear of our own military weakness, fear that our leaders do not measure up to the task, fear that our slies are made of weak stuff, fear of Soviet. Russia's armed might, fear of defeat.

A healthy respect for our enemy, is a good thing, without it we might make fastal blunders. But fear is quite different. Frightened hen, acting in panic, always make mistakes.

We are a strong nation. Our farms and

We are a strong nation. Our farms and our factories are boundless. Our people are skilled. And most important of all, our cause is right.

If we remember the admonition—"the only thing we have to fear is fear itself"—we shall emerge from this dark hour into the shining light of victory.

THOSE 'RE-EXAMINATIONISTS'

A FEW WEEKS AGO Secretary of State Dean Acheson was being roundly criticated for a rather mild barb he directed at Senator Taft and other Republicans who had been calling for a new study of our foreign policy. "Re-examinationists" was the word Mr. Acheson used-Said he:

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"Now, I said to myself, if to re-examine
what we are doing means to do what we do
every single year of our lives, which is to go
before the Congress and explain year.

In the congress and explain year, and
pastiff every doiler for which we sait the
Congress, this (re-examinationist) can't be
a new species. There is nothing new about
we all re-examine our programs, We all find
out what our failures have been. We all low
at what new actions we should take. We all
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The Secretary went on the inquire if those who since the election have been saying. The want to re-examine all our policies and all our programs, are not actually a "new species of isolationist". It was "possible", he added, that these "re-examinists" sible, he added, that these "re-examinists"

are like "a farmer who goes out every morning and pulls up all his crops to see how they have done during the night."

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This remark brought yelps from may quarters in Contress. Mr. Achesan was all wrong, Senator Tatt insisted. To re-examine foreign policy was not to teast to only the roots. Wrote Prouds this paper has been been supported by the policy was not to teast to only the policy was not to teast to only the policy was not to prove the policy was not provided that the Secretary will not repeat this performance, which is rated as a mistake by many who admire and believe in him.

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As we have noted before hindsight is a useful vehicle, as we look back on the Kennedy and Hoover speeches, and the thorus of approval from the chorus of approval from the Atlenois of Atlenois of the Company of the Company

MEMO TO FAST DRIVERS

HAVE you ever stopped to figure your chances of surviving a wreck when you're roaring along at 70 miles per hour?

Or, to put it a bit more grimly, have you ever figured the chances that you'll be

We have just done a little research on the We have just done a little research on the question, and the odds are quite inheresting. The current report of the N. C. Department of Motor Vehicles, covering the January-September period of 1950, has a table which lists the approximate speed automobiles preceding accidents. Here it is:

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being killed when moving at five miles per hour are only six in 1,000. At 30 miles an hour, the odds have risen to 15 in 1,000.

At 60 miles an hour, chances of a fatality are 47 in 1,000, and above 71 miles an hour, the chances are 193 in 1,000, or almost one

The thing works two ways. The faster you drive, the more apt you are to have an accident because you are less able to con-trol your car. And when you have an accident while traveling at a high speed, you are more apt to be killed. It is a vicious circle, and you fast drivers are deliberately putting yourselves in the ever-tightening

Driving at excessive speeds is foo Driving at excessive speeds is foolish.

(1) Your average speed is not nearly so high as you might believe. (2) It costs more money to operate your car. (3) Your chances of being killed are far greater.

If none of these things concerns you, how about thinking of the fellow you may smash into?

From The Wall Street Journal

THE POSTMAN RINGS TWICE

THERE'S hardly a man who once he puts pen to paper hasn't proved old Eramus' ancient dictum, Creed't serbende serbende studium-which it to asy, once you start putting one little word after another the desire to do so grows on you.

That's true of people who write editorials, people who write letters to the editor, and people who puts letters to the editor, and people who puts letters to the editor, and people who puts letters to the editor, and people who write letters. It is a particularly dangerous habit for letter writers. As the good Dr. Johnson observed, 'in a man's letters his soul lies naked;' and while nakedness may be charming in the young and innocent, it is in 'the less innocent as likely to expose unweightly biemaites. Rare is the letter written in passion—of love or otherwise—that does not look ridiculous when later written in passion—of love or otherwise—that does not look ridiculous when later written in passion—of love or otherwise—that does not look ridiculous when later written in passion—of love or otherwise—that does not look ridiculous when later written in passion—of love or otherwise—that does not look ridiculous. The street of cardinal Richelieu bousted that writer was the look of the passion—of the post man the "agent of impolite-surprises".

In the case of public figures the surprises are sometimes impolitic as well. It may be lamentable, but it is certainly true, that a bit of parchment, being scribbled o'er, can undo a man.

Yet so strong is this studium scribendi

that even a hangover oftentiries carit cure the habit. No one is really surprized when the postman rings twice.

We can only hope that President Tru-man's mention of the atomic bomb and its possible use in the war caused as much consternation among our enemies as it did among our allies.—Greenville (S. C.) Pied-mont.

Surplus potatoes can be used in the manufacture of rubber, says Science, after an intelligent study of limp French fries served in many restaurants.—Jackson served in many (Miss.) Daily News.

A harp always reminds me of a plano with its clother off.—Starkville (Miss.)

'Ain't I Always Willing To Share What You've Got?'



People's Platform

We Must Concentrate On Europe

Editors, The News:

I THOUGHT I had written my valedictory to The News: but I find it hard to suppress an urge on this bleak, cold and lonely day to come back with a rejoinder to your splendid editorial on Mr. Howers speech.

In the first place, I was somewhat surprised at e tempo of your editorial. You do not usually expression to the surprise was to the emotional to the surprise was to the emotional tie of your nature. There was just enough of the trust to make it appealing and forceful, especially those who do not take time out to try to think rings through.

The first requisite of a good tailor is to take into consideration the quantity of the material out of shich he is to fashion his suit. We must at all times be mindful of our resources and to make commitments within keeping with our limitations. And doing this is no evidegee of either moral or physical weakness. It is just common sense. weakness, its just common secure.

We can't contain Russian Communism at all points of its perimeter, to say nothing of doing so as to Rec Long as well, which would have an extended control of some 15,000 miles and some 10,000 miles and some

point that needs no laboring. Its obvious,

New, I do not subscribe to Mr. Hoover's position,
certainly if it involves any reneging of pledges with
the Atlantic Patch nations. But I do concur as to
trying to contain Russia and China in both Europe
and the capable of winning it as concentration upon
Western Europe, and we still have our hands full with
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In short, the only thing we can do is to make up our minds what can and can't be done and then close ranks and do it without clear. No one has "fussed" more about the way things have been done in this continy within the past two decades than in this contry within the past two decades than it is continued to the carbon and though I am in my 67th year of see I am still reasonably physically fill and have also such I am expendiable, mind deterioration and such I am expendiable mental deterioration and such I am expendiable.

The People's Platform to available to any reader who cares to mount it. Communications should be less than 300 words, type-written if possible, and on only one side of the paper. Libel and obscently will be deleted—otherwise anything ones. Each letter must be signed.—Editors, The News

ISOLATION WOULD BE A SENTENCE OF DEATH

SECRETARY Achien has done some re-examination of foreign policy in his own right, though the notion of foreign policy in his own right, though the nitrograph of the nitrograp

organization for peace.

But before that, because of the necessities of organization to stand alone, we should see a perversion of all our institutions, political and society of they would be first changed, then destroyed, under pressure of the regimentation that a fortress-state requires

"Indefinite" is a poor word. It offers nothing to cling to or depend on, it is not a true word, either, for science today has so charted space and dimensions that they become more nearly rigid in definitements. And definite would be our fast if forced to stand alone but more swiftly if we take an isolated stand by our your choice.

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A Real Flying Saucer Would Solve Many World Problems

By ROBERT C. RUARK

WASHINGTON

IF I HAD just one wish to make
for the infant year of 191, it
would be that the flying sau cer
business turns out to be provably
true, and that a one space salip
would land in every major capital
of the world.

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These ships would be of a radical design unknown to man, as we know man. They would be fulfely would be composed of strange metals. And they would be composed of strange metals. And they would stop of little men equipped with radar eyes, somar ears, and they would stop to feet high, and their color would, be bright great.

two feet high, and their color would be bright jern mack to Orson Remembering principal and the orson he dramatized the landing of the Martians, I am quite sure that all human beings would have the hell scarge out of them. The Russians would be panicatricken, and so would the Ghinest the color of the co

stricken, and so would the Chinese and the Americans and the British. They would probably be so the control of the Chinese and the British. They would probably be so the current stupplities of chopping up each other. In order to band against an unknown enemy—who provides the control of the current stuppling to the control of the control pane for the intiffication of Mars, or musical would be approved to the control pane for the intiffication of Mars, or came from, and would turn all their skills away from mere earth in order to raise the living standards of KIPE FOR A SCARE. It seems to me that mankind in rupe for a big scare—the sudden before we fritter away the nice place that the world has been, its most can be and I think the place ship provide that big scare. This would be outside the risalm of the generals and the politicians and planners and professors and everything. This would be some-

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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

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Wire-Tapping

Wire-Topping

THE closurs hours of Congress once again illustrate the Insternath of the its that binds the nation's most exclusive club—the United States Sension on a Sensie subcommittee with the outrageous tapping of Roward Bulgest subcommittee with the outrageous tapping of Roward Bulgest subponned apparently on behalf of Pan American Airways—at a time when Pan American sunted Hughes' Trace World Airlines to Though against the law, the wire-tapping was done by a Washington police litetienant, Joseph Shimon, who has not been prosecuted or even demoted as punishment for this li-legal actifities, The same Burtlepant also price into an

apartment occupied by the Argentine Ambassador—tactiza used by police states behind the Iron Curtain—thereby grings as black eye all over Latter the Property of the Property of the Property of the Property of Professional Professi

Suppressed Report

Senate committee.

When Grunewald was finally hauled before the Senate committee. He refused to answer certain quastion, therefore putting himself in contempt. But though a dozen or as witnesses have gene to jail recently for returning to answer Congressional questions, Grunewald, the friend of potent Pan American Airways, will probably ecape.

He has too many Senatorial friends for whom he has doze favon.

Fewer TV Sets

lists this year.

Other critical materials, needed for war production, to be restricted soon will be: lead, sinc. tin and aluminum. Such things as aluminum bar rails, tim containers for cockies, coffee, tea, copper doubtable, copper pluminipal cockies, and the cockies of the cockie