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LABOR AND THE DEFENSE PROGRAM

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PERHAPS by the time this appears in print, President Truman will have worked out a way to bring organized labor back into the wage stabilization program. If so, if will be only a temporary solution of a problem that promises to recur again and again so long as the nation continues in the twillight zone between peace and severally and the proper remedies found. They cannot be worked out in the best interest of the nation if the consultations are to be held in an almosphere of core.

plaints should be worked out by calm, dis-passionate discussion in which the merita of labor's contentions would be assessed acturately said the proper remedies found. They cannot be worked out in the best interest of the nation if the consultations are to be held in an atmosphere of coer-cion and blackmail.

Any industry that chose to thumb its nose at the control program would be speedily halled into court and prosecuted under the many laws on the statute books. Because of labor unions' preferred status under the law, it is harder to get at them by legal means. The nation has no redress except to suffer a long period of industrial unrest in which labor would seek to get by force what it thinks it cannot get by nego-tiation.

If organized labor is going to "walk out" If organized labor is going to "walk out" every time its leaders dislike a decision made at the national level, we fear for the success of the control program. Indeed, we fear for the success of the whole pre-paredness effort, which, in the final analysis, is designed to preserve the very system that has permitted organized labor to thrive.

SECRECY WORKS BOTH WAYS

ELSEWHERE on this page is a column by Joseph & Stewart Alsop that has been given unusual typographical display because it treats what we consider to be a highly important topic—the need for more public information about things that are not completely in the top-secret cate-

gory.

The Alsops were visited by FBI agents because they happened to come close to what must be the real facts on Russia's progress in making atomic bombs. They did not consider this as classified information, nor do we, since the Russians surely know how many bombs they are making. They did believe it was important for the American people to have the information in order that they might not be luiled into false complacency by soothing reassurances from official Washington that we are far shead of the Russians.

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Much is being withheld that can be told. perfect illustration is General Marshall's

recent revelation that America's contribu-tion to Western Europe's defense will be limited to six divisions. Prior to Marshali's statement, the national debate over troops to Europe had reached the stage of frenzy, with many wild charges and unfounded allegations made on every side simply br-cause no one knew the essential facts. Perhaps the Russians picked up some use-ful information from General Marshali's testimony, but its value to them was in-calculably less than the benefit to this country. Now the tension in Congress has been lessiened and the way has been smoothed for Congressional approval of troops to Europe. recent revelation that America's contribu-

troops to Europe.

After all, the average American has a After all, the average American has a big stake in the defense program. He de-serves to have all the information that can properly be removed from the area of secrecy. Given that information, he will respond more readily to the demands of his Federal Government than he will if he's kept in the dark.

U. S. Without the saucer myth we might never have had the tale of the Los Angeles

salesman who swore that he had seen a saucer crash into a Mexican mountain and

saseman was sweet that he had seen a saucer crash into a Mexican mountain and that he had found in the saucer the company of the saucers to the surface that the midgets were found. Mr. Soully decided that the midget-bearing vessel had scooted down magnetic lines of force—all the way from Mars, evidently—traveling faster than the speed of light. (Dr. Kinstein says this is impossible).

But before the flying saucer is relegated to books on social history let us recall and chuckle at Andrei Gromyko's one successful attempt at "American-style humor. When it was implied that the Reds were scouting us with space ships, Gromyko

when it was implied that the Reds were scouting us with space ships, Gromyko quipped: "Maybe the flying saucers were hurled by a Russian discus expert who didn't know his own strength."

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

WITH reluctance, not unmingled with relief, we bid farewell to he significant tous flying saucer, a word which has meant many things to many men.

The Navy, after a delay of four year—in which some of us have shivered abed at hight for fear of invasion by Martians—has finally confessed. "The word" has atted down, apparently, from level to level and now we learn that the flying saucers were naught but "fiftyhoots"—plastic gasfilled balloons, 100 feet in diameter, which were used to gather information about the upper air and cosmic rays.

There's no doubt about it. The flying saucers were 'skyhooks'.

But what will pilot talk about now? And how will the science writers fill those blank spaces in the flundsy supplements of big newspapers? And how will the reinne writers fill those blank spaces in Nebraska get their names in Nebraska get their names in Peters and the paper?

The flying saucers were a lot of fun

The flying saucers were a lot of fun while they lasted. They contributed some pretty good stories to the folklore of the

From The New York Times SPIRIT OF PROTECTIONISM

As IT passed the House the three-year extension of the reciprocal-trade program represents a hollow victory for those who believe in opening the channels of world commerce to the freest possible flow. It represents, in fact, an actual defeat in spirit for the policies of former Secretary Hull, for the principles of the Marshall Plan and for the aims of the present Administration, so far as they relate to tariff and trade. While we suppose that any continuation of the reciprocal program is better than none, the four amendments which the House has saddled on the bill than none, the four amendments to the House has saddled on the bill rob it of much of the psychological and some of the practical effect it would otherwise have had in showing the rest of orld that the United States means

otherwise have had in showing the rest of the world that the United States means what it says when it talks about removing economic barriers and promoting the interchange of goods between nations. One of the unwelcome amendments is the "peril-point" provision, requiring the President to give an explanation to Congress If he should set a rate for any import below the point fixed by the Tariff Commission as the minimum that could be imposed without serious harm to any American industry. There already are ample asfequated in the actual operation of the program; and the effect of such an amendment will be both to limit the direction of negotiation that is essential to fariff Lorganning and to intensity the section of negotiation that is essential to fariff bargaining and to intensity the section of the program; and the effect of such an amendment will be obth to limit the program; and the effect of such an amendment will be obth to limit the existing pressures on Congress.

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pointing up the inconsistency between certain farm subsidies and some of the reciprocal-trade program, this provision could have a damaging effect on the latter. As agricultural concessions play a very important part in our trade agreements, a provision of this sort threatens to undercut them, with consequent injury to the United States both as importer and exmorter.

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The other two amendments—providing for a broad "escape clause" and for prohibition of tariff concessions in the future to Communist countries—are either unnecessary or entirely foreign to the purpose of the reciprocal-trade program, or both. In short, the distorted form in which this bill has passed the House indicates the degree to which the Administration has lost effective influence on Capitol Hill. It also indicates an unhealthy reversion—

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'Doesn't Anybody Believe In Peace Any More?

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People's Platform

The Only Hope For Peace

Editors. The News

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THE Korean War has increased rather than diminished the importance of the 1941 and 1949
General Assembly resolutions pointing the only
practical way to world peace and freedom.

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It would draw a line between those who build power for power, and those who build power for peace.

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It would rally to our cause the millions now desperately seeking neutrality.

It would confront Communism with the one idea that is capable of halting its present prog-

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Let us call upon our citizens and leaders to make this a foreign policy objective of our coun-try and to urge our representatives and the present General Assembly to reaffirm its earlier resolu-tions providing for orderly, constitutional consid-erations of World Federation as a way of organ-izing the United Nations to preserve peace and liberty.

-RALPH L. FLEMING.

Senator Smith's Views

Editors. The News:
YOUR editorial of last Saturday, "A Question
For Mr. Smith", was of exceptional interest.
An excerpt in the same issue from a speech in

war added to the interest.

Your newspaper strongly supported Smith in the primaries. From time to time during the campaign, in letters in your paper, the question was raised as to Smith's knowledge of foreign affairs. While you never replied to the inquiries, the answer then was—nothing, and it appears that the same answer still applies.

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From newspaper reports, Smith also expressed opinions on two other matters in the same Asheville speech. First, while admitting that he knew little about farming (lust one of the many things be known little about farming (lust one of the many things be known little about farming (lust one of the many things be known little about farming the known little a

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MARQUIS W. CHILDS

WASHINGTON

A GREAT DEAL of indignation

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trends here at home.

The State Legislature in Georgia has before it a series of bills which would go a long way toward imposing political controls on the press of that state. Two of these bills have already passed one house of the Legislature, the Senate.

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Congressman Curtis On The RFC

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Federal grand juries have investigated less surpicious case
the Reconstruction Finance Corp.
Consequently Attorney General
MGGrath will have a difficult time
rejecting the demand for an inquiry into the RFC by Rep. Thomas
B. Curtis.

The Congressman from Webster Groves asserts that he found
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committee report. The committee
itself accused no one of violating
the law, but enough has come to

light to warrant a further inten-

sive inquiry.

There is no doubt that Republicans in Congress will try to make political capital out of the confidence o seems beside the point, The RFC has made some exceptionally un-warranted loans. It does not al-ways seem to know what hap-pened to the money. These are matters which the

Justice Department ought to want to strip of mystery, leaving politics aside.

Drew Pearson's Admirals In Row Over Living Quarters Merry-Go-Round

Secretary of the Navy himself has had to intervene.

The two admirals are Clifford Swanson, retiring surgeon general of the Navy, and Herbert Pugh, the incoming surgeon general. Reason they are in each other's hair is because both want to occupy the swank house on the grounds of the Naval Hospital which has been Admiral Swanson's home while he was surgeon general.

Although he is vacating that job, Swanson is remaining as commander of the Betheada Naval Hospital, so he demanded the right to retain these living quarters.

However, Admiral Pugh, now the top medic in the New York of the Column telephoned the hospital to ask how many rooms there were in the admiral's house and why it was considered such a wonderful place to live in Commander C. V. Crawford, in charge of gess relations, re-

plied that he could make no statement.

"Is the number of rooms in the admiral's house a military secret?"

"Twe are just not giving out any information."

"The are just not giving out any information."

"How about the number of bathrooms? Is that confidential, too?"

idential, too?"
"No comment."
"Is this house paid for by the taxpayers?"
The commander admitted that it was.
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coordinates the control of the commander admitted that the commander. "And we write a letter of ficially requesting this information about the number of rooms," replied the commander, "and we will answer you through channels."
"You may write a letter you through channels."
NOTE—Patient Secretary of the Navy Matthews has now raided that the load living quarters at Retheeds we'll do the hospital and since Matthews wants Admiral Pugh, as

new surgeon general, to give his time to other medical matters.

Lobor Complains

DEMOCRATIC National Chairman Bill Boyle, one of the few people who never pulls any punches with the Propose people who never pulls any punches with the relations with organized labor are at a new low.

"The labor speople are sore as a boil and threatening to walk away from the Democratic Party," Boyle warned, "they've a list of grievances a mile long."

When Mr. Truman asked for a bill or particular, the whole of the proposed properties of the proposed properties of the proper