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THE MACARTHUR DISMISSAL

YESTERDAY we said in these columns that General Douglas MacArthur's services in political and diplomatic fields presented President Truman with the gravest challenge of his career.
A few hours later Mr. Truman met the challenge—met it bravely and decisively. He took the drastic step of stripping General MacArthur of all his commands.

DRAFT DEFERRMENTS

THE campuses of the nation are places of a puzzlement these days that have been the last week when Selective Service Director Lewis B. Hershey announced the plan to defer from the draft college students of "superior" intellectual ability.
Students are doubtless wondering whether they will be found superior or not, therefore before the immediate race of the draft—and educators are wondering if the plan will work.

SLOW BUSINESS IN COUNCIL RACE

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PEOPLE KEEP ON DYING

SOMETIMES we wonder if old Sigmund Freud & Co. of Vienna didn't come close to an eternal truth when they labeled one of the more perverse facets of our minds "the death wish."
For year after year for year after year thousands and thousands of Americans go hurtling down the highway—and into the welcoming arms of the Dark Angel.

From The Norfolk-Virginian-Pilot

PETTICOAT REDIVIVUS

THAT the Paris cars have decreed an oval silhouette for Spring fashions is less significant than the return of the petticoat that was once the symbol of the eternal feminine.
No politician today would dare predict a "petticoat revival" in the "petticoat brigade" as was done in the years when emancipated women was faking her first heavily encumbered steps in public affairs around the turn of the century.

about—whether it is wiser, as MacArthur believes, to fight Communism in the Far East or, as Mr. Truman and the Joint Chiefs of Staff believe, it is better to build up strength near the seat of Russian Communism—W. Europe, around the Mediterranean, and in the Near East.
Beyond that, the immediate result is to restore some of the Presidential prestige that has been whittled down by the activities of the independent Far Eastern Commander. Under the American system the military forces, in war and peace, must remain under civil control. The President as chief executive of all the people, is responsible, commander-in-chief. Once that principle is upheld—and General MacArthur has come close to upsetting it—the end result is military dictatorship.

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Waterway Projects Lauded

THE editorial, "Record of a Reform Movement" in your March 29 issue, "with respect to the status of the recommendations made by the Hoover Commission has come to our notice.
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A Great Event

ON the eve of the best Christian examples of democratic, interracial cooperation and fair play in our nation will come to fruition when the new colored YM and YWCA will meet the whole of Charlotte race up to meet the demands and the test this challenge required.
It was difficult to promote and raise the financial "pork" by reason of the method of the Interstate Dept. where its famed "pork barrel" projects would come under impartial review.

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Responsibility Lacking
Defenses against Spag

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BEFORE AT LEAST two Congressional committees in Executive session J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the FBI, recently expressed himself with exceptional positiveness. He was talking about the lack of American security against that has caused Hoover and his staff a great deal of concern.
That is the absence of any working responsibility for protecting the industrial plants and laboratories where vital secret defense work is going forward. This is almost an invitation to both sabotage and espionage, Hoover warned the committee.

General's Statements Gild Upset War's Uneasy Balance

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