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ON CASTING STONES

IN AN ADDRESS to some 700 U. S. businessmen this week, President Truman vented his considerable anger at the Nation's inability to relax every time there is a lull in the hostilities.

A NOTE OF HOPE—FOR A CHANGE

IT SEEMS, at times, that those of us in the States see things less clearly than the men on the firing line, and that in our mental myopia we wander stumbly through a fog of confusion.

So it was that the inspiring words of Lt. Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway came to far across the Pacific yesterday from that hot and humid fog of domestic discord, and to sound a note of hope and encouragement that was also a note of warning.

In a message to Lt. Gen. James A. Van Fleet, Ridgway, who has just been nominated to the rank of full General, said the Eighth Army and the supporting air and naval units had "set standards of professional competence, of fidelity, of loyalty, of courage and of spiritual stamina unsurpassed by any army of any age."

ATTENTION, SENATOR RUSSELL

TWO hundred and thirty-eight delegates of the New York City Federation of Women's Clubs met in New York the other day, and soon became involved in a violent wrangle over General MacArthur's removal.

TEMPEST IN A WASTEBASKET

IN AN AGE of wondrous absurdities, the epitome has at last been achieved.

With all the cold dignity and suppressed fury of our Communist friends, the resolution of the Florida State Supreme Court, he called the editorials "intemperate and distorted."

We know little of the facts of the case, but several things about the Saunders resolution are downright intriguing.

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That Charlotte outranks much bigger Baltimore in aircraft activity is an intimation that in the development of the comparatively new and increasingly important air transportation industry, mere population isn't everything.

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Beyond that, the people have not been given the dramatic, compelling leadership they are accustomed to expect from their President. They have never, been told, in language they can understand, how our preparedness program, far short of an all-out effort, is designed to build up our defenses without completely dislocating the civilian economy.

We would not go so far as to say that mass psychology in this nation could be held on an even pattern in this twilight zone between an all-out war and a secure peace.

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On the question of the propriety of President Truman's action in removing General MacArthur, Senator Hoyt is categorical: "When he (the President) insists that the foreign policy of the nation must be determined by the civilian authority and not the military, he is oversteering right, and in line with our Constitution."

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awaiting better weather. —Top and bottom of it is 'twind's in 'twang quarter. I do not want America to precipitate it by making an all-out attack on China, and thus inviting Russian participation.

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Eisenhower Job Space And Tools Are Still Lacking

By JOSEPH ALSOP



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FOR THE time being, General Dwight D. Eisenhower and his international staff are still groping their way through the maze of decisions to be taken about the ultimate size of the United States' military and its eventual composition and disposition.

It is a fact that these absolutely fundamental decisions have not been taken yet it is enough to show the hollow of the "I'll do it" promises of the American production machine has been put into high gear, but it will be a year to eighteen months before the really critical items, such as aircraft and tanks, are available in quantity.

There are serious grounds for concern. The French and their sympathizers will have to choose between rejecting the principle of an adequate defense or accepting the Germans as equal defense partners.

Second comes the controversial problem of the air-ground balance within the over-all Western defense plan. Who is to be left in Washington at the Pentagon was still firmly clinging to the old "I'll do it" motto.

How Do You Go About Waging A War That Isn't Yet A War?

By ROBERT C. RUARK

THE RAFFLED mental plight of the people today, as of all the generations, is that they must still resemble the problem of the hunch horse player who attempts to pick a winner out of a big maiden field.

This is a new kind of war we have on our hands, being fought in a new kind of world. As I can see it there has been no brass, bound, copper riveted armor or our dilemma — no guaranteed indemnity — no right.

We have been told by Gen. MacArthur that there is only one way to wage war, to use to the full, it holds barred, all-out, hit-em-with-the-bar-stool. The general has been a very strong conviction that it is probably right.

It is a pity choice we are granted, with no guarantee of success on any side, and with plenty of margin for disaster. All I know is what I read in the papers, and in the year 1960, the papers say, I will just stick a hatpin through my race card and hope for the best.

Treasury Should Check Capone in One

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON SECRETARY of the Treasury Snyder has now appointed an A-1 man, J. B. Dunlap, to head the special tax bureau in charge of checking up on the returns of high-income taxpayers.

HOW do you keep track of the total balance? How many times did you speculate last year? asked Robinson.

"How many times did you speculate last year," snapped Capone. "You kept it all in your head," demanded Robinson. "Then you come up at the end of the year with a balance," Robinson continued.

"You aren't being tried for anything," shot back Robinson. "We're making an inquiry," Mr. Capone retorted. "Maybe the Internal Revenue Bureau ought to make an inquiry, too."

Real Estate Lobby Wins REPUBLICAN Congressmen have been chiefly identified with the real estate lobby in the past. However, House Democrats helped knife their own President in virtually killing the Taft loan-cost-public housing program.

It was Democrat Ed Gossett of Texas, long the spokesman for Eastern business, who sponsored and led the fight to slash the program to \$500,000-look public housing.

The Gossett amendment, while seeming to keep the housing program alive by a few token projects, actually would have cut off the \$500 million program. It was enough to satisfy the slum-clearance needs of one big defense center—like New York or Chicago—and the administrative costs of a housing program will be no less than Congressional economies are bound to follow up with a demand that the whole housing program be ditched.