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GIFTED CHILD NEEDS ATTENTION, TOO

WESTER defines exceptional as: 'forming an opinion; not ordinary; uncommon; rare; hence, better than average; superior; as exceptional talents or opportunities. Synonym: extraordinary, remarkable, unusual; outstanding'

Perhaps it is not worth quibbling about. Perhaps the more euphemistic appellation is in keeping with the jargon of modern social and case work in that it avoids the unpleasant connotation that 'deficient' or 'retarded' or 'backward' might evoke when applied to a child.

THE CRUSADE FOR FREEDOM

THE Crusade For Freedom is doing a job which should be done on a much larger scale. During its two years of existence the Crusade has set up 15 radio transmitters in Europe, three in Asia. They have sent a stream of radio messages, the truth about the United States and other Western countries, to counter Communist propaganda;

A LESSON FOR ALL OF US

IN CLOSING the chapter on Louis Parker's ill-considered charges of communism at Duke University, we make our manners today to the executive committee, so far as the good name of the Legion is concerned, that they violated the "long established policy of the American Legion to work closely with one another and with our duly constituted officials in the attempt to eliminate communistic and subversive elements in our institutions both private and public."

DISHONESTY HAS A BROAD APPEAL

HIS STATEMENT was largely lost in the campaign shuffle, but President Truman put dishonesty in government in its proper perspective in his Sept. 20 speech at Ft. Belvoir, D. C.

And now comes an AP story out of Chicago recasting Mr. Truman's remarks. Worried over a high rate of embezzlement, U. S. banks have formed the Bank-Share Owners Advisory League to try to cut down checks by improvement of banking procedure and better supervision.

tion and to prepare the more gifted children for public responsibilities by additional training. Jefferson's plan, described in Dr. Charles Sydnor's readable volume, Gentlemen Freeholders, has never been tried in America.

"It began with small, local schools where boys would be given a year of elementary instruction in reading, writing, and arithmetic. Each year 'the best boy of the best genius, in the school of whose parents are too poor to give them further education' was to be sent up to one of the 20 grammar schools to be established in the state. Here there was to be a second rigorous selection. After trial of a year or two, the ablest 100 were to be chosen out of the 100 who came to each school in a given year.

Jefferson went one step further. After the six years of grammar school, there was to be a third screening, and only those who passed this final test were to be educated at state expense at the university.

Jefferson's plan would get no support in this democratic 20th Century, but it does point up the desirability of affording maximum educational opportunity for those children who are extraordinarily endowed with alert minds and insatiable curiosities.

A Dangerous Weapon

By GERALD W. JOHNSON From a Recent Teletext
A Long time ago I became convinced that this country will never be destroyed by an conventional weapon. We started with cold steel and hot lead and have met them many times since.

But that doesn't mean that we are invulnerable. There is one weapon that may get us yet. When I was in the U.S. Army, I saw a lot of these people, and the statements given by our high officials, and our utterances of eminent statesmen, I am much afraid that we may fall like the unfortunate Philippines who tangled with Samson.

Consider the mess in the United Nations right now. Secretary-General A. L. B. de Beveland has just announced that the Russians, but the unfortunate Philippines who tangled with Samson. This Republic may yet be slain with the jawbone of an ass.

THE H-Bomb Hassle

WHEN there is the uproar about that explosion in the Pacific. Apparently a lot of able seamen and maybe an astronaut or two are going to have their heads called to the fore because of their letters home they described what they had seen. I am no naval expert, but it is my firm conviction that a lot of these fellows are not only in the realm of ideas. But so does sanity and it is the natural ally of every bluff, including Communism.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

ONE significant report sent to General Eisenhower by the British, who vigorously oppose any expansion of the Korean War.

It is not surprising that the Federal Bureau of Prisons reports that the number of people in the nation's jails is decreasing. That would be good news, but for the fact that a lot of people who ought to be in jail aren't going there—Greenleaf (G. C.) Fiedness, for example.



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The Jawbone Of An Ass

More than a year ago the President of the United States said publicly that he had instructed our scientists to go ahead and make an H-bomb if they could. It was stated publicly because he wanted the Russians to hear it, hoping that the knowledge would make them stop and think.

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By ROBERT C. RUARK

I DON'T KNOW how you feel about Mrs. Roosevelt, but I never admired her prose much and some of her activities less. I was never a devotee of the lady, and I am sure of more of a yell and a hicker-dome. And I always thought that some of her admirations were unwarranted and not merely dull.

However, despite all this, if I were Dwight D. Eisenhower I should like to see the good lady around and active in the next few years, merely as a matter of good business. Something with the United States — anything that could spread her around the world a bit and get her fresh in the foreign mind.

KNOWS HER WAY AROUND

Eleanor Roosevelt is still called the First Lady of the World by quite a few million people here and abroad, and my understanding is that her popularity abroad is immense. Close friends say, too, that she is a pretty hard-bitten old pro in many respects, and that she knows a lot of in-and-outs about the Russians in their U. N. activities.

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country at this time, like her or not. And it seems to me that these times are ticklish enough to warrant the full exploitation of every possible asset, especially in the practice of broader public relations around the globe.

REMINDER OF FDR

Eleanor Roosevelt has finally gotten bigger than party politics — not perhaps, in her own mind, because she is still the fervent New Dealer and ardent Democrat. But she is big enough to see that she is being used by the party as a tool for its own ends, and she is not about to let it be so.

That nothing ever really gets done in Washington is a fact. It is not because the people are so stupid as to be so stupid. It is because the people are so smart as to be so smart.

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