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THIS LOYALTY, ABOVE ALL OTHERS

THE SUBCOMMITTEE based much of its indictment on the testimony of Barvey Matusow, a young (26) man who has appeared before it many times. He was, according to his testimony, a member of the Communist Party from Cotheer, 1917, until he was expelled in January, 1951, "for being an enemy agent".

sgent".

For months Matusow has been making reckless and sometimes preposterous charges, before the subcommittee and, on behalf of ultra-conservative candidates, du 'i' the recent campair. Red-infiltrated, according to him, are the churches, press, schools, State Department, U. N. Voice of America, Boy Scouts, American Newspaper Guld, CISS, the Farmers Union, the YWCA and YMCA, to mention with the WWCA and YMCA, to mention with the properties of the properti For months Matusow, has been making

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THE YEAR 1953 draws to a close amid a spate of Congressional estitucions of American loyalivame, Vesterday Senator Measurement of the Congressional Conference of American loyalivame, Vesterday Senator Measurement of the International Union of Mine, Mill & Smeller Workers is sheavily impregnates with Communist Influence. Senator Perguson, who will probably be the next chairman of the subcommittee. Jouded its "thorough and careful" work, and announced plant for investigation of the armed forces, information media, schools, the U. N., youth organizations. He will urge Congress to pass a law permitting an employer to discharge any person who is member of one of the 200-odd organizations. He will urge Congress to pass a law permitting an employer to discharge any person who is member of one of the 200-odd organizations. He will urge Congression possibility for Matuwar exist with the Congressmen whom a first day subversive elements in schools and colleges. The House Un-American Activities Committee recommended that Americans be prohibited fron travelling in from Curtain countries, and its next chairman, Representative Velde, promises a sweeping probe of "all fields of education".

Thus the tempo of loyalty investigation, as it is often practiced. Yesterday's report on the UMMSW affords a case history.

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A GOOD MANY editors are concerned about the discrepancies in the testimony of Louis Budent, who has also appeared before the McCarran subcommittee. Matusow warrants even more attention. So, even more, does the sickenine disease that his case history illustrates, this disease that permits Americans to accept the partial investigation, cloaked in protestations of richteourness, followed by the sweeping, unsubstantiated charge.

Judge Learned Hand recently summed this American weakness, and the removith these words:

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T believe that that community is already in process of dissolution where each man begins to eye his neighbor as a possible enemy, where nonconformity with the accepted creen joilited as well as religious, excepted creen joilited as well as religious, that is read on the content of the c

percent to the utmost scrutiny."

The antidote to busicria is as simple as that. Loyalty to truth, honestly and search-into, country, which will find out the real subversives, while maintaining the right of every man to think his own thoughts and travel where and with whom he chooses. This loyalty, above all others, let us resolve to strengthen in the year ahead.

NEEDED: A BETTER FARM PROGRAM Secretary of Agriculture Brannan brought down the wrath of the nation upon his head when he prospect a system of production payments directly to farmers to make up any deficit belives ne he parity price and the price they got on the open markets. Brannan argued that his plan would let retail prices fall to, their natural level. Instead of keeping them up artificially by buying up surpluses with public funds and keeping them of the market.

GENERAL EISENHOWER'S appointment of an advisory committee to study long-range farm policy may not please all the leaders of the Congressional farm bloc, but it is clearly in the national interest.

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#Arm policy has been a political football for too long already. At virtually every session of Congress, a legislative tug of war develops over one aspect or another of farm policy, and frequently the contests are settled on the basis of political expediency rather than principle.

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The General promised to name a bipartitan farm commission in his Memphis campaign address. He said then he wanted to make plans in advance for a better farm program after present laws expire at the end of 1954. And in an earlier address, he said he favored a parity schedule upwards of 100 per cent and some system of supporting the prices of perishables. If there is a valid case to be made for supporting the prices of basic crops that can be stored, then there is an equally valid case for protecting the producer of perishables from the economic disaster that a widely fluctuating market can bring upon him. The problem is to work out a plan that will simultaneously protect the taxpayer.

MORE EFFICIENT AND CHEAPER, TOO

county-wide police department would offer.

At the present time, the City Police Department has its own radio system. The
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county Police the partment operates another
system on a different frequency. The five
incorporated towns have been using radio
equipment loamed by the ABC law enforcement agency, and set on the ABC frequency.
The changeover to the County Police net
was suggested because it is in operation 24
hours a day, seven days a week.
This would certainly be more natural.

A LTHOUGH the proposal is temporarily pletely divorced from City and County polisities, the purchased by five towns in Mecklenburg the Clounty, the plan for hooking up the towns with the County Police Dept. radio network points up one advantage that a consolidated county-wide police department would ofter.

head cost.

There are innumerable other potential advantages to a consolidated police department, but this one angle, in the news at this time, gives the people something tangible to think about.

A story is told of a young man who called one evening on a "rich old farmer to learn the farmers story of how to become rich. "I's a long story," said the old man, "and while Tm telling it, we might as well save the candle." And he blew it out. "You needn't go on," said the youth. "I understand."—Clewiston (Fla.) News.

ommunication.

In Florida, too, we're dreaming of a white che better it would be to have one disw enforcement agency, comfrom.—Fort Myers (Fla.) News-Press.



Congressional Battle Shapes Up

Tax Limit Backers Active

Congress.

Robert L. Smith Jr., eastern director of the Western Tax Council, announced the campaign, and said 28 of the required 32 states have already petitioned Congress to call a Constitutional convention which would propose a tax limitation amendment. The Council has sought a tax ceiling since 1933. Others backing the 25 per cent limit plan include the Committee for Constitutional Government, and the American Taxpayrar. Asso-

ciation.

Smith's announcement highlights the problem already recognized by Congress of classifying such state petitions. The core of the dispute is whether vetoed or rescinded state petitions for a Constitutional convention are still valid, Congress has no precedent to follow, since a national convention to amend the Constitution has never been called.

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THE Council lists 28 states as having "sent petitions to Washington saking Congress for such an amendment." But the valight of the states are the states are:

Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Knasa, Maine, Michigan, Missiappi, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Ulah, Virginia, Wy, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Montana, Nebeska, Nevada, Massachusetts, Montana, Nebeska, Nevada, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Texas and Wisconsin. Of these 28 states, however, only the first 14 have undisputed official status as petitistics.

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A tax limitation resolutions, but subsequent state legislatures rescrided them. These states are: Al-bama, Arkanas, Illinois, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Midde Island, and Wisconsin. The other several states are: Al-bama, Arkanas, Illinois, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Midde Island, and Wisconsin. The other several states involved include:

Nevada and Montana—These supported the same constitutional amendment, but did not specifically required a national convention. (Massachusetts, already instead above, also far did not specifically created in the state of the same constitutional amendment. House, Judiciary Committee had declared their resolutions are ineflective because they were not forwarded to Construct.

Legal opinion is divided on whether a state gistature can cancel an earlier legislature's reso-tition and on whether a governor can veto such resolution to petition Congress for a Consti-tional convention.

tutional convention.

In a July report, the House Judiciary Committee cited several authorities as holding that the governor of a stat the guestion has never been tested in court. The House group reported, however, that "good reason" exists "for Congress to recognize rescission of state applications requesting a Constitutional convention." The Committee was official approach just three of the disputed since of the disputed since of the proposition of the propositio

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IN addition to the Western Tax Council, The Committee for Constitutional Government and the American Taxpayers Association have actively supported the drive for a paragraments are that the tax limit would lower the tax rate and the tax limit would lower the tax rate and the tax limit would lower the tax rate and trease the national income by encouraging investments and free enterprise. The American Bar Association also has adopted a resolution calling for a limit on the federal taxing power for similar cassons.

a limit on the federal taxing power for similar reasons.

The AFL has opposed the tax curb as a firrest for the interests of the low income groups." And the Joint Committee for the law of the law of

If 32 or more states file valid petitions for a stitutional convention, two problems will have be solved:

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Louisians and Texas—The House, Judician Convention and A Convention and Convention Convention and Convention Convention and Convention Convention and Convention of Law and Convention by Laking direct action, Rep. Noah M. Mandon (R-III) and he will introduce a tax-limit tax.

Dulles' First Big Problem Is To Solidify West Unity

By JOSEPH & STEWART ALSOP

contence Essenhower and Generalissims Stalin get together to "talk coal track".

In these circumstances, it is a proof of the sound political judsment of the new President and the new Secretary of State that they are still inclined to give priority to the property of the sound political judsment of the new Secretary of State that they are still inclined to give priority to the property of the sounders, the Western alliance is showing signs of a very great and terrible strain. If these strains reach the breaking point—if Eisenhower meets Stalin with the Western Alliance divides will not have a bargaining leg to stand on. In such circumstance, Stalin will only be interested in playing a waiting game, in order to see what prizes he may grab the stand on the stand o

taken his oata as section.

The new President and Secretary of State were always conscious of this growing danget description and the section of the section to take action, however, by an

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However, Man matter of fact, it are be said on good authority that both the new President and his future Secretary of State, John Fourth Secretary, John F

preas for Lisennover to turn high attention to the European problem. CHARLER MEETING The informal messages were transmitted at the meeting between Eisenhower, Dulles and McCloy in New York on Dec. 15. The meeting was a significant improvement in the meeting between Eisenhower, Dulles and McCloy's name carries so much weight. From this fact one can sugare the potential effect of a fourney to Europe by John Foster Dulles, when newly clothed the Dulles, when newly clothed with the backed by the commanding authority of the new President. Dulles may have a very hard time. The French polifical crisis, for instance, will certainly complicate the matter of the divisions. Yet if Dulles and Eisenhower can gui de American policy safely around this nasty corner, a new perspective can well open. With a Western Elliance again to the propose, Eisenhower (all the propose, Eisenhower und the host but have to speak to Stalia with the most unchallengeable authority. That is the kind of tone of voice that the Roxistan dictator may well understand and listen to.

Without Honor In This Land, Chaplin Still A Lion Abroad

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Campine Airport when we took off for Cairo. There were literally thousands of people and the very sear in the hearts of people who we took off for Cairo. There were literally thousands of people and the property of the people when the

Drew Pearson's Maine's Hottest Potato—Owen Brewster

THE De administrationites have had a hot potato from Bresster, the defeated GOP Senator from Maine, enciline vigerous opponent of Eisenhouer.

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Durkin Was Different

PURISI Procedure was exactly the opposite of what Brownand Tullis procedure was exactly the opposite of what Brownand Tullis of the Company of the Company of the Company of Labor. In that case, not only was Tait not consulted, but Everett Dirksen, Republican Senator from Illinois, from which state Durkin comes, was not consulted. Reason No. 1 for dumping the hot potato is that Revester has become known as the Senate spokesman of Dictator Prances; also the spokesman of Pan American Arrewsy. and Senate probe action plones wires of Howard Bughes of Trans World Airlines on behalf of competing Pan American Airways.

Resem No. 2 for being coy about Brewster is that he was vicorously for Taft, and is credited with attempting somes Eisenbewer as "Stallins stoogs."

This smear was first printed by the Partisan Republicans of California. Later at a meeting at the home of Sensitive Brill Control of Sensitive

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Argentine Fascism

SEN. Raigh Flanders of Vermont came back from a trip to Sen. Raigh Flanders of Vermont came back from a trip to Argentina recently with the impression that that country was becoming Natified.

Flanders was in the Argentine legislature, when President Feron read his tive-year-plan, which in same at least, was copied after Moscow's and which the Senator said synomised everything that the heart of man desident the senator of the promised everything that the heart of man desident the senator of the promised senator is the senator of the promised senator of the senator of th

Finders told how the members of the Argentine Leg-tature burst min applause or stood up and applaused when they got the signal. If the passage of the was particularly significant, they would stand up and hoot "Peron. Peron! Peron!" in unison. Peron would ac-knowledge the demonstration by standing up and bowing. "At least he didn't shriek at them like Hiller." The demonstrations, according to Flanders, always "The demonstrations, according to Flanders, always