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A COURAGEOUS, FIGHTING SPEECH

In his Speech to the American Legion, downers Stevenson once again showed his ability to state his philosophy succinctly and forcefully. In so doing he volced the high supriations of millions of his fellow citizens who share his faith that man stands on the threshold of his greatest day, that the basic direction of U. S. foreign policy is sound and proper.

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quil and steady dedication of a lifetime."

This courage was best revealed in his determination to resist the demands of pressure groups, including "pressures from veterans".

We are, he said:

"Rapidly becoming a nation of veterans. If we were all to claim a special reward for our service, beyond that to which specific disability or sacrifice has created a just claim, who would be left to pay? After all, we are Americans first and veterans second, and the best maxim for any and the left of the pay of the left o

summistration, as in Jettersons: Zeguar rights for all, special privileges for none? Having made the transition from weat we believe to be sincer reluctance to full-fledged acceptance of his tremendous job, Governor Stevenson is emerging as a fighting candidate. Certising he is not the slambant, back-and-white give-embell type of the slambant, back-and-white give-embell type of in 1948. Rather, if we may switch to professional fighters for the analogy, he is the Gene Tunney type-mythodical, fair, learned—and extremely effective.

The comparison must stop there, rather than lead to the obvious involvement of the Mansass Mauler and neutral corners. But a great fight is shaping up, between two champlons.

THESE TRIPS WERE NOT NECESSARY

POURTEEN tour engine Air Perce transal.

ports have this week been carrying Moslem piltrains from Beinst, Lebanon to the Moslem holy cities of Mecca and Median, at the request of the Lebanese government. The pilgrims will rommemorate Abraham's attempt to sacrifice his son lasac. The high hurry is caused by a traffic jam and the necessity of arriving in the holy places Wednesday in order for the pilgrims to receive the desired spiritual effect. The State Department says it expects the cost of this uplifting enterprise will be borne by the Air Force.

Perhaps, when the United States underrerusps, when the United States under-takes a nation's economic betterment, politi-cal orientation and military defense, it can-not be denied that we should not also under-write its spiritual sustenance. Perhaps this oon for stranded Moslems who have invested their life savings in this pilgrimage, only to stopped short of their goal by a transporta-snarl, will redound throughout the Mid-East to the credit of the U. S. Or per-st the thousands of pilgrims left at the ort will vent their fury on the generous

nation which helped at least some of their fellows.

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The use of American money and equipment in a true emergency in any country is agreeable, we believe to most Americans.

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is agreeable, we believe, to most Americans. And they will not eo particularly concerned about repayment. But neither Congress nor the majority of Americans supposed that tax money would be used for lessening a traffic jam which, despite its heart-rending aspects, is not an emergency.

Furthermore, we do not desire that our tax more than the constant of this constant of the state of the control of the contro

ON GRAND JURIES IN GENERAL

WHEN a Superior Court judge of the calibre of Alten H. Gwyn and an attorney general as experieleed as Harry McMullan agree that a grand jiry has no legal right to make critical remarks about a high school. The Kwax must certainly defer to their opinion. But we don't like it.

Admittedly, most grand juries are washouts. For that matter, one North Carolina Superior Court judge. Hoyle Sink, has been campaigning for years to get them abolished. He thinks they're useless.

Still, the institution of the grand jury can and should be an effective weapon for examining all aspects of local government and reporting to the people.

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IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED, ETC.

"OUR PATIENCS is exhausted", said the American Legion resolution calling for the discharge of Sectelary of State Dean Acheson. "We demand immediate attention to this all important subject. We accept nothing less."

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The Legion's perulance was quile understandable. It had Irss asked that Acheon standable it had Irss asked that Acheon demand last year. Still for some understandable reason. Mr. Trimun had failed to carry out the Legion's orders.

The Legion might as well get set for a shock. Its orders won't be obeyed in 1852, either, nor should tney.

The voice of the American Legion is not the voice of the milions of thoughtful, patriotic veterans who have fought this nation's wars. Rather it is the voice of a small group of men at the top who control the annual conventions, and who dictate policies for the thunderous approval of the weary deligate.

Because of that, the Legion's voice is a mall voice. It is heard neither in the White

mall voice. It is heard neither in the White House nor across the land.

In this case, the national veterans' organization has just made itself look silly. Secreary of State Achesion is human. Perhaps, ike other humans, he has erred. But he has een a distinguished Secretary of State. He as borne a tremediour responsibility in one as borne a tremediour responsibility in one. been a distinguished Secretary of State. He has borne a tremendous responsibility in one of the most difficult times of our nation's history, and has borne it unifinehingly would be boss or know the reason why. And despite the torrests of vituperation and abuse that have been poured upon him by smill-bore politicians whose only assets are 20-20. An old-timer is the one who can recall hindsight and strident voices.

The Legion not only went far afield in

attacking Acheson; it also stepped out of character. The resolution put through by its politically-minded leaders represented neither the great majority of American veterans nor the wishes of the great majority of American citizens, and it will have no influence on President Truman or anyone else.

Here's a story they are telling about the sudden little thundershower at Gibson Switch Sunday. One resident of the area was so shocked at the sight of rain that he fainted. They revived him by throwing dust in his face. Well, that's the story, anyway.—Jonesboro (Ark.) Sun.

It is good to know that orators at both conventions this year are still in favor of the Flag. our Glorious Constitution and our Noble Heritage. One fearless politician even declared himself in favor of families. Courage in politics is always admirable.—Greenwood (Miss.) Commonwealth.

Signs of the 'limes—A small brown dachshund was selping his master picket a business. Towering about five inches above the sidewalk he wore a sandwich-board type of sign reading: 'How Low Down Can You Get?'—Rock Hill (S. C.) Herald.



This Changing World

Washing Machine Economics

But on this point at least, the ordinary U. S. housewife has a better grip on economics than Ricardo and Mill. She isn't thinking of conserving capital equipment. She wants to conserve labor—her own or her maid's. And she knows what she is doing.

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CLASSICAL economic was framed at a time when there was reliably be shundarn and capital was painfully scarce. The typical producer had to take a limited anount of capital and apply a varying amount of labor to it. His problem for him—was 160 mm the labor should I apply to my fixed assets to get the most out of (them). In the typical problems of classical theory, a farmer, as wondering how many times he about 0.7 a textile manufacturer it trying to decide how many wavers to put on his looms—the total number of looms being fixed. These classic problems of the control of the control

labor. There are emotional and sociological reasons this new economics has developed in the kitchen rather than in the factory. The ordinary husband is not in a position to discuss housework with his wife in terms of marginal utility.

From Business Week

If a classical economist—say a friend of Ricardo's for John Standard Commist—show a fine machine, it would give him nightmares.

The washing machine is a big expensive piece of machinery. It sits idle 23 hours out of 24, In the houselinett to it is another washing eachine; also idle most of the time. And so on the commistance of the commistance of the commission of th ACTUALLY, the vanishing servant is a symphotom or nor rather than a cause. The basic reason more in industry than the bousehold control of the control of th

washing macroine to an electric egg timer is pin-ted. The piptines including a pinter is mar-ket from the economics of a fixed abor supply and distinct from the economics of a fixed capital supply. Now the same forces that pushed serv-vants' wages out of reach of the ordinary almy have driven up the cost of all household service tracks—carpentry, painting, pinning. Since and kind of labor he can afford—his own. And more and more, he is buying equipment to help him get the most out of it.

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and a variable application of capital. It takes the
form of a new and calmer look at the old bugaboo of U. S. manufacturers—overcapacity.

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perity" that so many businessmen complained of in 1968 and 1947.

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Eisenhower's Caution Hurts His Free, Natural Approach

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Drew Pearson's Our Prisons Are Woefully Neglected Merry-Go-Round

(While Drew Pearson is on a brief vacation, the Washington Merry-Go-Round is being written by several distinguished guest columnists, today's being James V. Beanett, director, Bureau of Prisons.)

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Do you remember, Drew, when the embatided prisoners to his result of the prison so they could tell you their grievances? You couldn't go, as I remember it, for some reason not important now. But it as significant that they called you to present their problems in your column. As a match the property of a newspaperman like yourself.

They wanted to get their story clearly before the public Mostly this was because they think that ordinary of the property of the

Prisons Obsolete

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Now what are the facts? Most American prisons are obsolete museum pieces built years ago and added to consider the prison of the prison of

Psychiatrists Needed

BUT worse than these archaic millistones about the neck of prison administrators is the failure to provide and of itself

adequate and decently paid personnel. Less than 10 per cent of the prisons have full-time psychiatrists, for example, notwithstanding the fact that nowhere else is there so large a group of men in need of mental hysiene. The probably 60 per cent of the men guarding the 156.000 per cent of the per cent of the part of the part of the minimum wage set by the Department of Labor. And also they work long-hours. In Tennessee, for instance, A lot of your readers live in a fine state justly proud of its educational system, its many excellent colleges, fine churches. Yet at the other end of the scalificatively and literally are five institutions for adult the properties of the prop

Idle Houses

nity.

What is needed, of course, is capable leadership, freedom from political control, qualified and adequately paid personnel, and something more than 40 cents to 50 cents per day per prisoner for food, medical supplies and training materials.

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situation with regard to young collenders. About 35,000
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which were questionable 25 or more years ago. A lot of
kids are sent to training schools because our system of
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medically disturbed and handicapped can find no one
to help him.

Given the facts, the American people are just as they
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