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Sound Advice

When an old professional soldier winds up a war, and very probably a distinguished career, by paying tribute to a citizen army it speaks well for the hation as a whole. General George C. Marshall, releasing a biennial report that seems likely to stand as his valedictory, made bigger headlines by viewing the future with alarm than by pointing with pride to the past. But his quiet satisfaction with the civilianch control of the past with the control of t

our youth in the basic skills of soloner-ing.
General Marshall proved to everyone's satisfaction that military professionals ban convert a civilian into a satisfactory soldier in a year's time. That's the peri-od he now proposes in recommending universal military training. It is neces-sary, he believes, that the training peri-sery, he believes, that the training period be unbroken, that a potential strik-ing force be maintained at a constant level, for we are not likely to have an-other two-year notice that a fight is

other two-year mone coming up.

The General is concerned primarily with the mechanics of assembling and equipping a military machine, but he recognizes that the success of a citizen army, in which he put his faith, depends to a large degree upon the mental attitudes of the clitherny framewhich it is drawn. He has little faith in idealism:

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We have ignored the hard realities of world affairs. We have been purely idealistic. We must start, I think, with a correction of the fragic misunderstanding that a security policy is a war policy. General Marshall's advice is clear: To greater the peace we must stand ready

to fight. At this moment, when we have turned the rebuilding of the world over to practical politicians, it can't be ig-

The Question

The American Legion, burning with fellow feeling after all these years, is out to aid the present crop of veterans by ilbertaining the loan provisions of the GL Bill of Rights. The possible of the graph of the GL Bill of Rights The possible of the graph of the control of the own designed to reat the red tape out of the present bill." It's a worthy enterprise, doubtlees, but it makes the point of the veteran's current difficulties. It isn't administrative red tape that prevents him from using his \$2,000 Government-guaranteed loan as a down payment on a house, a farm, or a business, it is his insublity to find anywhere in this broad land a property worth the money now being asked for it.

anywhere in this broad land a property worth the money now being asked for it. The sponsors of the original bill, in a well-ment, if futile, effort to protect him against the top-heavy real existe market to which he is returning, provided that no loan would be granted until it had been approved by an appropriate Federal agency—Reconstruction Finance Corporation—and finally by the Veterans' Administration—and the Veterans' Administration. And these agencies have consistently refused to approve loans on properties priced above what is laughingly referred to as a normal value.

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The veteran isn't required to use his loan immediately, and one effect of the present bill is to preserve his \$2,000 credit until the boom has lost some of its virulence. But the future is dim, and many a veteran is bucking a rental shortage that forces him into the market'n his effort to find adequate shelter. The net effect of the restriction is

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to deny him credit at a time when he desperately needs it.

The Legion-sponsord bill would remove these restrictions, permitting the veteran to use his loan to purchase property at going prices. He could, according to the Legion's illustration, buy a \$10,000 house, putting up his guaranteed loan as a down payment and borrowing \$8,000 from FHA. It's pretty, but there's catch in it.—FHA, and the private bankers, are using the same general appraisals the Veterans Administration uses and there are few \$10,000 houses now on the market on which \$3,000, or even \$7,000 can be borrowed. That means the OI loan, some of the veteran's cash, and a mortizace will go into most deals. This is all fairly involved, but it can be reduced to a simple enough proposi-

This is all fairly involved, but it can be reduced to a simple enough proposition. The question is whether to permit the veteran, the Government's pet ward, to buy a house for too much money, or whether to preserve his credit for him and leave him homeless.

Dangerous Justice

A French court has now found Pierre
Laval guilty of treason, and sentenced
him to die before a firing squad, a
privilege he would never have received
under American law which reserves
shooting for reasonably honorable criminate. The passing of the discredited old
opportunist isn't particularly important,
but his trial was, for it illustrates the
enormous difficulties facing us as we
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own batch of war criminals in Austria.
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finally set out to pass judgment on our own batch of war criminals in Austria. The Laval case was much simpler than any that will face Justice Jackson and his colleagues, for he was a Frenchmen being tried at home under domestic law. When we call up German war criminals this week, we will be treading on strange legal ground where there is little, if any, precedent.

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But the disorderly and emotional atmosphere of the Laval trial will also exist in the international court we have established, no matter how well regulated the processes of justice may be. Laval virtually savined his right, to offer a defense, knowing, as he did, that it would be impossible to find a jury in France that had not already decided his suit! He was indicted, not by a French

would be impossible to find a jury in France that had not already decided his suit. He was indicted, not by a French court, but by his countrymen's bitter memory of the five years of degradation he had arranged for them.

After all, what is there for a war criminal to say in his own defense? If the system he represented was wrong, then the uniform he wore or the position he held establishes his guilt. We shall try only Nazis, and it is difficult to think of any defense against the simple charge of being one.

The best we can hope to get out of the trials is a certain degree of revenge, an opportunity to dispose of key Nazi leaders in a legal manner, and an extension of the voluminous of German strocties. It probably will be worth it, but there is a grave danger of reducing justice to the level of satire, as the French did in their trial of Flerre Laval.

Consistency

Strange are the uses of the anti-in-flation argument. It is being employed, as we have noted, by certain rugged in-dividuals in their campaign against union efforts to break through wage ceilings. And now it is also serving these same gentlemen as they fight the Gov-ernment's effort to put a floor under

erament's effort to put a floor under wages.
According to Dr. Claudius Murchison, president of the Cotton Textile Institute, his industry can't stand the 65 cent an hour minimum wage proposed by President Truman. "The proposed bill is definitely inflationary," he charges.
The industry's average in the South is already almost up to the 65-cent level (64.4). And this level is already such, Dr. Murchison says, that the government must relax its price controls it the industry is to prosper.
It's neat. A ceiling on wages and no floor. A floor under prices and no ceiling. That, we suppose, makes it come out even.

"I have always hesitated to write on Far Eastern affairs, knowing nothing about them," says a cosmic pundit — which is honest, we think, though somehow unprofessional.

Statesmen At Work

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The Merry-Go-Round

By Drew Pearson

THE Secret Service has a harder time keeping pace with Harry Truman than any other President in the name of the president in the home stamping arounds. Truman lova and there in crowds, can't seem to get used to the fact that he's President. . . . For twelve years. S. S. men got into the habit of slowly and infrequently. They did the same. Now they have to jump. . . Old friends of Truman's sometimes resent Secret Service men setting in the same. Now they have to jump. . . Old friends of Truman's sometimes resent Secret Service men setting in the same. They can be seen to the same of the s

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Harry Truman's hospitality nearly precipitated a newspaper civil war when he visited Independence last

month. Mayor Roger T. Sermon gave his usual stagpoker party of old friends for the Fresident, and Truman
Invited two newspaper men. Merriman Smith of the
They, together with Bob Nixon of the International
News Service (but who did not take the Independence
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asked where they had been. "Out with some girls,"
they replied trying to protect Truman. Later, when
the uninvited news men discovered where the AP and
UP correspondents actually were, here, nearly disrupted
City Star.

Army vs. Navy

Hugh Delacy, scrappy Ireshman Representative from Seatile, asked the 8dt question at a recent seates of the Naval Affairs Committee. "Admiral Denfeld," he saked the 8dt question at a recent seates of the Naval Affairs Committee. "Admiral Denfeld," he saked the new Chief of Naval Personnel, "in view of the fact that it was the Nava gand the Madrine Corps Pacific, don't you think it would have been proper to make a Naval officer Supreme Commander in Japan?" Admiral Denfeld grinned but did not answer. . . . All-Admiral Denfeld grinned but did not answer. . . . All-Harry Aughan Persident Truman's military aids, are worried about the Presidents week-end trips. Vaughan always accompanies his boss, so the children miles a great worried about the Presidents week-end trips. Vaughan always accompanies his boss, so the children miles a great worried about the Presidents week-end trips. Vaughan always accompanies his boss, so the children miles a great worried about the Presidents week-end trips. Vaughan always accompanies his boss, so the children miles a great worried about the Presidents week-end trips. Vaughan always accompanies his boss on the children miles agreed with the fault of the president work of the president was been present to the plant of the president work of the president was been present to the plant of the president work of the president was been proposed to the president was been present to the plant of the president was been present to the plant of the president was been present to the plant of the present the present

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Who Killed Cock Robin?



Our Friends Are Amazed

By Marquis Childs

WASHINGTON
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present visit are not those of a continuous curing all as he talked, politely but rankly? I had the impression of looking for a moment into a mirror that did not interest the talked of the talked the talked the talked the talked talked the Tirst, my friend was assonished ably by behanding the armies of occupation. While he was too polite to but it in 65 many words I could tell that this appeared to him as a new phase of America's old, backward-looking isolationated.

Bring Back The Boys

He had talked with several Congressmen about the demand to "bring the boys back home." What they had said was rather dismaying, and particularly one Congressmen who had made this reply:

and was retire normalization of the reply grown who had made this reply in the last of the reply in a democracy. In a democracy we have to do whatever the people want. If they want to get American boys back homeand that's what every mail shows—then we've got to do it." do not jibe with, my friends, concept of democracy. Weren't lawmakers, be inquired, under obtaining the contract of the contract

sation to supply some leadership? Was there not some responsibility to educate the electorate. On the domestic side, the visiting foreigner was troubled by signs that pressure groups were bent on tearing the country apart. He found a kind of bitterness that seemed silen to the America he had known.

Comes The Revolution

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On both sides of the industrial sulf was an attitude of do or die, all or nothing. He asked a conservative Senator for his opinion on the 30 per cent wage demand being made by CIO unions.

For the Committee of the Salaway held America in high regard. That is the Committee of the attacks on the late President Roosevelt and the members of his family. To one who has come to regard Roosevelt as a great national figure, looming large in the history of the world, they seemed sourtflows and shocking.

Conservative New Deal

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"At home," my friend said, "we have always thought of the New Deal as a very mild reformism. My paper is a conservative paper, it suppose one of the most conservative papers in Europe, but we never; found very The picture this man will take back home with him is not a pretty one. It is of a nation frittering away its power and pressign in surpry bickering and aware the not familiar palsy of isolation and surry suspicion. If this is the picture the world is to get, then we should not be surprised if our voice has less and less authority in world affair. For it will become apparent the power to create.



COPR. 1945 BY REA SERVICE, ING. T. M. SEC. U. S. PAT. OFF. "Yep, the old Victory garden where I broke my back and ruined my disposition—next year you'll see me flitting around there playing tennis!"

Coming Out Even

By Samuel Grafton

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People's Platform Let's Keep The Draft

By MRS. R. L. DEATON Charlotte

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He Wants To Unpeg Prices On Houses BY ALBERT ESCOTT

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Mr. Bassett Earns -Himself An Ad

By ALTON F. BASSETT