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Hypocrisy

Becretary of State Byrnes has become an eloquent advocate of the free press, and his insistence on the right of journalists to roam the world has developed into one of the sharpest issues between the Russians and ourselves. Mr. Byrnes wants American reporters in the Balkans particularly; they would serve, he thinks, as a better puarantee of free elections than all the hired poll watchers we could muster. And he has, further demonstrated his faith in the fact-finding abilities of newspapermen by finding abilities of newspapermen by selecting Mark Ethridge of The Louis-ville Courier-Journal to make a special European survey for the State Depart-

ment.

This is a fine approach, we think and Mr. Byrnes is to be commended. But, while we are making sweeping gestures in Europe with our right hand, we are busy deporting journalists from Japan with our left

with our left.

General MacArthur, through General
Diller, his public relations chief, has anmounced that the press corps in Japan
will be reduced by one-third. This might
be understandable if the islands were
crawling with superfluous journalists,
but the latest official list, issued on Ocbut the latest official list, issued on Oc-tober 6, shows only 102 accredited cor-respondents, of whom 75 are American. Since this total includes photographers and radio commentators as well as the garden variety of correspondent, it doesn't appear that a story as big as the Japanese occupation is being over-staffed.

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More than that the method of reduction is working hardships on particular
hewspapers and press services. For instance, the new quota will allow only
two of the five British newspapers now
represented to maintain correspondents
in Japan. The British are understandbly
upnet and are preparing to issue a formal complaint.

The only reason advanced for the reduction is the lack of adequate housing,
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a thin complaint of the preduction is the lack of adequate housing,
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beds will be gained. Remembering his
past receive we doubt if General Macarchitur bothered to consult the State
Department before deciding to sake
down his press canno. Whatever his reason—and is sufficient to think of a
good one—he has made a considerable
contribution to his country's increasing
reputation for hyporchy. reputation for hypocrisy.

Lost World

Back in the Twenties, when every violin case contained a sub-machinegun, there emerged a popular theory that most gangaters were ex-soldiers who had acquired an itching trigger linger in the service. Police reporters contributed a great deal to this notion, both in the pursuit of their normal business and in the extra-curricular novels and plays they created out of their experience and need for cash. It was a simple, plausible, highly dramatic formula, this tale of the returning hero, hardened and embittered by the searing experience of war, who turned to killing as the only trade for which he had been adequately trade for which he had been adequately trained. It made best-sellers out of such startling opera as They Gave Him a Gun.

There are a good many people who read the lurid novels, and saw the movies read the lurid novels, and saw the movies and never happened to encounter the evidence that most of the gunsels were actually draft-dodgers. They are now brooding over the possibility that the old gangster era will be recreated by the current crop of veterans as soon as they can get out of uniform and stock up on

can get out of uniform and stock up on ammunition.

A man who should know. General Betts, the law enforcement chief of U. 5. Forces in Europe, has given the lie to the theory. "There is not the slightest reason to beheve that the soldiers are any more likely to become a crime potential them awayer also, and it is simple.

any more likely to become a crime potential than anyone else and it is unfair to expect that they will be."

There will be no crime wave. General Betts insists, unless our society becomes "violently maidquisted as .it did after the last war, when unemployment created desperation, and prohibition provided plenty of openings for bright young gumen. But, no matter what happens, the veterans will probably be the last class of citizenry to take up shooting as a means of settling arguments and earn-

ing a living. In the European Theatre, where they were all armed to the teeth and subject to tensions that no maladiusted civilian society could ever duplicate, the low crime rate among soldiers was "one that any American city could be proud of."

General Betts' testimony lends support to our own theory about the veteran. The war didn't change him: Instead it sealed him away in a timeless vacuum and left his pre-war attitudes that. He seems strange because his satuality a creature of the past, nosing around trying to find some trace of a world that has disappeared. He's not dangerous, he's just best.

Self-Interest

Industrial strife grows out of self-inenlightened or otherwise, and we have an idea we aren't going to get back on the road to reconversion until the leaders of industry and labor get through delivering sermons to each other and to the public.

through delivering sermons to each other and to the public. Industry's uninhibited public relations counsels are working overtime in the meaning of the public relations to the public relations of the public relations to th

tion.
This is not, as both sides would have This is not, as both sides would have you believe the Armageddon of free enterprise. The question, in the automobile industry at least, is a simple one of how much the unions can get and how little the manufacturers can pay. It is Tomplecated, perhaps, by the Government's efforts to hold the line against inflation, but it isn't basically altered. Secretary Schwellenbach, cast in the role of referee, can bets serve the public interest by insisting that the contestants break clean, come out fighting, and get it over with.

Kamikaze vs Pawn

We are happy to note a tendency on the part of the politicians to modernize their vocabularies, incorporating into them some of the fresh and terrible terms produced by the war. The old cliches survive, of course—the rascals are being turned out as usual, the interests remain vested, radicals continue to undermine the American Way with their pernicious foreign philosophy—but a little fresh air is stirring the smoke at current ralles.

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mudslinging stage in his campaign for the spite ticket."
Kamikaze. Neat isn't it? And fitting too, for Mr. Morris is engaged in a poli-tically suicidal attempt to thwart what he. like an echo out of the Tweed era, has called "an evil combination of Tammany and Republican bosses seeking to take control of the city through this

take control of the city through this Jawn." We have no more than a dramatic critic's interest in the New York mayoralty campaign, thank heaven, but we would be inclined at this moment to put our money on McGoldrick. Unless, of course, Morris manages, to get on the record with a claim that McGoldrick and the bösses have equipped the Tammany menhine with a buildozer blade to better clean out the Treasment.

Statesmen At Work

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The Merry-Go-Round

By Drew Pearson

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Army is attempting to rush through Compress.
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Meanwhile, atomic scientiats say that Groves' was the hardest man they had to convince regarding the limits of the hardest man they had to convince regarding the limits of the hardest man they had to convince the hardest manner of the stages of discussion. If it had not been for the determination of the late President Roosevel, is celentists as yet that the Army would have ditched the project.

Atomic scientists also relate this inside story of what happened immediately after the first atom bomb was bigged bone was when he released a study of atomic energy by Professor Henry D. Smythe of Princeton.

After publication of this report, scientists stod Groves that he had cleared enough information to put any nation well on the road to the atomic bomb secret.

"Did you ever try to pull an egg back into a chicken?" he asked.

Scientists Union

Meanwhile the scientists have organized into virtual trade unions. Ohelfy with the alm that their secret be used for the benefit of mankind. The organizations they have formed so far are:

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1—The Association of Almos Scientists in New Mexico;
2—The University of Chicago Scientists;
3—The Manhattan District Scientists;
4—The Oak Rudge Scientists.
They have also issued memoranda to the general effect that almost any nation possessing sufficient maneral production of the properties of the production of the

countries. Only the world authority may manufacture atomic weapons, and by the fact that they alone are in possession of these weapons, enforce international law and peace."

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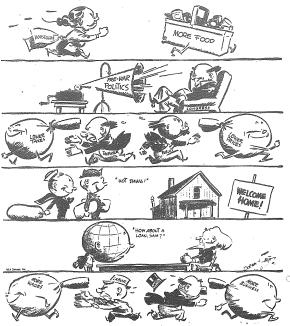
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It's All Called Reconversion



Japanese Delayed Action Propaganda

By Marquis Childs

chaos."

The temptation will be great. It is far easier to govern a people who seem, on the surface at least, to be

By Marquis Childs

WASHINGTON
The real test for General MacArthur in Japan has not yet come.

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Prepared For Defeat
Many months before they conceded defeat, the
Japanese started a propaganda line that, to the informed, showed they were preparing for capitulation.
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in a hundred years of conflict: defeat could only mean
a temporary setback. The peoples of Malaya and The
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leaders in a move to drive out the white Imperialists.
This kind of propaganda, as the Japa well knew,
has the effect of a delayed action bomb. It will take
effect after the cruelities of the Japa oppressor have been
forgotten. We by our policy, must neutralize this delayed action propagated.



"I've just come in to be as nasty as you were—I've freezer filled with meat and I won't need any-thing from you all Winter!" -I've got

Method Of Surrender

By Samuel Grafton

WE are now having a taste of failure to see whether we like it. Our negotiations with Russowchen do war, and, well, there may have been some who wanted that, and chief that, and chief the some who wanted that, and chief the some good it is One notices comparatively little dancing in the property of course may be due to the sp-proach of autumn and cold weather. This is what failure is like.

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ueas soout the quanty of the optimism of our times.

A NEW STAGE
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People's Platform Not Too Young To Die

By A MOTHER Charlotte

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"I didn't mind fighting, but now to have to take elementary training again is too much. I don't mind doing my part of the occupation as long as it's necessary for

good idea to send some of the strikers out there and let our bors do their job the strikers of the strikers of their job the strikers of the strikers of the 1 feel he has reason to. NOTE: This letter was signed, but included a request to withhold the name of the writer, which we sometimes do when the strikers of the pertinent as this one—Editors, The North

Our Figures Lie Says Mr. Presser

By E. J. Presse

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contains faulty figures.

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