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PRESIDENT TRUMAN forcibly reminded the nation that this is a Presidential election year in his message to the 80th Congress yearded yin which the practical political consideration was paramount. The election-year factor was, of course, most pronounced in Mr. Tr um an 'n 's recommendation for a 'cost of living' credit for the small taxpayer, an income tax reduction of 46 for each individual and each control of 46 for each individual and each control of 46 for each individual and each control of 46 for each individual and each cutting program, which would drop more than sever million small taxpayers from the rolls kit the same time it grants persent the proposal that of the sale for the sake first each transport of the same time of the tax knife against the GOP and Big Business with his proposal that corporation taxa be upped by some \$3.2 billion to offset the relief for In the constructions of the construction of

Individuals.

In thus conspicuously arraying itself on the side of the "little fellow" against the corporate interests, the Truman Administration is playing politics for 1948. It does not represent, good statesmanship despite the fact that the GOP and the National Association of, Manufacturers had invited this reprisal with their opposition to price curbs and their demands for the meat ax on Government services.

Fig. 2. The proposal to increase corporation lasers is inconsistent with the Administration's campaign to encourage corporations to make price reductions. Indeed, the recommendation comes at a moment to kill off a movement for voluntary price cuts, which had started with the General Electric Co.'s reductions this week and was expected to grow under the voluntary anti-inflation program adopted in the special session of Congress. Although the hope for relief from this source admittedly was not large, it was the only chance for inflation control that we had, ow has kaken shaped the started of the control that we had, ow has kaken shaped the started of the control that we had, ow has kaken shaped the started of the control that we had, or the started of the things besides inflation control. It minimizes the chances that there will be agreement on an adequate European Recovery Program. Republicans already have gerved motice of intention to trim the Marshall Plan to a size that would leave funds on hand for their tax-saving plan. The Truman challenge, declaring there can be no relief for any class of taxpayers except by shifting the burden from one to another group, undoubtedly will stimulate the OOP in its determination to curtail the Marshall Plan out and the same property of the cut of the c

National debate in recent months has made it clear to all that America faces four supreme tasks — implementation of the Marshall Plan for world economic revival, control of American inflation, maintenance of the bi-partisan foreign policy and action to restore our Government to a peace-time basis. This is a time which calls for concessions from both parties which will

concessions from both parties which will give the right-of-way to those undertak-ings.

It is a time which calls for reduction of the Federal bureaucracy despite the heavy demands that the postwar emergency has placed on the Administration. Mr. Trussiantial cuttalinent along this line but raises the prospect of further expansion of Big Government in a long list of recommendations for social legislation. The problems of health, education, conservation, minimum wage levels, social security, etc., are urgent but it is also clear that the nation cannot cope with them until it had abroad and put Government back on an acconomic basis. We cannot do everything at once. We cannot carry on a social revolution at home until we have won the Statte against the American Price spiral, world economic crisis and Communism.

If was, of course, too much to expect that the Administration would ignore political experiency and come forward with a program that meets the needs of the hour—a program for a reasonable tax cut extending to all classes without penalising business, for more Government economy, for deferment of controversial social experiency and come hamerican sweathered this crisis—a program which would have influenced the Republican experiency and on the Administration's program for nor of trade revival. That is the ideal way to proceed but a democracy does not operate that way under the two-party system, particularly in a Presidential year.

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Mr. Truman, in offering a program that goes all the way in appealing to the various groups on which he must count for support at the 1948 election, simply is following the example of the opposition. The leadership of neither party has yet shown the willingness or capacity consistently to put first things first for America under the drive for partians advantage, but that determination of the national interest must come out of the present contention in Washington If our country is to meet the challenge of 1948.

Doug's 'Labyrinth Of Destiny'

GEN. DOUGLAS MacARTHUR'S wind-up going to be an elaborate and tedious affair. It has taken two days of this week to debate the question of whether our handsome, fascinating and ever-willing Pacific commander is now tossing his hat in the ring, and still the general public finds itself just where it was before Doug broke the mysterious Tokyo silence Monday when the General sent a congratulatory measure of its centennial. The beautiful MacArthurian prose became most significant in this paragraph:

"As I reflect upon the events in this century of effort and progress, I am proud MacArthurian prose became most significant in this paragraph:

"As I reflect upon the events in this century of effort and progress, I am proud wisconsine pasts, for I have tool those same wisconsine pasts which my father and my grandfisher once tred, and take greats pride with the paragraphs and progress, I am proud service to country found its origin in Wasconsine pasts which my father and my grandfisher once tred, and take greats pride to the same wisconsine pasts which my father and my grandfisher once tred, and take greats pride to the content of the paragraph in the full many there is and grandfather's before me. For can be no greater satisfaction than such as comes from the confidence reflected in the selection by one's neighbor for public service to country found its origin in Wasconsine pastern satisfaction than such as comes from the confidence reflected in the selection by one's neighbor for public service to country found its origin in Wasconsine pastern satisfaction than such as comes from the confidence reflected in the selection by one's neighbor for public service to country found its origin in Wasconsine pastern settifaction than such as call would be a dirty trick to play the proper selection and appointment, as did not the proper service to country found its origin in Wasconsine pastern settifaction than such as call would be a dirty trick to play on other OOP appirants.

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Oil And The People

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It is UP to the people to say what they want the Covernment to do about the coll congressmen. Robert L, Doughton. "If the people, want controls, Congress will authorize them," he declared, And unless the oil industry does something about the present critical situation, Mr. Doughton expects the people to call for Government controls. That is the long-range view of the situation, And even if the people should demand Covernment controls, it would take some time for the legislative branch of the Government controls, it would take some time for the legislative branch of the Government controls, it would take some time for the legislative branch of the Government controls, it would take some time for the legislative branch of the Government controls, it would take some time for the legislative branch of the Government controls, it would take some time for the legislative branch of the Government controls, it would take some time for the legislative branch of the Government controls, it would take some time for the legislative branch of the Government controls, it would take some time ago members of the house-notive of products by the oil companies of the United States. It is also clear that, the present consumption of oil is far in excess of production. It is apparent desired relief from shortages within the state of the United States. It is also clear that, the present consumption of oil is far in excess of production. It is apparent desired relief from shortages within the states of the United States. It is also clear that, the heresan consumption of oil is far in excess of production. It is apparent desired relief from shortages within the states of the United States. It is also clear that, the first takes a drink; the drink then takes the man—Elberon (Ga.) Star-cess of productions the three controls and the states. The third takes a drink the drink then takes the man—Elberon (Ga.) Star-cess of production the termination of the preservation during the control of the products of the control of t

'Shoo! Shoo, Bossy!'--



Marshall And Vandenberg

Pilots Of Our Foreign Policy

By STEWART AND JOSEPH ALSOF

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Fight To The Finish
FROM those close to Secretary Marshall, authoritative word nas come that he regards the lightsheed as the finish showdown. If the European Retricted, program is even dangerous the sould not
stricted, patche for the consequences. The indications are that he means to tell the Senators and
Representatives as much, and couch information
in the bluntest language.

Stands By His Principles

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matters of substantive principalis reference of the

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the language of the bill, so that a continuing EKP is

sutherized without specifying the sum of releasthon

enough. These are sound moves, and indicative

of independence as well. By such careful planning,

Vandenberg hopes to secure another unanimous re
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If he is firm, his strength will hardly be less

than Secretary Marshall's. He too believes that the

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People's Platform

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Marquis Childs

Threat To Truman

WASHINGTON
THE force of the blow that
Heiry Wallace has dealt to
resident Truman's chances for
re-election will become increasingevident as time goes by. It may
ell be a mortal blow.
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rell be a mortal blow.

That is why the old guard of the tepublican Party is so overjoyed. They are getting the feeling that hey can sit tight and win without making any concessions to the interpreted of the prize will at long last fall to them no matter who the candidate rywhat the platform.

or what the platform.

This is the profound disservice that Wallace has done to his country at a moment when the whole world is watching to see what America's course will be. He has done his best to make sure that there will be no real contest in the Fail.

WELL-WARNED

Several months ago a prominent New Deal Democrat was approached by Wallace and its followers with the property of the property of the this man, who has real grass-roots connections and influence, to be-come Wallace's political manager. What is more, they offered him a salary so large that at first the ont believe he had hard correctly.

"Then if you still feel after the election that the President has let you down, you will have two courses ahead of you. You can start a third party with a clean conscience

A POOR POLITICIAN
Wallace is not so much a politician as a scientist and philosopher. His contribution to science is not small. That is perhaps why, when the same of the science of the same of the science of the same of wallace's friends wanted to hire a manager with practical political knowledge. There is no contribution of the same state of the same of wallace's friends wanted to hire a manager with practical political knowledge. There is no contribution in his camp today.

Samuel Grafton

The Voluntary Way

CONSERVATIVES have been yelling that the "voluntary way" is the best work of figure to be a conservation of the conservation o

Drew Pearson's : Venezuela Makes Charges Against Trujillo

Merry-Go-Round

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suffering Dominicans... But our Government... will not lift a finger to disturb, the peace of the Dominican Republic. nor do it in the future unless we are obliged to defend our own rights, our sovereignty and our institutions."

Czechoslovakia Follows Russia
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unofficial exchange rate has shot up to 306 crowns to one
dollar, six times the official 50-to-1 rate.

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"Marshall Plan" For Navajos
NOTES from the Gabinet correspondent: Along with aid to
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to our own back yard. A blueprith will be laid at Congress'
feet for a ten-year recovery program.
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indignation will force Congress' hand. Conditions on the
parched, eroding Navajo recentation have deteriorated to
stirring appeal for emergency relief. The House Public Lands
Committee promptly introduced a bill for \$2,000,000 aid. But
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