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Editorializing On The Radio

FCC's Mayflower decision, Said Mr. Stanton:

What the Mayflower decision comes down
of the American redo stations, and indirectly to a district of the American people
themselves. Radio executive, it is implied,
toos, and their instenses would follow blindyou curricularly. This, I believe, reflects a
fundamental imisconception of the working
of the Mayflower of the Station of the Station
of the American people. I, for one, have
more confidence in Americans and the corAM Mr. Stanton points out, the Mayflower
decision was based on the "scarcity" theory,
which holds that radio is a monopoly of a
few large organizations or corporations
which could or would control editorial
opinion to suit the notions of their conservative owners. That theory has been
made less than valid by the growth in the
number of radio stations, particularly in

THERE ARE a number of things to be said for the Pederal decision which limits the right of broadcasters to editorialize on the air, but in a lengthy period of debate on this subject no one has seriously contended that this order does not represent Government interference with freedom of expression in America.

A statement that reaches to the heart of the matter, was made recently by Frank Stanton, president of the Columbia Broadcaster (see against the FCC's Mayflower decision. Said Mr. Stanton:

However, the primary consideration lies in the question of regonsibility. Under the American constitutional system, it is the more and the press, which are under the FCC's Mayflower decision. Said Mr. Stanton: tions in the United states and its cerritorial possessions scarcity theory does not
make sufficient allowance for the fact that
control of editorial opinion on the radio
could be only a relative monopoly even in
complete daily with other media of communication, such as bo oks, magazines,
the movies and the press, which are under
no special Government restraint.

However, the primary consideration lies
in the question of responsibility. Under the
American constitutional system, it is the
public and not a Government agency that
holds an individual or a group to account
for his or its use of the privilege of free
speech. Mr., Stanton puts the case well
when he says:

The broadcasters clearly are entitled to a trial before the American people.

Word Stronger Than Atom

WE GET no sease of security from an zine, in which Senator Bries megazine, in which Senator Bries mcMahon of Conneclicut writes that the "United States of America now has aboveground sufficient radioactive material so that, were it efficiently applied, all human life on the planet would be annihilated."

et would be annihilated.", Efficiently applied? How? Senator Mc-Mahon doesn't answer that question but the sense of his article is that this explosive material cannot be efficiently applied for the purpose of winning the ideological and political struggle in which we now find ourselves engaged with the Communists. If does us no good except for the purposes of annihilating the planet, apparently.

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The Senator points out that the real weapons in the present conflict are not A-bombs or radio-active clouds but words. The issue will be decided not by nuclear fission but by ideas. Mr. McMahon calls not for more atomic research but for a great educational program to counteract what he calls "Communism's 30-year war of calumny" against the democratic and capitalist order, or particularly the American system.

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Senator McMahon's proposed program is designed "(1) To counteract the Communist canards against America and to propa-

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gaie the truth about the democratic way of life. (2) to help Europeans understand the advantages of a free and united Europe, and (3) to bring to the people a reditation of the revolitionary meaning of atomic energy both as a weapfon of destruction and as a constructive force."

As he wisely observes, Europe's reatoration to economic, health under the Marshall Plan must be accompanied by a spiritual revival—a movement to 'save the soul of the control of the properties of

Rocking The Boat In Crisis

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SENATOR WHERRY'S bill to abolish the
Atomic Energy Commission is the most
disturbing of several recent digns that military extremists have made too many conwerts in Congress, particularly a mon ng
members of the Republican Party.
Wherry's proposal to take atomic control
from civilian hands and give it to the Army
would shatter the nation's confidence that
this revolutionary new force is being deviolent for useful social purposes as well
as for security ends, it would, in effect, put
a military straitjacket on science and immeasurably increase the fear of war.
It is notable that Wherry makes no case
against the present commission headed by
David E. Lilienthal but instead is met by
evidence that the top Army leadership is
completely satisfied with the existing ar
atomic Energy Commission and the representatives of the military are work in
gelendidy together, "Secretary of the Army
Royall told the Senake Armed Forces Committee this week. "We need not suggest a
change."

change."

It is apparent that a drive is shaping up to force the Administration to move faster toward militarization of the nation than

President Truman, Secretary Marshall and their principal advisers deem necessary or wise. In the Senate this week, a group of Republican and Democratic Senators in-tiliated a determined effort to overrule our Army command on the matter of all power. They insisted that our program be stepped up to include 70 combat groups instead of the 55 now planned.

Earlier in the week, Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, Republican appirant for President, served notice on the Truman Administration that it was not yet being tough enough with Russia. That warning came at a moment when the Administration was issuing statements, taking dislomatic moves against Russia and pushing mobilization plans, all of which made it plain enough that the United States could not get any bougher without declaring was recording the boat. They threaten to upset the political and military strategy which has been worked out by Secretaries Marshall and Forestal, and they serve to create a war hysteria which may rush this country into premature military action.

From The St. Louis Globe-Democrat

Frame For World Order

ONE of the more concrete contributions to the dream of world government has been made in the "Preliminary Draft of a World Constitution," submitted today for public discussion. It has been framed and offered by an eleven-man committee, headed by Chancellor Robert M. Hutchins of the University of Chicago.

The suggested government is an intricate setup, rather to be expected in such a venture. It would include a federal convention, composed of elected delegates, one for each 1,000,000 of population; a President elected by the convention for a six-year term; a one-house council or legislature of 90 members, also elected by the convention; a supplementation of the poole, which would be spokesman for the minorities.

The proposal for a world constitution makes effort to reduce to specific plan the vision of world rule, indulged by poets, philosophers and peoples plagued from generation to generation by incontinent wars, power lusts and fullie nationalisms of history. Its foreword entertains no conceit that this constitution will ever be adopted as offered, but it does present something for peace-hungry citizens of the world to chew upon. As its sponsors explain, the "conceivable circumstances" for a world republic are not at hand, but the vision has never died, and an atomic era makes its hope for reality an accumulating compulsion.

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A parliament of races, a government of the world may never come in our lifetime. It is too elementally simple, too basically common sews. And our civilization hasn't reached the heights of rational simplicity. But it can, perhaps must, be evolved in a not too distant future. The charter proposal of these eleven thoughtful men will give impetus to the growing concept.



People's Platform

Changing Mind And Losing Face

Confusion On Marshall Plan

engress for 117,000,000,000 to supprocurations of 117,000,000,000 to supprocuration of the modernizing Polish al mines would help the Marshall Plan. One of prominent writers pointed out that this was one those diplomatic puzzles which harassed the behavior of the property of the property of the modern people in favor of minimum, then you name it.

—Pr. C. BURKHOLDER.

Quote, Unquote

There are now an estimated 1,000 policewomen in the United States. That doesn't include women who are always laying down the law to their husbands.— Arkansas Gazette.

Marquis Childs

Republican Target

WASHINOTON
TWO OF the Republican canditates have appropriate to the contartion for revening the decision to partition Palestine. The others can be expected to join in, since the target is irresistable.

The late Hugh Johnson once described one of his immunerable etcblank-blank, by which he meant that the enemy was a blanketyblank-blank from every conceivablank-blank from every conceivablank from every conceivab

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But the target at which Republican stack will be directed is even
broader than this. It is the lack
of a carefully co-ordinated policy
carried out by men who are playcarried out by men who are playment of the play of the play
During his years in the White
House, Frankin Roosevelt was inclined to balance off opposing
forces within his own administration. The expedients and the politceres within his own administration. The expedients and the politstand and essential. The box, himself, came out with the final compromise which was meant to reconcile the extremes.

The resulting compromise was

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and a working components.

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Joseph & Stewart Alsop

The Roosevelt Letter

WASHINGTON
WHETHER It was not of coursely age or an act of base betrayal, it now seems more than possible that President Harry 8. Truman's estine still cost him not merely the election but also the Democratic nomination. From California to Democratic Party against Trumanlong smodlering, is now bresking into open flame and in the North suc. But the Democratic high command is far less disturbed by the thunderbolis hursel by junior. Democratic party against Trumanlong smooth production of the pro

Drew Pearson's: Truman Will Revive Military Lend-Lease Merry-Go-Round:

advisers urged that this part of the speech be cut. It was bell at ones suggested, not to get the country too strough all at ones. Suggested, not to get the country too strough all at ones. The basis plan is for the revival of military lend-lease to Europe.

In other words, the United States would begin aming friendly democratic nations just as we did our allies before an experiment of the suggest of the sug

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Demografic Chairman J. Howard McGrath hightailed
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President Truman's renomination bid. Inside fact is that
McGrath walked into a burring holocaut.

New York City's powerful Democratic organization has
Grath walked into State Chairman Paul Pitrpatrick's hotel
room, vou could have cut the gloom with a knife. However, he entreated the boys not to desert the ship. He also
create his president's switch on Palestine.

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At that point ex-Senator James Mead of New York

"When are you going to get that guy off the ticket?"
he saked McGrath point blank. "We haven't a prayer of
carrying this state with him on it."

Mead hed but reflued to accept a Truman appointment

McGrath and Democratic publicity expert Jack Redding
tried to ease the pressure by pointing out_lash Truman's St.

Patrick's Day speech had increased his prestigs. But the

conclave of Democrats only laughed.

Net result of the meeting was general agreement that nothing Truman can do will possibly save New York for the notional ticket. New York Democrats have decided that if Truman is the candidate, they won't even mention an anneument of proceed to. To it tennestees to Truman politically would be like jumping off Brooklyn Bridge with a ston you will be sometiment of the process of the proces

Under The Dome