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It Could Have Been Worse

PRESIDENT TRUMAN, stepping forth in

PRESIDENT TRUMAN, stepping forth in the role of the advocate of sound public financial policy, certainly has caught the Republicans in an embarrassing position with his review of our fiscal situation and prospects.

It was most unwise, fiscally speaking, for the Republican Congress to hand out a \$5 billion income tax cut while voting record peacetime expenditures in face of the President's warnings that these operations would lead to deficit financing. Mr. Truman has now supported his own prophecity of the president's warnings that these operations would lead to deficit financing. Mr. Truman has the supported his own prophecity of the president's warnings that the special policy of the president was a supported his own prophecity of the president of the present fiscal paper and face a deficit of \$1,500,000,000.

This makes it clear that the Republican did not exhibit sound judgment when they voted the tax slash. For his veto of they are decided to credit for showing more courage and fiscal acument than his political rivals. Of course, it is highly dublous that the country would have been any better off if the Republican Congress had followed the Truman recommendation of a fist "costion taxes. However, Congress gave no attention to that scheme and the record shows the Republicans are to blame for granting tax relief at the risk of creating a Federal deficit.

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a Federal deficit.

Republicans also could have done something to save their reputation for economizing, budget-balancing and conservation if they had followed the Administration in the matter, of expenditures for the Air Force. House and Senate overrode the Administration to vote for a 70-group Air Foce, adding 8500 million more to the asked for.

Force, adding \$800 million more to the milliary budget than the Administration asked for.

Yes, indeed, the Republicans were free with the taxpayers' money and they showed little of their traditional concern about retirement of the public debt, which now stands at \$253 billion and may start climb-

ing again as a result of the extraordinary defense, foreign aid and other expenditures of the last year combined with tax relief. Mr. Truman has a reason and a right to call the Republicans to account in this matter, as he is doing.

Fortunately for the Federal budget and Mr. Truman's budget-balancing prestige, the Republican Congress ran out of time and energy to take favorable action on all the legislation demanded by the Fresident. At the recent special season, under the word of the desired and the legislation demanded by the President. At the recent special season, under the desired and the legislation demanded by the President for the desired and the legislation of the legislation in mortgage insurance. However, Congress-passed over other items which would have knocked the budget forty ways from Sunday.

Let's see, Mr. Truman wanted the Tatt-Ellender-Wagner buil, entailing huge outlay for public bousing and slam clearance. Ho call for housing and slam clearance. However, the demanded of the legislation of the legislation of the legislation of the social security system, upping of the minimum wage, restoration of \$56 million for power and reclamation projects, ratification of the international webstagreement, and a price control program that would have created a new army of Federal employees.

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Although he conceded that time was running short, Mr. Truman also tossed in recomment of the control of

Cloud On Spy Ring Inquiry

OVIET RUSSIA has now produced an American spy, identified as a Naval officer who until recently was attached to the United States Embasay in Moscow, and American officials have branded the story as a fake designed as counter-propaganda to the Russian spy ring disclosures in Washington.

We are less concerned about the Russian We are less concerned about the Russian frame-up than the growing confusion in the investigation conducted by the House Un-American Activities Committee. With its case far from completely developed, the Committee apparently has run out of witnesses and revelations, as indicated by the Committee decision to adourn until Sept. I norder to give its investigators time to develop new leads.

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Beyond that, the Committee itself is concerned about some aspects of the evidence or testimony it has developed thus far. Its uncertainty was revealed yesterday when it recalled one of the defense witnesses, Aliger Hias, for a review of his testimony, Hias, a former member of the State Department of the Committee of the Communits underground in Washington has made a strong impression on some members of the Committee and observers at the spy ring hearing.

It was reported that the Committee might permit Hiss to face his accuser, Whittaker Chambers, and cross-examine him in public. However, Chairman Thomas of the Committee degines of the Committee degines are the Committee degines and the Committee degines are the Committee deg

nesses at this time and it was announced the accuser and accused will be brought together Aug. 25. The question arises why this was not done earlier, and why auch double-checking of stories was not made in other cases. The Committee's consplcuous failure on this point is one large cause for public skepticism over its disclosures. It is one more demonstration that the investigators have devised neither a fair nor an

sigators have devised neither a fait nor an efficient method of procedure in their hearings.

Indeed, the Committee's habit of conducting prosecutions in public with little consideration for the defense exposes the Un-American inquiry to constant danger from a backfire. That threat now is manifest in the spy ring case. Alger Hiss is one of several prominent individuals whose disavowais of cofinection with the underground have shaken confidence in the spy round have shaken confidence in the beth. T. Bentley, self-confessed former Communicats and espionage agents.

If this public trial or inquest in Congress should blow up in the faces of Chairman Thomas and his fellow investigators for lack of documentary or other corroborative evidence, that fisaco would have to be charged to the Committee's un-American method of procedure in sitting evidence and examining witnesses. The impression that this is a political propaganda show, or a campaign "refe herring." or a smearing witnesses. The impression that this is a political propaganda show, or a campaign "refe herring." or a smearing witnesses. The impression that that is a political propaganda show, or a campaign "refe herring." or a smearing would have been largely forestailed if the Committee's had made a conscientious effort to follow the rules of evidence which guide a grand Jury or a outr.

No Escape For Us On The Moon

WHILE pursued the other day by those three Furles, war, worry, and words, we came across a note about Dr. Dinamore Alter, director of Orifith Observatory in Los Angeles, that brightened our Dr. Alter is arranging for visitors at his observatory to take a short trip to the monof. Of course, they never leave the observatory, all they do is to fold like the plain earth-folk they are into ordinary earth-chairs and first thing they know Dr. Alter, by means of a telescope and other observatory equipment, is giving them a close-ingsquint at the barren crags and craters of the mono.

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and craters of the moon.

The moon is an unriendly sort of satellite, they discover; daytimes it's hotter by some one hundred degrees than Tryon Street in Juja and nighttimes the mercury goes hurtling down to an icy 200 below. There's no air, not the kind we know; there's no water, no edible vegetation. But best of all there's no Berlin, no Mrs. Kosenkina, no Stalin, no Truman, no Dewey, no Wallace.

It's peaceful. Very hot and very cold, but

It's peaceful. Very hot and very cold, our Very peaceful.

It's peaceful, that is, until you get to con-sidering information from another eminent scientist named G. Edward Pomeroy.

Mr. Pomeroy, one of the founders of the American Rocket Society, says earth people will visit the moon within the litetime of seem of the younger of you who are read-fing this. Why? Competition, he says, for faighting joint to wage a wur. If we get there lirst, he says, we could set up V-3

launching platforms and have the world at our mercy. If some other country got there first our atomic bomb wouldn't be worth much.

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It'll be a while yet before anyone makes the trip. At its closest the moon is still 21,640 miles away from the earth. Navigation, measurement of speed, and adequate fuel space are some of the problems. For instance, two-thirds of any rocket sent to the moon now would have to be used to store fuel. But we'll get there sooner or later, Mr. Pomeroy says.

Well, there goes our retreat, our place of seclusion. After the world's armies have militarized the moon, political parties will begin to have picnic railies there and that would be teo much.

When the winds hereabouts shift to the west, mosquitose have been known to find their way into Fernandina. However, natives have 'become sort of immunized, I guess. Recently a Fernandina man was vacationing in the North Carolina hills. In the middle of his first ingit, four 'banty' chickens flew into his room. Half asleep he batted at 'em with a pillow until the chickens found their way, out of the wint-tically. 'Had a swell sleep. Think I'll spend all my vacations here. Only saw four mosquitoes all night, and they weren't big ones like ours."—Fernandina (Fla.) News-Leader.

'Now, About Your Grades In School . . .'



People's Platform

Water At 3 Cents A Cup

Editors. THE NEWS:

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Crasy. Maybe in the middle of the Utah Sait Plats or somewhere in Eaypt you might, of necessity, be forced to buy some. But cettainly need to shared this unique financial experience a few days ago after we had finished playing some tennis Preedom Park. After telling the little colored girl card, it seemed quite natural to ask for some water. The girl asid all right. She brought two cups of water with reached lee, along with the sandwiches, french fried polatees are often discover, was more than the colored girl to the colored girl to the colored girl and the properties of the

Drew Pearson's

is so ordinary that few people take notice of it. It is the conniving, penny here, penny there mind that eventually brings impressive personal reward at the him. It will take any man many hours to show me, milation or no inflation, that it has become necessary, with no other avenue of except to charge three and abundant for all classes of people at all times, and abundant for all classes of people at all times.

518 Louise Avenue

Letters To Foreign Lands SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.

Editors, THE NEWS:

WOULD be much obliged if you could spare me
a little of your valuable space for the publication

world. During that time I have collected many thousands of names and addresses of people who browned the control of the contro

Former Communists Get Ahead

Good Work For Charlotte CHARLOTTE

Sumner Welles

Divided Allegiance

It was dictated by no one."

We need not question the Asincerity of the belief of this professor that the platform which he
helped to draft was freely adopted
among patriotic and public-applied
citizens." But we certainly have
cause to ask whether our democause to ask whether our demoproperly when a noted teacher of
this declopical bias that he cannot
recognize facts.

GUIDANCE CLEAR

There could be no clearer proof that the proceedings responded to Communist directives than the platform that the Communist party itself adopted a few days later. The Progressive pairty was created as the vanguard of a "united front." It serves the same ends as the Nenni Socialists in Tally.

ni Socialists in Italy.

The danger lies in the fact that the honest conviction of some Americans, including many teaching in our schools and universities, that the Soviet economic system is preferable to the boom-and-bust system of Western capitalism, has developed into a psychools. They

methods.

The Nations Yet they ref to admit that the Soviet Unhas all but destroyed it. They to admit that the Soviet Unhas all but destroyed it. They to admit that the Soviet Unhas all but destroyed on the they are to concede that Soviet Union is actively intern mg in very other independent of the soviet Union is actively intern mg in very other independent and in very other independent of the soviet Communion destroys illustrated the Europe Communion destroys illusion in the inequal of democratical control of the control of

Joseph & Stewart Alsop

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As a result of the Yalta agree-ment, many of these people were ness.

Merry-Go-Round Barkley Jokes About His Nomination

SPEAKER JOE MARTIN and Sen. Albeh Barkley are on the opposite sides of the rollitical fence, but, meeting by accident at a social function the other day, Speaker Martin Sensition, I am sorry I have not had the opportunity to congratulate you on the high honor that your party has seen fit to bestion upon you. Well, you know it remind sen of the story of the man became a sailor and well of the sensition of the man became a sailor and went to sea, the other became Vice-President; and he hasn't heard from either one of them' sinc."

Navy's Obsolete Court-Martial

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FFFECTIVE-Feb 1, the Army will revamp its assisten of
Dmilltary justice-tranks to a last-minute amendment
which Congress tackled onto the Draft Art. But the medieval
head of the court of the court of the court of the court
head of the belibetions, still remains unchanged.
Actually, Navy justice hant, altered basically since
the rough-and-tumble days of John Paul Jones. Even
preferred treatment before avail courts.
For example, a justice officer who came us from the
Naval Research Laboratory, while his commanding officers
got off with a figurative slap-on-the-wrist,
of stealing a Navy generator. Despite his conviction, the
amazing fact is that the generator was found boiled to the
floor of the Summer cottage of his selder officer, Commonder Hild. an Anuspolis man; got off with, as
hadn't even signed the papers suthorizing the shipment.
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He had several charges against him, but all were dismissed,

Is followed, the Capitals so we not Comfr. Hird were able to Text—Both Capt. Own and Comfr. Hird were able to buy new Buicks at dealer's price through Waldo Andrews. Detroit promoter who was seeking contracts from the Naval Reserch Laboratory for manufacturing precision tools. Yet Li. Curtis, who didn't get a Buick, was the only one convicted by the naval court-martial. Curtis is not an Anampolis mm.

GOP Young Blood

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Two bighors pumbers Dan Sullivan and Lincoln PittLeveld, were led into a courtroom at Mount Germens,
Mich, last week to stand trial. They had field from Michigan nearly four years before and their return marked a
triumpil for go-ectims young Republican 2d Jacob, prosecut also hishhilchied a row inside Michigan Republican
circles which flared briefly at the Philadelphia Convention
and which probably will be followed up by the Dewey Administration—If there is one.

racketeers and gambiers.

From Macomb County, camblers Danny Sullivan and Lincoln Fitzgerald fied to Reno, Newada, in 1945. There Ed Jacob pursued them, and with the help of Newada's Gov Vail Pittman and Attorney General Allen Bible last week finally brought them back to Michigan.

many orougns them back to Michigan, allegedly backed by Frank McKay, the GOP racterack bigshot, are now out to defeat Jacob. Whether he wins or not, however, the Dewey bobys are watching Jacob. They haven't forgotten his help at Philadiphia, and are looking for young GOP blood anyway.

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One thing about this sirilit which most people don't reline is that it's an Air Force rehearsal for tuture possible to the proper and the proper and the candidate and the total reports are quite candidate.

Furthermore. If the diplomats succeed in raising the Bellin blockeds, the Air Force does not intend to abundon the proper and the proper and the proper article and the proper and the property of the Russians tighten up their economic grip on Berlin once again.