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ABC's OF ATOMIC ENERGY

THE Atomic Energy Commission appears to be going about the business of educating the American people about atomic power in a sensible way.

power in a sensible way.

The Commission has just announced it will issue shortly an atomic primer and a handbook of atomic weapon effects for general distribution throughout the nation. The objective: To help Americans understand this strange new form of energy better and thereby be able to use it and control it more wisely and intelligently.

The primer will not, of course, give away any military secrets. But it may help those of us who are not too well acquainted with physics to find out something about the principles of atomic energy and the implications of its use in war and peace.

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The handbook presumably will help accomplish two things: (1) advise us what to
do in the case of an atomic attack, and (2)
shock us into a realization of the terrible
effects of atomic wespons so that we may
better bear our tremendous responsibility.

The Commission is also engaged in another project which may be expanded shortly. In co-operation with school officials, a program of basic education in the field of atomic energy is being undertaken in New York City which will, according to its originators, make New York children the best informed kids on atomic energy in the world.

the best informed kids on atomic energy in the best informed kids on atomic energy and evilual control. Had the millindary been given sole control, we would likely be spending all our time and energy exclusively on developing new and more terrible atomic weapons and neglecting potential peacetime uses and a basic public education program.

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A REASONABLE REQUEST edly: That the urban population of North Carolina is 50 per cent of the total, that approximately 60 per cent of the gasoline tax is derived from travel on city street; yet the cities have been getting back a piddling \$1,00,000, one-fortient of the gas tax revenue, to help keep up their 6,000-dod miles of city streets. No one familiar with the economy of North Carolina will dispute the importance for the city streets. No one familiar with the common of North Carolina will dispute the importance for the city streets. The control of the city of the cit

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GOVERNOR SCOTT may not realize it,
but the greatest single threat to his
stoologoo road bond issue—provided the
Goneral Assembly authorizes the vote—will
come from disgranted urban dwellers who
are becoming increasingly save that they
are already bearing a disproportionate
share of the State Government expenses.
Representatives of the 500 incorporated
towns and cities in North Carolina, appearing before the House Roads Committee
Legislature to give the cities a larger portion of the gasoline tax receipts might
have political reprecusations if and when
the bond issue comes to a vote.
They did not imply that cities and towns
would actively oppose the measure. They
merely reminded the committee members
that city-dwellers are just beginning to
realize that they're getting a raw deal in
this road business, and that they wouldn't
feel very charitable toward another \$200,00,000 for rural roads.
Mayor Ray dunle of Monroe told the
committee what the News has said repeat-

THANKS FROM FRANCE

THE French Merci Train which will lum-ber through Charlotte tomorrow is ad-mittedly a token-but the principle of in-ternational friendship and good will which it espouses makes it a very important

token.

A year ago an American Friendship
Train, stocked with food and supplies for
Europe's needy, wound its way through
France to the cheers and tears of millions
of Frenchmen who were reminded by this
virid example of the charity and benevolent of the nation across the Atlantic. The
Friendship train made many friends for
the United States, more perhaps than
some of our vaster, but less dramatic, programs.

When the French people decided to re-

one of the famous 40 & 8 cars of World one of the famous 40 & 8 cars of World War I vinkage for each state of the Union and stocked it with gifts. They were not all luxury offerings; many were valuable items of historical interest. But each represented to the French people an effort to show their appreciation for U. 8. friendship and generosity.

Both trains are symbols, very timely symbols, of the sort of hands-across-the-ocean friendliness and neighborimess this world needs. It is with that realization that Charlotte will extend to the Merci Train the same warmh of greeting with which the French people received our Friendship Train.

No one has ever proved any willful acts by Frank Graham detrimental to the na-tion. And no one ever will, for it is not in the nature, of the man to scheme and con-nive against his country

He may have been, as Representatives Hebert of Louisiana and Rankin of Miss-issippi allege, indiscreet, highly and per-sistently indiscreet. But that is all.

MATTER FOR THE TRUSTEES

PRANK GRAHAM is no more sacrosanct

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and he's fully capable of making mistakes just like the rest of us. It is becoming increasingly obvious—as the true designs of U. S. Communista come into clearer focus—that Frank Graham into clearer focus—that Frank Graham into clearer focus—that Frank Graham into the past few parts the ordingment durum the past few parts the ordingment durum the past few parts for promote their enterprises.

A warm-hearted and sincere man himself, he does not recognize cynicism in others. If he thinks an organization is chern if the thinks an organization is chern if he thinks an organization is constructed to signore the shortcomings of he is willing to signore the shortcomings of the various groups he was affiliated with, but he felt all along that they were a minority, and that they offered no real threat to the

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It would seem that this is primarily a
matter for the trustees of the University
who, being careful not to limit Frank Orrakam's freedom of belief and action, should
nonetheless sak him to be more selective
in permitting the use of his name and
prestige. It does not seem to be in the
province of two former members of the
House Un-American Affairs Committee,
one of whom, Rankin, suffers considerably
when compared with the man he is attacking.

From The Winston-Salem Journal NO CONNECTION

COMMENTING on Drew Pearson's sensa-tional story on an Army contract mat-ter between-the Army and the Strickland Furniture Company of High Point, Gordon Oray, Assistant Secretary of the Army, stated Wednesday:

The contract referred to was entered to in 1946."

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Mr. Gray did not become Assistant Becretary of the Army until September, 1947. The Fearson story had implicated him and Army Secretary Kenneth O. Royal as "universiting tools" of lobbysis in the Army contraction of Postson, the RFC 10 an artist.

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Thus the record indicates that separalless of what the facts may be concerning
the other persons named in the Pearson
story, Mr. Gray had no connection with
the Strickland contract. He was neither a
witting nor "unwitting tool" of any lobbyists in the matter. We who know Gordon
Gray intimately know that he would consciously have done nothing that was not
in the best interests of his country & a
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It is amazing how important regular exercise can become to a business man who wants to play golf. — Pelham (Ga.) Journal.





Sumner Welles

Council Of Europe A Compromise -

WASHINGTON

TWONDER if there is much justification for the another than the control of the contr

economic federation.

FEW PRACTICAL STEPS TAKEN

Outside of the co-operative measures required
by the European Recovery Program the only practical steps that have so far been taken to lay

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There are several reasons for Britain's obstinate fertual to acquieces in the demands of the contractal to acquiece in the demands of the confinancial control of the control of the conan parliament possessing wide powers.

The British delegate for the permanent commission, High Dalton, alleged that Britain opposed
as European perliament which could override nathat the British Labor Party is determined to
reject any plan for European Union which might
hamper its ability to carry out its own internal
controls and pursue list present course of rigid
bilateral trading.

The British government also differs radically
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Joseph Alsop

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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

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No War Expected

Meanwhile. Kennan reported, democracy is gaining ground against Communium in Western Europe. The Marging against Communium in Western Europe and State of the Sta

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