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### MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

THE President's request for a \$1,450,000,000 arms-aid program comes at a bad time. It is not in Washington, and the Congress is timed and fertful. Across the Atlantic, things are reasonably quiet, except for certain economic conferences. No little nations have been gobbled up recently.

Even in the Far East, the victorious Com-munists are trying to digest the huge mor-sel they gulped and, except for scattered guerrills tactics around the East Indian frings, they have put saids major con-quest for the moment.

quest for the moment.

The Senate has just ratified the Atlantic Pact, by a whopping majority. But it became evident during the Pact debate, and it has become more sharply evident since the vote, that some members of that body, a goodly number of Representatives, yet to be sold on the arms-aid program.

The President has a tough fight ahead.

IT 18 well-nigh impossible for the average
American to understand the huge international forces at play in the world today clearly enough to formulate an opinion
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1. Is it wise to give the President such blanket authority over such a huge sum of money without first requiring the Pact alignatories and the other recipients, to spell out in more defaul just how this great defensive alliance is to be effectuated, and what the military strategy will be?

2. Is the amount proposed, and the nature of the assistance envisioned, adequate enough to materially delay Russian aggression, or would the Soviets merely grab our arms and ammunition as the Communists did in China?

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Communists did in China?

Most of the opponents of the arms-ald program seem to be prompted by these two doubts. Admittedly they are reasonable grounds for going alow.

But even if we are unable to find satisfactory answers to these questions, the greater weight of evidence appears to support the arms-aid appropriation. Two sentences, one from the State Department's booklet supporting the appropriation and the other from President Truman's mesage, express the other view well.

State Department: "Their defense is our defense."

President Truman: "50 long as the danger of segression exist, it is necessary, to think in terms of the forces required to prevent it."

We are not even sure that our own national defense program has been properly blueprinted and our strategy correctly determined. But it is the best way we know to defend cureleves. The arms-ald program, it appears, has the same defects. But would we sacrifice either because it is not perfect?

The President's reminder that the danger of the president that the danger of the presi

The President's reminder that the dan-The President's reminder that the danger of agression still exists is made against a background of gradually increasing self-confidence among the nations of Western Europe. The Kremlin is not the terror it was two years ago, largely because the U. S. has shown its determination to resist any further Red expansion in Europe. But the Red threat is still ever-present, and we must not forget that in a period of relative inaction.

IN the final analysis, the Atlantic Pact and the arms-aid program are inseparably bound in this respect: they pledge us to a defense of Western Europe, not merely a liberation after conquest. And there is a vast difference between the two, a difference which is felt by every European who reads and hears of U. 5. plant for pacts who reads and hears of U. 5. plant for pacts who reads and hears of U. 5. plant for both the pack of the pac

As General Omar N. Bradley said:

"It must be priectly appeared to the people of the United States that we cannot count on friends in Western Europe if our strategy on the United States that we shall first abandon them to the clates that we shall first abandon them to the clates that we shall first abandon them. Or the that is the only strategy that can prevail if the military balance of power in Europe is to be carried on the wings power in Europe is to be carried on the wings that this side of the ocean. It is a strategy that would produce nothing better than impoent and distillusioned allies in the event of a war."

The Military Assistance Program is designed to help the nations of Europe defend their own territories. It may or may not succeed in doing that, and it is impossible to say at this point just what the total cost will be.

cost will be.

Yet if the MAP appropriation is to be decided by our hopes, rather than our doubts, as most of the rest of our postwar foreign policy has been decided, it would appear that there is nothing else to do but provide the money.

#### DIVIDED RESPONSIBILITY

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Will so many great and presume issues
—local, state, national, and intermational-tugging at our minds and pocketbooks these days, it seems rather abund
to have to stop and worry about the mess
at the Shuman Avenue animal shelter.
We have the word of Mayor Victor Shaw,
who made a personal inspection of the
premisel, that the conditions were "unbelievably nausesting." Well take his word
for it, having no desire to see for ourselves.
An official of the Mccklenburg County
Rumane Society has declared publicly that
the poor administration of the shelter lies
exclusively with the City Pet Department,
which department "moved in and almost
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The head of that department, who was

completely took over."

The head of that department, who was to confer with Mr. Shaw today on the problem, declined comment during the early stages of the controversy.

But it should be apparent to everyone that the three-way responsibility of this home for homieless animals its, by its verynature, conductve to bickering and jeal-oxisy.

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The shelter was built by the County
Government (with WPA funds and at the
request of the Humane Society) on City
Property. The City Pet Department furnishes a clerk and a porter during the day.

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The clerk collects a \$1 pick-up fee and 25 cents a day board for dogs which are reclaimed by owners or purchased by others, and then remits that money to the Humane Society which uses it for purchasing food for the dogs and supplies for the shelter. A couple of times major repairs have been necessary, and they have been borne equally by the City and County Governments.

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Adding to the confusion is the difference in philosophies. The Pet Department is concerned mainly with rounding up stray dogs and with its incoulation and licensing work; the Rumane Society emphasizes re-habilitation and would like to see every pet habilitation and would like to see every pet the answer to this problem seems reached. The temporary housing of stray per seems of the problem agency to the temporary housing of stray per seems of the problem agency; the rehabilitation of homeless, displaced or injured pets is the responsibility of a private agency, the Rumane Society, and it should be free to carry out its laudable work. But the two should be separated, clearly and declaively, now and for all time.

#### LET'S SAY 'HELLO'

IT has been said that the infocent never heaftate to answer questions, but 'taint necessarily so. There are some questions that a full-fledged earthbound angel would be justified in ignoring.

These queries usually take the form of a greeting, thusly: "Whatcha know?" This one has a double kick if the questionee is named Joe.

No one should be called upon to answer that one. There should be an understanding among men of good will that it is not antisocial to ignore it.

But there are others, equally bad. There are hundreds of them. The genius of the homo Americanus in contriving "casual" greetings knows no bounds.

For instance:
"How's tricks?" Now there is a question applied logically only to a magician. No other civilized soul should be required to

respond.
Another?
"What's up?"

"What's the good word?" "How's life treatin' you?" "How's it going?" "Whacha say?" "What's new?"

Then there is that special little thing,

that little verbal demon that your "friends" like to spring on you about this time of the

year:
"Hot enough for you?"
Let's cut it out. Let's just say hello.

Elymology Lesson: The word "seersuck-er," as in "seersucker suit," according to Webster, comes from a Persian word mean-ing, literally, "milk-and-sugar." Not mean-ing, as you might suppose, "something that looks like palamas in which you have just got out of bed." — Jackson (Miss.) Dally Ness.

If you get into an argument about what makes big news, you might cite the story in the Press-Scimitar sports section the other day that rated this six-column streamer: "Chicks Half-Game Away From Seventh Place." — Memphis (Tenn.) Press-

Temperatures good for cotton and corn are also the kind in which one arises feeling that he is sticking to himself.—Memphis (Tenn.) Commercial-Appeal.

Obviously, a Chinaman's chance is something they don't have in China. — Little Rock (Ark.) Gazette.



### People's Platform

## - Early Morning Listening

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morons as an indication of high-hatishness. There seems to be something friendly and folksy about "He ain't done nothing."

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-LEWIS AYER SMITH.

#### Mint Street Complaint

Editors, The News:

I HAVE noticed all kinds of improvements, recommended on streets, railroad crossings, etc.

It doesn't make sense. Question: Has Council the nerve to tackle this matter?

—WILLIAM C. McINTIRE.

BURLINGTON, N. C.

#### A Faithful Reader

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The People's Platform is available to any reader who cares to mount it. Communications should be less than 300 words, typewritten if possible, and on only one side of the paper. Libel and obscentity will be deleted-otherwise anything goes. Each letter must be signed. — Editors, The News.

### Quote, Unquote

COMPULSIVE SCHOLAR
always very careful about his dative
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e in Latin more careful than a native
very little that anyone could intue.

He was in fact a very careful man Or had been so at least since we had known him. He was careful when he walked and when he ran,

ran. He gave us little reason to disown him.

He was so careful, careful about what he ate, He was very, careful about what he wore. He was careful not to argue or debate, He was careful not to be timid or a bore.

He was very careful about what he did. He never told us what his caution hid. MERRILL MOORE—In the Saturday Review of Literature.

Joseph Alsop

## **Unity In Ohio**

Marquis Childs

## **Object Lesson**

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### Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

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Backstage With Hugh Scott

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Taft Pours Political Oil

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**Taft Sympathizes** 

TAPT agreed to meet with the group in Washington next day, July 20; which he did, again in Room 453, with

By then Reece had calmed down and told 7aft bluntly that his old friends felt he was turning his back on their-

However, Taft still believes that the Grand Gd Party should bind up its wounds and the leaders should do more than bow politely when they meet.

NOTE—Quoth Rentiro Creager of Texas after he last meeting adjourned: "That so-and-so Drew Pearon got the dope about our Pittsburgh meeting, but I'll be lamned if he gets this ope."

#### Merry-Go-Round

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