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#### THE GERMAN ELECTION

THE existence of a "West German State" of a once unified land stands as a monu-ment to distrust, a symbol of East-West

mens to Gussust, antagonism.

But the formation of this state was called for by the situation and it is good now that the West Germans—in their first free election, in sixteen years—have chosen the path to democracy and the Western economic system.

economic system have elected a govern-ment which will continue the major pol-icies of the Military Government; it will support the free enterprise system and is firmly anti-Socialist. The Sinday vote—a surprisingly heavy (78 per cent) one—brought to the fore a conservative condition of Christian Demo-crats. (CDU) and Frée Democrats (FDP). As usual the narty names man little or

As usual the party names mean little or nothing. It is well known, however, that CDU and FDP mean a west-minded Ger-man government.

Bodmig. 1 is well and will be opposition. CDU and 7DP mean a west-minded German government.

There has been and will be opposition of a natural, if potentially dangerous, love of country. With a friendly califion government in poser, however, this opposition probably will not result in extreme action against the occupying powers.

As the West Gérman parliament atands now, the two major conservative parties control 1912 rests; the "socialists control 1911 rests; the "socialists will receive aupport from the Communists, who control fifteen seals.

By there is no doubt that the conservatives will control the parliament, form a cabinet and name a president and chancellor.

The chancellor is likely to be Dr. Konrad Adenauer, chairman of the Christian DemHe, by the way, seems less anti-Nazi than many would wish him to be. He has been quoted as, considering the de-Nazification program "ridiculous" and as referring to former German officers as "the honest members of the former Wehrmackt." He has demanded that "libelious attacks." instated that the Nazi past of individual Germans must be forgotten.

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Germans must be forgotten.

But, though the new German government is not all that the West might have hoped for and though some of its leaders may not be far removed from the strong nationalism that spawned the National Socialist party and the Hilter war, it is a pro-West government and it can be counted upon to offer-resistance to any Communist movement in the West German state.

The election itself, the high públic in-

ment in the West German state.

The election literit, the high públic in-terest, the support offered the free enter-prise, system against sovietization — this was heartening to the West and indica-tive of a firm trend in Europe. That trend, as shown in recent elections in France, Italy and, West Berlin, is an anti-Com-

It would not be difficult to pin down the reason for this exhibition of friendship for the West. The Marshall Plan has been im-

the West. The Maximall Plan has been important, of course. The strong Atlantic Pact program and the possibility of armed aid had a part. The alrift counted against Russia. And the crusade of the Catholic ofhurch was significant in Italy.

All of this, combined with a growing European repugnance to a totalitarian state, had a part in strengthening the democratic position in Europe.

What action the Soviet Union plans — propagands, more political activity—presents a question which the West must answer if its position in Germany is to be maintained. The efficiency and integrity of the new congrevative West German government will be a part of that answer.

"Despite his mildiness, the general is not what you would call easygoing. Nobody runs over him. He has complete confidence in himself and once he makes up his mind nothing sways him. He is as readved as a rock and people who work with him must produce or get out. They don't get the fraditional Army bawling-out from him, but they get the gate."

This sounds like what the doctor ordered, for the public is, we are convinced, very tired of some generals and admirals sourrying about Washington as lobbysts for more power, more prestige than the next branch while others of the military inform us that our defense program is not all that it should be.

Gen. Bradley takes with him into the security line-up Gen. J. Lawton (Lightning Joe) Collins, a man in whom he seems to have considerable confidence. He handed him many critical battle assignments during the war — and "Lightning Joe" didn't fall him.

It is to be hoped that Bradley, with Collins, will provide a new stability for the upper echelon of the military. It is greatly needed.

ron's decree was denounced vigorously in the American press because it was directed against a democratic paper, and MacArthur's decree went unchallenged because it was aimed at a Communist paper.

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### NEW STABILITY IN DEFENSE

THE National Security organization - a THE National Security organization — a I line-up under the Department of De-fense — can be complicated if you allow yourself to become entangled in the chain of command. But it promises a new inte-gration which, in turn, promises a new efficiences.

efficiency. The task when the definition of the

one din it is untimizable that they should be allowed to continue to bloker, about which branch of the service gets the gravy. It is possible, indeed probable, that Gen. Bradley will put a step to the Ansay-Army-Army-Free and the second that the second t

Ernie Pyle, wartime columnist, had this a say of Bradley:

# A FLEXIBLE CODE

THE American Newspaper Publishers
Association bulletin calls attention to
the following Reuters press dispatch from
Tokyo dated May 30.

The Japaness Jiji News Agency today an-

Tokyo dated May 30.

"The Japanes Jill News Agedey today announced hat a new national system of general electrons will be enforced, June 6. The print silication will be enforced, June 6. The print silication will be enforced to the desired of Flary, the Communist newspaper, to one quarter its former allocation and increase those of all other political organs.

"The change is being made in accordance." The change is being made in accordance. The change is being made in accordance. The change is being made in accordance to the community supports Allied Commander in Japan, the agency said."

"The question naturally arises: How does this differ from the action of Argentina's dictator, Peron, In reducing the newsprint supply of La Prensa, the famel independent daily which has fought him at every turn.

Actually, there is no difference. Yet Pe-

But there is a larger danger which faces us on every front of our unprecedented cold war against Communism—the temptation to try to defeat totalitarian ideas by using totalitarian testics.

We have not yet found a formula which can be applied everywhere in the same time to stumble along, making plenty of mistakes as we go. From The Salisbury Post

# DE SENECTUTE VIA THE WHIZZOSTATOMETER

"SOMETIMES a thing can be too good," advises an advertising brochure for the American Gas Association. The association points out that a fourth of the gas ranges in use in the United States today, are more than fifteen years old, and that half of them are more than the years of the states today.

oid, and that half of them are more than ten years oid.

The point with the association, of course, is that it is hin time the brides of ten and, fifteen years ago are getting new gas ranges. They should be fully informed, thinks the association, that modern gas cooking adapts burn automatically without the use of matches, that they are equipped with 'amokeleas' broilers, automatic conicols, etc., etc., etc., All of which is illuminating, atmujating, and good salesmanship.

So much for the machinery of cooking, But as Shalespeare said, 'The cook's the thing.'

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years ago? ... Those were the days when she could be

set in motion automatically without the use of matches, days when she was cooking on the front-burner and when neither wedded bliss nor blister was a matter for thermostatic control.

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The gas association plunges into the heat wave of the future with a glistening confidence that she who cooks may read or run; but what she reads (Oh, relentless adversity) is the writing on the wail, and where or why ahe runs no man knoweth.

where or why she runs no man knoweth. Where one amoked the stove of yesterday, burned clean and sweet its mistress' personal flame of being. Today's stove does not smoke, but mama smokes, yea, like unto the signal shoulder of the redman ahe smokes, and smokes, and smokes,

And as for pappy, what matter?

He eats what he can get and drinks what he can get by with

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People's Platform

# **Duke Power Co. Electric Rates**

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#### Those Danged 'Dealers' CHARLOTTE

Editors, Tur. News:

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#### CURRENCY DEVALUATION

#### James Marlow

# Congressional Appendix

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For a congressman the Appendix is a good place to let off steam. The Record itself, published event of everything that happeds on the floors of Congress.

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TAXPAVERS FAY THE BILL.
And when a congressman can't get enough time on the floor to finish the speech, he finishes, by getting it in the Appendix. Since the whole Record is printed by the Covernment of the Appendix costs of the Appendix costs of the Axpayers money.

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#### **GOP Chairman Planning Housecleaning** Washington Merry-Go-Round

(NOTE-White Draw Pearson is on vacation, the Washington Merry-Ga-Round is being written by his old partiner, Robert S. Allen. — Editors. The News, MSIMINOTON PLEYBELL AND ASSESSED ASS

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# Democratic Time Bomb

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and the Commercial Committeeman Harrison
All three of Connecticut's Republican Congressmenalmes Patterson, Antonia Sadiak and John Davis Lodgewould like to run as successor to Sen. Raymond A. Baldwin.

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avoid remburnasing their former American communities.

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#### Brannan Plan

WHILE Secretary Charles Brannan's farm plan is getting.

When gate in Congress, the Farm Bureau Pederation is
playing membership in Iowa and Minnesola because of opmany of the Congress of

tight between the two examinations is intensifying.

"Thy-milliant opposition of the national officers of the Farm Bircau to the plan is unquestionably casting a lot doubts among trank-and-file members." The said. "It will get hoster in the months to come."

NOTE: Wallace's lows Farmer (no connection with Henry will release figures next week on a poil on the contract of the contract of the contract of lows farmers are for the plan, it per cent opposed, remainder no opinion. 38 per cent of Iowa Farms Bureau members are to the plan, it per cent opposed.

### Lots Of Pepper

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