IT MAY BE that the unpredictable and incluctable course of human events has saddled Secretary of State Dean Acheson with a measure of blame for the nation's precarious position that no amount of cool, disinterested analysis and logic can erase.

distincerested analysis and logic can erase. In a sense, Mr. Acheson's position today is not unlike that of Herbert Hoover in 1932. Though we know now that Mr. Hoover was not the real culprit in bringing on the depression, and that it probably would have been impossible for him to prevent it; the full biame was placed on his shoulders. Hoover came to personify The Depression, just as Acheson is being made the expegoal for a long series of events over which he had little or no control and for which we all share a portion of the blame.

blame. We have become resigned to these quirks of democracy, and we learned long ago that nor man is indispensable in our scheme of things. Hence, if President Truman bows to his critica and sake for Mr. Acheson's resignation, or if the Secretary voluntarily steps easiled, it will not, be a catastrophe but rather a temporary set-back that may eventually result in greater political unity in this nation.

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Without retracing in detail the history of the last ten years, we would like to note certain broad aspects of the

Acheson case.

1. Our policy of friendship toward Soviet Rassia during the war years and immediately thereafter was an expression of one of the best things in the American temperament: the lack of animosily toward our fellow men, and the earnest desire to leave others alone and in turn be left alone to follow normal peacetime pursuits. We sented to get along with Russia, and because of that we were slow to perceive the sinister nature of Stalinism.

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2. The faults in the Cairo, Teheran and Yalia gareements were not in the agreements themselves so much as in Russia's abuse of shose agreements. Had Stalin lived up to the letter and spirit of those agreements, there would be no insoluble world problems today, Our natvite in believing Stalin would adhere to his wartime pacts was no greater than our belief in Japan's protestations of peaceful intentions prior to Pearl Harbor.

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Japan's protestations of peacetus inten-tions prior to Peatl Harbor.

3. Through all filts period and up until today, the men who have plunged the world into such a desperate situation are not our own leaders. They are the mem-bers of the Politburo and their henchmen, at home and abroad. They are the men who have abused the veto we insisted on having in the U. N. They are the men who have embarked on world conquest. They are the perpetrators of the great outrages against humanity. It is grossly unfair to charge any responsibility for the double aggression in North Korea to any Amer-

THE CASE OF DEAN ACHESON ican leader. The blame rests squarely on

ican leader. The blame rests squarely on Moscow.

That having been said, we would readily admit the charge that Secretary Acheson may—have made mistakes in playing the diplomatic game. No man is above error. Even the eminent Cordell Hull was ready to receive two bowing Japanese diplomats when the word of the Pearl Harbor attack turned his intended blandshments into blistering Tennessee invective. But Achekoný errors, we sincerely believe, have been small indeed compared to his accomplishment in welding together the loose structure of the free world and holding the entire membership of the United Nations, with the exception of the Soviet bloc- behind this nation's philosophy.

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of resistance to Communist aggression.

The gravest error that we would assign The gravest error that we would assign to Mr. Agheson is his failure to resign a year ago in pitter protest over the Truman-Johnson castration of the Defense Establishment—an operation that Mr. Acheson well knew would weaken any anti-Communist diplomatic policy he or any other Secretary of State might evolve.

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THUS we come to the final point of the Case of Mr. Acheson. He probably would be held in high repute today had he not commented on the Alger Hiss case last January. To our knowledge, no statement by a public official has been so misherpreted. Elsewhere on this page were the statement of the property of th

Yet, by general agreement, he is one of Yet, by general agreement, he is one of the most able men ever to serve the people of this nation. If he is sacrificed to restore political harmony, we shall mark it down as one of the concessions that must be made to Democracy in order to make it

work. Meanwhile, all of those who are demand-ing his resignation should ponder long the literal meanings of scapegoat. In Hebrew antiquity, a scapegoat was a goat upon whose head were symbolically placed the sins of the people, after which he was suf-fered to escape in the wilderness. In its anfered to escape in the widerness. In its an-thropological meaning, a capeçoat is any animal or person to whom sins, evils, ill luck, etc., are ceremolously attached, the victim then being sacrificed or driven out, as symbolic of dispelling the evils. After we have rid ourselves of our ill luck, what then? That is the question that the get-Acheson school must answer.

### MR. WILSON'S NEW JOB

PESIDENT TRUMANS selection of Gen-eral Electric's Charles E. Wilson to head up the nation's mobilization program is apparently an effort to avoid the errors of the frenzied preparation for World War II.

According to news dispatches from the apital, the various mobilization functions now scattered among several government departments and agencies will be brought together under Mr. Wilson's over-all super-vision, establishing a clear line of author-

vision, establishing a tree ity and responsibility. Not until May, 1943, did President Roosevelt create a similar position. In that month he appointed James F. Byrnes to head the Office of War Mobilization and delegated much of the Presidential author-

ity to the South Carolinian. Previously there had been a parade of agencies— Office of Production Management, Sup-plies Priorities and Allocation Board, Office of Price Administration and Civil-ian Supply. War Production Board, and in Supply, War Production conomic Stabilization Board. Under Mr. Byrnes' leadership, the falunder Mr. Byrnes leacership, the lat-tering production and mobilization enter-prise moved into high gear, and the na-tion never wanted for manpower on war

tion never wanted for manpower on war materiel thereafter.

Mr. Wilson is a man of great ability, highly respected by other American busi-nessmen and industrialists. In relinquish-ing his civilian post for this all-important public service, he is acting in the finest American tradition.

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WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE, who is said to have known all about the actions of men in all the ages of our civilization, has a scene in the drama Julius Coesar in which a mob is on the loose, incited to riot by the words of Anthony.

Like all mobsters they had gone completely overboard from one extreme to the other. Now they are after the conspirators when the contract of the contract of

ork. The committee headed by Senator Rus-ell of Georgia. in a businesslike, efficient, and completely fair hearing, was quickly hie to separate hearsay from fact, witch-unt from honorable inquiry for the wel-are of our country, No one can say that at his moment such hearings are not abso-

lutely necessary for the protection of our country in a grave crises; but we can say with pride that as necessary as these in-quiries may be, no man or woman who loves America need fear them.

In this dark moment it is well that we all echo the words of Anna Rosenberg as she won confirmation by the Senate to the post of Assistant Secretary of Defense: "I am proud of our Democracy."

We wonder why Walter Winchell and Drew Pearson don't get together and win this war, like they did the last one. Everyone knows that between them, Winchell and Pearson won the last war.—Carlsbad (N. M.) Current-Argus.

Once upon a time nations could take a step that wasn't drastic.-Greensboro Daily

Lots of people usually described by the bleeding-hearts as underprivileged really just need to make more use of the privilege of working to take care of themselves. of working to take care of themselves.— Memphis Commercial-Appeal.

The average man knows little about women's clothes, says a style expert. The price is often enough to make him forget everything else.—Kingsport (Tenn.) Times.

Women weeping at movies seems wasteful. The same tears at home might get a new dress.—El Dorado (Ark.) Daily News.

'We're Fighting Too, Fellows!'



### Recounting An Old Story

### What Acheson Said About Hiss

(NOTE: Much of the hostility toward Secre-of State Dean Achieon stems from a remark to the state of the state of the state of the manney. In stew of the demand of Repub-a Senators and Representatives for Mr. Ache-s resignation, we reprint today this, column by Alsop Brothers. 11 orticinally appeared on page on Feb. 2, 1996.—2610rs. The News.)

By JOSEPH & STEWART ALSOP

On THE surface the affair of Dean O. Acheson and Alger Hiss looks like no more than another proof of the importance of plain-resektine in public rather solds. It is not that the public rather solds. In consequence, he is now being bitterly attacked for saying outle another thing and even his friends in Congress and devalues are solds of the congress and established better before are solds of the congress and established better size. WASHINGTON

To be more specific, in his now-famous press conference statement on the Hiss case, Acheson firmly refused to discuss "anything to do with the case" itself, remarking that it would be "highly im-proper" for nim to do so. He did NOT assert any belief in the innocence of Alerr Hiss. He did NOT seek to defend Hiss in any way, shape or form.

Acheson, must have known that the almost sad-sate impulse to see Hiss suffer, the unpleasing long-ing to satch the guilty man withe, sould cause of compassion. Yet he neither bowed to expediency, nor catered to emotions of the comment. He in-sisted on his own high standards. Nothing that the epmits have done is more discreditable than

Hermitians communers in a subway rush.

Panny of the second, and third-raters commiterrors, moreover, which certainly open them to attack. Recently, for example, the Defense Dept. Lasbeen almost continued for the Defense Dept. Lasbeen almost continued that the Defense Dept. Lasbeen almost continued to the Defense Dept. Lasbeen almost continued to the Defense
position. This bathlocating the public is a far work

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Ager Hiss.

### Quote, Unquote

Albuquerque police are looking for a thief who stole into James Warenime's back vard the other might and made off with a 350-auon fish tank, worth, \$35. It is obvously the work of some limpetuous angier who can't face the thought of a long, lonely Winter of Idleness.—Carlabad (N. M.) Current-Argus.

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North Carolina's 1951 auto tags will be white and—if you'll pardon the expression—red. —Greens-boro Daily News.

A man is helped along somewhat by holding of-fice. But he is not benefited by staying in too long. It makes it just that much harder on him when the time comes when he is bound to be kicked out.— Lamar (Mo.) Democrat.

## War Means Inconveniences For Brass As Well As GI's

By MARQUIS CHILDS

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## Gals Are Good Draft Fodder, But Untrustworthy As Brass

By ROBERT C. RUARK

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

# GOP Heads, Truman Talk Mobilization

WHEN Congressional and Cabinet leaders filed into the White House to hear the Presidents report on the national emergency. Secretary of Siste Acheson happened to take a seal just opposite a row of his GOP critics—Senators Tatt, Bridges of New Hampshire and Wherry of Nebraska.

Der kirt, Broges of New Italianshire and weistly diversity in the "Here is your opposition across from you," remarked Bridges, in an effort to break the ice.

The Secretary of State did not quite know how to take this, whereupon Wherry interposed:

"We mean your CONSTRUCTIVE opposition."

### Russian War Moves

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The meeting was opened with a grim intelligence report
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Unnorsed Cavalryman "MILLIKIN's Wire and Jose Martin were inclined to agree MILLIKIN's Wire and Jose Martin were inclined, but Martin urged that "we forget politics and work together as Americans."

Peradent urged the imperance of the porteniogical effect on the public, Senatur Tatt made this observation "One big heading, one "lishs in the newspapers shoulder in a national emergency They will be better prepared both to accept the situation and do the job if they have some advance notice."

White-haired Senator George of Georgia, an elder statements who frequently disagrees with the Administration, this time supported it.

I think it would have a very bad effect on the public if you left the White House and said an emgrancy was not necessary. In told his Republican colleagued and the statement of the said of the sa

### A-Bomb In Japan

rewater did not turner elaborate.
ote — President Truman has made it clear that he order the atomic bomb dropped unless Russia makes in more. He has also agreed that, barring a surprise, he will first consult with the British.

### Merry-Go-Round