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#### DOUBLE DECEPTION

A NOTABLE example of the confusion
A which exists in high places is afforded
by the argument over using surplus farm
products to help feed ECA nations.
ECA expects to buy zome 81.4 billions of
U. S. farm products for export under the
Marshall Plain in the coming year. That
much and more is now stored in warehouses and underground by the Community Credit Corporation.
Rep. John M. Vorys, Ohio Republican,
had a bright idea. Why not use the surplus farm products and reduce the ECA

Age, John M. Vory, Onto Republican, Mad a bright idea. Why not use the surface had a bright idea. Why not use the surface had been appropriation. By an equivalent amount? The House Foreign Affairs Committee liked the idea, and wrote it into the new ECA bill.

It was no surprise to better informed Washington officials when the four major farm organizations—the Grange. Farm Bureau Federation, Farmers Union, and Council of Farmer Co-operatives—began didn't like the achemic.

It If ECA uses surplus products, it will mean a reduction of more than a billion dollars in regular buying of farm products through regular channels. Wholesalers and commission merchants will lose their share.

share. 2. If EOA does not buy in the open mar-ket, there will be an even larger accumula-tion of surplus than there would be other-wise. This would make the farm support price program cost a billion dollars or so more, and would 'make it even more un-popular politically than it already is. 2. It would play into the hands of Soviet propagandists who have claimed all along that the Marshall Plan is merely an in-strument for dumping U. 8. surpluses.

Joseph C. Harsch of the Christian Science Monifor points up another incongruity, Rep. Vorys is a Republican and a conservative. His proposal was offered as an economy measure. The farm groups didn't consider it as such. They charged that the Vorys plah would narrow the area of tree enterprise, and expand the area of gov-permitten operations, a strange sort of proposal for a staunch Republican to be advocating.

vocating.

Yesterday the farm bloc succeeded in eliminating the Vorys amendment from the ECA measure. But the issue may well rise again, and we might as well look at the titing for what it is.

the thing for what it is.

The Marshall Plan is supposed to help foreign nations. Yet the heavy purchases in this nation of food and machinery are an indirect subsidy, at taxpayers' exente, to American agriculture and industry. Without it, both would be in the doldroms. Hence, there is little likelihood that the ECA appropriations will be trimmed declarely.

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Secondly, the farm support price program has become a tremendously explosive political issue. Neither party wants to allenate the farm vote, yet both parties are aware that the consumers are getting de up with its abuses and its inequities.

fed up with its abuses and its inequities. If the two programs were linked under the Vorys amendment, both would be revealed in their true light. By keeping them separate, the politically-conacious Congress can cover up their real characteristics and keep the people fooled. Under the circumstances, the Vorys plan has little chance of adoption in an election year.

Place the lives of FBI informaants in jeopardy and ruin their future value and effectiveness.

5. Cripple the FBI by damaging its pub-lic reputation as a fair and impartial in-

6. Impair the government loyalty pro-

responsible Republican leaders that this is not the way to preserve the democratic processed in this nation and extend them throughout the world.

Mr. Stimon knows by experience what a difficult assignment a Secretary of State has, and hence speaks with, authority.

As The Times says editorially:

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"We think Senater McCartiny and his sunporters will find some difficulty in answering
"Mr. Stimen. Certainly they cannot answer
him in the easy way, so often employed in
alty, of questioning his character or his record. They must address themselves to the
arguments—and here too we believe ther will
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chase a protective oil to cover her bare shoulders and 'ere the sun had crept two hours alone its course she resembled (1) a well-cooked lobster or (2) a rather shapely pickled beet.

We suppose it is inevitable, human mem-ory being what it is, that young ladies in search of that Mami-flush will over-expose themselves upon their first venture into the sun. But it is rather unfortunate that they must pay for it with pain.

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So be warned.

March winds, happy nature lover, are as deceptive as a lady buying an Easter bonnet; so trust them not. Netther should you be horrawogsled by that anemic-appearing sum. The breeze hath a bite and the sun hath a sting.

### AN EASY CHOICE

NOW that PBI Director J. Edgar Hoover
And Attorney General J. Howard McGrath have stated the issue or clearly,
perhaps there will be a let-up in the
agitation by smear-minded politicians to
get at the PBI's secret files.

The arguments given by Mr. Hoover
and Mr. McGrath against opening the
files have been fully covered in news
stories. They deserve a restatement for
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The new "demand" for making the files available has stemmed from Benator McCarthy's buckshot charges against Communists in government. He has not said what evidence is in those files, but has merely insisted that it is there. emphasis.

Making the files public would:

1. Smear innocent individuals for the rest of their lives, in total disregard of the fundamental principles of common decency and slip play.

2. Reveal rumors and suspicions as well Mr. Hoover and Mr. McGrath have answered him, forcefully and convincingly. The people can now choose between the integrity of those two officials and that of Senator McCarthy. That choice should be an easy one.

Reveal rumors and suspicions as well as facts.
 Aid foreign agents by revealing intimate personal details about leaders in government and industry.

#### THE STIMSON LETTER.

ELSEWHERE on today's editorial page is a restrained and dignified letter to The New York Times from one of the greatest Americans of this or any other generation, Henry L. Stimson.

generation, Henry L. Stimson. Because of its restraint and dignity, and because Henry L. Stimson is himself a man of integrity and widom, the caim dissection of Senator McCartily's campaign against the State Department is all the more deveasating.

Mr. Stimson is a Republican, but a Republican of a different breed from Senator McCarthy and his supporters. That he should view with such dismay the campaign to discredit Mr. Acheson, with its resulting impairment of our foreign policy, should be a timely warning to more

### **PUBLIC HEALTH NOTE**

MARCH, they tell us, is a time of high winds and kites scaring into the cloud-spotted blue. And April, Joyous April, is a time of soft rains that pitter-patter on the hillside and bring the flowers that bloom in May. This may well be, and prob-

But these rosy months of gentle Spring have their inevitable thorn. You may have

have their inevitable thorn. You may have forgotten it: unuburn.
Doubtless intoxicated by said soft breezes and aforementioned quiet rains and probably distracted by the thought of bright flowers, a young lady of our sequalmance early this week ventured into her back yard with a batting suit, bianket and dark glaxes there to absorb the highly-advertused-sa-benfeldal rays of the sun.
Alas. however, she had neglected to pur-

## REVERSE INTEREST

A FRIEND sent us a copy of the editorial page of the Rochester, N. Y. Times-Union, calling attention to the fact that a billion dollars in defense bonds bought by patriotic Americans in 1940 will mature this year.

this year.

For every \$75 apent then, the bond buyer will get back \$100. That looks like a good deal, but is \$17.

The editorial goes on to say: "State Commerce Commissioner Harold Keller did some flutring in a speech in Albany this week. He recalled that the Bureau of Labor statistics show that the buying power of the dollar is now only \$61 cents of the 1940 dollar.

375 bond purchases will buy only \$81 worth. But you pay an income tax on the \$33 you receive. So intelled of getting: 29 per cent on you'r money, compounded annually, you actually are paying the Government 2 per cent for letting it use your money for ten years. Think it over with a pencil."

The moral probably is that when you buy bonds, you buy them for patriotic and unuefifsh reasons only. Which probably are two good reasons for making the purchase.

Right now thoughtful Pittsburg husbands are showing their wives the new model lawnmowers.—Pittsburg (Tex.) Gazette.

'Nah! I'm Busy Fighting The State Department'



**Peoples Platform** 

# The Omnipotent Center

Editors, The News:

PUTT million voters in the United States are formalling opinion upon national and international problems: world economy, peace, the future status of the million of the problems of the pr

Note Of Thanks

On the basis of approximately 75 per cent of final and tentative reports from county chairmen, the

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-MRS. PHILLIPS RUSSELL, Director of Organization, North Carolina March of Dimes.

## Note Of Appreciation

Editors. The News:

OH behalf of the Association of Civic Chibs. I want to express our most sincere appreciation of your excellent: co-operation in publishine several ateries caches of Charlette.

Turn keen interest and invaluable assistance will not be frogulated.

-D. G. WELTON, M.D.

## Quote, Unquote

## Indubitably!

(Twin City Sentine)
The visitor to the Veterans Claims Office in
Suffoik, Va. saked for an application for a GI
prisoner of war refund.
"Were you a prisoner of war?" asked the clerk.
"Yes," he said. "I was in Leavenworth the whole
time."

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## Stimson Sees Many Dangers In Sen. McCarthy's Tactics

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By MARQUIS CHILDS

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## Kerr Oversells

torted:

"I shall answer any questions the Senator puts to me in my own way, in my own words, in my own time and at such ingrish as I see fit:

"If the Senator cares to indulge in personal remarks, that's all right," abrugged Kern.

"If the Senator wants to indulge in personal item, let hars go down," anapped Keing.

They glowered at each other for a moment, then fell back to the pollin, formal language of the Senate.

### Charm Peddler

## Merry-Go-Round