NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS

MAN, in his desire for an orderly existence, has chopped Time up this
various segments: years, months, weeks,
days, hours, minutes, seconds. By keepinsclose check as these chunks of time-fly
by, he is able to live by a definite pattern
limit to record the history of his existence.
Thus it is that the turn of a year is important in the measuring of Time. There
is a new date on the calendar-1951, and
the events that are recorded in the coming
twelve months will be indelibly stamped
forever with that sequence of digits.
The turn of the year is also a symbol.
Although there is no more real difference
between Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, than there is
between any other two successive days of
the year, there is a great symbolic differ-

between any other two successive days of the year, there is a great symbolic differ-

ence.

Dec. 31 is the end of a long trip; Jan. 1 is the beginning of another.

Dec. 31 is age; Jan. 1 is youth.

AN EXPLANATION

THE fine editorial from the Durham Herald reprinted elsewhere on this page today credits the editors of TAE News with a conclusion they have not yet reached—"that Acheson must be sacrificed."

fixed."

THE News editorial of Dec. 18, to which
The Herald refers, admitted no such thins,
It was a lengthy defense of Mr. Acheson.
But it aought to place the current furor
over the Secretary in its proper historical
and philosophical perspective, viz.

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". we learned long ago that no man 's indispensable in our scheme of things. Hence, if President Tumberships of this grids and the second of the se And this further paragraph:

Dec. 31 is memory; Jan. 1 is hope.
Dec. 31 is certainty; Jan. 1 is uncertainty.
The year that came into being today
holds out little hope for normal, relaxed
living. The best we can hope for is twelve
months of anxiety and searitice and heavy
taxes and economic controls; the worst
we face is total war, germ war, atomic
war—war in our own backyard, war involving millions of fighting men and more
millions of civilians.
The best is probable, the worst is possible. But neither algernative is a happy
one.

Normally Jan. 1 is given over to some Normally Jan. I is given over to some-what rurful memories of New Year's Eve gevelry, to ealing black-eyed peas and hog Jowl, to making resolutions. This year it might be wise to devote part of the day to prayer. asking guidance, physical strength, moral courace, and mental stead-fastness to meet the challenge of 1951.

At no time has THE News suggested that Mr. Acheson be ousted. It has consistently defended him from the bitter, attacks upon his persons. It has staunchly stood by his polley of containing Communism by a syspolicy of containing Communism by a sys-tem of collective security. It is firmly optem of collective security. It is firmly op-posed to he Kennedys, and the Hoover-who would hand over the whole free world to Russia in the false assumption that we could then sit back in our own hemisphere and enjoy a monopoly of that most pre-clous possession of all, human liberty.

Our main concern, however, is not for the person of Mr. Acheson. It is for the policy that he espouses. If at any time we conclude that Mr. Acheson must go in order to strip the great national debate of all discrainonary and distracting issues, we shall not hesitate to say so.

That having been said, The News makes is manners to The Herald for an uncom-nonly excellent piece of editorial writing.

A GOLD STAR FOR TARHEELIA

WE REFUSE to get worked up over the abortive effort of Architect David Lynn to rewrite American history by ex-cluding North Carolina and Rhode Island cluding North Carolina and Rhode Island from the list of the thirteen original states. He did it by painting only eleven allver stars on the mantel of the remodelled House chamber on the grounds that the two states had not ratified the Constitution at the time George Washington became President. But he retreated in a hurry after the Tar Heel delegation started squawking, and added the two other stars. Mr. Tynn's premise was so absurd that it collapsed by itself. Christopher C. Crittenden, director of the N. C. Department of Archives and History, points out that the Tar Heel claim is based on these historical facts:

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the Declaration of Independence
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present Constitution.
T. North Carolinans as the first colony to
instruct its deligates to the Continental?
Congress to vote for independence.
The only reason North Carolina was slow
to ratify the Constitution was the absence
of any Bill of Rights, especially the lack

of any Bill of Rights, especially the lack of any guarantee for freedom of religion. Not until the Bill of Rights was drawn up and presented to the States did Tar Heels accept the whole document. some respects, the Bill of Rights is

more important than the original docu-ment. And instead of eleven silver stars, Architect Lynn should have painted the twelfth star in gold in recognition of this tives in the Continental Congress.

3. North Carolina had three signers of guarantees of individual liberty.

From The Roleigh News & Observer PEARSON AND McCARTHY

wrong.

In all of his previous controversies, this newspaper has let him defend himself, which he has sursily, but not always, been able to do. The Neus & Observer would take the same course in the case of the controversy between the columnist and Senator Joseph R. McCarthy of Wisconsin 15 the latter had not pursued such methods which raise a much higger question than that of a controversy between two men.

Senator McCarthy has the same right to criticize Drew Pearson that Pearson has to criticize him. And if he thinks his personal quarrels are of sufficient importance to merit the time and attention of the United

merit the time and attention of the United States Senate, he has a rish to take his-case to the flogr of the Senate. But, Senator McCarthy does not have the moral right, and he should not have the legal right on the should not have the legal right to use the cleak of Con-gressional immunity to make false charges, about Pearson or any other citizen. Nor abouid he be permitted to use that immueffort to frighten newspapers o print the writings of a columnist or

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FOR many years Drew Pearson, whose column The Washington Merry-Go-flowed appears daily on this page, has been a highly controversial figure. Although, he has been right much oftener than he has been they much offener than he has been wrong. Pearson has aometimes been wrong. Pearson has aometimes been wrong.

The Constitution says that no members of Congress shall be questioned "in any other place" for what he says in Congress and that language has been construed by the courts as giving absolute immunity from the laws of slander and their for anything a member of Congress says in his official capacity.

rules of the House and the Senate to pro-vide for bringing to account members who abuse their privileges are long over-due. Such amendments should be adopted. due. Such amendments should be adopted at the forthcoming session Although Senstor McCarthy presents a flagrant case, he is by no mesas the only member of Congress who has abused his timiumlity without being held to account by his colleagues or anyone else. He should be the last one.

College grads may not get a job with their diploma but at least they belong to the alumni that hires the football boach.— Fort Myers Fla. News-Fress.

Farmer Grimes of Vinegs Bend says nobody seems to realize that the ernment might pay the national debt only by avoiding one full sired war—clahomer City Daily Oklahoman.

I am afraid one office-holder will be defeated if he runs again because he missed ONE funeral last month. Attending ALL funerals is the proper way to get office again.—Grenada County (Miss.)

Harry S. Truman, the critic's critic.-



In Defense Of A Man

The Case Of Secretary Acheson

A LONG and thoughtful editorial in The Charlotte News considers "The Case Of Dean Acheson" and arrives at the reluctant conclusion that the able Secretary of State, 'vicious and specious though the attack upon him has been, will probably have to

"If he is sacrificed to restore political harmony."
The News writes, "we shall mark it down as one of
the concessions that must be made to Democracy in
order to make it work."

Generally speaking, that is sound—and realistic plitical theory.

There is no smell of the lamp about this system government called democracy. It is no product the vory tower. It has been hammered out in e give-and-take of the political marketplace.

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And so it is the strength of democracy that, being the handwork of less-than-perfect men, it stakes account of the imperfection of human beings. It works despite—occasionally, because civilized to the control of the properties of the control of the properties of the common run of rulers.

It thus logically follows that one of the basic tenets of the democratic philosophy is that no mar —not even Dean Acheson—is indispensable.

NONTHELESS, this newspaper is by no means "lifting that Acheson must be sacrified almay beau in a floating that Acheson must be sacrified almay beau to the same and the same

provided superb leadership and become the rallying point of the free nations.

A To let him go simply because the Republicans, ins over their successes at the November elections, and his outer is to change the American system government by the action of one party, and that the party in power; it is to make Cabiner ministrated to Congress. Electromate Cabiner ministrates are suppossible to Congress.

5. To force him out is to enshrine McCarthysm; confirm politicians in their secret conviction that deslinging is the way to power and plunder; to eweight to the wry remark effer Acheson's Aritable compent on, the Alger Hiss affair, from lich the hie-and-city derives) that "the Derly in the Secretary of State, may quote Scripture..."

not the Secretary of State, may quote scripture 6. To put Acheson out of the Cabinet, finally, is to sicken good Americans with the pigary of politices to makes it ever harder to get good of the common of the com

A GAINST all this, it is argued that the departure of Acheson is the price—exorbitant, perhaps, but still ifte price—of political harmony in the grave crisis the nation faces.

That may be so. If it is, the Republicans will ad convicted in the eyes of all thinking Ameris of putting party considerations ahead of the of the country. And for that, they will some pay at the polis.

But this newspaper does not believe it is so. It lieves that the intoxication of the Republican's corral successes will pass, and that, when it does, a soler intelligence of the Republican's and the soler intelligence will be soler to be soler to the soler intelligence of the Republican's and the soler intelligence will be soler to be soler to

Quote, Unquote

A Greenwood woman gave generously to the old clothes drive—a suit her flushend had been wearing ten years and a dress she bought last month—Greenwood (Miss.) Commonwealth.

That's the way wimmen do; catch a man, put him in the paper to show what "I caught", just like a man wants to show of this big tish!—Grenda (Miss. County Weekly.

Old lady I knew says that the trouble with life is that it is so daily!—Bernice M. McCuller in Stewart-Webster (Gas. Journal.

A Communist is a guy who borrows your pot to cook your goose.—Fernandina (Fla.) News-Leader.

U.S. Intelligence Confirms Soviet Possession Of A-Bomb

By JOSEPH ALSOP

also made.

Timally, all the data thus obtained can be precisely interpreted by properly trained scientists. This task, of interpreting and forming conclusions from the data collected, was intrusted to the Scientific Advisory Commission of the Atomic

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Mice, Men, Margaret's Music Too Much For A Weary Brain

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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

Industry Asks U.S. To Foot All Bills

PUTTING big business to work on important Government of projects has not been as easy as the public might suppose. Manufacturers are delighted to have Government contracts all right, but a lot of them want to operate on their own terms.

Take, for instance, the problem of stepping up vitally needed abundance.

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30 The Government to buy all aluminum except a marsin allocated to small manufacturers.

4. If the market dropped or if Government purchases
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Government to just up the money, give them tax relief, buy
most of the products and then take the plants of their
all this the Government agreed to do. However, the
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aimilimit securities sainted even more. They proposed that if pure controls should be imposed on the nation, they would be exempt.

This was too much. In a confidential backgrage conference with Larson, the attorney for Reynolds Metalls, Judge Robert Party and Secretary of War, quelly remarked. Party of the Party of the Secretary of War, quelly remarked. NOTE—The alumnium contracts have now been signed. They provide for a total of 200,000 tons expanded production divided among Kaiter, Reprodicts and Acts.

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that points the finger at our biggest failure in postwar are
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worked nearly as hard on people-to-people friendship.
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War Notes

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