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#### TOO LITTLE AND TOO LATE?

SPEAKING in Chicago, Gen. Hoyt S. Van-denberg, Air Force Chief of Staff, said:

The U. S. Air Force still holds air superi-rity in Korea, "but this is not to say that he air situation is without danger."

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"If the Communist enemy should decide against ending the Korean War, if he should undertake to throw his already considerable air resources into an all-out struggle for air supremacy... we would almost certainly be in for a bitter and costly

Speaking in Portland, Oregon, on the same day, Senator Wayne Morse, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said that U. S. equipment in Korea is held in readiness 24 hours a day for a speedy evacua-tion if the Russian air force enters the war. He added:

"We would be at a terrific disadvantage if the other side took control of the air That is not the place to fight Russia."

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With his last sentence we quite agree. It would be suicidal to wage a major war against Russia in the Far East.

But the sum of the Vandenberg and Morse statements is highly disturbing. They imply more than the mere exercise of choice in withdrawing from Korea if the Russian air force should enter the fray. They imply that the U.S. would be unable to do anything else.

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An editorial on this page the other day

told of the frustration the average American must feel when he is told by one responsible Congressional committee that the preparedness program is going badly, and then told by another Congressional committee that it is up to schedule. If Vandenberg and Morse are speaking from facts, it is quite apparent that airplane production, the most essential part of the defense program with the exception of atomic weapons, is behind that of Russia, no matter what our schedule may be. Certainly it is well below the devel of our productive capacity.

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Moreover, there is the even graver indication that Russian scientists and engineers have outdistanced U. S scientists and engineers have outdistanced U. S scientists and engineers in the design of modern war planes. Reports from Korea say the MIG is superior to most of our jets, and the new Jane's report on fighting planes lists five new Russian jets reportedly far superior to the MIG. Our deficiency in the production of modern fighters and tactical bombers may be partially explained by the kir Force decision joc concentrate on the B-36 bomber, a decision made on the assumption that any major air war with Russia would be a long-distance campaign.

empaign. Even so, we have had more than a year of experience with another kind of war, and it has revealed a sobering state of affairs. The perplexed American may wonder if, once again, his nation has been following a "too little and too late" formula,

### NEW COMMITTEE IS NO FEPC

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THE Committee on Government Contract
Compliance established by the President
last week has already been castigated as a
"Little FEPC" by men such as Congressman
Bryson of South Carolina. The new Committee, however, is not at all similar to the
proposed FEPC, and Southerners may allay
any fears they might have that an FEPC
has been created by executive order.
Since the committee of the contracts have included clauses which require contracts have included clauses which require contracts and
subcontractors not to practice discrimination
in employment because of race, creed, color
or national creed. During the war a temperary FEPC enforced these anti-discrimination clauses. This temporary FEPC had authority to look into discrimination in the field
of transportation, in labor unions and various other economic activities. Congress
turned down the Administration's effort to
put this temporary FEPC, which was created

FEPC
by executive order, on a statutory basis.

The new Contract Compliance Committee will not have the scope of the temporary FEPC, and it will have no power of enforgement. It will deal only with contractors and subcontractors, having no dealings with transportation, labor unions and such fields the temporary FEPC entered. Furthermore, the new group is advisory. If it finds charges of discrimination it can hold public hearings at which these charges will be aired. Inspection teams pass on the quality of contractor's work, to see that it meets contract specifications, and it is sensible that inspectors also see that other parts of the contract, such as the antidiscrimination clause, are upheld. The Contract Compliance Committee is assigned this latter task. Thus nothing has been foisted upon the South by this new order. Those who cry that this is

this new order. Those who cry that this is FEPC are trying to thrust a bogie before the

### BABES IN BUSINESSLAND

IN PREVIOUS commentary on the 1851 tax.

bills we have summarized the "spill-toff", the "spin-fe" and the "spill-toff", all methods by which stock can be juggled in order to decrease the tax burden of persons in a position to jurgle stock. Today's chapter deals with the new family partnership provision. Most of our readers who can benefit from this provision have already been so advised by their lax lawyer.

The purpose of this editorial is to tell what the law does; some of our readers may be interested in offering their comments on it to their public servants on the Potomac. Business Week does an admirable job of keeping its readers informed of such developments, and we are indebted to it for the easence of this information.

Mr. Blank has a wife and son. Mr. Blank owns a business which yields him \$50,000 a year after exemptions and deductions. After splitting income with his wife, the top \$5,000 is taxable at 60 per cent, the next \$4,000 at 57 per cent, and so on.

Under the new law, Junior and Daddy become partners. Junior may be much more interested in rattles and teddy bears than in business. He does not have to perform any services. But Daddy gives him an interest that transfers, say, \$10,000 of business in-come to him.

Junior's guardian, Daddy, subtracts the boy's \$600 exemption and at least a \$1,000 standard deduction. The \$8,400 left is subject to taxes ranging from 20.4 per cent

on the first \$2,000 to \$5\$ per cent on the last \$400.

In the understatement of the year, Business Week observes. "True, the father loses an exemption because his son's income is more than \$900. But that loss is more than \$900. But that loss is more than offset by the tax reduction on the \$10,000 that was shifted."

And, we will add, Daddy's tax bill will also be eased somewhat by paying on a \$40,000 rather than a \$50,000 income.

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Of course, the more partners the better; if Mr. Blank had other children he could bring them in. And he could give them more than \$10,000 apiece. As legal guardian he would still conduct "their" business. Our tax laws have long reflected theories about weell in martial happens, etc. The about weell in martial happens, etc. The about weell in martial happens, etc. The not profit from the husbandwide incomespiliting law. The family partnership provision, however, is the first instance to our knowledge in which the independent business man is greatly encouraged to reproductiveness. Congress is ever mindful of the little businessman, but their fostering of the little, tiny business "men" under this new law carries the point a bit far. Salaried fathers who don't happen to own a business seem worthy of equal treatment.

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But the answer is certainly not extension of this new principle. The family partnership provision is obviously a gimmick to decrease the tax load of one minor group, while others with equal income, pay more. The answer, in our opinion, is abolition of the new family partnership provision by the next Congress.

### PERSONALIZING PEACE

Of the many benefits emanating from the University of North Carolina one of the most worthwhile is the high school world peace study and speaking program. Originated by Oscar K. Merritt of Mount Airy and conducted by the UNC Extension Division, this program has included almost a thousand schools and thousands of students, who have spoken on the subject of peace to a total audience of 400,000 persons during the past five years.

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This program is designed for use in con-nection with regular school work such as English, public speaking, modern history and the social studies. However, the contribu-tion of this program to the life of each indi-vidual community can be life not smooth

phase. The average high school student here in Charlotte, we suspect, is better informed about the U. N., the Atlantic Pact, the various proposals for achieving peace than are his or her parents. Parents interested in keeping up with their children on these matters could probably profit by participating in some of the study groups or meetings speasered by various church groups, the Atlantic

Union Committee, the League of Women Volers, United World Federalists, American Association of University Women and similar organizations. Of course the facts may be had elsewhere, by reading, but personal participation in discussions, pitting your conclusions against those of someone with different ideas, tends to put the problem of peace on a personal basis, as should be.

But if anything in the discussion stumps you ask the high school students—they'll probably have the answer.

Some bureaucrats work for the government only as a sideline. So it is with the rest of us—with the sideline getting bigger all the time.—New Orleans States.

An acquaintance of ours who is trying to give up strong drink still orders coffee by, "the shot" and milk by "the fifth."—Leon Smith in Thomaston (Ga.) Times.

If a man reads and listens only to what he grees with, his mind will soon be as flat as punctured auto tire.—The Butler (Ga.)



Reynolds, Then Caudle

# **Vultures Detect Odor Of Weakness**

By R. F. BEASLEY Editor, The Monroe Journal

Editor, The Menree Journal
A PIOUS old deacon whose orchard had been
A blown away by a storm, surveyed the ruins,
and said, "ill stat looks to me like the Lord wasn't
paying any attention to his business." Those people
who hold that mistersance, malezance and plain
the people don't pay enough attention to whom they
elect to office, can get an argument out of the
Caudic case which is now in its second week of
explosions before a house investigating committee
headed by Representative King, Democrat, of California.

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sistant.

Mr. Caudle has stated and Mr. Caudle has admitted, that the two rode around in a plane furnished by a man who was afterward found to have tax troubles. Any Attorney General of weight, to any Assistant Attorney General of weight, would have refused to be caught in the spider's web at the start. Mr. Clark was appointed to the Supreme Court bench, and Mr. Caudle had a new boss in about a scarceless and frivious in his attitude towards Mr. Caudle as Tom Clark had, who was the control of the country of the

of course to charge up to the voters the blame for Mr. Caudie and his friends is to stretch the magination too far. But it is an unprovable guess magination too far. But it is an unprovable guess of the control of th

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and cheated the Government through the years.
Good cilitens must not, however, be discouraged. The safety valve of democracy is publicity and sooner or later publicity gets around to exposure and because exposure ruins the villains as well as the weakings upon whom they prey is proof that the country is decent and the criminals and the weakings the exception.

#### Quote, Unquote

"Wha's the matter with UNRWAPRNE?" asks the current issue of the UN.ORAM, a weekly periodical about United Nations affairs. This is one of the easiest questions that has been medically the state of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestim Refugees in the Near East needs a new name.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

NOT SO SURE—A man in North Carolina, accused of horse-stealing, was saved from conviction by the powerful pleta of his lawyer. After his equittal by the jury, the lawyer tolk him aside, and saked smillingly. Honor bright, now, Bill, you did steal that horse, didn't you?" "Now, look a-here, Judge," was the reply, "I alters did think I stole that horse, But since I hearn yore speech to the jury, I'll be dogsoned if I ain't got my doubts about it."—Omega (Ga.) News.

One of the hydrogen balloons destined for Russia, sent up with hopes and prayer, landed in Don Moore's soy bean patch west of Oxberry. It was going the long way.—Grenada County (Miss.)

## Allied Army In Germany Is Growing, Ready For Trouble

By MARQUIS CHILDS

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# Anti-'Me-Too' Republicanism Didn't Pay Off In '48 Election

By JOSEPH ALSOP

WASHINGTON
HARRY S. TRUMAN is Robert
A. Tatt's ace-in-the-hole." The
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for the Republican nomination. He
meant that as the President grows
weaker in the country. Senator
Taft's chances of gaining the Republican nomination improve proportionally.

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The reason is simple. As the President weakens, the orthodox Republicans are correspondingly employed to the policians are correspondingly employed to the policians and elsewhere, that Senator Taft is not their Party's most popular candidate. They liok at the rather special result of the Ohio election last year. They listen to the off-repeated story that President Truman only won in 189 because of Governor Thomas E. Dewey's "mb-fo' campaign. Endewly the President Trum of the president Tr

camp.
This reporter has wholly retired front the business of predicting elections; and no one in his senses, at this early date, would even try to guess at the outcome of a Taft-Truman or a Taft-Vinnon race. It is worth polining out, however, that the famous 'ime-too' theory is just about as phony as any political theory can be. And the actual results in 1948 tell the a tory as clearly as any political story can be told.

In Illinois, for example, President in illinois, for example, President Truman squeaked through by a majority of only 33,000. But Gov Adlai Stevenson beat Col. Robert R. McCormick's gubernatorial can-didate, Dwight Green, by a gigan-tic majority of nearly 575,000, while Sen. Paul Douglas trounced Curly Brooks by nearly 500,000 votes.

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Roth Governor Stevenson and
Senator Douglas were to the leif
of President Truman if anything.

No one, by the wildest stretch of
the imagination, could say that
Green and Douglas, were even
slightly stained with me-too tendencies. In illinois, in fact, you
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million votes less than Dewey did.

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In Olio, again, Praident Truman squaked through head to majority of 1700, while a beautiful than a squaked through the second through the second to make the squaked by more than 230,000. There is no-seed to multiply tiges figures, which are broadly representative of the general tendency throughout the country in 1848. But the exception is still worth not be exception in still worth not be seed to be se

Sharp Supposed in 1848 can be simply summarized. In most key states President Truman ran pretty far behind, and Governor Dewey ran rather far ahead, of their respective tickets. The spread was insusually wide in states when the summarized for their respective tickets. The spread was insusually wide in states when the summarized for th

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

# Canada Withholds Aluminum From USA

TS a poor example of the Good-Neighbor policy, but Canada is deliberately withholding precious aluminum from the United States. This has already pinched the aluminum supply for home construction and other eivlian uses. But far more serious the Air Force is not getting all the aluminum supply for home construction and other eivlian uses. But far more serious the Air Force is not getting all the diminum from the supply of the aluminum change is withholding from us was financed by American RFC loans during World War II.

What Canada has done is divert aluminum from the American to the British market. It won't be admitted, but the real reason for this diversion is to force this countries. The supplies of the countries of the supplies of the countries of the supplies of the countries of the supplies of the supplies of the supplies of the countries of the supplies of the

Canada Wins
MEANWHILE, the Canadian squeeze has accomplished
its purpose and forced the United States to swap
American steel for British aluminum: Hard up for steel
but everflowing with aluminum, Britain has agreed to

elivert 22,000,000 pounds of aluminum to Amerikan purchasers during the next five months. In return, Britain viil be allocated 25,000 tons of fabricated American steel, 45,000 tons of steel ingots and another 28,500 tons of iron and steel scrap from the American zone of Germany. The joker in this deal, is that the United States must return the aluminum after its own plants are expanded to make up the shortage, though Britain is allowed to keep the steel of the steel of the steel of the shortage. Howelf are the shortage of the shortage o

#### Ickes Predicted It

BUT here is the final ironic pay-off. During the recent war, Jesse Jones, then care of the RFC, advanced 368,500,000 without interest to the Altunium Company of Canada (affiliated with the Aliumium Company of America) to build the Shipshaw aluminum plant on the Saguenay

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withholding aluminum from us, is fulfilling Ickes' prediction.

#### **End Of Penny Postcard**

There will be some nostalgic sighs at the Post Office Dept, when the latest casualty of inflation, the penny postcard, hows out on Jan. 1.

For about 80 years, during which helicopters have replaced horses and which have seen a 500-fold increase interpretain the popular, green-etamped postcard to all parts of the country—even to our troops overseas—for one penny. Government subsidies helped, of course, but it is still a tribute to American rugged individualism that the penny postal could survive so long. The postal was first issued in Later, in 1898, the same one-cent postage was subscriped, the more elaborate picture card on which you place your own stamp.

One reason Congress boosted the postcard to two cents after a survive so long, the post of the