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A MILITARY MATTER

WITHIN the area of agreement on sending U. S. troops to Europe, there is a big area of disagreement over the precise number and the ratio of American troops to European soldiers. This disagreement is quite understandable...

WE CAN WIN THE WAR

IT IS indicative of the despair and defeatism of our time that we must continually remind ourselves that we can win the war. In a year or so we can win our entire military force is taxed to the utmost in Korea, with no hope of immediate settlement there, we naturally wonder how in the world we can put up a proper defense of Europe...

In the meantime, however, there is another great task before the Western Powers. The free people of the world must be convinced that their cause is not hopeless, that the same sort of industrial-military miracle that was wrought in the early Forties can be repeated in the early Fifties...

THE DARKER IMPULSES

THERE are those who hold that the majority of persons who commit crimes are mental and emotional, and that the commission of the crimes, therefore, is something to be said for the point of view, since crime certainly is not logical. But it is not the fact that all criminals derive from the mental norm that is important...

SCOUTS AND STORM TROOPERS

WE WERE reading in some periodical or other a few days ago and found a chuckle in the Soviet dictionary's definition of Boy Scouts. As we remember it, the definition is: "a military-political organization of young Americans. We sort of got the impression that the Scouts were supposed to be future Storm Troopers who spend their early years snuffing on their parents to detect political deviation...

horse. It would force a still-grogy Europe to an effort it is not yet able to make, no matter how willing Europe does not yet have the industrial capacity to rearm and train men as fast as America can. Third, half-measures by the United States at this stage will have a bad psychological effect and will largely nullify the accomplishment of General Eisenhower in actually transforming Europe's discouragement into a stirring will to resist.

In the final analysis, Senators Taft, Knowland and Ferguson, leaders of the fixed ratio camp, are seeking to dictate a basically military policy. They are not military men by training nor can they possibly have the time to assimilate all the pertinent military information, even if it were made available to them, and still look after their Senatorial duties.

This newspaper has confidence in the nation's military leadership, and especially in General Eisenhower. We prefer to leave this matter in his hands, and we rather suspect that most Americans feel the same way.

To sentence a man convicted of, for instance, a minor sex infraction to an indeterminate imprisonment—perhaps for life—is drastic to do so with confidence. It must be established beyond doubt that the person sentenced is incurable, a continuing menace to society. We would recommend the most searching medical examination of the person with the application of every safeguard against mistake.

The Scout law referred to consists of a number of things which the Scout attempts to be: They are: Trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent. In view of this we feel that the Soviet Union might profit from a few troops of Scouts.

'Who Does This Eisenhower Think He Is?'



News From The Capital

Hoey, Smith Split On Seaway Bill

By TOM SCHLESINGER
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WASHINGTON

A BASIC flaw in the elimination of "non-essential" items from President Truman's \$11-billion budget was pointed out by the standards of the North Carolina Senators. Both Clyde R. Hoey and Willis Smith are among the outspoken members of the Government Economy bloc...

Smith was one of the co-sponsors this week of a joint resolution to approve the agreement between the United States and Canada, relating to the development of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence seaway self-liquidating. Senator Theodore F. Green (D-R.I.), who introduced the resolution, described it as the first step in "making construction possible."

The original purpose of the agreement, according to Green, is to complete the work begun by nature, and to open up the Great Lakes to ocean-going ships and simultaneously to harness the power of the St. Lawrence for the generation of electricity.

In opposition, Hoey said the project will take five years to construct, and "by that time the water will be over." He said the water passageway would be open only five to seven months a year, and that the railroads would be swamped during another. The airports on the eastern coast, too, would suffer, he said.

As for the power considerations which Green said would "supply electricity at exceedingly low cost for the high price of \$120 a kilowatt hour, there are plenty of plans to develop power without spending a billion dollars."

Many Prison 'Repeaters' In Defective Delinquent Class

By W. BOB BAILEY
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FOUR OUT of five of the 14,000 persons who went through the big gate of the Central Prison at Raleigh during the first time inside the enclosure of the State Prison Camps last year had been there before.

Four out of five were repeaters. Only 2,500 were new inmates. The remainder, about 11,500, were repeat offenders. The statistics are beginning to come up with some of the old story of course, but around the nation sociologists are beginning to come up with some new ideas.

One of the first steps toward solving the "repeater" problem was taken by psychiatrists. They have singled out one particular group of criminals who are certain to re-offend.

Various psychiatrists have given their various names to this group, but they all agree on one point: the fairer common in discussion of the matter.

Borderline Cases
The first two terms — constitutional psychopathic inferior and psychopathic personality — are completely synonymous and are principally in common use by the courts.

THE railway switchman strike inspired many other outbreaks. The strike was furthered by a general labor philosophy in urging a grant of the union for its membership where the chairman of the House Labor Committee predicted that amputation may run short in Korea because of the rail tie-up.

SMITH made his first visit to the White House this week. He was not alone though. He came as a member of a 16-man Senate group of officials — along with other members of the House — to discuss cotton from price controls.

REPORTS following the meeting found the Senators generally optimistic about the results of their talk. DICK GREEN, Frank Graham's former Congressional secretary, who heads the House Labor Committee, as a technical expert, apparently through the influence of George Bender of Ohio, was all over the GCP box-truck.

NOTE 1—One year ago this column, trying to clean up the New York scandals, telephoned Johnson and tried to obtain his co-operation. Johnson slammed down the telephone.

NOTE 2—Senator Williams has urged a "complete and complete" investigation of the GCP box-truck and the whole system by which taxes are collected. He points out that this would determine "whether the Government is really paying the taxes and whether the tax laws are fairly and honestly administered."

Washington Pipeline
Senator J. P. McCarty of Wisconsin frankly boasted the other day that he didn't pay his full income tax. This amazing confession came out with New Mexico's Clint Anderson. Anderson expressed surprise and shock at McCarty's confession.

Many Prison 'Repeaters' In Defective Delinquent Class

While most prison people are reformed, a number of people are turning their minds to the danger of being sent back to the same place. There are movements in two states — New York and Maryland — to have a study made of the defective delinquents who are sent to the State Prison at Raleigh during the first time inside the enclosure of the State Prison Camps last year had been there before.

It is time that the law be changed so that it may, with impunity, eliminate those who are a menace to their fellow men. The expenditure of money for an institution to house such people would be a worthwhile investment.

Others, stressing the fact that psychopathic inferiority can be diagnosed much the same as the defective delinquents are segregated early. They cite the case of William Helms, who was sentenced to life for a crime in 1945.

By the time Helms was fourteen he had been charged with five burglaries. There was plenty of other evidence that he could not be reformed. But there was no law (and no law) to handle such cases.

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The nature of the measure being considered by the Maryland legislature was revealed this week. It calls for the establishment of special facilities for the defective delinquent.

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