### THEORY VS. PRACTICE

A LTHOUGH the news stories tend to bededuced the issue, there are two points at
stake in the continuing debate over Congressional approval of sending U. S. troops
to Europe. One is the right of Congress to
extend or refuse approval. The other is
the wisdom, or the propriety, of exercising
that right in present circumstances.

The first is a point of law. A strict interpretation of the Constitution gives considerable support to the view that Congress does have the right to pass on such troop movements. But there is a large body of precedent built up through the years supporting Mr. Truman's contention that the Chief Executives should be free to move troops around without interference.

troops around without interference.
We are not disposed to debate that question. What concern sur, and what should concern every thinking American, is the tendency of the Congress to overreach itself and attempt to decide purely military questions. As we have said before, the placing of troops vis-avis the enemy may be a Congressional prerogative, but the number of those troops and their disposition is a matter for our military leaders.

Former Secretary of War Robert Patterson, speaking in behalf of the Committee on

the Present Danger, made this point:

"II a bridge is to be built, would you take my presswork on that engineering operation or would you rather have the judgment of an experience dengineer? If a surgical operation into be that surgical instruments should be used or would you prefer to let an experienced surgeon make the decision?

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"On the question whether Western Europe is defensible, are we to be guided by the opinions of those lacking in military experience, or will we be guided by the views of military experts with a long and brilliant record?

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Mr. Patterson also quoted the famed lines that General George Washington wrote to the Governor of New Jersey in 1780:

In military questions, the officemelves their country will place some confidence in their experience and judgment, and it is the policy of every wise nation to do it.

That, we submit, is the proper attitude for Congress. Our military leaders believe western Europe is worth defending, if western Europe is worth defend-ing. If western Europe is worth defend-ing, the Congress should not place any unreason-able barriers in the way of our military leaders.

#### **OPERATING PLAN FOR THE GARDENS**

YESTERDAY the city Council endorsed a Typoposal to establish an independent freeman authority to administer the \$3 million audiorium-colliseum, project that is sufficient to the sufficient to the sufficient to sufficient t

Center.

There are also good arguments in favor of putting The Gardens under the Park & Recreation Commission. The Gardens will be an important community recreational facility and, in theory, should be part of the whole recreation system. Furthermore, the Park & Recreation Commission has accumulated

considerable experience in operating the Armory-Auditorium, and already has a crew

Armory-Auditorium, and already has a crew of maintenance men who might be shunted back and forth as the occasion demanded. There are, however, certain practical aspects of the independent authority plan that may outweigh the advantages of the other two proposals, toperation of The Gardens will require specialized technique and knowledge and, for the first, to work of the plant hard work if the deficits are to be kept within reason. It will be easy to find good men who are interested in the project and who have ample time to devote to it. It would be difficient to find such men willing the property of the property o good men who are interested in the project and who have ample time to devote to it. It would be difficult to find such men willing to take over, as well, the burdeasome detail of running the City's big recreation program. And there is the record of the City Council in operating the Armony-Auditorium some years ago to indicate that the independent authority will be less susceptible to the entreaties of "deserving" causes for free use of the facilities. In the final analysis, the success of the independent authority will depend upon the appointments of the five members. If this Council, or the next one, makes the appointments on the basis of personal friendship and political affiliation. The Gardens will open up with two strikes against it. The Council must look for the right men for the job and put aside all other considerations if this plan, or any other, is to work.

#### THE END OF A LONG CAMPAIGN

Now that the Powell bill has been passed by both the House and Senate, it may serve some useful purpose to review briefly the history of this precedent-smashing legis-

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State aid to city streets if not a new question. For many years the North Carolina League of Municipalities has described to the General Assembly that un described to the described to the Management of the Assembly of the Assembly of the Management of the Management of the Assembly of the Management of

a thorough and convincing fashion. accumulated a wealth of statistical evidence to support its basic conclusion—that city streets are an inseparable part of the bigger state road system and, hence, are the finan-

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cial responsibility of the State The commission urged that the State immediately assume this responsibility and correct a long-standing inequality is not the final answer, but it does establish the right precedent. It is now written into the law that State high-ways running through municipalities are the full responsibility of the Highway Commission, and that an additional sum, equivalent to the return on one-half cent of the gasoline tax, shall be allocated to towns and cities on a population and street mileage basis for use on streets that are not a part of the State system. A few years of operating experience will show whether this amount is adequate. is adequate

State aid to city streets has been a favored State aid to city streets has been a ravored News editorial topic for more than two years. Now that it has become a reality, we would express our gratitude to the 1951 General Assembly, and our appreciation to News readers for bearing with us through this long editorial campaign.

#### From The St. Louis Post-Dispatch

### HE PROMOTED AMATEUR ATHLETICS

NOBODY up Cambridge way is talking much. The ousting of Harvard's director of athletics, William J. Bingham, may or may not be connected with the college's newly-inaugurated campaign to keep up with the pack and win its share of football games.

But his departure could mark the end of an era. He regarded athletics as merely part of the general process of individual development which is supposed to go on at colleges. He kept Harvard football as amateur as it was humanly possible to make it in the face of alumni pressure. And he de-veloped an extensive system of intramural athletics which made it possible for all stu-dents to play for fun, if they wanted to. The job of providing professional entertainment he left to the professionals.

His departure is a matter of considerable departure is a matter of considerable ance to the educational world at large, e of the tremendous influence he once i personally in framing national col-athletic policies. With him goes per-ne last effective hold-out against Satiny afternoon gladiatorial contests staged the benefit of natural and foster alumini, shrinking incomes.

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Ingham's ideas about the place of within the ivied walls are going out a, even in the Ivy League. But Harmaintaining stoutly that its new re-

emphasis of inter-collegiate athletics will be accomplished without changing any academ standards, or introducing any professionalism into the business

Cynics, who have heard too many such protestations of purity from supposedly im-peccable places in the past, would not be surprised if Mr. Bingham's principles were sacrificed to the alumni clan would be living up to its own standards if it proved the cynics wrong.

Pome Expressing Reaction To Certain Verbiage Used By Persons Who Mouth Radio

Any item labeled "Yummy" I will not put inside my tummy. -Atlanta (Ga.) Journal

Is there money in kids? a local man was overheard to sareastically ask a few days ago. I should say there is, remarked a by-stander. I've got every cent I've got invested in mine.—Lemor (Mo.) Democrat.

The Capitol Hill Military Academy



### 'A Lot Of Lincoln In Him'

# Paul Douglas Leads A Poll

By RALPH McGILL
(In The Atlanta Constitution)
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An enterprising news association has completed a poll and emerged with the name of the one Democrat with the best chance of nomination and election—Senator Pauli H. Douglas, of Illinois. Gen. Eisenhower is not affiliated with either party. An independent, Douglas is all those for the party of the property of the

quence.

Thirty-six of the 48 state party leaders participated in the poll and it is most significant that bouglas was their second choice—after Mr. Truman. This latter reservation was courtesy. The poll was actually seeking a candidate in the event Mr. Truman should refuse to become a candidate. He can, of course, have the nomination if he seeks it, and the state chairmen were wary of offending.

SENATOR DOUGLAS is a former university professor. He is an economist of large ability. He was a combat Marine at 50 and spent months in a Navy hospital recovering from wounds received in Pacific island combat. One arm is almost useless as a result.

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In the has supported the basic party policies, but the is an independent. He frequently embarrasced him has been also been

DOUGLAS has the sort of background which fits well into traditional political campaigning. Born in Massachusetts, he was reared by relatives,

worked his way through college, was a good student, and moved steadily forward in stature.

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He became one of the best-known economists in America. He helped expose the Sam Insull gang-He quit the Democratic Party because he thought it was inadequate and came back to it when Roses well gave it meaning. He valited Italy and Rund returned to the policy of the state of the Roses well gave it meaning. He valited Italy and Rund returned in the policy of the state of the Roses well gave it meaning. He valited Italy and Rund returned in the Roses well gave it meaning the gave and returned in Chicago while still on the University factority. He lost the Senatorial nomination in 1942, and enlisted in the Marines' 801, and when he has signed to a troop ship, Soon he was sabore as an ammunition earrier and then as a combat man. He hit the beach at Peleliu and was badly wounded on Okinawa. "The Marines," he said, "don't hold it against you if you gat a profession of the Roses of

#### Quote, Unquote

THEY WERE RIGHT
(Canden Chronicle)
A writer says that 50 years ago people were
worrying about what would become of the younger
generation. And time has proven that they had a
right to worry. . . .

THEM DAYS GONE

(Harnett County News)
This is an old one but we'll tell it again for the sake of those who may not have heard it.

A certain local man (finish the story and you'll see why we can't mention his name) was ap-proached by a friend with a request that he join the Wildlife Club.

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Next approach: "Well, how about that membership in the Wildlife Club?" the friend asked.

Ouess cruit." was the answer. "When I mentioned the wildlife Club, she had back at me: 'Pipe down, big' boy, your wildlife days are over."

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(W. G. Hazel, Pee Dee Advocate)
Maybe if we can put off this war a couple more
years with the way things are headed now Stalin
won't want America. . . .

Most every nation gets as good a government as it deserves, and, not infrequently, better.— Lamar (Mo.) Democrat.

## When Have So Many Engaged In Botching Up The Works?

By MARQUIS CHILDS

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Truman himself. He approached
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his own party from the South with
whom he has long been feeding.
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## There May Be Much Less In Video Than Meets The Eye

By ROBERT C. RUARK

NEW YORK
GRANDMA USE or sed me fairy takes an expension of the metallife and of the tribly until television came along. Now I don't need Hans Christian Andersen any more, because I got what they call the real-life end of the Law of the life end of the Law of the real-life end of the Law of the real-life end of the Law of the life end of the Law of

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

# Dixiecrat Is Welcomed At White House

WASHINGTON
House, particularly a dyed-in-the-cotton Dixiecrat like
Rep. Mendel Rivers of South Carolina, who figured prominently in the revolt against President Truman in the 1948
election.

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G. I. Gripes

HERE is another batch of letters from servicemen, com-plaining about injustices in the armed forces. Peri-

odically this column tries to answer the most serious G.I. gripes. Names are withheld upon request.

A private, Camp Carson, Colo.—"We have received a private, Camp Carson, Colo.—"We have received a private of the color of the

writes me every day, but I have been getting only about one letter a week. Where's the bottleneck?"

Answer—Under battle conditions, the mail can't al-ways get through to the front lines. However, you'll prob-ably find a big backlog of letters waiting for you when the Army postal service catches up with your outfit.

#### Washington Pipeline

Wushington Pipeline

UNSUNG bureaucrats: acting Federal Conciliation Boss
James Greenwood and his crack aides, Clyde Mills
and Peter Seitz, have been settling fourteen out of every
fifteen labor disputes in defense plants, without a strike
and frequently without publicity ... Tall, bespectacled
Congressman Charles Brownon of Indiana, the man who
beat Democrat Andy Jacobs in the last election, can well
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Hebert's district.