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WHAT ABOUT GREECE?

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ADRE MICHALOPOULOS, adviser to At he Greek Embasy in Washington, is a fluently convincing man and his plea for a Mediterranean Pact, as reported in Tax Naws last week, will gain much support. What adviser Michalopoulos has in mind is a co-ordination of the military efforts of Turkey, Greece and Yugoslavia. At first we were somewhat surprised to hear a Greek maggesting an alliance with Yugoslavia, blood effenty since Yugoslavia served as a supporting base and sanctuary for the Greek Communist guerrillas in the late Yorites. But then we realling that survival is the stake in Greece today.

hen we realized that survival makes strange defellows — and survival is the stake in receed today. Those Yugofavia, currently in disfavor the Polithuro for its nationalist brand of Communism, has the strongest Army in surveys. It lies surveys. It lies that the Russian invasion. It receed is to stand, Yugofavia must stand. The state of Russian invasion. It is as simple as that.

Of course, both Greece and Turkey would there be granted full partnership in the Atuntle Pact—along with Britism, France, the eneity nations, the Scandinavian countries and the rest.

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But it becomes clearer every day that semmark and Sweden are violently opposed

to the inclusion of the two Mediterranean nations in the Pact. Their reason is a simple one: if Greece and Turkey come into the Pact, there will be less military and economic aid to Demmark and Sweden.
That, of course, is true. But it is equally true that Greece and Turkey are of great importance in the defense plans of the West. While we do not pretend to fathorn the military strategy of the Kremilia and while we admit the attack may come in Germany or Sweden or Alazka, it seeps to us that the Russians have infinitely move to gain by reaching into the oil-rich Middle Education of the Middle and New Fast hy Russians Judge 10 to the Middle and New Fast hy Russian stay would make the manufacture of the Middle and New Fast hy Russia would make Middle and New Fast hy Russia would make

reaching into the oll-rich Middle East, thence into strategic Turkey. Secure control of the Middle and Near East by Russia would make it imperative that Russia control Greece. And so long as we control Greece and make full use of its position as a defensive bastion in the Mediterranean, Russian conquest of the Middle and Near East will be a difficult and dangerous task. We realize, of course, that the whole purpose of advisor Michalopoulos' scripe tour positions of the control of t

out logic.

We "kissed off" another "defensive bastion" in the late 'forties—Korea; and look
what happened there.

THE JAPANESE PEACE TREATY

USSIA took the expected course in sug-lessing new terms for a Japanese peace sty, and the United States did the only appossible under the circumstances by ecting Russia's terms outright. And thus matter stands, precisely where it was fore the current exchange of diplomatic

before the current exchange of dipomate-notes.
Sortet Russia's suggestions were quite prepoterous. First the Sortets proposed that the United States and allies should toss into the wastebasket the treaty plans that are virtually completed, and start all over again. Then Red China would be cut in on the treaty-making. Then Russis demanded that altorium trees are the start of the start of the start of the start of the U. S. defenses bases pinned there. Further-more, Russia saked that Japan's self-defense program be sharply curislied, whereas the U. S. has proposed a reasonable rearmament program for Japan, so that nation might pro-port of the start of the start of the start of the U. S. has proposed a reasonable rearmament program for Japan, so that nation might pro-tect itself from Communist aggression.

The nestest angle of the Russian proposal was that only the Big Four—The United States, Great Britain, Soviet Russia, and China—China —China meaning Red China —should have a voice in the peace treaty. That proposal would exclude such smaller nations as Australia, which contributed a great deal more to the defeat of Japan than did the Johnny-come-lately legions of Soviet Russia.

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Although the text of the American reply to the Russian note was not made public immediately, it is safe to assume that the Moscow proposals were completely rejected. Because of Russian and Chinese interventions policies since the end. And the radically changed. The Western Allies, striving desperately to combat Communist imperialism in that area, are going to write the kind of a Japanese peace treatly that best suits their purposes. If that fileans a treaty from which Soviet Russia and Red China are totally excluded, so much the better.

PRESIDENTIAL INDISCRETION

DISPLAYING once again that unique talent for putting his foot in his mouth, President Truman gave his version of the MacArthur dismissal at a press conference last week. Reported the Associated Press, in the indirect quotations customarily used for Presidential interviews;

"He said he had been thinking of firing MacArthur off and on for the last year—but hadn't made a decision until the General offered on March 24 to talk peace terms with the Red Commander in Korea."

Then the President went on to explain nat the MacArthur peace offer had tossed monkey wrench into a settlement attempt fr. Truman himself was planning at the

As has happened so frequently in the past, he White House staff got busy right away

trying to clarify the remark which had al-ready been labelled, quite property, as "as-tonishing" by General MacArthur. It seems, said Press Secretary Short, that the Presi-dent really meant since last August when General MacArthur sent his now-famed mes-sage to the VFW setting forth his views on Pormosa and the defense of the Far East.

But the damage had already been done. Just when the Greater Debate was droning on to what appeared to be a satisfactory conclusion, this latest Presidential indiscretion has stirred up new turned by injecting anew the circumstances of the MacArthur dismissal into the more serious discussion of our global military and diplomatic policy.

RENEWING A SUGGESTION

Now that the Congress is considering new tax legislation, we will voice once again a suggestion we have made before without stirring any noticeable response from Congressmen—or from News readers, for that

The suggestion: why not allow the in-dividual income taxpayer full exemption for bona fide medical expenses?

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The current income tex law permits the individual to deduct all medical expenses over five per cent of his gross income. A man who earns a total of \$5,000 a year gets no credit for the first \$250 of his medical expenses. Not until his medical bill goes

beyond that figure can he claim any exemp-tion.

The Truman Administration has based its campaign for pational compulsory health in-surance on the high cost of medicine to low and middle income groups, and has argued that the consumers' inability to pay has kept

From The St. Louis Post-Dispatch

FEARLESS WINNOWING?

MANY generations of students at the University of Wisconsin and countless viscanceled on the "advice of many people". MANY generations of students at the Uni-versity of Wisconsin and countless vis-itors to Madison have stood at John Bascom Hall and read the statement cast in bronze, which the Wisconsin regents issued in 1894. After nearly 60 years, it remains a testi-monial, perhaps still unsurpassed, to the right to listen and learn, to inquire and ex-pound. Said those stanch regents:

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We feel we would be unworthy of the
position we hold if we did not believe in
progress in all departments of knowledge,
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Does the University of Wisconsin still stand by these sound words? The question arises now that an invitation to Max Lerner to deliver a lecture on the campus has been on what would happen if President Truman withdrawn. The reported reason is "Comfined Repaiding Cassidy.—Lexington (Ky.) munist Party membership"; the chairman of Hersid.

The idea that Max Lerner would corrupt the students at Madison is proposterous. Only a few weeks ago, he lectured at the Y.M. H.A. Liberal Forum in St. Louis, where he has many friends, and admirers. He has taught at Williams College and lectured at dozens of universityfes, including Harvard. Now he has member of the Bradelste University fact of the Bradelste University factors and the Bradelste University The idea that Max Lerner would corrupt the students at Madison is preposterous. Only

His notable work in the field of scholarship includes a join period as manging editor of the Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences. Among his many books is "The Mind and Faith of Justice Holmes".

We hope the University of Wisconsin will move to grase this blot from a record which is, on the whole, one of the best in American education. For the offense to this informed and able citizen burst the university at Madson far more than it hurts Max Lerner.

GOP Strategy On Hearings May Backfire By STEWART ALSOP

WASHINGTON
T IS ENTIRELY passible the
the Senate investigation in to
General MacArthur's dismissal will
come to a full stop and angry
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become painfully evident in the
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way that shames the attackers. Prior to his refusal to give the details of a confidential conversation with his Commander-in-Chief —so designated by the Constitution — it had not occurred to Bradley to consult with the President about his course of action, before the Senate interrogators.

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Bradley was prepared with a written memorandum to tell why the Joint Chiefs of Staff — all three of them — agreed on the necessity for MacArthur's dismissal. This was the heart of the matter as far as his testimony was concerned.

was concerned.
BREWSTER'S EFFORTS
There was something almost comic in the way in which certain Republicans tried to prevent him from getting his statement on the record. Sen. Owen Brewster of Maine, the newest member of the group, hastily moved to adjourn.

Bradley may never get a chance to read his memorandum into the received of the hearing. The Republicans could go so far as to boycott the investigation from boycott me investigation from boycott me investigation from the fact in the f

STRATEGY MISUSED
Again, if it were not such a sefining like comedy is suggested in
the report that Republican strategy was somehow miscued. The
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House conversations be revealed serget or the demand that White House conversations be revealed was, according to this report, to have been Secretary of State Dean Acheson. When he refused, Acheson would have put the Democrats on the committee on the spot of the committee on the spot precisely popular with either party on Capitol Hill.

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'The Cattle Are Giving All They've Got, Aren't They?



People's Platform

Letters should be brief, written on one side of the paper. The writer's name must be signed, but may be withheld from publication in the discretion of the Editor. The News reserves the right to condense.

Smith's Speech PINEHURST

Editors. The News:

MONDAY, May 14, Senator Smith made a return
visit to Pinehurst to address the convention
of the North Carolina Automobile Desirers Associaposed mostly of platitudes and generalities, reviewing situations and problems familiar to most all
of us, but nowhere in the address does he take
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-ELMER M. SIMKINS.

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Editors, The News: "

ONCE again we of the Charlotte Opera Association
Owish to thank you for your co-operation in
publicizing our recent performances of the "Chocolate Soldier". We are now eagerly looking forword to "The Marriage of Tigaro", which we will
do we came out of our last season with our "heads
above water" which we, as a non-profit organization, feel is wonderful indeed. We realize all that
you and The Charlotte News have done to bely
us and we are sincerely appreciative.

—MIS. H. V. Calson,
President.

They Can Be Wrong

Public A-bomb **Blast Might** Shake Apathy

By MARQUIS CHILDS

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WASHINGTON
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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

Truman Writes Sunday Morning Letter

AT 8:30 A. M. the other Sunday—which is early for mest Washingtonians on a Sunday morning—President Trumas finished reading New York's Sunday Times, picked up his pen and dashed off one of those famous personal letters which have reverberated around the world. This one went to price boss slike Disalle. We will be a prough a mountain of correspondence on his desk trying to get some work out of the way before attending 8 o'clock mass. Just as Disalle was lawing his office the telephone rang. The White House, was calling.

"Please stand by, Mr. Disalle", the operator said.

"Trumsn."

Mike put the phone down and began to ponder. What

"A messenger is bringing you a letter from President Truman."
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The proposed of the president was accepting his resignation:
A few minutes later the letter arrived. Now in something of a sweat, Mike tore it open. Inside was a very short note written in the President's own hand on White Horner Mike.
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DiSalle, a city boy and former mayor of Tolecio, Ohio, rushed to a dictionary to look up the word "trocar," of Mocovered, is a surgical spear sometimes used to release gas pressure in bloated cattle. By "clovered", the Freident doubless referred to a bull which had become better the surgical control of the surgical c

Republican Drive In Texas

mittee, Connaity.

The campaign against Connaily will follow the sampattern the McCarthyites used against Tydings. They will try to paint the gruff, outspoken Texan as a Communit appeaser and discrible of Secretary of State Acheson. The have already coined the slogan which is cropping up it Texas: "When Acheson coughs, Connaily sneezes."

exas: "when Acheson coughs, Connally sneezes."

The truth is, Connally has always opposed Counties with all his Texas ire, has led the fight to horover, and the contract of t

andermine a corrageous scenator.

All of this means that Connally is facing a fight political life, his first real opposition since 11 yough a tough scrapper, the veteran Texan is still text as how to fight back against a McCarthy campa * strategists plan-to use General MacArthur in the camping to knock veteran from Commily of Texas out of the Sundard through the Carthyless figure on a big away from the Carthyless figure on a big away from Texas. And the Republicans expect to make political capital and the Republicans expect to make political capital and the Republicans expect to make political capital and the Republicans are considered to the Republicans are considered to the Republicans and the Republicans