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THE ENGINEERS ARE AT IT AGAIN

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A fluue subcommittee headed by North Carolina's Congressman Kerr has charged that the Engineers have now estimated the cost of its flood control, rivers and harborn projects at the season of the control of the control

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which just happens to be under Bureau uritadiction.

So the two agencies submit conflicting reports, and as a result, very often nothing is done to the rampaging rivers which in many cases could be developed as a multiple-project, with the joint aim of flood control, irrigation and power development.

The Corps, in addition, engages in a bit of insubordination which makes the MacArthur affair look like small potatoes. When the Corpa commander-in-chief rejects as Corpa proposal (the reason for the President's rejection of the few projects he disapproves is often based on the Corpa Cache dent's rejection of the few projects he disapproves is often based on the Corpa Cache dent's rejection of the few projects he disapproves is often based on the Corpa Cache dent's rejection of the few projects he disapproves is often based on the Corps in Canada and the Corps Companion from the areas which would profit are usually happy to sponsor the rejected project. From 1841-1848, a total of 76 such rejection projects are supplained uneconomies" at their worst. The Hoover commission recommended that the rivers and harbors and flood control settivities of the Corps of Engineers be transferred to the Department of Interior, and that 2 Drainage Area Advisory Commission be established to co-prdinate water development and control projects for each major drainage area.

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The recommendation makes sense. Our water resources have been played with by lobby pressure and conflicting bureaus for too long. Congressman Kerr's airing of the Engineers' latest bumple is commendable, but if he wants to really get to the nut be but if he wants to really get to the nut be Hoover Commission recommendations.

MORE ON THE BRIMLEY AFFAIR

THE N. C. State Federation of Labor, still in picking over the bones of the Brimley affair, adopted a resolution at its Asbelle convention strongly criticizing Sensions. Hoey and Smith and Rep. Graham Barden for their defense of the Forsyth educator.

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The resolution repeats the charge that Forzyth County School Superintendent Raiph Brimley warned his teachers against joining a labor union, an attitude that the Federation of Labor describes as "autocratic and distances" of the "anti-repeated for the state of the "anti-repeated for the state of the "anti-repeated for the state of before the state of the state of before the state of the s

in a later to Sention two, section, we because Gorge Marshall said:

"I find that the Army's position is clearly set forth in its letter of June 29 to Dr. Brimley. In that letter, EL-Col. John 2 Keough evaluated that the Army's one Colored Keough and the Colored Senting of the Senting Senting

IFEL but the whole basis of the reorienta-tion program would be prejudiced. Be-cause of the fact that Dr. Brimley appears to be involved in a controversy which could lived that there was no other course open except to remove him from our list of visit-ing experts. Whether he is accused rightly or wrongly, the mere fact of his presence in Japan could easily lead to an embarras-nent of the program in which we have halv apparentons.

high aspirations."

From these two letters, it is perfectly clear
that the Army accepted the labor protest at
face value, without making any investigation
of its gown. No protest came from "the educators, "students, and cititens in Japan" and,
so far as we know, Dr. Brimley is not "persona non grata to any of thee?" He is persona non grata to any of thee?" He is persona non grata to any of thee?" He is persona non grata to any of the one of the
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from the mission.

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from the mission.

The Army's abject genuflection to the American Federation of Labor makes mockery of "democratic education". The very keystone of "democratic education" is the free debate of ideas and the right to hold one's

The Army's defense of its action was pa-thetically weak. It has not been strengthened by this new blast from the N. C. Federation of Labor.

UNCLE SAM TO THE RESCUE

O recent developments involving Gov-ernment assistance to cotton growers interesting precedents.

e increasing precedents as week the Department of Agriculture ounced a price support program for cot-seed meal, oil and linters, Previously the serument had sunnounced that cottonseed the supported at 185.0.2 on how local coston growers. Where storage was un-lable, the Government agreed to buy it right at 561.50 per ton.

e of the crushing companies.

serviced about having to buy on a supmarket and sell cottonseed products

market. So generous Uncle start and sell cottonseed products apported market. So generous Uncle ed to put a "floor" under the price 25 to 16.625 cents per pound), estell or cake (25 cents per pound), s. (7.7 for first cut to 14.8 cents for

Uncle Sam will be putting a floor under every product made from agricultural com-modities, with the taxpayer footing the bill anytime the market price dropped below the support level.

The second development is the agitation among cotton state lawmakers for a support price for cotton higher than the present loan level, which is based on 80 per cent of parity. Pruthermore, Senator Maybank of South Carolina has suggested that Uncle Sam actually buy cotton outright instead of lending money to the grower.

'Pitchmen Of The Press'

(This is the last of four articles on Westbrook Pegler from the Providence, R. I., Journal's 1950 series which won the 1951. Peabody Prize. The articles have been reprinted by permission of The Journal Editors. The News.

Westbrook Pegler-IV

OUT OF THE mass of Pegler writings collected for fourteen weeks early this year there arose, among other things, a device that could be called the Pegler syllogism. An ordinary, old fashioned syllogism goes something like this:

- All lemons are sour.
 This fruit is a lemon.
 Therefore, it fellows that this.

fruit must be sour.

NEW-TYPE SYLLOGISM

This type of logic has been in vogue for some time but on March 4, Pegler revealed his new-type, syllogism with a blinding example. The text is presented untouched except for the insertion of numbers.

bers.

1 "Mr. Truman is demanding a lew from Congress which is called an anti-lynching law."

2 "All good citizens oppose lynching."

"All good citizens oppose lynching."
 "It follows that Mr. Truman is not a good citizen because he insists on excusing all lynchings of innocent victims by mobs of

or innocent victims by mobs of union goons."

4 "So, obviously, its advocates favor lynching by their own co-horts."

WHAT PROLER "PROVES"
Thus by this except — reproduced bere without any omissions — the Pegler syllogism has proved that because President Truman has asked for an anti-ynching law he is endorsing the principle by which the Nazis wiped out an entire toom during the war, interesting the war, any new invertien, might be resisted at first, to the control of the property of the propert

new invention, name or teasted at exact and exercising exercising and exercising exercis

the old-fashioned laws of logic. But thus launched, the Pegler syllogium confisued to grow fire a major philosophy. Another time, "If all the unions in the United States were to succeed fotally, every worker in the country would be a member of some union and conditions of the succeed fotally, every worker in the country would condition to the continuous of the continuous of the continuous of the population. The succeeding the succeeding

A "REASONABLE" ERROR

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an institution of homosexuals went
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Department; (3) the head of the State Department is Dean Acheson; (4) therefore, Dean Acheson; (4) therefore, Dean Acheson; (4) therefore, Dean Acheson must be a homosexual; (5) Dean, Acheson and Dean Acheson and Dean Acheson and Dean Acheson; (4) the Acheson; (4) the Acheson; (4) the Acheson; (4) the Acheson; (5) the Acheson; (6) the Acheson; (6) the Acheson; (6) the Acheson; (7) the Acheson; (8) the Acheson; (9) the Acheson;

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intelligent will believe them."
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file apart from people who are supposed to be intelligent, Peopler less
supply still wincing because some
uncharitable person mig it is think
him an enemy of labor, writes:
"I hope the foregoing, respecfully submitted, will not be
constrained by the form that we
have seen in this country is fit
or anything but to be blown
bell."

hell."

WEAPON NOT NEGLECTED
Pegier did not neglect this powerful weapon of logic. In January
he attacked the Washington Post
for an editorial which said that
during the thirties there were widespread illusions about Communism.
Pegier is scornful of the statement. "How widespread were
hent."

GOP Leaders Cool To McCarthy

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Marquis Childs

on the investigation into the Republican campaign in Maryland last Fall.

The reason, of course, is that they had indiseased they did not intend to sign it. In a collective deleter of the control of th

leader of the Senate.

In this difficult situation Wherry is also minority in this difficult situation Wherry handled himself with still and considerable contrictphines. Having privately told Mrs. Smith and others that he approved the majority report, he did not entirely recede from that position. He said that the investigation should have been might broader in scope since dirty campaign tactics were by no means confined to what had happened in Maryland, or to the year 1950.

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WITH that statement no one can quarrel. Actually, if election laws are to be strengthened, a much broader base of information is essential. As Wherry readily acknowledged, laws covering election prac-tices are today far too lax, providing almost an invitation for the expenditure of huge sums of

U.S. TREASURY

tudes.

This is the second time that the Republican leadership has backed away from McCarthy. The first time was when a behind seenes effort to put him on the Senate Republican Polley Committee was thewarded by Senator Eugene Millikin of Colorado.

public.

So the matter was shelved. No one has brought it up again. Quite a few Republicans came around, very privately, to tell Mrs. Smith, whose Declaration of Conscience sounded the warning a year ago on the danger of the smear technique, that, very privately, they agreed with her.

these illustens a bout Commu. In 1935 be gave an interview to late at 1940, Pegier called William minn." he saked. "It never was at the Dally, Worker, and said be Randolph Hearst (who was not truth is that those illusions were the chought that the latest plans of Pegier's bos yet) a "never to truth is that those illusions were the communist Party for a farm-not widespread at any time." But et-labor novement was a good and here and communist provided the said calling, "it is possible that Heywood Broun a Communist and many influential men and women Mrs. Roosevelt a pro-Communist and many influential men and women Mrs. Roosevelt and the said calling, "it is possible that Pegier, where the said calling, which was still living in Connecticat Pegier It is possible that Pegier, which were to Kdum Elbouring and added that he cannot also consistent of the connection and contradiction, was contained to the New Masses. 3. A moown infiniste of a man he addition and contradiction, was (This guilty associatio of Pegier and Communist, and a crossing the properties of the present the present the present the properties of the present the properties of the present the properties of the present the presen

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

war after it gets started:

FRANKDEDET—High Commissioner Jack McCloy, who
is performing a remarkably fine job, is supposed to be the
top man in Germany. He can and does set aided German
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how many Russiant are in it. Nor has he ever visited it. If the Army is ordered by McCloy to let anyone into this can. In this camp at one time were about 2,000 Russian officers, who disgusted with the Red Army, had fled to the American zone of Germany axxious to help the USA. But for months they simply sat ate, and were interciseed by the control of the control o

Restless Red Army

Dapper CIA Gents Alienate Escapees Obviously Moscow knows that these troops, living near the West and with no tight border control between East the Red Army. It also knows that the same thing is true in Austria where Russian troops also live near the West and temptation is strong to drift over and sample Western glamor.

and temptation is strong to drift over and sample Western glamor. Author of the control of the German General Staff in sending Trotaky and Lenin in sesseld train from Systers and into Russia. Moscow certainly should remember it, for that yas what started the control of the co