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BITTER, IDLE, HOMESICK REFUGEES

(This is the first of three special stories in the biggest single obstacle to a peace etilment between the new state of Israel and its Arzh neighbors. It was airmailed from the Middle East by C. A. McKnight, dittor of Tink News, who has been on a our-week study four of that area—Editors, Ymn News.

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THE flat, duty plains of Jericho slant

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Aqabet Jaber is the biggest of the retugee camps in the little constitutional monarchy of Hambenite Jordan. Before the Arab-Izrael war, what is anow Jordan had some 700,000 war, what is anow Jordan had some 700,000 war, when the rains downer, creating insoluble problems of food, housing, employment, sanitation, education, and Egypt. In all, there are over 800,000 of these refugees, Less than 250,000 of these refugees, test than 250,000 of the little cantinution of the little and well the camp population, oversaxing its limited facilities.

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There are no Christians at Aqabet Jaber. All are Moslems, and there is a mosque for their religious rituals.

The tragedy of the refugee camps is the continued idleness of so many potential productive workers in an area that needs production workers in the little from a social and economic Middle Age into the 20th Century.

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No one works at Aqabet Jaber except the
UNRWA officials and the children, who have
to go to school, where they get vocational
training in addition to a limited scholastic
curriculum. The Arab men while away the
days in near-complete idleness, shating the
Jews, hating America, hating Great Britain,

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It would be impossible to select a typical refugee. They come from all cultural, social and economic levels. Some were landowners in pre-lirated Palestine. Others were the equivalent of the U. S. tenant farmers. Some were Bedouin nomads who, like characters straight out of the Bible, spent their lives on the move, tending their camels and their bards of sheep and goats.

But the story of All Ahmad Saleh, though be is by no means typical, would not differ in amential defauls from dozens of others. In amountal defauls from dozens of others, and allow housed man of some 50 years when the story from the members of the American Christian Palestine Committee study group, he nervously, twisted the strand of large amber beads that many Arabe carry with them as a substitute for doodling.

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All's home was in the Kubab Village in the Lydda district of what is now Irrael. He owned 24 acres of land, some cattle and 80 beethives. He estimate his total holdings at some 8,000 Jordanian pounds—about \$18,000 —a figure that has probably grown as he multed his loos.

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"They say they want only to return to their former homes, and I believe they mean it." he said.

Thus is created the major impasse that blocks a permanent peace between Israel and its Arab nelighbors.

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The acid test of statesmanship will come in the meeting of these and similar problems. If they are not successfully met, the treaty may become, as many treaties have, only a piece of paper of historical interest.

THE career Foreign Service people can pick up some diplomatic pointers from Madam Pearl Mesta, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary from the United States to the Grand Duchy of Lux-

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embourg.

END OF ANOTHER ERA IN JAPAN (JAPAN The papers are signed, and the men who, made possible Japan's return to the family of nations are deserving of great credit. But some of Japan's old problems, that contributed to her desire for conquest, are still with her. slong with new problems. Trade and tariff wars increase their scope in the Pacific and Southeast Asia Japan's teening millions continue to be forbidden permanent entry into many countries. Japan is under considerable pressure from the West, for good reason, not to trade with neighboring China. The acid test of statesmanship will come

EVEN years ago this week Suprfortnesses of from the Marianas attacked seven airfields on Kyushu Island, Japan. U. S. carrier planes attacked largets in the Sakishimas. American foot soldlers on Oklnawa retook Kakuru, and advanced toward Tanaburu. General MacArthur announced gains on Luon and Mindanao Islands in the Philippines. The British captured Toungoo, north of Rangoon.

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Beven years may trace and change. Japan has come a long way since the days of the kamiltane and divinity of the emperor. The crapable administration of General MacArthur, the negotiating ability of John Foster Dulles, the statesmanship of Secretary of State Acheson contributed substantially, from this side of the Practic, to the successful conclusion of the treaty and security side.

ness people and their leaders helped in the lemocratic indectrination. Our former energies are now our friends. However, seven resure from now Japan may enthusiastically spouse some cause or creed with which we

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Madam Pearl, who purlayed flair for gracious entertaining and seequantance with the right Democrats into a diplamatic assignment, recently extolled General Elsenhower's work in Burope to U. S. audiences. Some Democrats didn't like the way she was building up a strong Republican candidate.

So she talked the situation over with the President. He thought it over for a moment, then said Pearl, you go right on making those speeches.

So she did, telling a Purposean audiance. So she did, telling a European audience last week that General Eisenhower was a great man. Then she thought it over for a mornent and added that President Truman was a great man too.

was a great man too.

Come Republicans or Democrats, boom or bust, we'll bet Madam Mesta will stay in there, dishing out the butter. The technique, is old, but it usually works. She might even get that ambassadorship she's bucking for.

Out Of The Democrats' Attic



Rival Leaders Battle

Textile Union Troubles

THE C.I.O's third largest union is on the

By DANEL R, WHIGHT
In the Wall Street Journal
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and continued them to organizing for the Textille Workers.

In 1890, at the last T. W. U. A. convention in Boston, President Rieve suddenby attempted to purse his executive vice president. But Mr. Baldani detacted the Rieve candidate. M. S. Bishop, vice president in charge of cotton and rayon activities. 1250 to 250. Will another unseating attempt be made? to 120. Will another unseating attempt be made? Mr. Baldani is buslly working for the day when he hopes to take over the unleast sreins, when he should be giving his all for the boss.

Mr. Baldani replies he wasn't cut out to he a yearna, And he contends that T. W. U. A.'s Executive Committee, composed of the president, executive

NEW YORK
By DANIEL R. WRIGHT
In The Wall Street Journal
O's third largest union is on the ment when Phil Murray's steelworkers, Truman's help, seem on the point of bliggest wage boest in their history, and emjoying long-term contracts. End ille workers are trying to fight off wage they battle among themselves, ledevine workers to the workers will be workers are trying to fight off or their like workers are trying to fight off wage they battle among themselves, ledevine workers will be workers are stated workers Union of the state of the workers are affected to the South of the Workers and the worker

troe in the Government's cost-of-living index, THE UNION PREASURY

A recently released union financial report for the fiscal year ended Feb. 20 tells how troubles, have gouged the treasury. The union boasted close to fiscal year ended Feb. 20 tells how troubles, have gouged the treasury. The union boasted close to falling under the 33 million mark.

"Expensive strikes, reduced dues collections remaining from mass unemployment, heightened employer resistance to new organization, increased the decline." The report reads A union statistical motes unemployment has cut the number of dues a proper strikes. The report reads A union statistical motes unemployment has cut the number of dues a proper strikes. The report reads A union statistical motes unemployment has cut the number of dues a proper strike the results of the report to the control of the results of the resistance of the strikes. The results have fallen was short of expectations. "We just earl seem to get gots there." Says a S. W. Lut of the cotion and rayou industry is located in Dixie and all the new runthelic fiber plants are being installed there. The union barrains for about 125,000 workers, or a fifth of the lotal, in the South in the North it barterial.

In the last two years the union has lost some 12000 members in the South. T. W. U. A. organizes blime Southern emiloyers' anti-union earmaines. One ocrasher emils out f-fc and figures which the southern the southern emils of the southern emils out f-fc and figures which pensite even after the vive been ortained. About a year soe it cost T. W. U. A. \$12500.00 in finance 40.000 workers on strike below the Mason-Dison line for a nerfold of five weeks. At the same time it cost the union onle \$50.000 in keen 70.000 New An orrangive resulting the point of the southern emils of the southern emi

The Stay-From-Homes Make For Bad Korean Situation

By JOSEPH & STEWART ALSOP

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WASHINGTON

IN KOREA, the easy way waf has
proved, as issual, to be a dead
end. The great sticking point in the
peace negoliations has been the
repatriation of our prisoners of
war. Until rather recently, how
few of the Communist prisoners in
our hands would refuse to go home
— 2.500 was the official estimate.

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making possible a more sustained
offensive than they have ever pretrously put on. The build-up of
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no doubt. But they have suffered fearfully from plague and other dissases through this winter. And
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At Last Here's A Hotel Where Customer Is King

By ROBERT C. RUARK

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himself innocent.

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and wrong.

Hank's hotel is named the Westtern Hills. It's sprawls on the western outskirts of Ft. Worth and is
gaudy and neon-lit. It looks rather
like a deluxe motel. Which it is, in
feet

of the pool.

One of Hank's pet gripes was the constant ordeal of battling telephone operators and belilboys for such simple needs as ice and water. In the Western Hills there are lee machines within a step or two of every room, and ice-water

fountains everywhere.

"Green was annoyed for years by
the abuse of hotel earpeting, so his
halls are clad in rugs which al
ready employed a cigarette-bur
and a foodstain design in their patterns. Green also has special kennels for the dogs of guests. He scatters the latest popular novels and
magazines throughout all rooms.

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During the years he rattled about the hotel business, Green was burning slowly at the restrictions most old-fashioned hotelries impose notice that the restrictions most old-fashioned hotelries impose when wants a full meal at 3 A. M. who wants a full meal at 3 A. M. with wants a full meal at 3 A. M. with wants a full meal at 3 A. M. with wants a full meal at 3 A. M. with wants a full meal at 3 A. M. with wants a full meal at 3 A. M. with wants a full meal for the same of the same o

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Although Green's monument to his frustration deals in swank—a fancy private bar, dress shops, and a steak bar which allows the customers to select and brand their own slabs of beef — there are no restrictions on dress. "Come as you are" is Green's pet slogan, and you will see people in shirt sleeves or ladies in shorts mixing with dinner jackets and evening gowns.

ner jackets and evening gowns.
It is in many respects the finest hotel that I have ever seen any, where, and it must mark some kind of change in the old, European-management, last-century kind of hotelry with which America has been curreed. In Green's two-million-dollar experiment in updating a business which is still living in the past, he has largely eliminated the over-lapping services which are rackets of the litchy - handed tip grabbers.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

Truman Won't Decide To Run

WASHINGTON

A LOT of people are still speculating that President
Truman may change his mind and consent to be drafted
by the Democratic national convention at the last minute—
especially if the Republicans nominate Taft whom the
President does not like.

A close friend of Mr. Truman's, who once served under
him as an ambassador and accompanied him to Potsdam,
had this in mind when he told him that he should not put
himself in the position where he could not ultimately be
drafted. The situation might be such, this elder statesman
cautioned, where the demands of the party would be too
compeling.

Truman's Word Reverberates

CHIP Solies, Size Dept. counseier, valked in to the State Dept. staff conference at 12:20 last Thursday with perturbation written over his usually suave visage.

"Hold your hats," he exclaimed, then told how the President had dropped a diplomatic bombohell at his resident of the conference of the Co

by just such an ultimatum, the State Dept, worked for about two hours preparing a diplomatic redutation of the President's off-the-cuff remark.

The State Dept, couldn't say so, but it was equally unspay about the President's previous burble about the Dough he corrected this later, the State Dept, feared implied the the face of the recent and fairest inexpaper in Bollyka, La Razon. The new Bollykan government, which is pro-Argentine and has some Communist links, may well follow the example of Peron and seite La Razon exactly as he seited La Prema.

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On top of this, American diplomats for some time have been arguing in the U. N. for complete freedom of the press.—Not all Latin American governments agree with the United States on this point. Several have joined U. N. to adopt an aliatic countries in trying to, agit the papers to print statements by governments "correcting" supposedly erroncous news. These amendments, in the opinion of the State Dept., would be an infringement of the press and could be expanded to mean government in Therefore, when the Chief Executive of the United States amounced that he has the power when he seen fit to take over or control the press, it put him in direct contra-

Tail" also had to be spelled correctly, out une was ac-casien, Manachmetts Ioday, however, voters have to know an accase and memorite the delegates pledged to Eisen-hower. Tail's described to Senator Tail, but Eisenhower's area, and the pledged to Senator Tail," but Eisenhower's area, and the pledged to Senator Tail, but Eisenhower's area, and the pleaser movement of the pleaser have described by the pleaser have described by the pleaser have defined the voters and make the memory test more difficult.