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## Use Of U.S. Research Funds May Compromise Universities

By MARQUIS CHILDS

ALL OVER the country American colleges and universities are opening for the fall term and the small and the chances of the variety hold popular attention, presidents and trustees have another and more serious worry. That is how to make both ends meet in view of the continuing squeeze of still rising prices.

The problem is especially acute for the independent, endowment college. Even though the tuition has been raised and raised again, it covers a smaller share of the total costs of the student's education. And these independent colleges have in the past contributed mightily to the stream of American thought and research.

Some larger colleges and universities are helping to solve the problem by the grants of money from the Federal government to carry out specific study and research projects. But that may be a real hazard to independence of thought and judgment since it tends to put the university under the thumb of big government.

How real this threat is was made recently when the Department of Defense asserted its right to disapprove any university employment of a full-time correspondence course for services under the educational program of the United States Armed Forces Institute. The institute put a clause in its contracts providing that they "will not accept contracts for the performance of services under the contract such persons as are disapproved by the government."

**CLAUDE PROTESTED**  
This brought an immediate outcry from many of the educational institutions that had previously had such contracts. It was a violation not only of academic freedom but of the right of the university to judge the intellectual and integrity of its teaching force. If government were to usurp that right, then one of the foundations of our independent thought in America would be destroyed.

Fourteen universities announced that they would withdraw from their contracts rather than submit to the government's interference.

MANILA, P. I.

## Foreign Legion Has Changed Since Days Of 'Beau Geste'

By ROBERT C. RUARK

EVER SINCE I read "Beau Geste" as a kid I have had some latent urge to pay a call on the Foreign Legion. It was the only place for no other reason than to see what it looked like. I don't mean I wanted to join it, but I was not without interest.

Beau Geste, as it's called, is a river of the South, a few miles from the Algerian coast. It is a place where the French and the Arabs have lived for centuries. It is a place where the French and the Arabs have lived for centuries. It is a place where the French and the Arabs have lived for centuries.

**UNKNOWN CHANGED**  
The Legion has come a far piece from P. C. Wren's romantic version. The "Legionnaire" of today is not the same as the one of the old days. He is not the same as the one of the old days.

I nearly dropped dead when I saw a flock of the titans flying over the desert. It was a sight that reached from raspberry to raspberry. I saw the titans flying over the desert. It was a sight that reached from raspberry to raspberry.

But I came to when I made a carefully conducted tour of the village. The quarter which is called the "Beau Geste" is a place where the French and the Arabs have lived for centuries.

**SECRETARY OF Defense** Charles Wilson was in the White House last week because the Joint Chiefs of Staff passed their Sept. 15 deadline without submitting a figure on the military budget for next year. The military chiefs were supposed to submit their budget estimates 30 days ago, but the Sept. 15 deadline slip by without doing so.

There is, however, an excellent reason for the delay. It can be summarized in six words, plus a corollary explanation.

The six words are: Russia's possession of the hydrogen bomb.

The corollary explanation boils down to this: The Joint Chiefs of Staff can't make any sense out of the military budget until they get an overall decision from the White House on the following all-important question: What is the military budget for the year 1954?

1. Will the U.S. afford adequate civil and military defense protection against the hydrogen bomb?

2. If so, does this defense money come out of the military budget?

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## 'How Do You Feel?'



## Philippine Election Analysis

## U.S. Backs Quirino Opponent

By JOSEPH ALSOP

MANILA, P. I.

RUUDYARD KIPLING

the little Englanders of his

day with the line, "They're

not the little Englanders of his

day know." In a quite different

way, America's involvement in

the world is relentlessly produc-

ing a candidate in a critical

election in a major Far Eastern

nation.

Certainly this correspondent

has no such idea until he reached

this amiable, steaming hot, ap-

provingly ginocratic, progressively vi-

tal Manila capital. But here in

Philippine it is clear at once that

Ramon Magway is the Ameri-

can choice against the incumbent

President Elpidio Quirino. The evi-

dence speaks with a loud voice.

In considering this remarkable

fact, one can at least begin by

saying that for once in a way we

need not be ashamed of our own

side. Since the end of the war, the

eminent blackmail of the Ameri-

can government, of hard working

progress and a better life for the

people.

**IT HAPPENED**

But this does not answer the

question. How the United States

came to have this candidate in

the election of another nation all

the way across the broad Pa-

cific. The answer is at once sim-

ple and complex.

Magway comes of relatively

humble people. He ran a bus line

before the war. In wartime, he

became the leader of his people.

When peace came, General

MacArthur named him Pro-

tection Commissioner of the Phil-

ippines. He is a man of energy,

bravery, energy and deter-

mination. He has a whole new

spirit into the campaign against

the Huk.

By untiring effort, he

destroyed or located these Com-

munist guerrillas, and to combat

communism he began to preach

a brighter Philippine future.

In all this effort, and even in

developing his ideas, Magway

worked intimately with the Ameri-

can Embassy and military ad-

visory group. The relationship was

so happy that Quirino has even

charged that Magway's former

American liaison officer, Col. Ed-

ward Lansdale, acted as "Mag-

way's puppet and a constant con-

science in the current political

campaign.

Nonetheless, President Quirino

has twice burst out with accusa-

tions that the Embassy was in-

terfering in the struggle. Al-

though Quirino, the head of the

embassy here, Adm. Ramon

Spruance, has maintained a

policy of non-interference, his

attitude of the most con-

science in the current political

campaign.

At a practical matter, there-

fore, Magway is the American

candidate in the Philippine

election. Quirino, the head of

the government, is the Ameri-

can ally. He is universally re-

garded as such. He hardly de-

notes the fact that he is a

fact on the future in Asia. But

these matters be examined in

another report.

Quote, Unquote

The Treasury wants to revise

the U. S. tax laws, but the de-

partment is so complicated. Maybe

it can't figure out how to re-

arrange the 15 taxes hidden in a

load of broad-New Orleans

States.

of course, was well before there

was any thought that Russia had

the hydrogen bomb.

Despite all these reports, General

Eisenhower decided that another

report was not a matter of

trustworthy officers in the Euro-

pean invasion. Gen. Harold

Bull, to study the problem

of many.

The Bull report is now complete

and is equally alarming. General

Bull has recommended a

committee, but even so, about ten

hundred million more would

have to be added to the national

budget. Or the alternative is to

scrap some of the existing meth-

ods of national defense, such

as the U. S. tax laws, or

another alternative, increase

of many.

This is why the Joint Chiefs of

Staff have been in a predicament

regarding their report for next

year. They can't make any sense

out of the report until they know

the overall policy is going to be

what the U. S. tax laws, or

another alternative, increase

of many.

That goes the Magway and most

important debate now going on

concerning the U. S. tax laws.

Upon its outcome will de-

pend whether the U. S. tax laws

are balanced or

we have higher taxes.

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT BONDS

READERS of this newspaper have asked a good many questions about the upcoming Oct. 3 election on issuing \$50 million in bonds for mental institutions. Here are some of them—with the answers.

Q. What is the present net general fund indebtedness of the state government?

A. The current net general fund indebtedness is \$46,250,000, which represents the balance due on the school and port bonds issued during the Scott administration and the \$14,250,000 in