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Bear The Burden of All, America, Or Go Down With It!

By THE ALSOP'S

WASHINGTON
WHAT is the nature of America's responsibility as the Western-appointed leader of the West?

cles of the administration, and very bitterly indeed among the representatives of our allies who have to deal with the administration.

CRITICAL STANDARDS
No doubt it is presumptuous for these reporters to try to define America's world responsibility.

INESCAPABLE BURDEN
He must know the peculiarities of all his men - whether this ple has sore feet and that tech sergeant tends toward delusions of grandeur.

SADLY AT FAULT
It is wrong in another sense, also, for the task of policy-makers in all countries is to foresee the reactions and guard against the Western Alliance on the folly of our less powerful allies.

COMPLICATED ASPECT
In the Western Alliance of free nations, however, there is no clear-cut chain of command, such as there is in an infantry company.

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"It's a fine shield. But this sword..."

when Egypt's President Nasser this had been nationalized the Suez Canal, as his answer to Secretary of State John Foster Dulles' brusque rejection of the Awan Dam scheme.

MENACE OF NASSER
Nasser got away with it and so because of the unchallenged leadership of the other Middle Eastern nations. This meant a menace of eventual extinction for little Israel.

PRACTICITY
In these circumstances, however, our policy seemed to be mainly designed to get by somehow, from conference to fruitless conference, without doing anything uncomfortably controversial or decisive to solve the problem.

TASK OF LEADER
Besides joining the Israelis in doing something desperate, moreover, the British and French did in a very foolish way. Yet once again, the first task of the leader was not to repudiate or recriminate or punish.

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Bailey's Cut-Rate Penology Has Virtue

SKILLFULLY administered, State Prison Director William F. Bailey's "part-time prisoner" plan would serve the best interests of society, taxpayers and short-term inmates alike.

Under the terms of Mr. Bailey's proposal, certain selected prisoners would be permitted to work at approved outside jobs by day and spend their nights behind bars.

Only individuals convicted of misdemeanors would be eligible—that is, those sentenced to terms of two years or less. The prisoner would eat prison food but not at the taxpayer's expense for portion of his wages would finance his prison upkeep and the remainder would be allotted to his family.

A similar system is already being operated successfully in Wisconsin. The North Carolina plan would be an improved version.

The reason for the innovation is largely economic. A whopping percentage of North Carolina's prison population is made up of short-term men and women sentenced to 30 to 60 days. Because of the rapid turnover, they cost the state more than their proportionate share.

But we believe the aims of modern penology can also be served by the new system if it is carefully and conscientiously supervised by the authorities. That aim is the rehabilitation of prisoners on an individual basis for a lawful social living.

Mrs. Luce Has Never Been A Man
Mrs. Clare Boothe Luce naturally didn't understand the question. "Having never been a man," she "couldn't possibly tell" a reporter if being a woman had handicapped her efforts as the first woman ambassador to Italy.

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his self respect, or his occupational skills. In most cases, his will to be a useful member of society would actually increase. The probability of recidivism would undoubtedly be minimized.

In addition, it would offer the judge an alternative to the two extremes of sentencing—jail or probation. There are actually instances when the prison term seems too severe and a suspended sentence too light.

The Bailey plan will not delight members of the penology's "hard" school. Their code is fairly simple: 1—An eye for an eye is what justice demands.

On the other hand, these noble objectives could be shattered by careless administration and mass application on an indigent basis.

Mrs. Luce has served ably. It is just as well she was never a man.

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