

raisal of policies and personnel.

It is very easy for us to look back

at the San Francisco Conference,

which organized the United Nations.

and criticize the representatives of

the nations there assembled for their

inclusion of the right to veto among

Experience with Soviet Russia

the peace of the world depended upon

Hindsight Spurs Critics Of U. N. Veto Provisions



enta Commenti In Truman's Press Talks The press conferences being held by resident Truman at the White House not rate many compliments from newspaper men attending the

One frequently reads the criticisms Washington correspondents, who rgest that the Chief Executive is hat inept in handling the press. he conferences, they intimate, have renerated into dull and worthless

Mr. Truman has made some rather rious blunders in his conferences. The most notable was his approval of the entire Wallace speech prior to its delivery in New York, and his emarrassing wriggle after the full imrt of the address was assessed. ow, according to the correspondents, the President rarely commits himself on a controversial issue and dodges clear-cut statements on subjects sug-gested by the reporters.

While we sympathize with the deews, we do not agree with their conclusion that the chief business of the President is to provide them with sources of copy. While some Presi-dents, like the late Franklin D. Roosevelt, have used their conferences with the reporters, with good results, it is too much to expect that every individual who occupies the White

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House will be able to accomplish the same results. Commission Begins Work On Executive Reorganization

A special commission has been set up to provide for the reorganization

of the executive branch of the gov-ernment. Headed by former Presithe powers to be exercised by the five major nations of the world. dent Herbert Hoover, the commission has twelve members, four appointed however, if we turn back to the days by the President, four by the Senate at San Francisco. Everybody was and four by the House. The commission, of course, will which would include all nations, great and four by the House.

divide itself into committees. Each and small. The Russians made it will have some field of inquiry and abundantly plain that, without the recommendations. The findings of veto, they would not be interested in the committee will be made public such an organization. The choice beeventually and may have considerable fore the delegates was failure at San influence upon schemes to reorganize Francisco or the chance that the new the executive department. organization might work, regardless of the veto power.

Not much of the work of the commission will be done by the twelve members but the study will be par-celed out to "experts." For example, former Secretary of State Henry L. demonstrates that the Soviet uses its power ruthlessly. This was not avail-able when the United Nations was Stimson has been appointed as ad- formed. There was a general underviser to the former assistant secrestanding at the time, however, that taries of state who will make a study of foreign affairs activities. Neither the friendship of the five great naof the former secretaries are among the twelve members of the commistions, with especial emphasis upon the friendship between Russia and the

United States. Consequently, the The chances are that the report on delegates at San Francisco took a this phase of the activity will reflect "calculated risk" in regard to the the views of Messrs. Harvey Bundy, veto. James Grafton Rogers and Mr. Stim-

son. They are, we presume, thor-

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Even now, there are few people who suggest that the United Nations or ganization should be thrown into the ash can. There still lurks a strong faith, even on the part of some Americans thoroughly familiar with the workings of the international organization. The idea persists that, in the course of years, the United Nations will function in the interest of peace and the chance exists, at least, that, in the course of years, Russia will become more cooperative. Says U. S. Air Force Is "Hopelessly Wanting" After five months of hearings, the

President's Air Policy Commission, composed of five members, recommends a substantial increase in the Air Force, asserting that January 1, 1953, would be the ultimate date on which the United States might consider itself relatively secure against atomic attack.

Up to this "A Day," when the nation is relatively free from the danger of sustained attack, the Commission found the Air Force inadequate and said that it "is hopelessly wanting" in respect to the time when a serious danger of atomic attack will exist.

The Commission recommends that the government spend, in 1948, \$1, 300.000.000 in addition to \$2,850,-000,000 currently scheduled and that, in the calendar year 1949 the total be increased another \$1,300,000,000. Suggesting that our whole defense pro; gram be reviewed at the end of 1949, the Commission recommended that, if no changes for the better occurred in world affairs, the military program of the nation be increased progressively. By 1952, it added, the Air Force should have seventy active groups, supported by large National Guard

oughly familiar with the practices and procedures of the State Department and, consequently, well-fitted to make recommendations for reorganization. The scope of the commission's work,

ever, does not involve critical ap-Many Members Of Congress Are Fighting Marshall Plan

> There are very few members of Congress who are outright in their opposition to the European Relief Plan proposed by Secretary of State George C. Marshall. Public sentiment, it seems, is strong enough to convince most of the politicians that they should approve the idea "in prin-

ciple This does not mean that the Con-The criticism is somewhat silly, however, if we turn back to the days gress will follow the recommendations of the Secretary of State, who suggests that at least \$6,800,000,000 should be made available. Mr. Mar-

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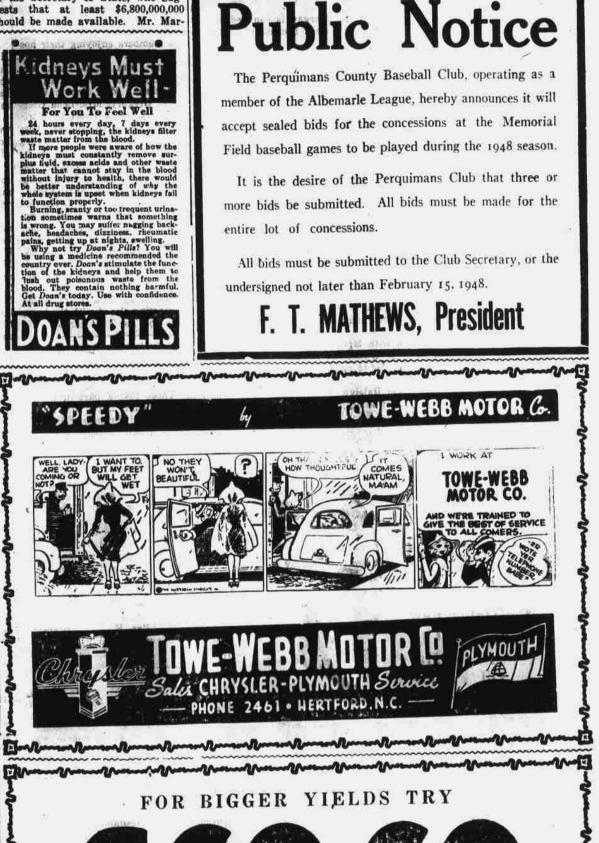
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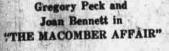
the rehabilitation of the democracies of Western Europe. The amount of

the appropriation is a detail but an important one.

appropriation, arguing that the sum ceived many useful gifts.

Miss Dianne Hurdle, who is row living with her aunt, Mrs. Calvin. As the Secretary of State sug- Banks, at New Hope, entertained a gests, dollars will not save Europe, number of friends at a birthday supbut without dollars, Europe cannot be per January 22. A beautiful birthsaved. Consequently, those who es- day cake formed the centerpiece for pouse the relief plan in principle are the table. Little Dianne, the daughcentering their opposition not upon ter of Mrs. Margaret Hurdle of Hertthe plan, but upon the amount of the ford, was four years old. She re-





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Veterans Cost Nation **One-third** Of Income Expenditures of the Veterans Administration were \$7,805,355,201 in the fiscal year that ended last June 30th. Thise compares with \$639,126,-697 in 1940. It might be interesting to point out where the immense sum

Payment on death claims under National Service Life Insurance was \$256,732,165; vocational rehabilitation of 211,800 disabled veterans cost \$190,103,992; education and job training for 1,862,633 veterans cost \$1,-534,683,008; for subsistence allow-ances and \$569,841,035 for tuition and equipment; readjustment allowance, times termed 52-20 pay, cost \$1,-447,916,418, and compensation and pension benefits to 2,354,297 living war veterans cost \$1,365,399,805, plus \$366,572,976 paid to dependents of

566,468 dead veterans. These items are interesting. They do not cover all of the payments made by the Veterans Administration but give the reader a fair idea of where the government is spending about one-seventh of its present in-

Truman's Requests Put Congress On The Spot President Truman has given the

ublican-controlled Congress some-Republican-controlled congress thing to think about in connection with his request for price control, rationing and other anti-inflation

powers. The Republicans, one may assume, are overwhelmingly against giving the President the powers that he re-quests. In this, they will be joined by a considerable number of Demo-crats. Nevertheless, those who fail to support the President will have to accept responsibility for a "destruc-tive" slump, if it comes about. The President's opponents will un-doubtedly accuse him of playing

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