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# What is Happening To The Merchant Marine?

Any major power must have a merchant marine, the U.S. included. No nation which is engaged in world trade and which would be a principal belligerent in the event of another war could afford to depend on the merchant marines of others.

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The sad fact is that our merchant marine has been declining — and at a time when those of other powers, have been increasing. On June 30, 1948, for example, we had an active fleet of 1,723 vessels of 1,000 gross toms or large, while foreign flag fleets consisted of 8,826 such vessels: As of June 30, 1953, the latest date for which figures are available, foreign fleets had risen to 10,732. By comparison on January 1 of this year our fleet, numbered only 1,203 vessels.

Even worse is the shipbuilding situation. As of July 1, 1953; the U. S. private merchant marine didn't have a single vessel, freight or passenger, under construction. England, by contrast, had at that time 2,144 freighters, and seven passenger ships either on order or under construction. Sweden, Norway, Japan, France and the other maritime nations all have active shipbuilding programs underway.

Finally, many of the ships now flying our flag are obsolescent or approaching it, and should be replaced.

Every American has an interest in the merchant marrine — and in the legislative problems and confusions which are undermining it.

## Truth No Object

It is an old socialist stratagem to attempt to inistead and delude the public as to the true facts about private enterprise.

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A prime example was recently aired. An Idaho electric utility wants to undertake a big and needed hydroelectric development on the Snake River. The socialist minded groups are fighting this tooth and mall and want the government to do the job on a tax-free, tax-subsidized basts. As part of their campaign, they have stated that the utility isn't representative of local sentiment and aspirations, because most of its stockholders live far away. A U S. Senator described it as "A New Ringland content, headquartered in Maine, having few if, any stockholders west of the Hudson River."

What is the truth? The utility has made the record public. It is owned by 10,360 stockholders, of whom 59.48 per cent live in the 11 Western'states. Forty per cent live in either Idaho or Oregon — as do all the company's officers and directors. Only 15 per cent of the stockholders live in New England.

No doubt the Senator was misinformed and made an honest error. But it's probable that this baseless charge will be repeated over and over.

WALTERBORO, S. C., PRESS AND STANDARD. "Dr. William Fletcher Russell, president of Teacher's College of Columbia University, in speaking at Mercer University, Macon, recently, stated that, 'On every hand it is obvious that something is wrong in the education of the citizen. Too few vote; too few take part in polities, too many condone corruption, the many look elsewhere, particularly to the Federal government, for direction and for financial handouts."

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Is was never intended, that the
Constitution of the United States
should be a static document, hopelessly rigid against the future.
When the Constitution was adopted the United States consisted of
13. former British colonies on the
Esstern seaboard; today it is the
basic law of 48 states from the Atlaintic to the Pacifit, from Canadato Mexico. When the Constitution
was adopted, the population of the
United States was about 3,000,000
persons; today, the population has
grown to 160,000,000. It would be
behaboring a point to compare the
numerous contrasts between 1789
and 1954 not the least of which is
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our deep involvement in the affairs of Europe and Asia.

Thomas Jefferson, who always feared the power of government, wrote:

"It would reduce the whole instrument to a single phrase—that of institutings a Chaptera with power to the whatever would be for the good of the United States; and as they would be the sole judges of the good of evil, it wends he also a power to do whatever will tree pleased.

"The Washington's Farewell Address this appears:

"It is important, likewise, that the habits of thinking in a free country should hapter caution in those intrusted with the administration to, confine themselves within their respective constitutional spheres, avoiding in the exercise of the powers of one department to emercal upon another. The apprix of emercalment tends to combinate them powers of air the algorithms.





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against McCarthy in the Army
there should be no early stanger
of the taking over However, offloers recalled last week how Maj.
Gen. Cornelius Fyan, commander
of the 1981 Infantry at Fort Dis
final phased Secretary of the Army
Slevens to complain that McCarthy's office had been bombarding
him, to get madial privileges for
McCarthy's excelde, Gerard David
Schine.

We receivly kidded Downbest mag for saying the capital of Tunter was Etanbul, after a Grouche Mary contestant said it was Constantinople. We said it was Ankara. Downbest rebuttalis: "Well man, it desends on the direction you're coming from Ankara is the capital of furter in Asia. But coming the other way Islambul is the capital of furter in Respect."

Well, man, ventre wrong again. Ankara's been, the Turkish capital since Con. 18th 1856. Just put on your specs, man, and look it, up, in the 1864 Weekly Almanac on race 375 or the Enorg. Brit. 55, edition. Griftyan capit read sem, just call up the Turkish Consulate Circle 7-500s. Now, so away I gates each, a plane!

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