

### Science Studying Winter Clothing

Dr. Paul A. Siple has reported that so far science has been unable to design the right kind of clothing for winter warfare. Both electrically heated and chemically heated clothing have been tried but neither have proven satisfactory. Dr. Siple, in his account of the matter, has suggested some kind of circulation system through tubing located in the clothing which would circulate a warming

### Air Travel Gains In This Country

Popularity of Air Travel is shown by figures compiled by the Air Transport Association. The report shows that the 7,754,107,000 passenger miles, expected this year, constitutes a 20 percent increase over 1949. liquid around the body. Dr. Siple disclosed these facts in a new book entitled, "Physiology of Heat Regulation."

### Commission Urges Fight For Better Schools In Nation

#### Must Maintain A Constructive Work While Defending Ourselves

Thirty-six prominent citizens today called upon Americans to continue to fight for better public schools during the period of mobilization, and were immediately supported by statements from Warren Austin, Bernard Baruch, General Eisenhower and Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt.

The thirty-six are members of the National Citizens Commission for the Public Schools, a non-profit organization to encourage citizen participation in public school improvement. The Commission which has now been in operation for about a year and one half is financed by the Carnegie Corporation and the Rockefeller Foundation. Roy E. Larsen, president of Time Inc., is chairman of the Commission.

"Of course, it will be necessary to adapt our plans for our schools to the immediate requirements of our expanding program for defense," the Commission members said in a public statement. "But those who are in the fight for better schools should be alert to secure for our schools a top priority in the new line-up of civilian activities that lies ahead.

"The conflict in Korea is obviously a part of a much wider one

### Heiress Divorced



DIVORCE BY DEFAULT is obtained by Mrs. Joyce Primrose Boozer, 40, of Los Angeles, who is heiress to a \$5,000,000 trust fund. Her ex-husband, Edward Francis Boozer, 30, is a disabled war hero. Mrs. Boozer is the mother of actress Vickie Lane. (International Soundphoto)

which has been smoldering for many years and which cannot be expected to die down in the immediate future. We are faced with the necessity of simultaneously continuing our constructive peacetime work and defending ourselves during many long years of tension. If, by threatening us, our enemies were able to make up abandon the efforts necessary to maintain and improve our free society, they would by threats alone have won a major victory."

Mr. Baruch, in commenting on the Commission statement, said, "I owe one of my greatest debts to teachers of my boyhood and feel that our teachers do most for our society and are recognized least. They have moulded the character and conscience of the nation and implanted our people with ethics, decency, character and the will to do the very best."

Mr. Baruch added: "We certainly must continue to strengthen the role played by our teachers in our schools. Education will help our citizens to distinguish between truth and falsehood, and thus better our chances for freedom."

General Eisenhower said, "To neglect our school system would be a crime against the future. Such neglect could well be more disastrous to all our freedoms than the most formidable armed assault on our physical defenses."

"The lowering totalitarian menace on the international horizon must not blur our perspective. America will arm itself and survive. But the gravity of our problems and the resolution required to end them emphasizes again that our chief resource is the American citizen's intelligence and understanding readiness and capacity to do his full duty.

"When real peace is achieved—as it surely will be, however distant it may seem—this will be a nation of better citizens, more conscious of their blessings, more resolute in their responsibilities, more dedicated to their freedoms, if even in these crisis-days we are

vigilant that our school system continues to improve in physical facilities, in the calibre of its teaching staff, in education for citizenship.

"Where our schools are concerned, no external threat can excuse negligence; no menace can justify a halt to progress."

Mrs. Roosevelt commented: "In spite of the necessity to increase our expenditures for national defense we must not curtail expenditures for constructive work and our progress in providing educational opportunities for our children. The success of democracy depends upon an enlightened citizenry and as the world grows more complex, it is even more important to continue our efforts in the field of public education."

Mr. Austin said, "There need not be world war, but the strength of the free world must increase—spiritually and physically. American education carries a heavy responsibility for contributing to this strength."

He added, "As I see it, this means that the nation must give high priority to its educational system. The needs of the county today cannot be met by schools adequate only for the demands of yesterday. The quality of teachers and buildings must be com-

mensurate with education's heightened responsibility.

"Building a stronger educational significance when the present condition of the nation's public school system is considered. According to the United States Office and the NEA, here in the situation of the schools today: Classrooms — half are overcrowded. Teachers — 54,000 more needed in elementary schools alone. Some 33,000 other high school and kindergarten teachers have substandard licenses and inadequate training. Buildings — 75,000 new classrooms needed this year; 150,000 class rooms are obsolete.

Causes lie mainly in World War II, when the birth rate rose and construction and repairs largely halted. Teachers turned to more profitable jobs during the war and inflation pushed up building costs.

In the next ten years, 500,000 new classrooms will be needed, costing \$13,500,000,000, without land. Peak enrollment in elementary and secondary schools will come in 1957-1958, with a total of well over 37,000,000 children, an increase of approximately ten million over present enrollments.

The Commission added in its statement: "There are two compelling reasons for pressing our efforts for better education. One is that this work is yet far from finished. The second is that this work tests and measures the integrity of our own democratic purpose. "It is our public schools which must bear the main responsibility for maintaining an educated peo-

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