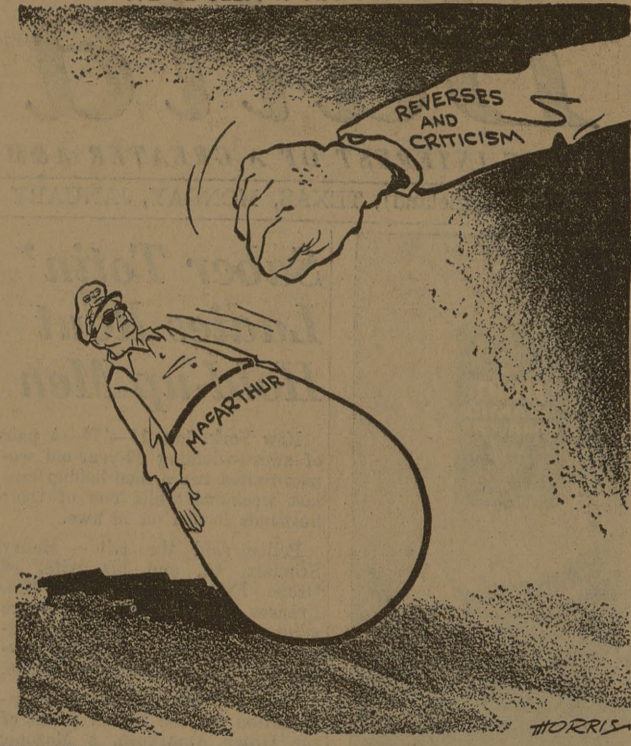


WE'VE SEEN IT HAPPEN BEFORE



Eliminating UMT Waste...

ARGUING whether we should have universal military service today is as passe as wearing Wilkie buttons. Universal military service in one form or another is one of the consequences that the United States must face as a result of its rise to the status as defender of democracy for the world.

Business pays for brains but does not always get them.

What Do They Think We Are?

THE PRIME ministers of the British Commonwealth nations, meeting in London, have instructed their United Nations delegates to work for a four-power conference of the United States, Britain, Russia and Red China to consider a settlement of the Far Eastern crisis.

sal military service are those people who have been intimately acquainted with the army and have observed at first hand the training it has offered in the past. Training of young recruits has often consisted of far too much making up beds, sweeping floors, and picking up cigarette butts.

Korean War Lost Says War Writer; Next Step Debated

(Editor's Note: Don Whitehead, world famous Associated Press war correspondent, has just returned from the frozen, warring front lines of Korea. A hard-hitting but equally sensitive reporter, Whitehead writes his own personal opinion and impressions of the fight of the U.N. forces to stay in Korea. He is not optimistic, as the article reveals.)

New York, Jan. 15.—(AP)—American troops and their United Nations Allies are heading toward a mass evacuation from the Korean cockpit of war. Overwhelming numbers of Chinese and North Korean Red troops are driving them into the southeast corner of the peninsula. And the bleak, bloody story of Korea is approaching an end.

Life would be simpler if the people on the earth were more sincere.

Take Willing First

SENATOR Lyndon Johnson (D-Tex) took a critical stand Friday against Defense Department requests for power to draft 18 year-olds when numerous recruiting offices for the Air Force and other services have reported they can't handle recent numbers of volunteers.

When the recruiting flood caused Air Force enlistment offices to close their doors for a two-day period last week we began questioning Defense Department hints for an 18-year-old draft.

Let's put every man in uniform who volunteers to go, then when there is yet need for more the 18-year-olds will feel like they are needed and likely be a little more willing to go.

Our friends among the Commonwealth nations may think the United States is stupid enough to swallow a thing like this. But it would have been considerate of them not to have put such an appraisal of our mentality on public record.

They know that the United States recognizes the Nationalists as the only legal government of China. They know that our agreeing to a Big Four conference with Red China as one of the participants would amount to transferring our recognition to the Peiping Reds. They must think that we would be too dumb to understand this or too craven to resent it.

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Red Manpower Unlimited

The Communists outnumber the United Nations forces possibly up to five to one. And the Reds are in a position to increase these odds against the Eighth Army almost at will with millions of manpower in Manchuria and in China.

Other Officers Disagree

But other military men—and I am sure they are in the majority—reason this way: Korea is not the place for the United States and her Allies to make a major war effort against Communism. Even if we could hold a beachhead, which is doubtful, then the Allies merely would be trading manpower with the Reds—pouring more troops into a fight already lost.

Production Only Can Beat Them

The situation in Korea also poses this problem: If the Allies cannot match the Reds in manpower, how can we hope to defeat them in event of another world conflict? Military men gave me this answer: In a world war, the Reds would hold a tremendous advantage in manpower. The Western nation could not hope to battle on terms of man for man.

Engineering School Offers New Option

A new industrial technology option in the field industrial education has just been announced by Dr. H. W. Barlow, dean of the School of Engineering. This program which has been under consideration for some time will prepare students for industrial occupations in the areas of safety, production, industrial relations, personnel and training.

Lynch Addresses Collegiate 4-H Club

The possibility of the Collegiate 4-H Club helping its members obtain jobs was discussed by Floyd Lynch of the Extension Service at one of the club's recent meetings. Lynch also gave the members some ideas about raising funds for the club during the 4-H Club Round-Up held on the campus during the summer.

Interpreting the News . . .

Ourselves, Not Russians Is Real Problem of West

By WILLIAM L. RYAN AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

A speech by an American business man in Paris the other day might be required reading for all our domestic cassandras. Philip D. Reed, president of the International Chamber of Commerce, put his finger on a weak spot. He said the real problem of the West is "not with Russia, but with ourselves—our fears, our confusion and our lack of faith."

They May Be Frightened: Reed is on firm ground when he says we have plenty to frighten and confuse the Kremlin. We have, and they have given a number of indications that they are frightened.

They Are Confused: The average Soviet "Grazhdanin"—citizen, man-of-the-street—the fellow at the bottom of the ladder in the curious Communist caste system, has heard the Communist drum-beaters day after day shouting about the American "atomshiks."

Builder Still Optimistic . . . The Grazhdanin is confused. He remembers that a few years ago the atomshiks were

the Russians' respected allies. But today Pravda tells him it was all a dream and that the Americans were no help at all in beating the Axis to its knees.

Just Too Official: If it were a lesser American, Pravda would have told the Grazhdanin all about it, screaming "war criminal." But from the President of the United States, such a statement looked ominously official, a strong dose of medicine.

Tired of Prodding: Well, we're tired of the prodding. We're fed to the ears with short-of-war grabs. By mobilizing, we are warning: "Go ahead and march if you dare, but look out."

'A' Bomb Shelter Business Off to Rather Slow Start

By ARTHUR EDSON

Washington, Jan. 15.—(AP)—The atom bomb shelter man says that for \$2,200 he can build a good safe place in which a family can hide. The A. B. S. man is J. M. Woods of Baltimore, who has been running ads in Baltimore and Washington newspapers. The heading reads: "Safeguard your family from the atom bomb."

ing," said Woods, who has spent 26 years in the construction business, with three years out for service in the Coast Guard.

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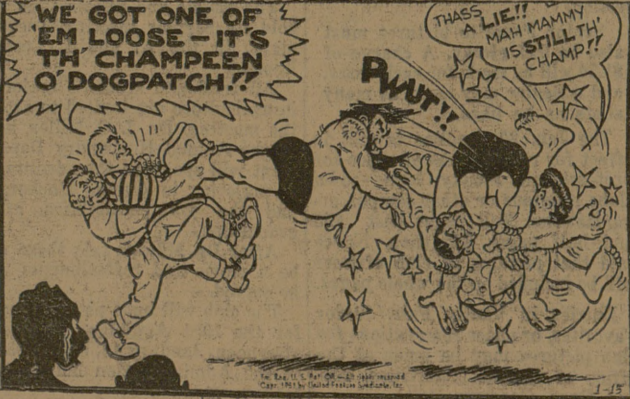
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