

WE NEED EUROPE'S STEEL

ONE way to get answer to Senator Robert Taft's question—"Can Europe be depended on to supply the steel which the Christian Science Monitor's editorial writer, Richard L. Strout, says is?"

"If Europe's steel production and potential capacity is so limited, it is not clear that it is going to be able to supply the steel which the Christian Science Monitor's editorial writer, Richard L. Strout, says is?"

It is, he adds, as simple as 2 plus 2 equals 4. "With Western Europe's steel on America's side Russia's long-term victory in direct appeal is virtually impossible. But if it did not, the Russian position, Soviet strength, the position of the United States would be perilous indeed."

Mr. Strout skips all the historical and philosophical reasons why the U. S. Democracy should help the Russian Republic regain its freedom from Russian aggression. He reduces the problem to acid, hard steel—the backbone of any nation's war-making power. In 1948, this was the production in metric tons of the

DOUGHTON LIVES UP TO HIS NICKNAME

THAT Congressman Bob Doughton's nickname was no accident has been amply proven by the events of the past few weeks. Although he knows there are plenty of shills about, Doughton is stubbornly steering his House Ways and Means Committee straight toward an excess profits bill along the lines of President Truman's recommendation.

Mr. Doughton has never given any reason to question his honesty and integrity. If he says that he believes his committee has a mandate from the House, he means it. He has written an excess profits bill, then he'll take his word for it. In all probability the Senate will not pass it, but that is not his business. He is in the House, and he is going to do his job.

It is we judge the symptoms right. Congressional sentiment has veered. Various business groups, some of them highly respected and notably broad-minded on national issues, have made a deep impression

OPPORTUNITY FOR SOUTHERN DEMOCRATS

DREW PEARSON'S column today points up one angle that has largely been overlooked in all the talk about the problem of the poor pedestrian—how to get across the street—would be solved.

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HERE'S TO MISSOURI AND TEXAS

THIS newspaper has repeatedly insisted that the so-called Fair Trade laws are a contradiction in a free enterprise society.

If two or more manufacturers of the same or similar products offer them for sale at the same price they are immediately suspect. An anti-trust suit is a possibility.

But it will stress after the product of a manufacturer at the same price to sell products which he is willing to sell. In fact, if they cut below established minimum prices they may get into trouble. At least that is the law in 46 of the 48 states, where Fair Trade laws prevail.

What brings this to mind is the fact that the American Fair Trade Council has been holding some closed meetings (not open to newspapermen) in recent days. The chief reason, apparently, is to tell their manufacturer-members how to operate in two states which have anti-trust laws to prevent price-fixing. Those states are Missouri and Texas. (Vermont has

THREE MAIN STEEL-PRODUCING AREAS OF THE WORLD

United States and Canada, 40,000,000 tons; Western Europe, 20,000,000 tons; Russia and satellites, (estimated) 75,000,000 tons.

With Western Europe's steel, including the United Kingdom, Russia would almost equal our production. Without Britain's 18,000,000 ton capacity, Russia would be dangerously strong.

On the other hand, there is little steel for Russia to take over in the Far East. Japan can produce 7,000,000 metric tons, Australia and India about 1,000,000 each, China and Manchuria only 100,000 tons apiece.

We hope that Senator Taft and others who doubt the wisdom of defending Western Europe will note Mr. Strout's conclusion:

"It is folly to ask 'Why should the United States defend Europe?' It is folly because physical capacity for waging war is still based on steel. Russia can't get steel in Asia."

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We've Got A Good Ally Fighting Yugoslavia For Us



THE GOP AND ITS PRINCIPLES

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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round Foreign Policy Fight Like That Of '18

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