

THOMAS L. ROBINSON... Publisher
J. E. DOWD... General Manager
B. S. GRIFFITH... Executive Editor
C. A. MCKNIGHT... Editor

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 1933

THE PITFALLS OF PUSILLANIMITY

TWO recent events illustrate the way in which the Administration gets in trouble when it retreats from its worthy policy. One event concerns "Buy Americanism"; the other "book burning"; or more properly said, removal of controversial books from government library shelves.

A few months ago the Defense Department let contracts for power equipment to Oregon's Chief Joseph Dam. American bidders won the contract. It then developed that a reputable British firm had placed a bid much lower than its U. S. competitors.

After considerable indignation over this unbecoming discrimination, the Secretary of Britons and some Congressmen and newspaper, the Defense Department later decided to call for new bids, because of some "misunderstandings over specifications."

Yesterday successful bidders were announced. A British firm won one of the main contracts with its low bid. But because the Administration did not award the contract to the low bidder in the first place, before inquiring reporters and the British got out the facts, doubts linger as to the Administration's sincerity in advocating trade, not aid, and decreasing commerce barriers with America's allies.

Regarding the Administration's position on "book burning," the President, the Secretary of the State, and the U. S. High Commissioner to Germany (where the issue has been much in

the news recently) long have been on record as upholding freedom of inquiry, of permitting enemies as well as friends to criticize openly the American system, thus to understand and appreciate it.

But, under pressure from Senator McCarthy, the State Department buckled, and removed from its reserves libraries not only books by Communists, but books by non-Communists who apparently don't think the same as Senator McCarthy and his investigators do.

The State Department has not as yet retained a portion of its stature as the Defense Department did in the Chief Joseph case. True, the President, Commissioner McClellan and Secretary Dulles have made fine statements. But as far as deeds go, the McCarthy policy still goes. Monday, Mr. Dulles said orders have gone out not to destroy books (only 11 had been actually burned) but to merely take them out of circulation, to other words, to the present Dulles position. It is a supine, cowardly position, repugnant to the ideals of any democracy, American or otherwise.

If the Administration wants to know why some people question the conviction and confidence of the Administration, it should let it profit from a study of these two incidents.



People's Platform

Letters should be brief. The writer's name and address must be given, but may be withheld from publication in the discretion of the Editors. The News reserves the right to condense.

No 'Substantial' Minority

Editors, The News: In your editorial Saturday, you stated: "We hold firmly, however, to the conviction that when a substantial and responsible minority objects to Bible teaching in the public schools, it would not be unwise but also productive of much distress of mind and heart to continue the minority."

I contend that neither a substantial nor a responsible minority of church leadership sponsored this resolution to ban teaching of the Bible in the Charlotte schools, and I think your editorial needs further explanation on this subject of the minority.

The constitutional procedure of the Baptist Church, as well as other sects with which I am familiar, specifically states that the church membership (the congregation) has the final word. Was this resolution adopted by the congregations of these 25 churches? It was.

Of the admitted total of 50 Baptist churches in Charlotte and Mecklenburg, belonging to the Southern Baptist Association, only 25 ministers signed the resolution. Twenty-five ministers dissented. Therefore, it was not a responsible minority as they did not speak for their congregations.

Moreover, The Charlotte Observer published the results of a poll taken about five years ago, showing that 75 per cent of the membership in the various denominations of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County and the Presbyterians led, with the Methodists a close second and the Baptists a close third, therefore, we must assume that these 26 ministers do not constitute a substantial minority, aside from the fact all Baptist ministers did not concur in the resolution.

If our Baptist friends wish to strictly adhere to the letter of the Constitution regarding separation of church and state, then the federal, state and local city governments should assess a tax levy against their property which is precisely the tax levy.

It is time that all Christian people should stand up and be counted on this issue. I would like to know how the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Ministerial Association stands on the issue. In view of the foregoing, it is my opinion that it would be productive of much distress of mind and heart to these approximate 3,000 students enrolled in Bible study to discontinue this course.

Why The Baptists Acted

Editors, The News: ALLOW me to express my appreciation of the editorial which appeared in Saturday evening's News in support of the ministers who oppose the teaching of the Bible in the public schools.

In no sense do I wish to enter into controversy with any of those who have opposed our resolution. There have been many inquiries as to why the issue was raised at this time I wish to make this explanation. At a recent meeting of the Baptist ministers, the speaker for the day gave as his opinion that the practice of teaching Bible in the public schools was a violation of the principle of separation of Church and State. The men who were present agreed with him, and a motion was made that the resolution be issued in the public statement. There was no dissent from those who support the practice or of those who are engaged in teaching.

As called meeting, a statement which had been prepared by a committee was submitted and unanimously adopted. As many of the men were not present we thought it but fair that those who approved of the statement should sign it, and an opportunity was given to those who were not present to do so.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON (AP)—George Malenkov has sent a private message to President Eisenhower, urging a four-power conference immediately. A Russian move is obviously aimed at bringing the Big Four together before the Big Three have a chance to meet. However, the President is going through with the Bermuda meeting first. He has taken to telephoning key Senators to push his legislative program, a trick that both Presidents Roosevelt and Truman used effectively. For example, he personally got on the phone to several Senators and swung them behind his Agricultural Department reorganization plan. President Eisenhower has asked the National Security Council to draft a policy statement on what our attitude should be toward Red China after the truce is signed. If Peiping demands diplomatic recognition, it may be a stumbling block at the later political conference to settle the final terms of the Korean peace.

'I Don't Smell Anything'

WASHINGTON (AP)—The date now set for the return of the old set of tires will be August 15. He will have come to the attention of a tire salesman, who is slightly less strenuous than the ordeal of the campaign itself. All the time he has been traveling in the Far East and now in the Middle East and Europe, Stevenson has been sending in reports on his impressions which have been widely read. Never, he said in a recent letter to his friends, did he write while you're traveling because it's just too much of a trial. In every country he has been received as a distinguished personage and that has meant a round of entertainment and a round of press has drawn the line at set speeches. But at receptions, lunches and dinners he has had to make a few "low remarks" that must be witty, friendly yet discreet. FIRST, A VACATION We hope to return here in looking forward to the first real vacation he has had since it all began with the Democratic campaign in 1928. He will be in the West Indies, Stevenson went to the West Indies for a sojourn in the summer of 1932. Much of that time he was reviewing his campaign speeches for publication in book form. Stevenson is now high on the best seller lists. The tentative plan is that Stevenson will shortly after his return to the north woods in Wisconsin or Minnesota for a month of complete rest and relaxation. Stevenson says he will go with him and they will loaf and fish with the nearest microphone at least 50 miles away. After this the Stevenson future is even more tentative. A plan is, however, shaping in his mind which he will set up firmly in the role of titular leader of his party. The plan is for a big Democratic rally to be held in Washington in the month of September. The exact form this would take is undecided. It might consist of a meeting of Midwestern Democratic leaders at a fund-raising dinner present to attach their signatures. We Baptists, as a denomination, have always stood for the absolute separation of church and state, and the action of the North Carolina Baptist Convention in declining to accept a grant from the Federal government of \$700,000 for the erection of a wing to our hospital at Winston-Salem should be accepted as evidence of our sincerity in advocating this principle. We deeply regret the necessity of opposing a movement which we admit has done much good. We are not "mad as a hatter," and are not out to "get" anybody. We admit that we may be mistaken, but in our opinion this practice is a violation of the principle of separation of church and state, and believing as we do, we could but oppose it. —WM. HARRISON WILLIAMS.

Scripture A Part Of Education

Editors, The News: THE first great colleges and universities in America were not state institutions, but they were religious foundations. Harvard, William & Mary, Yale, Dartmouth, and Princeton were established with the avowed purpose of serving the cause of religion. The first charter of the University of Georgia provided that every member of the faculty should be a believer in Christianity, and the first charter of the University of Mississippi required that the evidence of Christianity be taught. Rationalism during the last quarter of a century has impaired the faith of many people with reference to the Holy Scriptures, and if our nation should lose the cause of its loss will be its loss of the Bible. The American people are justly opposed to the union of church and state; but their zeal for religious liberty may easily carry them to the other extreme. It is a dangerous source of evil to exclude the Holy Scriptures from the field of education. —WARREN W. WOODS.

More Bible Classes Needed

Editors, The News: IT is ironical indeed to learn of any group of citizens raising such a furor and exerting organization to stop Bible classes in our public schools. The cry of constitutionality and oppression is ringing again as it should when any of our citizens are asked to attend Bible classes. This cry is still very strong although popular vote has long since made known its wishes through the national. A nation controlled by a religious organization is as doomed to collapse as a religious organization controlled by a nation. The recent interest in the Constitution, taken by the editorial gentlemen, smells very strongly of selfishness, jealousy and bigotry. Thank God this document guaranteed us the freedom to worship as we choose. If some see fit to learn of the Bible daily in school, it is their right; if some choose not to do so that is their right; if some refuse to attend Bible classes, that is their right. True these classes are usually taught by Protestant teachers. However, I studied Bible at Harvard under Mrs. T. S. Irwin (Miss White) one of the finest and most capable teachers I have ever known, and to this day I have no idea of what denomination she belongs nor can I venture a guess from her teachings. She did teach the Holy Bible (St. James Version) and my deepest regret is that I could not have been taught of religious sects stemming from their writings. Let's not cry stop, let's cry more. —P. W. RUNYAN.

Add! Other Top Democrats, May Get Together This Fall

WASHINGTON (AP)—The date now set for the return of the old set of tires will be August 15. He will have come to the attention of a tire salesman, who is slightly less strenuous than the ordeal of the campaign itself. All the time he has been traveling in the Far East and now in the Middle East and Europe, Stevenson has been sending in reports on his impressions which have been widely read. Never, he said in a recent letter to his friends, did he write while you're traveling because it's just too much of a trial. In every country he has been received as a distinguished personage and that has meant a round of entertainment and a round of press has drawn the line at set speeches. But at receptions, lunches and dinners he has had to make a few "low remarks" that must be witty, friendly yet discreet. FIRST, A VACATION We hope to return here in looking forward to the first real vacation he has had since it all began with the Democratic campaign in 1928. He will be in the West Indies, Stevenson went to the West Indies for a sojourn in the summer of 1932. Much of that time he was reviewing his campaign speeches for publication in book form. Stevenson is now high on the best seller lists. The tentative plan is that Stevenson will shortly after his return to the north woods in Wisconsin or Minnesota for a month of complete rest and relaxation. Stevenson says he will go with him and they will loaf and fish with the nearest microphone at least 50 miles away. After this the Stevenson future is even more tentative. A plan is, however, shaping in his mind which he will set up firmly in the role of titular leader of his party. The plan is for a big Democratic rally to be held in Washington in the month of September. The exact form this would take is undecided. It might consist of a meeting of Midwestern Democratic leaders at a fund-raising dinner present to attach their signatures. We Baptists, as a denomination, have always stood for the absolute separation of church and state, and the action of the North Carolina Baptist Convention in declining to accept a grant from the Federal government of \$700,000 for the erection of a wing to our hospital at Winston-Salem should be accepted as evidence of our sincerity in advocating this principle. We deeply regret the necessity of opposing a movement which we admit has done much good. We are not "mad as a hatter," and are not out to "get" anybody. We admit that we may be mistaken, but in our opinion this practice is a violation of the principle of separation of church and state, and believing as we do, we could but oppose it. —WM. HARRISON WILLIAMS.

such as was held in New York and Los Angeles. But a more ambitious idea is to bring the entire National Committee together for a two-day session with Stevenson the center-piece. At such a two-day meeting, the Democrats would elect Eisenhower as their Administration and the 82nd Congress. At the same time they would do some more work on the financial side. The New York dinner brought \$130,000 and the Los Angeles dinner brought \$100,000. Rumors have been circulating that the Democratic National Committee is to craft a financial strategy that consideration is being given to "furloughing" the whole staff for the month of July. Committee officials stoutly deny this. They do not, of course, deny that the committee has a financial problem. The deficit left behind after the costly and unsuccessful campaign of 1932 was \$800,000. This has now been reduced. Committee officials claim to \$200,000. However, the best record ever established by a party in defeat faced by cutting down a huge debt without the hope of government patronage or favor. MITCHELL HARD AT IT Chairman Stephen Mitchell, the Chicago lawyer whom Stevenson pushed out of the National Committee at his insistence, has been tremendously hard working. He has tried to put the committee on a businesslike, budgetary basis rather than the get it while you can and spend it fast approach of the past. A year's quota has been set for each state Democratic committee. Fund-raising methods are suggested but the responsibility is put on the state. This method has had varying success. Indiana sent in \$100,000. Other states have forwarded small amounts or nothing at all. Mitchell says that the committee will be used to retire the debt and how much to stay in business.

Man's Glands And I. O. Ought Not Exclude Him From Draft

By ROBERT C. RUARK tion in double time is a slightly ridiculous. A man's war with the maid is his own business, and if he takes on the responsibility of a bride, and the bride catches a cold, he is responsible for it. It is most certainly the gent's own problem. General Hershey, who has had his own share of suggestions that if a man were deferred, it was supposed that he would serve after completing his military duty. We will not change it, as the wives of any old reserves who suffered through the war will tell you. I expect there is no good way to run a manpower draft, no just way, but after over a dozen years of this kind of thing, I am still a flounder. General Hershey has admitted this in a letter, a nice letter asking for suggestions, and I am still at loss for a concrete answer, save one. DRAFT "EM ALL. There is no such thing as a free lunch, everybody who falls within certain age groups, and then let the government get out of the mess, the untalented from the stupid, the apt from the inept, and change the draft into a military academy. There would be colossal foulups, of course, but none so great as have been committed in the past. I am still a flounder, one man a civilian and the other a dogface. You may say that the country needs brains, and that it is better for a dumbson to go and get himself killed than for a brainy boy to win up a draft. In theory this is perfect. In practice, the dumb guy sets just as high a price on his own life as the smart guy. And it is still a land where freedom for all is supposed to abound as well as an equal shake for everybody in the administration of the nation. If look as if the draft of manpower for the war and preparedness for war, will continue a long time, I beseech only one thing, that the government should not cause his aides to set up some sort of permanent plan for conscription. Let it get going, and then leave it alone. The plan is to make a candidate for service, will know where he is and what to expect, and make the plan a permanent one. It is unsound from the start.

SCHEIDT HEADS IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

His first talk with newsmen after taking over as N. C. Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, Ed Scheidt stressed certain fundamentals that this newspaper has long held to be essential to the state's program of highway safety.

First, the department will run strictly on a non-political basis, in accordance with the wishes of Governor Umstead and Scheidt's own standards.

Second, the operation of the State Highway Patrol "is a professional job, and the officers and men engaged in it should be recognized and appreciated." Hence, officers of the Patrol will not be political appointees, but will come from the ranks.

Third, the basic and continuing objective of the whole department will be to improve the highway safety record in North Carolina.

We have no other points to add to that threefold program for the immediate future. It lays stress in the right places, and it seeks to correct the deficiencies of the past.

In the future, however, there is broader

CITY'S STREET NAMES COMPOUND CONFUSION

THE confusion caused by duplicated street names in Charlotte has long been a subject of much official discussion and public office action. On Monday of this week, an emergency call to the police department gave a dramatic illustration of the need for clearing up two confusion.

A man shot himself at 2211 Highland Ave. Two cars of the City Police Department were sent to answer the call.

The Greater Charlotte Street and Business Names List:

- 1. Highland Ave., off the 2700 block of Wilkinson Blvd.
2. Highland Ave., from Monroe Ave. to E. 4th St.
3. Highland Ave., from Franklin to South View (one block east of Wilkinson Blvd.)

THE CASE FOR THE ITEM VETO

THE President of the United States is often caught in a dilemma when an appropriations bill reaches his desk. The bill may include many spending items of which he disapproves. If he is not satisfied with extraneous "riders," despite Congressional rules to the contrary. Yet he must either approve, or veto, the whole measure. He has no authority to strike out or to reduce specifically any item.

This year three measures that would give the President the item veto power by act of Congress, and three resolutions that would amend the Constitution to specifically authorize the item veto, have been introduced in Congress.

Their backers point to the experience of the 38 states that grant their governors the item veto power as proof of its effectiveness in curtailing spending. In 1932, 35 bills in 11 states were reduced by \$89 million; in 1947, 42 measures in 11 states and two territories were cut by \$38 million through the item veto.

They point out also that the item veto power would not make a "dictator" of the President, since a veto can be nullified by a two-thirds vote in both houses of Congress.

Opponents contend, however, that the President might use the power to discipline individual representatives; and that Congress would be tempted to load appropriations measures with many indefensible projects and thus "pass the buck" to the President. It is possible, of course, that both results foreseen by opponents would occur. Nonetheless, there is no evidence that this has happened in the 38 states that authorize the item veto. And if the power can be

objectively for the new Motor Vehicles Commissioner in the general field of educating the public—and the members of the General Assembly—to some of the hard realities of the Motor Vehicle Age. North Carolinians are not only apathetic, they are even hostile to any highway safety programs that in any way inconvenience them or impair what they apparently believe to be their inalienable right to drive any kind of a wreck on the public highways they choose, and to drive it in almost any fashion that pleases them. This hostility is particularly strong in the rural areas of Eastern North Carolina.

Scheidt proved during his tenure at the Charlotte FBI office that friendly persuasion can often turn apathy and hostility into cooperation. He managed to build the very close and warmest co-operation with police and sheriff departments in all parts of the state. He is an eminent practitioner of the art of public relations, and will fully expect him to make substantially more progress toward making North Carolinians highway safety conscious than any of his predecessors.

4. Highland Ave., runs north from Fordson Ave. The police officers listed above discovered their error; they advised headquarters and were told to try the Highland Ave. that runs off the 2700 block of Wilkinson Blvd. There they found the dead man.

In the same case, it probably made no difference to the man who died quickly after firing a bullet into his heart, but it could happen very easily in an emergency that delay in answering police or fire calls because of confused street names could have fatal results.

The proposal to rename streets to eliminate duplication has been kicking around for a long time. There is no valid reason for further delay.

legally extended by act of Congress, instead of by a Constitutional amendment, it could always be withdrawn if it did not work out as anticipated. The Eisenhower Administration has not, to our knowledge, asked Congress for the item veto. It should do so without delay, for the President could do a much better job of trimming the excess from government spending if he could strike out, or reduce specifically, the items in the big appropriations measures.

Our own Dept. of baseball statistics reveals that most home runs are hit in the two minutes between the time when we turn off the game on the radio, and when we get it on again inside the house. — Alherby Citizen.

A spokesman for the industry says that a luxury tax on women's purses would be "a waste of time as if you put a tax men's pants pockets. You mean there isn't one!" Florida Times-Union.

These are times when all members of the upper house in Washington should be, not Democratic Senators or Republican Senators, but United States Senators—New Orleans States. Did you hear about the man who had a wife-proof, waterproof, unbreakable, antimagnetic watch? He just it—Corbett (N.Y.) Current Affairs. If you are in the habit of carrying a spare hand, go ahead and dive into strange swimming places.—Portsmouth (Vt.) Star.

Man's Glands And I. O. Ought Not Exclude Him From Draft

By ROBERT C. RUARK tion in double time is a slightly ridiculous. A man's war with the maid is his own business, and if he takes on the responsibility of a bride, and the bride catches a cold, he is responsible for it. It is most certainly the gent's own problem. General Hershey, who has had his own share of suggestions that if a man were deferred, it was supposed that he would serve after completing his military duty. We will not change it, as the wives of any old reserves who suffered through the war will tell you. I expect there is no good way to run a manpower draft, no just way, but after over a dozen years of this kind of thing, I am still a flounder. General Hershey has admitted this in a letter, a nice letter asking for suggestions, and I am still at loss for a concrete answer, save one. DRAFT "EM ALL. There is no such thing as a free lunch, everybody who falls within certain age groups, and then let the government get out of the mess, the untalented from the stupid, the apt from the inept, and change the draft into a military academy. There would be colossal foulups, of course, but none so great as have been committed in the past. I am still a flounder, one man a civilian and the other a dogface. You may say that the country needs brains, and that it is better for a dumbson to go and get himself killed than for a brainy boy to win up a draft. In theory this is perfect. In practice, the dumb guy sets just as high a price on his own life as the smart guy. And it is still a land where freedom for all is supposed to abound as well as an equal shake for everybody in the administration of the nation. If look as if the draft of manpower for the war and preparedness for war, will continue a long time, I beseech only one thing, that the government should not cause his aides to set up some sort of permanent plan for conscription. Let it get going, and then leave it alone. The plan is to make a candidate for service, will know where he is and what to expect, and make the plan a permanent one. It is unsound from the start.

Man's Glands And I. O. Ought Not Exclude Him From Draft

By ROBERT C. RUARK tion in double time is a slightly ridiculous. A man's war with the maid is his own business, and if he takes on the responsibility of a bride, and the bride catches a cold, he is responsible for it. It is most certainly the gent's own problem. General Hershey, who has had his own share of suggestions that if a man were deferred, it was supposed that he would serve after completing his military duty. We will not change it, as the wives of any old reserves who suffered through the war will tell you. I expect there is no good way to run a manpower draft, no just way, but after over a dozen years of this kind of thing, I am still a flounder. General Hershey has admitted this in a letter, a nice letter asking for suggestions, and I am still at loss for a concrete answer, save one. DRAFT "EM ALL. There is no such thing as a free lunch, everybody who falls within certain age groups, and then let the government get out of the mess, the untalented from the stupid, the apt from the inept, and change the draft into a military academy. There would be colossal foulups, of course, but none so great as have been committed in the past. I am still a flounder, one man a civilian and the other a dogface. You may say that the country needs brains, and that it is better for a dumbson to go and get himself killed than for a brainy boy to win up a draft. In theory this is perfect. In practice, the dumb guy sets just as high a price on his own life as the smart guy. And it is still a land where freedom for all is supposed to abound as well as an equal shake for everybody in the administration of the nation. If look as if the draft of manpower for the war and preparedness for war, will continue a long time, I beseech only one thing, that the government should not cause his aides to set up some sort of permanent plan for conscription. Let it get going, and then leave it alone. The plan is to make a candidate for service, will know where he is and what to expect, and make the plan a permanent one. It is unsound from the start.

Man's Glands And I. O. Ought Not Exclude Him From Draft

By ROBERT C. RUARK tion in double time is a slightly ridiculous. A man's war with the maid is his own business, and if he takes on the responsibility of a bride, and the bride catches a cold, he is responsible for it. It is most certainly the gent's own problem. General Hershey, who has had his own share of suggestions that if a man were deferred, it was supposed that he would serve after completing his military duty. We will not change it, as the wives of any old reserves who suffered through the war will tell you. I expect there is no good way to run a manpower draft, no just way, but after over a dozen years of this kind of thing, I am still a flounder. General Hershey has admitted this in a letter, a nice letter asking for suggestions, and I am still at loss for a concrete answer, save one. DRAFT "EM ALL. There is no such thing as a free lunch, everybody who falls within certain age groups, and then let the government get out of the mess, the untalented from the stupid, the apt from the inept, and change the draft into a military academy. There would be colossal foulups, of course, but none so great as have been committed in the past. I am still a flounder, one man a civilian and the other a dogface. You may say that the country needs brains, and that it is better for a dumbson to go and get himself killed than for a brainy boy to win up a draft. In theory this is perfect. In practice, the dumb guy sets just as high a price on his own life as the smart guy. And it is still a land where freedom for all is supposed to abound as well as an equal shake for everybody in the administration of the nation. If look as if the draft of manpower for the war and preparedness for war, will continue a long time, I beseech only one thing, that the government should not cause his aides to set up some sort of permanent plan for conscription. Let it get going, and then leave it alone. The plan is to make a candidate for service, will know where he is and what to expect, and make the plan a permanent one. It is unsound from the start.

Man's Glands And I. O. Ought Not Exclude Him From Draft

By ROBERT C. RUARK tion in double time is a slightly ridiculous. A man's war with the maid is his own business, and if he takes on the responsibility of a bride, and the bride catches a cold, he is responsible for it. It is most certainly the gent's own problem. General Hershey, who has had his own share of suggestions that if a man were deferred, it was supposed that he would serve after completing his military duty. We will not change it, as the wives of any old reserves who suffered through the war will tell you. I expect there is no good way to run a manpower draft, no just way, but after over a dozen years of this kind of thing, I am still a flounder. General Hershey has admitted this in a letter, a nice letter asking for suggestions, and I am still at loss for a concrete answer, save one. DRAFT "EM ALL. There is no such thing as a free lunch, everybody who falls within certain age groups, and then let the government get out of the mess, the untalented from the stupid, the apt from the inept, and change the draft into a military academy. There would be colossal foulups, of course, but none so great as have been committed in the past. I am still a flounder, one man a civilian and the other a dogface. You may say that the country needs brains, and that it is better for a dumbson to go and get himself killed than for a brainy boy to win up a draft. In theory this is perfect. In practice, the dumb guy sets just as high a price on his own life as the smart guy. And it is still a land where freedom for all is supposed to abound as well as an equal shake for everybody in the administration of the nation. If look as if the draft of manpower for the war and preparedness for war, will continue a long time, I beseech only one thing, that the government should not cause his aides to set up some sort of permanent plan for conscription. Let it get going, and then leave it alone. The plan is to make a candidate for service, will know where he is and what to expect, and make the plan a permanent one. It is unsound from the start.