Editorial Page A Free, Responsible and Aggressive Press THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 1952 Is Democracy's First Line of Defense



Michigan's Junior U. S. Senator, Blair Moody, wants the President and the mil-itary brass in the Pentagon to let the American people know more about some of the new weapons of destruction that have been developed since the end of World War II. Moody helieves that Russia knows about many of these new weopons, and that the people of the U. S. A. should be given i n f o r m a t i o n about them—the whole idea being to arouse our citizens from apathy and really realize how dan-gerous our position is regarding an offen-sive from Russia.

SENATOR MOODY IS CONFIDENT Stavarok MOODY IS CONTIDENT that various spices within the United States, from time to time, have obtained secret military information and have passed it on to Russia, with the result that the Soviet also has developed some of these terrible new weapons of destruc-tion.

from. Senator Moody has publicly stated that the military has developed more deadly war weapons since the end of World War II than were developed from that time back to the invention of gun powder.

WHILE WE AGREE that the American people ought to be told everything possible, short of "giving comfort and aid possible, short of "giving comfort and aid to the enemy", we cannot help wonder-ing why our national leaders, both in mil-itary and the government, have not shown-more concern for the nation's safety than they have - mine, according to Moody, they have known all about these terrible

new war weapons. Indeed, how messed up this whole do-mestic and world situation appears to be getting.

### Give It Time, Brother

Our national experiment in self-gov-ernment isn't working out as well as many people hope and/or think it can and whould. Even so, hadly run down as it is, it has developed the most opportunity for individual expression and progress. Materialistically, it produced and still does, more food, clothing, shelter and hixturies than any other half dozen ma-tions on earth. Mentally, spiritually, ethically, it still has a long ways to go to develop a race capable of wearing the toga of Unselfishness. High Ethics, and Brotherbood. of Unselfish Brotherhood.

But give it time, brother . ... give it time, a nd by time we mean many, many generations

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# ONE THING OR ANOTHER

-TAXPAYERS BEING PLAYED FOR SUCKERS-

the days of long ago, such were levied by monarchs used for their personal bene-ractically all of the monies eted. In those days the tax

From Our Point of View

• A Pennsylvania inventor has designed a feminine stocking which will make it unnecessary for the ladies to twist themunnecessary for the ladies to twist them-selves into contortionist posture to deter-mine if their hose "is on right". That is say, by arranging a knce-to-toe design on the front of each nylon, and keeping that straight, automatically the rest of the habiliment must be straight, too. "All of which," laughed one of Birmingham's most eligible bachelors," will now allow is to watch the gals both going and coming."

• Remember when Little Old Harry flat-ly told the U.S. Marines that they had built up a propaganda machine equal to that of the Kremlin? Yet Harry is too modest to admit that his own adminismodest to admit that his own adminis-tration has even eclipsed the Marines in that respect . . . or should we say "disrespect'

• If you were to inventory each of Mich-igan's Legislators, 100 in the House and 32 in the Senate, what quantity, and qua-ity of character and intelligence do you think you, would find? The answer lies, heads in the kind of State any emparate think yoi. would hnd? The answer lies, largely, in the kind of State government you have. It isn't as good as it ought to be . . . but what State is much better?? If a private business, handling the traffic and funds the State does, were in the hands of managers comparable to our public officials, such a business would be broke. Salf government incover b go broke. Self-government, you may be sure, is but the reflection of those who are presunied to govern themselves.

· How wonderful are the discoveries of • How wonderful are the discoveries of science! Those boys have just told the world how they can filter out most of the salt from salt water...enough so that the water is fit to drink. How much more wonderful if the scientific hoys (and girls) would develop methods to filter out dishonesty and double-talk from po-litical candidates. That kind of research certainly would pay off in the public interest.

 Baseball has its Hall of Fame and the movies make annual Oscar awards. Holly-wood could attract more good publicity for itself if it would annually award roses to those of its stars who are still wedded to the same spouse originally taken on. For most certainly the pro-miscuity that has accrued to some of taken on. For most certainly the miscuity that has accrued to some Hollywood's movie inmates has done much to lower the moral standards of this great nation.

So They Say . . .

Leroy Johnson, Congressman from Cal-lifornia, favoring U. M. T.: "Too long have we been frittering away our manpower like fat bacon on a hot skillet."

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## Happenings of Long Ago

Bits Of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric-The Items That Make Up The Historical Background Of The Birmingham Of Taday.

50 YEARS AGO April 4, 1902 F. B. Schanite, formerly of our rillage, has opened a cafe at 32 Cadillac Square in Detroit. He will be glad to have you call whenever you are in the city.

Wesley Goodwin has accepted a situation in the great hardware store of H. J. Willitt at Almont, Mich., and is proving himself worthy of the situation.

L. M. Hubert of electric fame made a flying business trip to Toronto last week, and aside from business interests had a jolly good visit with friends in the king's domain.

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Police Chief John Hackett re-day night and Brainetham double of the second se

Howard Cruit and Dr. J. P. Me. tai dentats, will participate in the par-tai dentat section of a clinic being the online have been nominated for sponsored by the Detroit efficiency te office of president of the Bir- club near week.

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mingham Lions club. The annual club election will take place in May, when other nominations will be accepted from the floor. Saturday morning sent sections of

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