PUZZLE NO. 739

Potpourri

There's a story about a farmhand who complained when he was told to sort potatoes; putting the good ones in one barrel and bad ones in another. He sat down and began the sorting, muttering angrily, "Decisions, decisions—all the time, decisions" Birmingham resident Russell Barnes reminded me of that story last week when I heard that he would be writing background material for the 1963 "Great Decisions" program.

BARNES CLAIMS that the need for people to be well-informed about American foreign policy problems to the property of the prope

"I THINK that now, more than ever, it is important for people to be well-informed," says Barnes, "because as leaders of the free world we have the responsibility for defending it and defeating the Communist effort to conquer the world.

"Unless we do the proper kind of job," he continues, the Communists will win. I don't think they are winning, but it's always necessary for people to be informed as to their responsibilities.

"Because if they don't realize what must be done, our Government can't do a proper job of leading the free world."

REASON NO. TWO for people to be well-informed, is a happy reason.

"I think we have come to a break in the cold war," he opines, listing the big victory in the Cuban crisis, the organization of the European Common Market and the Sine Bussian rift as causes of the warming-up period in the cold war.

"Now we are in a fluid state, and we must handle our selves properly. If we do, we may be able to improve our position more than it would have seemed possible just a few cold war months ago," says Mr. Barnes.

He agrees with other analysts that the Russian threat is waning and that China is Number One on our threat parade.

SO, TAKE it from Mr. Barnes and all the important organizations sponsoring the "Great Decisions": you should be well-informed. If you want to be selfish and ask not what you can do for "Great Decisions, but what "Great Decisions" can do for you, there's a good answer for you.

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Along with Barnes' commentary in the sponsoring Detroit News, films on each weekly discussion topic—from France to Laos—will be shown on television channel 56. Suburbanites can form groups in their towns by calling the University Center for Adult Education, Detroit headquarters for "Great Decisions."

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