Following our discussion Flyod has been following the interest he developed in the Forrastal case. He has come up with - ait tight - an artoile by Huie.

New American Mercury 12/50.

The copy he brought me is hardlt suitable for duplication.

It is unclear in some places, like a poor Apeco capy. In other places the material in the gutter of the bound magazine is not visible.

It is, however, the Huie I know, the Huie you want to know better, the Huie it will not comfort that "liberal "Memphis judge to known.

If you cannot arrange to get better copies, as I would think Ehlke can arrange, I'll lend you this one.

There are some obvious comments I have no reluctance in making. This is Huie the coldest of the cold warriors. Huie the anti-Semite.

"They" killed Forrestal because he was so perceptively anti-red.

He did buy the elections, as I recalled reporting. Forrestal, that is. The patriot beset by the subversives led by Truman.

The rest, the attitude, the honesty, the politics, the reasoning I'd rather have you see for yourself. This is the Buie of 1950.

If you can have clear copies made I'd like three, please, for which I'll repay you. One for me, one for the Whites and one for a Jew in Memphis.

I suggest that you consider that the fact that Hule would even write for the Mercury of that period has significance.

While I've gone through this only once, in haste, I also suggest that if you read it with care you'll get a better idea of the mind of the man.

Best.

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UNTOLD FACTS IN THE FORRESTAL CASE

IN THE TWENTY MONTHS since the I destruction of James Vincent Forrestal, there has been a creeping realization in this country that what happened was much more than a poignant personal tragedy — that it was an historic national disaster in which a partiot with vision was allowed to be done to death by lesser men.

The disaster is made apparent by events. Louis Johnson, for whose accommodation Forrestal was destroyed, has been loaded with sins and chased into the briar patch. We have suffered thirty thousand casualties in Korea who might have been spared had Forrestal's policies prevailed. Thoughtful Americans are, therefore, remembering that it was Forrestal who struggled to arm this nation for its commitments, and there is a growing inchmation to look again at his

crucifiers and their cloak-holders—at those whom Time Magazine identified as "disgruntled politicians, Communists, Zionists, and gossip columnists," and whom The Saturday Evening Past labeled "an ill-assorted group of ideological libertarians."

Much of the truth has thus far been suppressed, but the ghost of Jim Forrestal is not going to be laid until there are reasonable answers to such questions as these:

Why was the attack on Forrestal so reckless and sadistically savage?

Why have his papers been held secret?

Where is the report of those

who investigated his death?
Why was the deposed Defense Secretary held a virtual prisoner at Bethesda Naval Hospital — a prisoner who

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could not be visited by his own

The American people can expect some of the truth within the next few months. Unless the Administration can prevent it, there will be a Congressional investigation. There will be publication of such of the Forrestal papers as can be wrested from a Defense Department now headed by General George C. Marshall. Meanwhile, this most recent evidence gathered by *The Mercury* may be helpful.

The Communists, both American and European, had good reason to hate Jim Forrestal: he hated them. He emerged from the Second War dedicated to the destruction of Communism. He had opposed every concession to bring Russia into the war against Japan. He fought General Marshall's effort to force Chiang Kaishek to coalesce with the Chinese Communists. He battled those men in the State Department who tried to give the Mediterranean to Russia. Forrestal sat up nights figuring ways to fight Communists. And he was not only willing to fight them fairly: he was willing to fight their way.

In December, 1947, when France was paralyzed by a general transportation strike, Forrestal summoned his most trusted friends to Washington. He told them that necessity demanded the use of dollars in Europe for bribes. He explained that he had spent all of the Defense Department's 'non-voucherable funds as well as much of his own money, and that more wasnesded His friends produced \$50,000 mediately; the money was carried that night to Paris by an American intelligence officer and place next day to a prominent Communist leader. The strike ended within twelve hours.

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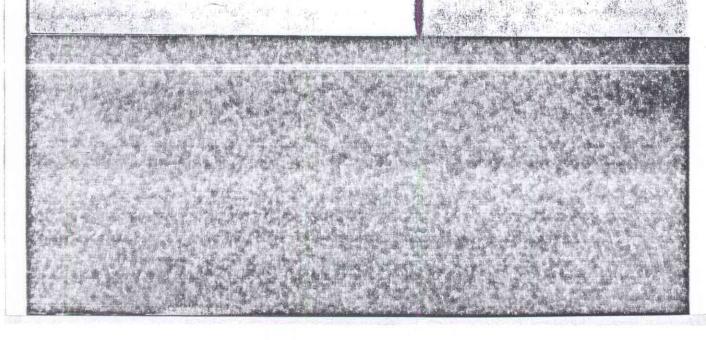
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A complete report on this phase of Forrestal's tremendous activity will be instructive . . and it will also explain some of the "sadistic savagery" of the at-tack on him.

While the Communists were plotting his political, if not his physical, death, Forrestal in-curred the hatred of American Zionists. According to the Nation, the Zionists 'deplored Forrestal's apparent willingness to place the oil of the Near East above the requirements of political justice in Palestine.

Forrestal explained his position in a letter: "If we are to safeguard Western civilization in this crisis, the British and American fleets must have free access to Near Eastern oil. That is a fact, however unpleasant it may be. When there is a crisis aboard a submarine, we close bulkhead doors and drown a third of the crew in order to save the other twothirds. I am interested in political justice in Palestine, but this in-

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terest must remain secondary to opposed the "Morgenthau Plan" universally acknowledged to have dustry. The plan is now almost for the destruction of German inmore Leftist animosity when he tion for its own selfish interest."
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father, an Irish Catholic contractor at Beacon, N. Y., had be a "Cleveland man." Jim Fee had remained a Democrar and a party contributor. At Room John D. Rockefeller Jr. vest's invitation he had resign restal, at Princeton, and design individuals as Harold Iclos ... He was admired by such diverwith all his characteristic entra and plunged into public server SIT self a millionaire in Wall Street the years when he had made had Forrestal was a Democra: :: \$180,000-a-year job in 15

President flatly refused to suffer the \$17-billion budget for ous of Truman, but he never at vealed it. Instead, even when the ence, was somewhat content that he, with his first-rate titioner of the expedient: he was and immense, world-wide exibusy and serious. fessional Legionnaire, no par no political opportunist, ne Forrestal was no poker plant man were friendly but not warn Forrestal's relations with Tra It is possette

trying to re-elect Truman. This friends; he ought to raise money groney; Forrestal was the big shot in this manner: they needed the White House. They reasoned enraged the political gang around should not take an active role in ire Wall Streeter; he had rich However, as Defense Secretary dangerous a period, For-Cabinet; he was a millionwas convinced that he

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One White House pseudo-mili-ary figure remarked: "Yeah, that ith s. o. b. has raised a million be's giving us chicken feed to buy backs to buy votes in Europe, It would, perhaps, have been

souri Gang for Defense Secretary.
The day after Truman's inaugusafeguard his job. But he didn't; and explained that he had to raise a million dollars in order to Louis Johnson did; so Johnson became the candidate of the Mishad called in his wealthy friends better for the country if Forrestal

nists, the "ideological libertar-ians," the Missouri Gang and buckets. the columnists manned the mud dom seen its like. The Commuration in 1949, the campaign to "get Forrestal" was thrown into get Forrestal was under the country has sel-

a climax, of Jewish babies by Arabs. a bedfellow of I. G. Farben and of the house. burglars and run out of the back he had once abandoned his wife to he was a personal coward, that was a renegade Catholic; and, as and he smirked over the murder in oil - Near Eastern variety the German cartelists, he bathed Fascist, a warmonger, a racist tax case. He was, of course, a defrauded the Government in a Forrestal was accused of having Pearson reported that

worry: that sonofabitch'll crack what we're dishing out to him. up in thirty days. He can't take heard reassuring a client: New York publicity agent was leard reassuring a client: "Don't Why was it necessary for them At the height of the campaign

to discredit Forrestal?

but remained loyal.

expecting to be fired, Truman had surprised him by saying: "Jim, man just accept his resignation? in the first place, Truman had tendered the customary resigna-tion to Truman. Why didn't Truwant you to stay on and complete I want you to stay with me. I know what you're doing, and I surprised him by saying: ing. When Forrestal had visited the job. Truman after the inauguration, There You have my complete are two explanations. ohnson by vacillat-

support." Roosevelt, had betrayed him and was convinced that Truman, like Johnson in New York when during January and February, and that he wouldn't get the job. fruman kept stalling Johnson was one bitter night tor he

to be discredited in order to make it "politically safe" for Truman and, in the second place, he had safeguard the job for Johnson had to be discredited in order to hrst maligning him. tics you can't fire a man without to fire him. In present-day poli-So, in the first place, Forrestal

strong. He regarded Truman and neither of whom would Johnson as political opportunists, his crusade to make this country he was emotionally involved in But he was now a dedicated man; have been upset by vituperation. Forrestal Under different circumstances probably would TOE

armed force; he had defied the realities of the world confuct man or Johnson understood the He didn't believe that either Try to trim sail in an adverse wind son would yield to the present pressure groups; and he felt, quite correctly, that Truman and John ing to country's armed force. groups and actually decrease He had dedicated himself to t:, SMCTEASE this COURTY Y

tragedy. Truman and Johnson did this is the essence of the Forter Forrestal was destroyed - 10 This, of course, is exactly wh 000

uary, February and March, son campaign. back. They spent \$35,000 to to counteract the Winchell-Perrestal's friends had begun igh: by the middle of The conflict raged through Jan January,

with Walter White chargin; been brought in against Forrestto divide the pressure groups organization aiding the Care this, the Urban League, 200000 vancement of Colored People is National Association for the 12 of Negroes, came vigorous. Forrestal's defense. The little the armed forces." To countered layed the end of segregation the Defense Secretary had Negroes on our ships League had assisted Forrestal combatting Forrestal's friends also Communism and

> agron Past. Porrestal columns from the Wash-Meyer dropped Pearson's antito Forrestal's aid. Responsible publishers tried to UNTOLD FACTS IN THE FORRESTAL CASE

on St. Patrick's Day. to his defense. To show that the thurch backed Forrestal, it was Sms of St. Patrick in New York ix him to address the Friendly March. So it was hastily arranged morary degree at Fordham, but and Forrestal needed help in efective efforts in Europe, rallied est planned to award him an etirely unaware of Forrestal's tricked as a renegade Cathoand married a divorcee, he was and drifted away from the church gared in a Catholic home, then a.n, which perhaps had not been because Forrestal had been

raining. If the Defense Secretary, as my support. try in this grave hour, then he eres that this measure is necesthe Cardinal said in effect, s endorsing universal military went to the unusual extent Cardinal Spellman, lauding For-At the St. Patrick's Day dinner,

and April first, but he wanted it wanted the resignation to be within forty-eight hours. "tran had demanded his resigair, for after ten weeks of such eting he was a fading man. forrestal's address was a sad

Eugene release it to the press, and state his case in a long letter and Forrestal's first decision was to in hand within forty-eight hours.

fighting within a year. that American troops would be the way of France, he predicted about how America was been drugged. He talked sadly friends thought he might have changed his mind and dictated his peared dazed and depressed. own brief resignation. to prepare such a letter. Then he asked his advisers in New York During March

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Forrestal

His

the Sun after his recuperation. that he would become editor of it was with the understanding to arm America against the Soviet that he could continue his fight make him editor of the Sun so threat. When he went to Florida friends discussed with him York Sun. It was their plan to proposed purchase of the New He showed interest when

to Florida to play some golf. Admiral that he was going down walked back with Admiral Denfeld, weeping, and he rold the sidered pinning on the medal, for he condecorating him - and Forrestal wept while the President was openly. The President insisted on ceremonies for Johnson. He wept tended the mammoth swearing-in On April first Forrestal atthe gesture an insult. He

On April fifth, there was a tele-

he has

Mr. Eberstadt reported that Forstadt in Washington to Robert A. phone call from Ferdinand Eber-Lovett in Hobe Sound, Florida.

"He is very, v Eberstadt replied. "Is he very ill?" Mr. Lovett invery ill," Mr.

Mr. and Mrs. Lovett and Hobe Sound. Waiting was a sinthe big Air Force Constellation der dropped plane was opened, the small lad-Forrestal. The door of the airat a small the Dew Drop, circled and landed gle automobile in which Four hours later, just at dusk, deserted field near Mrs. were suite, spent most of his time entirely alone. Mrs. Forrestal sailed

couldn't see his upper lip. As he came stumbling down that ladder man. His eyes were sunk, and I "I looked up there and saw him standing in the door," Mr. Lovett der the arms. He looked like a little, old Irish-He was alone. And he didn't look recalls, reached up and caught him unike the man I had known at all. and he looked so pitiful

S Mr. Lovett that "they" had gotica is going the way of France. catch us unprepared, tapped, and ten him, that he was being fol-lowed, that his telephones were the tail of the airplane and told women, After he had greeted the two he said: "They're going to Forrestal stood under he broke into tears Bob; Amer-

Menninger and Dr. George Raines. The illness was diagnosed attorney, John Cahill, York, arrived with Dr. ington and Forrestal's persona quiet, but next day he was worse thesda Naval Hospital Forrestal was returned During the evening he was occupational fatigue, Lovett telephoned Wash . William of New 0

seven weeks Forrestal was at Be human, and tragic developments here are a few of the strange, thesda may never be known, but Just what happened during the Forrestal, in his 16th

home place and is a highly re Maurice S. Sheehy, of Catholic older brother, Henry Forrestal, of Beacon, N. Y., and Monseignor interested in Forrestal were his for Europe on April 12th. Forrestal lives at the University, Washington, Henry the hospital and who were most Navy chaplain, was one of Jun spected citizen. Father Sheehv, a Two of the persons who visited Forrestal

and this investigation was con asked Father Sheehy, along with Mrs. vestigation had to be made in:0 facilitate this return, some inturn to the Catholic Church Henry Forrestal, to help him re-turn to the Catholic Church. To Forrestal's closest friends. Early in 1949, Forrest Forrestal's previous divorce, Forrestal had

caplained, Captain Raines, Hogan, but for reasons not yet psychiatrist in charge, refused request was noted by Captain

with his brother as well as with visited the hospital and talked this request. On April 12th, Henry Forresta

was sharp and incisive. He told me: 'I'll be all right. We'll pull out of this.' calls. "His eyes seemed clear; he I expected," Henry Forrestal re-Captains Hogan and Raines. Jim looked much better than

seedingly active man. in the sun. He has been an exin estate somewhere, among friends, where he can walk around the 16th floor. He needs to be on is not to be cooped up up there on Raines: "What my brother needs He told was the confinement in Bethesda What worried Henry Forrestal Captains Hogan and

ain Hogan replied, according to to talk with Father Sheehy. Capfoctors that his brother wished answered: "Yes." mentally okay?" Captain Raines Raines: "Is my brother Mr. Forrestal asked Captain Henry Forrestal also told the

was to see Father Sheehy. This as a Catholic. His first request hospital by Captain B. W. Hogan, ducted by Henry Forrestal Forrestal insisted on being listed and Captain Hogan noted that Forrestal was admitted to the times. And, of course, he will." asked to see the Father several On May 10th, 11th and 12th Forrestal: "Yes,

allowed to see Forrestal and each six times, each time asking to be time being denied permission by Sheehy had visited the hospital Captain Raines. the hospital. Meanwhile, Father Henry Forrestal again visited

see the priest. But Captain Raines Captain Raines and requested an explanation. Captain Raines, acwanted the priest to wait. mitted that Forrestal had asked to cording to Mr. Forrestal, Henry Forrestal confronted

man?" sited by a clergyman has hurt a heard of a case where being viwait, be weeks. Delays in such cases can asked. "How long do you want to rait, doctor?" Mr. Forrestal dangerous. "We have waited Have you ever five

see the patient "in time case, so he went to John L. Sullivan, Secretary of the Navy. Sullivan called Dr. Raines and was assured that Father Sheehy could under some sort of orders in the easily. After arguments with Cap-tain Raines, Father Sheehy got the impression that Raines was fullback, is no man to be put off along the lines of a Notre Dame Father Sheehy, who is built

mined to obtain his brother's Henry Forrestal was also deterrelease from Bethesda. He felt that if he could get Forrestal out in the sun, on some estate, and allow Father Sheehy to talk with him, that he would recover quickly.

Father Sheehy, in opposing Dr. Raines, recalled statements by Dr. Jung to the effect that "out of hundreds of patients there was not one whose problem in the last resort was not that of finding a religious outlook on life." And again: "No patient has been really healed who did not regain his religious outlook."

For Sunday, May twenty-second, Henry Forrestal had a travel reservation to Washington. He was going to make another effort to obtain his brother's release from Bethesda.

But it was too late. At 1:45 a. m. on Sunday, May twentysecond, Jim Forrestal escaped from his sixteenth floor prison to his death.

When he was buried in Arlington, Truman declared: "This great American was as truly a casualty of the war as if he had died on the firing line."

Father Sheehy declares: "Had I been allowed to see my friend,

Jim Forrestal, receive him back in the Church, and put his much at ease with the oldest and more reliable medicine known to man kind, he would be alive toda. His blood is on the heads at those who kept me from secing him."

Dr. Raines has nothing to tay though a formal demand has been made on the Navy by members a Congress for an explanation at the why Forrestal was denied to comfort of his friend and specime adviser.

Meanwhile, the people of the United States have paid in Ideas for the political opportunity which destroyed Forrestal in few years perhaps a monument may be erected to him, and a suitable inscription might be

ority was enthroned in Way ington, he stood forth as a ferrare mind, a dedicated appear an inspiring Renaissance may who understood the realths who, scorning opportunism, rowhis energy, his mind, and he life." — WILLIAM BRADIOZD 16.



DON QUIXOTES WITHOUT



They stand three-deep in the midrown Manhattan bars these days, and in the tonier bars in crety big city in America—looking studiously unhappy but recently shaved and quite clean. They are all, every suffering, sadiced one of them, underground

They own up to this themselves, with no urging. And they are not even poor but earnest students in the romantic nineteenth century tradition of poor but earnest students, not even bohemians using their souls for punching bags in two-hy-four curtainless, carpetters closets and living on what a self-bred rat would disdain; not even threadbare government clerks the way Dostoyevsky's original acidel was a government clerk, waiting at his inkwell and cougher in his vodka.

Underground Man Model 1950 evers a tie, buys shoeshines, gets

his hair tr washes his liquor, rol cabs, keep to his bus dough − € on (imagir is pregnant that the m: serious. An that every up and pluc goodies and erything h cleaned rec hired help; at has its I than not he

He is twe thirty-two War II's ans eration. But he is not a (not even bi the chips (1 runs out on

