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| forces has brought to light some rather odd thinking about the functions of a U. S. Cabinet officer. Some opponents of unification seem to feel that a secretary of national defense would be a sort of fuehrer who could dispose of any branch of the service on mere whim or prejudice. <br> A proposed bill by Senator Robertson of Wyoming, for example, would do away with this suggested Cabinet post, retain the present $W$ ar and Navy secretaries, and add a co-ordinator of national defense at the head of a effect of adding bureaucratic complications to a proposal which aims at greater simplification and efficiency through unification. <br> Under our system of government Cabinet officers are assistants to the President. They concentrate their work in particular fields of the President's manifold duties. There is a certain amount of independence connected with each office. But the officers are responsible to Congresi for the funds to operate their departments, and to the President on major policy. <br> It is a rare occasion when a Cabinet member goes over the President's head to act in opposition to his su- perior's wishes. When he does he usually finds himself out of a job, as Henry Wallace did after his Madison Square Garden speech. <br> In the light of these well-defined duties it seems odd that the idea of a secretary of national defense should fill so many level heads with alarming visions. The chief of a single defense department would co-ordinate the functions of the War and Navy Departments. He would also industrial resources. <br> His duties would cover a larger field than embraced by either of the present Cabinet posts now concerned with our defense. They would be comparable to the broad area of the State Department's activities. But the present War and Navy Departments would still exist in a separate though subordinate, capacity. And the new secretary would be delegated only a part of the power that has always resided in the President as Commander-in-Chief. <br> The unification question has been given the thorough examination that its importance deserves. All sides have had their say. It seems too bad that the issue should be the existing setup further, while calling it unification. |  |
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