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Gloomy Reading
President Truman's Air Policy Commission report,
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The commission says we can blunder into a war be-
Tore that time. But the five-year interval between then
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pbly sure of having a monopoly on the atomic bomb.
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generals and representatives of the aircraft industry,
might be discounted as propaganda from the militari
and the manufacturers who want a subsidized indust
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tive investigation is merely evidence of the seriousness
the situation.
yer and special assistant to the secretary of state from
1941 to 19.44. Vice Chairman George P. Baker was an
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Air Force colonel during the war, then head of interna
tional aviation affairs in the State Department and is now
with the Harvard business school. The three members
were Denver newspaper publisher Palmer Hoyt, Dun and
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year, military expenditures have been roughly $\$ 3,000,000$,
and $\$ 4,000,000,000$ for the Air Force plus naval a aviation.
This $\$ 10,000,000,000$ total, says the commission,
should be increased to $\$ 11,600,000,000$ for the calendar
year 1948 and $\$ 13,200,000,000$ for 1949 Of this last
total, $\$ 5,500,000,000$ should go for a strong defensive and
counter-attacking air force. In short, air power must be
the future first line of defense, instead of a strong Navy.
The projected total cost of Army
1952 would be $\$ 18,000,000,000$.
probably be used by the Moscow Radio, Henry Wallace
and the American Communists as evidence that the U. S.
is preparing for anoth
to be taken cautiously.
The Finletter commission apparently approached its
job with the idea that it wanted to work for peace. But
the farther the commission pursued its studies, the more
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convinced it became that the onily way to keep the peace
was to make the U. S. strong in the air. The outlay it
recommends for building up U. S. air power is therefore
the price of keeping the peace, and the price of maintain-
ing demoratic world leadership.
If this is correct. it leads to a number of sobering
thoughts. If the U.S. taxpayer is ever to get out from
under this burden of maintaining huge military establish-
ments, the U. S. government must dedicate itself to a num-
ber of parallel courses of action.
It must work still harder towards international con-
trol of a tomic energy and the outlawing of the atomic
bomb. Its ultimate goal must be world disarmament, and
the leaders of both political parties should be on record
to that effect.
There should be.still more determined efforts to make
the United Nations wofk. There should be renewed ef-
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