## EDITORIALS

 On The Arrival of May

## Crime On The Increase

Its annual orime report bulletin covering the period January-December, 1953. Both the num- ber of crimes committed and the percentage of

is highly prevalent in the summer.
Robberies, burglaries and auto thefts, how-
crimes in relation to the population continue

The F.B.I. reports that there were an es.
timated 2,159,080 major crimes committed in
the United States during 1953. That is an in-
crease of six per cent over the previous year.
months than in colder months.
One of the most interesting figures in the latest F.B.I. report is that whlch shows 58.6
per cent of an persons arrested for auto
thefts were 53.6 per cent were not old enough to obtain a regular drivers' ilicense in most states.
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were not yet 18 years of age and overt half
of all those arrested for crimes against propof all those arrested for crimes against prop-
erty (robbery, burglary, larceny, auto theft,
embezzlement, fraud, buying and receiving stolen property, forgery and counterfelting,
etc.) were under 21 years of age. It seems from these figures. that law en.
forcement agencies in the United states in. cluding the F.B.I. and state agencles should
concentrate their efforts on juvenile training, and character building of the nation's youth.
There is no reason why the crime rate in the Vessels To Be Returned

## \$4 Billions for Defense

## The French National Assembly recently adopted a defense budget totaling 925,000,000, 000 francs. The amount is equivalent to

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In addition, the French will receive from
the United States military aid to the extent the United States military aid to the extent
of $\$ 1,400,000,000$. Thus, the total money available for French defenses in the coming year
will amount to approximately $\$ 4,104,000,000$. The new French budget represents a slight
decline from last year's defense expenitures, The reduction is possible because of an in crease in U. S. ald. This is shown clearly in
the breakdown of the defense budget, which the breakdown of the defense budget, which
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Because the United States is financing the Indo-Chinese War, the French are free to confenses. Defense Minister Rene Plevin told the hat France does not yet have atomic weap ons, and therefore must meintain what he called a supply of classic weapons, as well as
attempting to develop new ones.

Sam Gets The Bite, Two Ways


## It's Your Country

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