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IKE—THE QUESTION MARK

By CHARLES V. STANTON

General Eisenhower continues to be the controversial figure in the forthcoming presidential campaign.

Objections are raised that we do not want a military man for president; that he is internationally minded; that he may lead us into a federation of nations; that he has no political experience; that we know too little of his administrative ability; that he will follow the New Deal and Fair Deal pattern.

We can dismiss the argument about his policies until we have heard his declaration of program. We can then make up our minds whether he is too far to the left or right.

An argument that we do not want a military man, *per se*, for president is not sound, in our opinion. A lot depends on the man. As a general principle, we would be inclined against a professional military man for the presidency, all else being equal. But in this particular case a military man, and particularly a man of Eisenhower's character, might be just the answer to our problem.

We are confronted with wars and threats of wars. We are being pushed around by military powers. Many of our important decisions of the next few months must be based on a knowledge of military strength strategy and ability. Eisenhower is perhaps better able than any other man in the nation to weigh and balance military factors.

Dealing With International Affairs

As to Eisenhower being internationally minded, we believe this to be a desirable attitude. Whether we like it or not, we must become more and more internationally minded as a nation. We can no longer keep ourselves aloof from world affairs. We can no longer let the Old World go its way while we do as we please. Domestic actions must be calculated with their relation to world affairs in mind. Certainly there are few men better versed in international affairs than Eisenhower and few men more adequately prepared by personal experience to know political leaders of friendly countries more intimately, or to better know the thinking of the people of those countries or the help most needed to strengthen their position as our allies.

That Eisenhower might lean too heavily toward internationalism is something we must consider. We must learn his opinions and the program he proposes.

A lack of political experience can be interpreted as an argument either for or against the general. Political administration is a science. Men having long experience in politics are, as a rule, better qualified for the executive job. On the other hand, by the time a man has gained political experience he usually has built up strong opposition.

Taft, for instance, possesses the political experience to be well qualified for the presidency. But while becoming experienced, he has caused the enmity of the opposition party to be centered upon him, while he has the leadership of organized labor solidly arrayed against him. Eisenhower, on the other hand, has no political friends and no political enemies, except as concerns personal opinion or prejudice.

Program Still To Be Learned

We have yet to hear his program. We must know where he stands on major issues of the times before we climb aboard the bandwagon. We have no doubt but that all issues will be clarified prior to the Republican nominating convention. Should he receive the party endorsement and become the Republican candidate for the presidency, he still must submit his case to the people.

His personality, proven ability in organization, his knowledge of conditions at home and abroad, would appear to give him many desirable qualifications for the presidency. The fact that he is a military man does not, in our opinion, weigh too heavily against him and may in fact prove advantageous.

That he has no political experience might operate against his candidacy in some respects, yet, on the other hand, he might be the man — having no commitments, no organized friends and no organized enemies — upon whom the country could unite in a spirit of harmony long absent from our political life and experience.



MENDING BASKET
Vahnett Martin P.O. Box 874, Drain, Or.

How important to the life of a community is the school? Not only in the "good old days" was the school the community center for every sort of neighborhood get-together for entertainment, but the school often served as a place of worship until a church home could be established. Drain is carrying on the tradition right now, for three different church groups use the Grade School auditorium for morning worship on Sundays.

At eight o'clock the Episcopalians, pending a church of their own, meet together in the school on the hill. At nine-thirty, the Catholics, also looking forward to a church of their own before too long, gather in the same place for their own service. At eleven the Christian Scientists use the auditorium, isn't it nice to share that way? And isn't it a sign of community harmony? In fact it is nice for everybody except maybe Dennis Lovelace, the caretaker, who gets up at five o'clock Sunday to make sure the auditorium is warm for the worshippers — and he makes no complaints other than to say it is a trifle early for a Sunday rising hour! And it is! However, says he, "It would be a cruel world if we didn't have churches . . ."

The clerks in the stores seem neighbors by now, and there is nothing impersonal about the telephone. The only drawback is the poor radio reception. We have to take potluck or do without, sometimes, yet the radio man says "there is nothing the matter with the radio when it is here in the shop."

ESTATE EVALUATED

The estate of Charles Clyde Henderson, who died at Sutherlin last Nov. 26, is valued at \$27,154, an inventory disclosed Wednesday.

The estate consists of \$7,000 real and \$20,154 personal property including \$13,611.47 savings in a Roseburg bank.

Appraisers were Leslie Gleason, Charles Wahl and Floyd Bringle. O. W. French is administrator. The estate of Charles C. McCarty, who died in Idaho last Sept. 30, leaving property in Douglas County, will be administered by Jack Noyes, according to a probate order.

It Can Mean Nothing but Good Luck



Fulton Lewis Jr. WASHINGTON REPORT

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SAN FRANCISCO—Rebel California Republicans who are refusing to go along with the "Favorite Son" presidential candidacy of the golden state's Gov. Earl Warren think they really have a chance of beating him in his own home state.

Impartial observers give them only an outside chance. But leaders of the rebel movement claim constantly growing support among Republicans who look with something less than favor on Gov. Warren's socialistically-inclined policies. Overconfidently or not, they predict a close race.

The "rebels" are basing their fight on two principal charges — one, that Warren actually is more "Fair Deal" in his program, with its socialized medicine, public housing, and other planks, than he is Republican; and second, that he wants the California delegation to the GOP national convention pledged to him so that he can deal with other convention leaders and swing the votes as he sees fit.

Publicly identified leaders of the rebel faction are Rep. Thomas H. Werdel, a second-term member of the House whose district embraces Central Valley, and John Francis Neylan, prominent San Francisco attorney.

Werdel is the nominal head of the proposed anti-Warren slate of delegates to the national convention. A veteran of many anti-Warren battles when he was a member of the State Legislature, Werdel has proclaimed publicly that he does not expect to receive any votes at the convention and that members of his slate would be completely free to vote there according to the dictates of their own consciences.

Werdel argues that Warren has led the California delegations to the last three Republican national conventions, and that in so doing he has accomplished nothing but to compound successive "Me-too" nominees for the Republican party who have regularly gone down to defeat.

Thus far, the Warren forces — on the surface, at least — have been pooh-poohing the rebel movement as something not worth bothering about. They may be right, but only time and the June 3 primaries will finally furnish the answer.

The rebels put on their biggest show to date just two days before the recent Republican National Committee meeting in this city, when they staged a dinner rally in the Palace Hotel here. Some 300 persons gathered to hear Werdel and Neylan castigate the Fair Deal, the governor and "me-tooism" with equal fervor. The crowd was somewhat disappointing, but that was generally ascribed to the fact that the meeting came in the midst of the worst storm in recent California history.

Efforts of some leaders at the ensuing National Committee meeting to bring about a semblance of peace between the state's warring Republican factions were futile. Nor does it appear likely that there will be any peace until the issue is settled by GOP voters in June.

Only two top California Republicans appear to have come through unscathed by either side thus far. One is first-term Senator Richard Nixon, who got a few caustic comments from the rebels because he had signed a telegram several weeks ago urging Gov. Warren to run but who otherwise was unharmed. The other is Lieutenant Governor Goodwin J. Knight, who has been waiting patiently for several years for Warren to move into higher things so that he could accede to the governorship.

Knight so far has stayed in a political shell and avoided any sniping fire from either side. Inasmuch as Nixon and Knight both seem bound to give at least lip service to the Warren candidacy, it's somewhat of a mystery why they escaped the wrath of the rebel group. But they did, both in public addresses and in back-room conversations.

California's other U. S. senator, William F. Knowland, came in for a bit more criticism than his colleague. Knowland originally went to the Senate in 1945 on an appointment by Warren to fill the unexpired term of the late Hiram Johnson. He since has been a Warren supporter, and was his floor manager at the 1948 Republican National Convention in Philadelphia.

Recently, however, there have been reports that his enthusiasm for the governor is on the wane.

Hear Fulton Lewis Daily On KRNR, 9:15 P. M.

Idleyld Park

By MRS. ARTHUR M. SELBY

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Lewis and daughters, Betty and Arlene, motored to Creswell, near Eugene, Sunday to visit Mrs. Lewis' mother, Mrs. Steeprow. Returning home in the snowstorm, Mrs. Lewis reported seeing many cars that had skidded off the road on Highway 99. When they were nearing Glide on the North Umpqua, a car just ahead of them went in the ditch and they stopped to offer assistance. The occupants were Mr. and Mrs. Dick Gilman, former residents of Idleyld Park, are the parents of their second child, Daniel Guy, born Dec. 28, 1951. The Gilmans left in October to visit Mrs. Gilman's mother in North Dakota.

The Douglas County Lumber Co. closed their sawmill operations Wednesday for the installation of a new carriage. The estimated time of closure will be two weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Dick Gilman, former residents of Idleyld Park, are the parents of their second child, Daniel Guy, born Dec. 28, 1951. The Gilmans left in October to visit Mrs. Gilman's mother in North Dakota.

After the heavy snowfall the first three days of this week, residents of the district welcomed the warm sunshine of Thursday. Loggers who had to keep on working despite the weather, were felling trees in snow knee deep. Now, as welcome as the sunshine after bleak days, are the signs of early spring for the pussy willows are bursting their buds.

Weight-Distance Truck Tax OK By N. Y. Court

ALBANY, N. Y. — New York State's controversial weight-distance tax on big trucks was upheld by a state Supreme Court justice Thursday.

Justice Harry E. Schirck rejected contentions of truckers that the law was unconstitutional. They said it discriminated against larger vehicles.

The tax ranges from 0.6 to 2.4 cents a mile on the loaded or unloaded weight of trucks weighing more than 18,000 pounds.

The law was enacted by the 1951 Legislature as part of Gov. Dewey's program to make the larger vehicles share more of the cost of state highways. The tax applies to in-state and out-of-state trucks operating in New York.

The action challenging the law was brought by the Empire State Truck Operators and Allied Industries Committee. The truckers are expected to appeal the decision.

Schirck said none of the truckers' arguments "were of sufficient weight to warrant holding the law unconstitutional."

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

By FRANK JENKINS (Continued from Page 1)

TEEN-AGER who risked her life to save four children from a burning log cabin.

Margaret Frye (the teen-ager heroine) was acting as a baby-sitter for eight children when fire broke out in the log house. She saved four of the eight, suffering such severe burns that she was in the hospital for three months.

At the same session, the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission awarded the Bronze Medal to Donald Wallace, of Portland. Donald saw a little girl walking along the railroad tracks at Multnomah Falls, up the Columbia from Portland. A train was thundering toward her from behind. She didn't see or hear it. After a wild sprint down the track, Donald snatched her from under the engine's wheels just in the nick of time.

Whatever you do, DON'T SELL OUR YOUNG PEOPLE SHORT. There may be an occasional bad apple in the barrel, but I'd bet my life the percentage of bad apples is no higher now than in the past.

Just for a change, read this one from Sydney, in Australia, down under the equator, where it's SUMMER when it's winter here: "A severe heat wave scorched the entire eastern half of Australia today, with temperatures of more than 100 degrees for the eighth straight day."

Reader Opinions

Need Of New Highway On Lower Umpqua Cited

Reedsport is as a long time resident of the lower Umpqua section of the county, I am intensely interested in the highways of this section and especially so in Oregon Highway 38, better known as the Drain - Reedsport highway, which is carrying an enormous load—in fact, too much. For years I have been advocating a new, better and more acceptable highway that will open up a vast country which needs highway transportation while relieving the present narrow and overcrowded highway from Reedsport to the interior. The highway that I believe should be built, with money that will in my opinion be wasted on improvement of the present highway, should be built on the north side of the Umpqua River, across the Smith River, from East Gardiner to Scottsburg.

Oregon's two lane highways are handling more freight and travel than average highways throughout the country. This fact is now coming close to home because you cannot find another water grade highway, like that of 38, connecting 99 and 101. As a result many Grayway country they have tramped many cross-country miles to embark on a river boat to secure the necessities of life from another community. Last year the mail boat was taken off, leaving them without river transportation, other than their own craft.

The way to stay off the hook always has been to get on it. Therefore, the proposed eastside highway would make possible the right hand turn and clear the way for increasingly heavier traffic.

This proposed highway is most feasible and will open up hundreds of acres of homesteads. Looking over the records, I find that these now inaccessible stock ranches, farms, dairy ranches and homes were, in some instances, settled in the 1850's. Some patents were signed by President Grant. All these years these good people have been without roads; but each year they get their taxes notices and pay taxes as they come due. For years they have tramped many cross-country miles to embark on a river boat to secure the necessities of life from another community. Last year the mail boat was taken off, leaving them without river transportation, other than their own craft.

ROBERT GRUBBE
Reedsport, Ore.

Glide

By MRS. ARTHUR M. SELBY

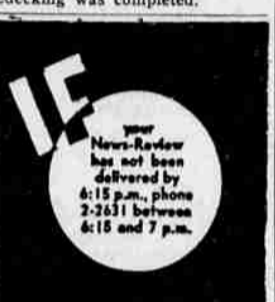
The snow, which started falling last Sunday and did not stop until Wednesday, piled up a lot of fun for the youngsters of the community. However, two of the young fryns suffered minor injuries. Danny Kelly (1st grade) was hit in the eye by a snowball Tuesday on the school playgrounds and his father was called to take him home for beefsteak applications to the injured eye.

Wayne Kennedy, on his way to school Wednesday, was hit on the nose by a snowball and it was necessary to take him to Roseburg for medical treatment because of severe bleeding.

Caroline Kinne is confined to her home with measles. Caroline, 10, is in the sixth grade.

Bill Steadman, Glide's basketball center, who chipped his ankle bone at last week's game with Canyonville, will be unable to play the rest of the season, by order of his physician.

Three weeks ago, work was started on repairing the approaches and the redecking of the Lone Rock Bridge. The first week, traffic was held up daily from 45 minutes to an hour, as it could not be rerouted over the river. Last week (the second week) residents of the North Umpqua Road were given a break as the crew only worked every other day, but traffic was held up longer, over an hour. Milk and bread deliveries had to keep their regular schedules to the stores east of Glide but the wholesale grocers stopped deliveries. This week, work on the bridge was again resumed, but Thursday the workmen stated the redecking was completed.



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A-Bomb Vastly Over-Rated, Officer Says

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. — The chief of the Armed Forces Special Weapons Project says the atomic bomb is vastly over-rated in the public mind.

"People must become aware that the A-bomb is not as all powerful and all destructive as it is reputed to be," Lt. Col. Gerald M. McDonnell told the 16th annual International Medical Assembly here Wednesday night.

"We'd all be dead right now if the bomb could do everything that has been attributed to it," he said.

"It is a conventional weapon, subject to the same laws of physics which control all other explosives."

McDonnell said that radiation danger especially is misunderstood.

"If you're caught in the field of radiation, you'll be killed away by the effect of the heat and blast," he said. "So, there's no point of worrying about radiation."

He said the best A-bomb shelter is a hole in the ground.

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