

It Might Have Been Different Had Acheson Defended Himself, In Opinion Of Analyst Marlow

By JAMES MARLOW

WASHINGTON (AP) — James Thurber once suggested in a story that if Gen. Grant had been plastered when Gen. Lee called to surrender, Grant might have surrendered instead.

This was in the grand tradition of writers who try to imagine what might have happened if things had been different. It's a fertile field which, however, can't be carried back to the very beginning.

If some one, for instance, tried a story, called "If Adam Had Ignored Eve Altogether," the results would hardly have been worth writing about.

But when the history of our day is completed there will have been plenty of wondering on what might have happened if Secretary of State Acheson had been more aggressive in handling the critics of him and his foreign policy.

The Republicans, as Samuel Lubell says in his book, "The Future of American Politics," have been "howling... for Acheson's English mustache."

From time to time, it is true, Acheson and his aides have attempted answers to Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy and other Republicans but, compared with the vigor of the attacks, the answers have been mild, indeed.

Sometimes it has seemed as if Acheson, who has maintained almost a marble silence in his own personal defense, thought that if he paid no attention to McCarthy and the others might go away.

Instead of diminishing the attacks on the State Department, on Acheson's foreign policy and on Acheson himself have increased until now they are one of the main issues in the campaign.

When Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower took office on that foreign policy week ago, Acheson told a news conference, in answer to a question, that he might consider making a reply in a speech to be given this week.

That same day one of his assistants explained the secretary wanted to be very careful not to get involved in politics. But the fact is, the Republicans have been involving him in politics for years with their attacks.

On the human side, he must be increasingly lonely. If his name was mentioned once at the Democratic convention in way of praise, I don't remember it. And the Democrats in this campaign spend little time defending him, at least by name.

In view of the nature and intensity of the attacks on him, the

historians of the future will certainly wonder why he has been reluctant to get down to a rough-and-tumble with his critics.

It is possible, although perhaps not likely, that if he had been more vigorous in defense of himself and his policies neither he nor they would be a campaign issue today.

Those same historians of the future, and maybe psychologists, too, will have a question which may never be answered:

What would have been the national attitude toward, and the effectiveness of, Acheson, his foreign policy and the State Department if he had pursued his critics with bareknuckles instead of buffing them with polished restraint.

His critics, some of whom are not themselves distinguished for restraint, will always maintain, no doubt, that he couldn't defend anything he had his hand in.

A good example of Achesonian mildness toward his critics was displayed in that promised speech he delivered Thursday night.

In a talk at Kansas City to a labor organization Acheson spent the first half of his nine-page speech explaining the trend of Soviet propaganda and Moscow's treatment of labor.

In the last half he defended his foreign policy, without ever mentioning the Republicans by name.

More Infected Hogs Will Be Slaughtered

PORTLAND (AP) — State Agriculture Director E. L. Peterson was expected Friday to issue an order condemning another group of hogs found to be infected with the disease, vesicular exanthema.

The infected swine were discovered Thursday in two lots including 160 hogs on the Cervetto Hog ranch in north Portland. The fate of another 700 or 800 hogs on the ranch was undetermined.

Some 500 infected hogs were ordered killed earlier and their slaughter began Thursday. Payment for the hogs has been a controversial issue for several weeks.

Eisenhower Democrats Form Pendleton Club

PENDLETON (AP) — Twenty registered Democrats here have formed a Democrats for Eisenhower Club with former Mayor Hugh Bowman as temporary chairman.

The group adopted a resolution criticizing "bungling and corruption of the present administration."

Bowman had a meeting scheduled Friday with Republican Sen. William Knowland of California who was here for the annual Round-Up Westward Hot parade. William Hansen, county Republican central committee chairman, said he believed the local Democrats for Eisenhower group was the first of its kind in Oregon.

LIGHTNING STRIKES TWICE

MURRAY, Utah (AP) — Lightning struck a fuse box at the Ralph F. Smith home and the family was without hot water for several days. A week later, lightning struck a transformer, sizzled down a power line and out the kitchen stove.

"Flames shot out about two feet into the room," said Mrs. Smith.

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ROSEBURG'S DRAFT QUOTA for September was only one man but transfers from other boards added five men to the contingent leaving for Portland Wednesday. Shown just prior to their leaving are: (L to R) Walter P. Hansen, Glide; John C. Westphal; Milo; Charles W. Hibler, Roseburg, and John H. Warren, Winston. Hansen is the only man inducted by the local draft board. The quota for Roseburg for October is seven plus all transfers. (Staff Photo)

Reedsport Registration Climbs; New Classes Prove Popular

By DAWN PESEAU

Late registrations have increased the Reedsport High School enrollment to 288 students. Of that number, 86 are freshmen, 76 sophomores, 78 juniors, and 48 seniors.

New and specialized courses are proving popular, school administrator Jack C. Flug reports. The Spanish class, which inaugurates a foreign language department in the Reedsport high school, has attracted a large number of students, as has the new physics course. The journalism class has increased steadily since the opening of the production of a school year, with plans under way for the student body's yearbook, initiated this year, is attracting an enthusiastic following.

Class Officers Listed

Class officers elected for organizing student body activities for the year include: senior president, James Campbell; vice president, David Hicks; secretary, Lois Flinn; treasurer, Carolyn Knutson; and student council representative, Sharon Bates.

Juniors president, Earl Palari; vice president, Bob Wheeler; secretary, Judy Allen; treasurer, Julia Tabor, and student council representative, Tim Judges.

Sophomores elected an all-girl governing body, including president, Alice Laskey; vice president, Rose Marie Morris; secretary, Rose Marie Lovelace; treasurer, Patty Van Note and student council representative, Gail Thompson.

Freshmen named as president, Larry Kirk; vice president, Rhea Hensault; secretary, Joyce Martin and treasurer Dolores Allen.

School Board

Board members of Reedsport high school district U 13 are: William Wessela, chairman; Byron

Next Few Weeks Will Tell On Power Outlook

PULLMAN, Wash. (AP) — The passing of a few more weeks may bring the Pacific Northwest even more acute industrial power troubles than face it now, members of the Columbia Basin Interagency Committee were told Wednesday.

The warning came from Erwin C. Hannum, Portland, deputy to Bonneville Power Administrator Paul Raver.

"If adequate rains do not come, firm power loads also may have to be curtailed," he said.

The BPA already has cut its supply of interruptible power to Northwest industries. Hannum said the present water shortage for producing electricity is approaching that of the lowest year on record.

Three Northwest governors, Arthur Langlie of Washington, Douglas McKay of Oregon and Len Jordan of Idaho, were present for today's committee meeting.

The group named Yakima as the site for its October meeting.

The term "museum" derives from a Greek word meaning "temple of the muses."



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New Polio Cases Are Reported Over Nation

WASHINGTON (AP) — New cases of infantile paralysis reported last week set a third successive weekly record at 3,824 cases. This put the total for this "disease year" ahead of the similar period in the record 1949-50 year.

Announcing this Thursday, the Public Health Service said the number of cases to date for the "disease year," starting with the week ended April 5, reached 26,039 on Sept. 6. This compared with 25,429 for the similar 1949 period and 14,220 cases in the comparable span last year.

The new cases reported in the week ended Aug. 23 totalled 3,503, to top the old mark set at 3,416 during a week in August, 1949.

Then the corrected total for the week ended Aug. 30 was announced today as 3,569 followed by the new record of 3,824 for the week ended Sept. 6.

Oldtime Entertainment Condemned By Historian

CARBONDALE, Ill. (AP) — A historian has delved into the entertainment in variety houses of the Old West and doesn't blame on-lookers for kicking up a ruckus now and then.

Dr. Harold E. Briggs of Southern Illinois University searched old books, newspapers and memoirs for details in his study. He reports:

"One of the hardest problems of any manager was that of maintaining good order. It was inevitable that the early variety theaters where liquor was served so freely were subject to drunkenness and acts of violence.

"In many places the acts presented were no doubt as good as many offered in burlesque or vaudeville. But, in general, there variety theaters were found more worthy of condemnation than of praise."

Discourtesy Causes Many Traffic Deaths

NEW YORK (AP) — At least 25,000 traffic accident fatalities result annually in the United States from acts of discourtesy on the road, says a report by the Greater New York Safety Council.

Among the most frequent violations of good driving etiquette are disregard of speed limits, passing other cars on hills or curves, hogging the road, failing to dim headlights for approaching cars, and refusing to wait for pedestrians crossing the street at the moment the traffic light turns.

No Charter Embarrasses Lehigh Medical Society

ALLENTOWN, Pa. (AP) — The Lehigh County Medical Society, after 100 years of operation, has finally gotten around to "making it legal" by applying for a charter under the non-profit corporation law.

The embarrassing lack of a charter was revealed when it was decided to make a minor amendment in the society's by-laws.

The first legal step was the dissolution of an old 1910 organization known as the Allentown Academy of Medicine.

Angry Woman Won't Tell Where She Lives

HOUSTON (AP) — An angry woman called Mayor Oscar Holcomb at 1 a.m. yesterday to ask, "Where are you going to move this dead dog from in front of my house?"

"Where do you live, lady," the mayor asked.

"I'm not going to tell you," she replied. "I'm just going to leave it there and see how long it takes for you to find it."

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California Minister Admits Part In Fantastic Swindle

AUBURN, Calif. (AP) — A prominent Presbyterian minister was named by District Attorney Al B. Broyer Friday as the confessed master mind in a fantastic \$23,000 swindle in which, he said, the pastor posed as a woman.

Broyer said that the Rev. William C. McCalmont, minister of the First Presbyterian Church of Roseville, and Harry Daniels, Southern Pacific trainmaster at Roseville, had admitted bilking the operators of a fruit stand of their life saving on Aug. 24.

The two men, arrested Thursday, were held in the Placer County jail on formal complaints charging grand theft. McCalmont is moderator of the Sacramento Presbytery.

Sheriff Charles Ward quoted the minister as saying he had made three trips to the home of the victims, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lemos of Loomis, "with the intention of taking the money by violence" but had decided against it.

The Rev. McCalmont and Daniels went to the Lemos home on the night of Aug. 24—after the minister had delivered his Sunday sermon. McCalmont was dressed as a woman, wearing a wig.

The pair represented themselves as Federal agents. They told Mrs. Lemos they had learned the couple kept a large sum of money in their house and the Treasury Department was prepared to investigate.

The visitors advised the woman to get the money out of the house, else Lemos would get 10 years, if it was found. She accepted the offer to take the money on the assurance that it would be returned the following night.

Sheriff Ward said.

Admits His Defrocked

"Rev. McCalmont made a complete confession in the presence of witnesses. I had been calling him by his title of Reverend and he stopped me, saying, 'Call me Bill. You are an honest man. You have defrocked me'."

Ward said he called the minister in for questioning Thursday afternoon after learning that McCalmont had made large deposits in three Placer County banks.

The sheriff said the pastor, after reading a newspaper story on the

Demand For Lumber Expected To Increase

PORTLAND (AP) — The demand for lumber is expected to continue at a slightly better pace than in the first half of 1952, Walter S. Johnson, president of the Western Pine Association, said Thursday.

He said that timber growth can keep well ahead of needs by "full development of tree farming on public and private lands."

Johnson, head of the American Forest Products Corp., here to address a meeting of the association, said the major future problem of the industry would be holding lumber markets against such competitors as aluminum, plastics, glass and fiber.

Some progress toward getting more federal access roads in Western forests was reported by Leo V. Bodine, executive vice president of the National Lumber Manufacturers Association, Washington, D. C.

He formerly was with Potlatch Forests, Inc., Lewiston, Idaho.

POLIO EPIDEMIC

PORTLAND (AP) — Oregon's polio epidemic this year may become the worst on record, a State Board of Health officer said Thursday.

Dr. S. B. Osmond said the 100 cases reported in the past month have brought the total to 250. Hardest hit were Umatilla, Harney and Malheur counties.

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Lane County Official Faces Recall Movement

SPRINGFIELD, Ore. (AP) — A group of Lane County residents living near here say they will start Monday on a recall move against County Judge Day T. Bayly.

Ed Harms, attorney hired by the group, said the signatures of 5,150 county voters are needed to get the recall on the November ballot. He said the filing would be made Monday, and the petitions would start in circulation later in the week.

Bayly said he was not aware of any basis for the recall effort and expressed confidence that the matter could be cleared up.

But Dick Eymann, spokesman for the group whose officers are identical with those of the Mohawk Valley Improvement Association, said Bayly had brushed them off without a hearing when they wanted a drainage ditch along a rural road, and then they found many others who had grievances against the county judge.

The Mohawk Valley Association is a group similar to a chamber of commerce, for a region north of Springfield.

Truman Names Horne To Lead Small Plants

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Truman Friday named John E. Horne of Alabama to head the Small Defense Plants Administration. He has been deputy administrator.

Truman gave Horne a recess appointment immediately after accepting the resignation of Telford Taylor, effective next Monday.

Taylor, in a letter of resignation, assured the President that the agency's program for steering more defense contracts to small business is "set on its way."

Taylor, a New York lawyer, said he was leaving because of "my personal necessities" which his letter did not disclose. The President accepted the resignation "regretfully."

Welfare Of Indians Object Of Conference

SALEM (AP) — The Governors' Interstate Indian Council will meet here Sept. 17-19 to discuss methods of raising the social and economic status of the American Indians.

Gov. Douglas McKay said the following states will be represented at the meeting: Washington, California, Nevada, Utah, Wyoming, North Dakota, South Dakota, Arizona, New Mexico, Montana, Idaho, Colorado, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Oregon and Oklahoma.

Gov. McKay said the only solution to the Indian problem is to do away with discriminatory laws and practices, and to promote progressive measures to enable Indians to be absorbed into the rest of the population.

Fifty Oregonians Die In Traffic Accidents

SALEM (AP) — Fifty persons died in traffic accidents in Oregon during August, making it the worst month so far this year, Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry said Friday.

There were 276 persons killed in the first eight months this year, five more than in the similar period of last year.

FISHING TRIP

PORTLAND (AP) — Sen. James Duff (R-Penn.) plans to take a three-day fishing trip on the Rogue River after visiting Portland Sept. 22.

He is scheduled to meet here with Republican leaders then address the Oregon Food Merchants Association.