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## WASHINGTON AND KOREA

Charles V. Stanton

Well, General Ike has talked with President Truman. We may never learn all the details of that historic meeting. Certainly much of it was highly secret. Ike undoubtedly has been briefed on progress in atomic development, including the dread H-bomb. He has, we presume, been told of secret and undercover intelligence reports concerning Korea, Europe and the other hot spots of the world. He probably has an outline of the administration's plans and policies.

Ike, we expect, did much listening and little talking. It will be his job to determine how best to make the transition from policies now in operation to those he decides to adopt. He will be saddled for a long time with commitments of the present administration. He cannot dispose of its vast bureaucracy overnight, even should he decide, as we believe he will, that the structure must be reduced in size. Nor can he make too many immediate changes in fiscal policy without possible damage to national economy. He will be required to determine first the policies to be pursued by his administration and then gradually substitute his own ideas for present methods.

Persons who expect speedy changes by the new administration will be disappointed. Changes must come slowly and in accordance with a thoughtful program if we are to avoid serious economic consequences.

The briefing Ike has received should be of much value in forming his administrative plans.

### Now Off To Korea

Ike's next major activity, we imagine, will be his promised trip to Korea.

Some effort has been made to dissuade Ike from taking the trip. Despite the danger involved, however, he cannot avoid the risk after having promised the American people that he would go to Korea in person to ascertain what can be done to end the war honorably.

As a military man, Ike well knows the importance of firsthand information. He can learn much more from a survey of the battle area and personal talks with the military command, than from all the intelligence and strategy reports that could be piled on a dozen desks. We rather imagine Ike will not confine his talks to the military Big Brass. He doubtless will meet some of the buck privates, corporals and sergeants and learn what the men on the firing line are thinking.

The bluster and boasting emanating from the Communist China press and radio indicate that the Reds are afraid of Ike. Otherwise they wouldn't be so threatening. They are doubtless convinced that Ike will not be nearly so soft as our present administration has been, nor will he be so easily outsmarted. The Commies doubtless will be put on the offensive rather than pushing us around at will as in the past.

### May Intensify War

We face the prospect that the Korean war will be intensified. We may be committed to much larger participation than at present. Ike, as a military man, doubtless believes in victory. We doubt that he will be content to follow the British system of fighting a police action for years without end. Consequently he probably will insist that the Korean phase of the struggle be brought to the earliest possible conclusion. This might mean reopening the civil war in China with the remote possibility of bringing Russia into the conflict.

We don't want a third World War. But, if a third World War is necessary, we would be better off to fight it now while we still have some resources left, than to wait until we have been bled white, as the Russians intend and as the Truman administration has so cooperatively assisted.

Before Russia can fight a war in Europe she must have full control of China, Manchuria and coastal islands. Her vast underbelly is exposed to the Chinese border. Unless that border is in safe hands, and her outer defenses set up off the coast of Asia, she is vulnerable to heavy bombing in her production centers, located behind the Ural range of mountains. So long as there is any doubt about her security in China, Russia isn't in position to overrun Europe. Certainly she cannot fight two wars on such widely separated fronts. Therefore, the Korean situation holds an important place in the whole problem of world peace.

Ike's visit to Korea could easily become an epochal event in world history if thereby he is able to devise the plan that will force the war abscess to a head.

## Scraps From the Mending Basket

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If I were thinking about a Christmas book-gift for a child or for a teen-ager, one thing I'd do would be to check over the books which have been awarded the Newbery and the Caldecott Prizes. A bookmark with the lists printed thereon may be secured from the State Library at Salem; perhaps also from the local library. PTA library chairmen probably have the bookmarks, too, as the Douglas County Council chairman, Guy Lutz, was handing them out at a recent meeting. As you probably know John Newbery opened the very first bookshop for children on New Year's Day in London, 1765. The Newbery Award goes to the author whose book is the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children; the Caldecott to the illustrator of the most distinguished picture-book.

The Newbery books have always been of special interest to me, but I have been slow in getting around to read "Amos Fortune," by Elizabeth Yates, (Aladdin Books) last year's award winner. It is a beautifully written book concealing in its simplicity the great amount of research in which the author engaged. For Amos Fortune was a real person who lived long ago. He seems real to the reader, too, before the last page of the little book is reached.

Amos Fortune's name is on the headstone of a grave in the cemetery at Jaffrey, N.H., a town of about 2,000 people, just north of the Massachusetts border. If you are in Jaffrey you may see—now that Miss Yates, with the help of the N.H. State Librarian and many others, has found them—the actual papers which Amos Fortune carried in his pocket and treasured as beyond price. You see, he was a slave for many decades, and the papers proved that he became a free man. (I wonder if one must be imprisoned, either physically or mentally, before one can truly appreciate freedom?)

Amos wanted everyone to be free. He figured that he could not change the whole world but he could—and did—change that part of it which came within his power to change. The reader, adult or younger, will not soon forget Amos Fortune.

The 1952 Newbery Award went to "Ginger Pye." Have you read it? It is worth the time of any parent, I venture to say, who keeps up with the best in juvenile literature—better yet, reads them first and uses them as a bridge..

"Allow Me to Introduce Myself"

## Fulton Lewis Jr. WASHINGTON REPORT

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WASHINGTON, (AP) —The Voice of Americ has joined the Republican Party. This unfortunate occurrence is an additional and unnecessary burden for President-elect Dwight D. Eisenhower.

It was on November 7 that the Voice made the switch from the Truman administration to Eisenhower. In an international broadcast, the Voice described Eisenhower's victory as "sensational" and stated that the incoming President would "eliminate any wasteful and undesirable elements (in the Government) including those with Communist leanings."

This change of face probably startled global listeners of the Voice, if there are any. Prior to November 7 the Voice avoided mentioning scandals and the last thing in the world its State Department masters would have ever admitted is that the administration harbored anyone on the payroll with Communist leanings. It just goes to show how fast a bureaucrat can jump a fence once he is convinced it's good politics to do so.

The Voice of America could be cleaned up and made into a respectable, worth-while organization. In its present form, it ought to be retired, along with its instigator and first director, William Benton, of Connecticut, the unlamented loser of a senatorial election in his state. Benton got swamped by more than 100,000 votes but like most Fair Dealers in defeat, he endeared himself to the American people with this post-election statement:

"This election shows me that our American people need adult education more than I thought they did."

Not even Truman can top this for arrogance, although the President will probably try before he's through.

Benton set the pattern for the Voice of America and it has been in the same rut ever since. It costs us taxpayers approximately $80,000,000 a year to maintain the miserable blathering that clutters up the airways daily. For instance, on November 7, the Voice broadcast:

"The international policies of the new Republican Administration constitute a powerful continuation of American foreign policy as it has been generally developed since the war."

If the men and women behind the Iron Curtain who love freedom heard this, they must have been unable to conceal their despair.

Since the war we have permitted Russia to gut Europe, take over China and entangle us in a war in Korea. At the current rate, if the Republicans continue this administration's foreign policy, the Russians will be in Seattle, Wash., by Christmas.

What the Voice of America should be telling our allies behind the Iron Curtain who are still able to listen is that the new administration ought to dump 90 per cent of the bubbleheads in the State Department and employ a few non-Communist Americans who aren't scared of the Russians.

It won't do much good just to dump Secretary of State Dean Acheson. The foreign service corps ought to be gone through with a fine tooth comb, weeding out everyone who has ever played footsie with the Reds. Many of them have been double-dealing with the Russians for twenty years and unless they are lopped off, a new secretary of state won't have any more of a chance to break even with the Russians than the late President Roosevelt did with Alger Hiss at his elbow at Yalta.

Mr. Truman and Acheson, of course, can't wait to get their hands on Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, Gen. Eisenhower's state and defense department liaison with the administration. They have a nicely labeled gimmick to cram into Lodge's head. It's called "building peace through strength," a slogan adopted from the Soviet government.

After spending $75,000,000,000 up to the eve of Korea, the Defense Department had a hard time rustling up a platoon of tanks for the war there. In Berlin, on the firing line with the Russians, we have 5,000 under-trained and under-armed soldiers, very few of whom have had any combat training. The North Atlantic Treaty Organization is falling apart at the seams, and the State Department is hamstringing Japan and dragging its feet in promoting a Pacific military pact.

We had the strength once, and probably there would be peace today if we had maintained it. But Truman, Acheson and Company frittered it away. They dumped tanks in the ocean, crushed bombers and fighters with bulldozers and denied arms and ammunition to our only ally in the Pacific worth having, Chiang Kai-shek.

That is the backbone of their "peace through strength." If Lodge buys it, he will be a bigger menace to our security than Truman and Acheson combined.

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

## BIRTHS

**Mercy Hospital**

HANKS — To Mr. and Mrs. William Carson Hanks, 2041 Morris St., Roseburg, Nov. 16, a son, Dennis Carson; weight, eight pounds six ounces.

BARTLETT — To Mr. and Mrs. Roger Clayton Bartlett, 340 Eastwood Ave., Roseburg, Nov. 12, a son, Robert Lionel; weight eight pounds one and one-half ounces.

ROGERS — To Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Andrew Rogers, 1150 Ballf St., Roseburg, Nov. 12, a son, James Vincent; weight seven pounds nine ounces.

McTAGGART — To Mr. and Mrs. Holden Rutledge McTaggart, 1710 E. Douglas St., Roseburg, Nov. 14, a son, Turf Cameron; weight eight pounds ten ounces.

McKIRDY—To Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Erwin McKirdy, Kellogg Rte., Oakland, Nov. 12, a son, James Kenneth; weight seven pounds nine ounces.

### Very Few Employees Can Be Fired By Ike

WASHINGTON (AP)—Robert Ramspeck, Civil Service Commission chairman, says a new president can hire and fire only about one-half of 1 per cent of all federal workers.

Ramspeck, in a recorded radio interview last night, said that this amounted to approximately 2,500 out of more than 2½ million federal employes.

## In the Day's News

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meeting with President Truman.

Vacation! Heh! Heh! Heh!

Would you call it a vacation if you went fishing and everybody and his uncle barged in to see you on red-hot business matters? That's what has been happening to Ike during his Georgia vacation.

For four years at least—and, we hope, for eight—hair down, carefree, nothing-to-do-but-loaf vacations are OUT for Ike. Wherever he goes, work and heavy responsibility will go along.

That's what LEADERSHIP means.

Senator Taft is urging General Eisenhower to set a timetable for congressional action on what Taft considers the most pressing matters which demand congressional action. He tells a news conference in Washington this morning that in his opinion the most urgently pressing matters are:

The budget, taxation, the question of whether the government reorganization act should be renewed possible extension of wage and price controls, proposed amendments to the Taft-Hartley law and new authorizations for foreign aid.

Senator Taft is a BEAR for work. He can never see any reason for sitting around and twiddling thumbs when there is WORK to do.

If the country is to be got back on an even keel, there is a LOT of work to do. The new administration faces the hard fact that from here on out words are of little value, but DEEDS are immensely important.

From Korea:

The South Korean government is planning a mighty welcome for Eisenhower's visit to Korea. The President-elect's trip is supposed to be shrouded in the utmost secrecy, but today a 15-man South Korean committee disclosed it is making plans for a huge show. And it says South Korea will foot the bill for flowers, posters, arches and a full regalia of the biggest reception in the history of Seoul.

Steady, Ike.

Those are danger signs—as nobody knows better than you. Many a great cause has got bogged down in a round of flattery and social affairs.

Don't let 'em pour it on too thick.

A word to old Syngman Rhee:

Better cut down on the big SHOW.

You're getting off on the wrong foot. Ike doesn't fall for that kind of stuff. He'll be pleased by a warm welcome, but what he wants is a welcome of SPIRIT.

You'll be wise if you'll lay off on the flowers and posters and the arches and the regalia and save your resources for FIGHTING COMMUNISTS.

That's what will make a hit with Ike.


MY PAPER HASN'T ARRIVED YET

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## Reader Opinions

### Pari-Mutuel Betting Opposition Surprises

ROSEBURG — Reading the final election reports, I was surprised to observe the total vote cast against pari-mutuel betting on races, although I have read many articles concerning this bill.

I am not a racing gambler, but to me going to a race without placing a small wager on my favorite horse would be like going to a church and not putting an offering in the contribution box.

As I looked at the figures against the bill, I wondered how many of those who voted against it really ever enjoyed a horse race or bet a dollar. I wondered, too, if they knew that part of every dollar goes to pay for the races, which includes payments to horse owners and riders as well as to county fairs, the general fund, old-age assistance and relief.

We read that some called it "tainted money." But I have never heard of anyone refusing any of it. If all this is to be classed as tainted money, then do not divert it to relief but make the purses larger for owners and riders. This will mean better races.

D. B. BOONE
Roseburg, Oregon.

### Packers' Ceiling Price On Salmon Continued

WASHINGTON (AP) —The government said Monday there will be no change in packer's ceiling prices for 1952 canned salmon because the supply will be about the same as a year ago.

The Office of Price Stabilization extended its 1951 pricing order to cover the 1952 pack, effective Nov. 22.

The order provides for these canners' ceilings covering three items representing more than 50 per cent of the total pack:

$19 for a case of 48 one-pound tall cans of chum salmon, up to $21 a case for pink salmon and $32 for Alaska reds in the same size case and can.


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