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IKE AND THE NEWS

By Charles V. Stanton

Press associations are doing considerable worrying about news handling from Washington when the administration changes in January.

These organizations, such as the Associated Press and United Press, have been very unhappy with news coverage during the Truman administration. They hope for better conditions under Eisenhower.

Press associations are responsible for furnishing news to member or subscribing newspapers throughout the nation. The Associated Press is a mutual organization, owned and controlled by the papers holding memberships. Member papers desire to give their readers all the news. They want it to be complete and factual. To serve member papers with the kind of news they desire, press associations must have access to the news. The people from whom they obtain the news — and nearly all news is obtained from people — must be truthful and honest if news is to be accurately reported. This situation did not prevail under the Truman administration. Reporters dug up much news the administration was trying to withhold, but was unable to get it all.

We have heard that Eisenhower was shocked to learn some of the facts revealed to him by Truman and administration officials concerning the international situation — facts that have been withheld from the public.

Off-The-Record Interviews Opposed

The administration has made much use of "handouts," prepared statements usually carrying the administration's propaganda line. The Associated Press has ordered its news gatherers to dig out the facts, but this is not always possible when officials are uncooperative.

Sometimes reporters know the facts but are forbidden to use them. This is achieved through "off-the-record" interviews in which reporters are "briefed" on background material but are told the information is not for publication. When national security is involved this is a good policy. Reporters should have information so the story may be properly reported when time comes that the information may be released safely. But too often the off-the-record device is used politically or to send up trial balloons.

Press associations and newspapers do not approve of off-the-record interviews except where actual security matters are involved. Reporters chafe when an unnecessary silence is imposed. Yet the creed of newspaper reporting prohibits violation of confidence.

Press association representatives are hopeful of better press relations with the Eisenhower administration. For one thing, Jim Hagerty, the White House press secretary, has had much experience. He was press secretary to Governor Dewey. Reporters in Albany, N.Y., reportedly found him "helpful."

As to Eisenhower himself, reporters remember his military career and the fact that the military resorts principally to the "briefing" technique. Eisenhower reportedly held formal meetings with reporters, when he had something to announce, rather than having a set schedule for a news conference. He has as yet made no announcement concerning his plans for White House news. Reporters, however, are very hopeful of a change for the better.

"Our Peggy" Going To Washington

Governor Douglas McKay has announced that Alene (Peggy) Phillips is to go with him to Washington as personal secretary when he takes over as Secretary of Interior in Eisenhower's cabinet.

"Peggy" has served as personal secretary to three Oregon governors — Snell, Hall and McKay — and prior to that was secretary to three secretaries of state — Hoss, Stadelman and Snell. She has made herself about as indispensable to state government as any one person can become.

She also is a vital personage in the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association. A graduate of the University of Oregon school of journalism, she worked on several Oregon newspapers before entering secretarial work at Salem. She never misses a meeting of the ONPA. She is "Our Peggy" to the state's publishers.

We intend to lower the boom on "Doug" if he doesn't arrange to have "Peggy" in Oregon for some special duty when our association holds its conventions, for no convention of the ONPA will be complete without her presence.

Scraps From the MENDING BASKET
by Vidnett Martin, R.O. Box 874, Drain, Or.

It must be a great relief to the newsmen, and everyone else, now the secret (that just about everybody knew or guessed) can be disclosed: No neutrals were told; the old familiar trick of drawing red herrings across the trail was used. "Best kept secret since D-Day," said one commentator.

Speaking of red herrings: Haven't you wondered why the herring is always "red" in such an allusion, and also, why herring at all? Why not codfish or mackerel, why red herring? To day I read a National Geographic Society story that tells all about that proverbial red herring! As well as interesting items about herrings in general.

"Vikings crossed the North Sea," says the N.G. story, "to the British Isles largely because the herring, their chief food, had forsaken the Scandinavian coasts." Joan of Arc might never have become famous if the French had won the "Battle of the Herring" in 1428. British besiegers of Orleans need-

ed herring for the Lenten diet of their army. The French sortie against the party bringing the herring was defeated. Orleans remained under siege and Joan of Arc gained her initial glory by saving the city.

"Some of the hottest disputes between Canada and Newfoundland on the one hand and the United States on the other were over American rights in the North Atlantic herring fishery. Cities in Sweden rose and fell as the capriciously migrating herring either drew near, or swam to other shores."

"British and Scotch nobles went bankrupt trying to enter the business of herring fishing. When Charles I. meddled with herring and their catching he sowed seeds of unrest which ended in civil war and the loss of his throne."

Well, well, herring have had a lot to do with world history, haven't they! There are 200 varieties of herring; and they spawn

The Steersman



Fulton Lewis Jr. WASHINGTON REPORT

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WASHINGTON. — On the night of Sept. 2, 1939, Whittaker Chambers, in the presence of Don Levine, a life-long anti-Communist, left with Adolf Berle, then an assistant Secretary of State, a memorandum on the Alger Hiss underground Communist spy ring. It contained the following paragraph:

"Blank, who was one of White's assistants, is a party member of the underground group. Adler or Odler is also one of White's assistants. He used to have two brothers named Coe revolving around him. The other Coe teaches at McGill University. White wanted to bring him into the Treasury Department, too."

Chambers was talking about Frank Coe and his brother Charles. In the intervening years Frank Coe went on to build a career in government service which eventually placed him as executive secretary of the international monetary fund of the United Nations at \$20,000 a year. He resigned this post by request last Wednesday.

Berle informed the late President Roosevelt of the Chambers list of Reds. Roosevelt laughed and informed Berle to mind his own business. Berle at the time — the eve of World War II — was handling security problems for the administration. He was so unsuspecting, politically, that he did not know the Roosevelts were having Communists as house guests.

The Senate Internal Security Subcommittee just recently listened in amazement when Frank Coe declined to state whether or not he is currently, or has in the past, engaged in espionage against the United States.

The international monetary fund is a collecting point for highly secret data on international finance, production and exchange. It dumps all of its information into the United Nations where Communists, despite the mumbling of Eleanor Roosevelt, are so plentiful it resembles a junior sized version of the Kremlin.

Coe has been a fair haired boy in the New Deal for 13 years. Just like a lot of these characters who get bashful when seated in the witness chair, he moved in on the Washington revolution from Canada. He was, naturally, a professor, which occupation, along with a pair of dark rimmed glasses, was almost all you need to get in on the Roosevelt version of the five year plan for sovietizing the U. S. A.

Coe declined to say who served as his guardian angel during the 13 years he moved ahead in government service. But somebody did, and it's important now to find out who it was. He was in the Treasury Department and performed various services for the State Department prior to joining the international monetary fund. Somebody kept tapping him for these jobs and for promotions. Who was it?

Coe was a buddy of Lee Pressman, the self-confessed Red, of Alger and Donald Hiss, or Henry Collins, Charles Cramer, John Abt, Lawrence Dugan, Noel Field and Max Lowenthal.

Lowenthal recently distinguished himself by writing a book attacking the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He also is credited with

at sea, and may live for twenty years. Miss Rachel Carson has quite a bit to say about herring in "The Sea Around Us," a book I thought fascinating beyond words, but EJ didn't even finish it!

Well the kind of herring used to distract attention was, originally, the smoked variety. The N.G.S. story says "English squires wishing to end a fox chase in mid-career found that hounds would follow the red herring (smoked) rather than the fox if the herring were dragged across the fox's trail."

lining up Truman to make the crack accusing President-elect Eisenhower of anti-Jewish and anti-Catholic bias.

Lowenthal still is hanging around the White House. Alger Hiss is in jail. Dugan jumped or was pushed to his death from a New York office building; Field has disappeared behind the Communist Iron Curtain. Abt is busy with a Communist controlled union and Pressman is trying to scrape out a living as a lawyer since he parted company officially with the Communists.

Only Hiss is still on the backs of us taxpayers, but I don't mind paying my share of what it costs to keep Hiss where he is. Coe is different. Coe was costing us the major part of \$20,000 a year and probably a lot more that we'll never know about. As taxpayers, all of us are entitled to know what we are getting for our money. In Coe's case we were paying for a man who lacked the patriotism to stand up and deny he was a Soviet agent; a man who thought so little of the country he lives in that he refused to say whether or not he knew of a Soviet espionage net in our midst.

Most everybody wanted Coe fired; but maybe it would have been better to let him stay where he is and see Senator McCarthy's Senate investigating committee onto him and all of those who have been protecting him. It might have been one way to finally clean out the whole rotten mess of Russian lovers who can count their successes by the growing number of American dead in Korea.

Personally, I've had my fill of these sneiveling creeps. If there isn't a law on the statute books to handle them, let's get one quick.

Lumber Carriers Heads For Columbia River

NEWPORT, Ore. (AP)—The lumber carrier C-Trader, which stood off Yaquina Bay Friday night waiting for a calmer bay, headed Saturday for the Columbia River instead.

The vessel, which Thursday had been slowed by pump trouble and had asked the coast guard to stand by, was apparently all right but the Cutter Bonham was following her north.

The bar here continued rough Saturday as strong winds blew.

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Mixed Opinion On Eisenhower's Trip To Korea

WASHINGTON (AP)—President-elect Eisenhower's view that "much can be done" to improve the U.-S. position in Korea, without promising an easy solution, got a generally friendly reception on Capitol Hill.

But a discordant note on Eisenhower's historic three-day visit to Korea was sounded Friday by Sen. Morse of Oregon, who bolted the Republican Party during the presidential campaign to back Democratic Presidential Nominee Adlai Stevenson and now declares himself an independent.

Eisenhower "knew before he left the United States exactly what the situation was," Morse said, adding: "He was simply carrying out a political promise of the campaign. But the final result will be exactly the same as it would have been if he had acted upon his briefing at the Pentagon."

There were some favorable reactions to the trip: Sen. Dworshak (R-Idaho)—"(Eisenhower) should be in a position to recommend action which will force some kind of showdown in Korea."

Sen. Welker (R-Idaho)—"I am sure the information obtained by the general will be of such a nature that his advisers and the Congress can work out some way to end this stalemate."

Sen. Watkins (R-Utah)—Eisenhower's statements, he said, were "sound and sensible."

Sen. Humphrey (D-Minn)—Agreeing with Eisenhower that there are no easy remedies for the Korean War, said "the people must understand that it is a very difficult and complex situation and that it may be a long ordeal."

Sen. Hunt (D-Wyo)—The President-elect mingling with the boys on the front line would be encouraging to them.

OAKLAND SETS DRAMA
"Aunt Cathy's Cat," a mystery-comedy drama, will be presented by the Oakland High School junior class at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, in the Oakland Grade School gymnasium.

MONEY SUIT FILED
E. K. Wood Lumber Co. has filed suit against Russell J. Hubbard for recovery of some \$6,900 allegedly due the plaintiff.

young. There has been little prospecting for the metal on petroleum land.

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Keep Winter Sport Clothes Looking New

Seasonal clothes come in for a greater beating than most items in the wardrobe.

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For instance, isn't this what most of us do? We take them out when the appropriate season comes rolling around the calendar, look at them, and maybe say: "My, I haven't had this on in a long time. Looks like they could stand cleaning and pressing. Oh, well, no time for that. I've got to wear them. Clean them after I get back."

And when we get back, "Oh, well, I'll take them around in a few days." Only, a few days later we forget about them, and thus they sit in the closet again.

Well, there's really no good sense in that.

Point is, clothes which aren't clean deteriorate when they're in the closet or in storage.

So let us make you this recommendation:

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