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NO POLITICAL PAP

By Charles V. Stanton

It is interesting to observe that General Eisenhower, speaking of the Korean fracas, refers to it as a "war." He doesn't use the Truman term, "police action."

The terminology is significant.

The present administration has handled the Korean trouble as a matter of politics. There is some question as to whether it has not been deliberately prolonged to prevent unemployment in this country and to maintain inflation. It has served to keep millions of young men under arms. Thus they were not in competition for jobs. It has permitted the administration to seek and receive huge appropriations from congress to operate training camps, conduct a war and contract for war materials.

In this connection it follows the British pattern. Britain for centuries has used its military organization as an economic governor.

The Korean struggle has been directed by the State Department rather than by the Pentagon. Policies have been made for political rather than military expediency. Issues involved have been depreciated in official propaganda as a means of keeping public resentment at a minimum level.

So long as the Korean struggle was maintained under the guise of police action, it was subject to political policy.

True Facts To Be Faced

Eisenhower apparently means to disillusion the public. His utterances to date indicate he plans to tell the people the truth. He probably will withhold his revelations until his inauguration. Recent utterances from the White House would lead to the belief that the present occupant is somewhat fearful of the expected report. We anticipate it will reveal how he and his cohorts have been withholding information to which the people of this country are entitled.

We expect Eisenhower's summary of what he found in Korea will shock the American people. From what he has said thus far, we anticipate he will lay the cold, hard facts on the line. He will not attempt to soften their impact. But we have enough faith in the American people to believe they will absorb the shock; that they are, in fact, braced for it, and that they will be willing to make any sacrifices necessary to end the stalemate and strive for an honorable victory and peace. We believe they will have more confidence when once the true state of affairs is placed before them.

At least Eisenhower is using the word "war." We have long recognized the Korean struggle as war. The phrase "police action" has never fooled the public.

Military Action Coming

The significance in Ike's use of words is realized as one thinks of policy.

"Police action" infers that policy belongs with the State Department rather than the military. That is the theory upon which the Truman administration has operated.

But when Ike speaks of "war," he is putting the action on a military plane. That means he will proceed to handle the Korean struggle as a war; that it will be run by generals rather than diplomats.

Eisenhower may be lacking in experience and knowledge in the field of diplomacy. He is not lacking experience or knowledge in the field of war. He apparently is planning to take the kid gloves and spats off the Korean combat and replace the walking cane with a sword.

That Russia also is expecting intensification of the Korean war is indicated by the trouble being stirred up around the Mediterranean, where the Reds apparently are trying to create a frightening diversion.

We expect, however, that the Reds are about through pushing people around; that from now on they will be on the defensive rather than scaring the world with their hobgoblin masks.

At least, Ike seems to be prepared to feed us raw meat rather than political pap.

Scraps From the



by

MENDING BASKET

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Algernon Bitwuns shows no sign of fading away. Quite the contrary. He did his fading in the Navy where they have a lookout on watch to make sure the master-at-arms doesn't try to join in the who's fading whom chat-chat. Well, Algernon's shadow is not growing less either. Perhaps it's because he has been coming home for lunch the past year? At any rate the day came when he had to have a new suit — or else! Matilda was invited to go along.

Resolved to keep absolutely still, she picked up a copy of the Display World and read an editorial, all about the time Lord and Taylor (name that brought back memories) engaged the services of an artist par excellence, the surrealist DALL, who was to plan and execute a set of windows that would have even New Yorkers a-gape. A special committee hovered around until the very morning of the grand unveiling. Then they got scared. After all the idea was to amaze and delight the public, not lay them in WINDROWS because of shock! So in the wee sma' hours said committee went to the windows and did a little re-arranging.

The great and only Dali, along with New Yorkers, came to view his creations, and when he saw the changes, his screams were heard — well, Matilda, who was furnishing me with the item for today's column, couldn't recall how far the editorial had said the screams of rage were heard. But Dali up and heaved a fur-lined bath-tub, yes, a FUR-LINED BATH-TUB, right through the plate glass window out into the street. Didn't say if he hit a target.

The editorial finished, Matilda risked a look out the corner of one eye and noted that Algernon was arrayed in a suit he obviously liked. The hitch was, he didn't like the price. Said he, "Let's see that other suit again." Now was the time for Matilda to speak her lines. What a beaming smile the young salesman turned upon her (his name was Gray). Instead of packing a pistol that would ruin his sale his customer's wife was actually helping him along! Algernon allowed himself to be influenced — and not erroneously — into taking the suit he really wanted. No matter what happened now, it was Matilda who had urged it, choice!

The whole thing didn't take a half hour, counting the fitting. Matilda did wish she could finish another article in the Display World in which a General Electric illuminating engineer explained how the right colors in a store's decor could pull in the customers, sell them the merchandise (with or without a wife along) and so give 40 percent more light for the same amount of money.

"Thanks, Sam. With Your Help I'm a Huge Success!"



Fulton Lewis Jr.

WASHINGTON REPORT

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WASHINGTON, — Gen. Douglas MacArthur has never taken any lip from the Russians. He backed them up against a wall while running Japan, even ordering a few of them to trot back to Moscow because they annoyed him.

MacArthur's offer, therefore, to work with President-elect Eisenhower on a solution of the Korean war is the worst thing that has happened to the Kremlin since the Truman administration got licked in the election.

Immediately following World War II, the left-wingers and Communists persuaded the Truman administration to plow under our wartime military leaders, using the argument that the nation had to be run by civilians. Nobody ever said differently, but in renegeing military influence in foreign and domestic policy to the background, the power-hungry politicians on President Truman's team succeeded in making puppets out of our generals and admirals, to the detriment of the nation.

Instead of using Eisenhower, MacArthur and others acquainted with Soviet realities, in the early post-war days, Secretary of State Dean Acheson, Owen Lattimore, President Truman and John R. Steelman set the policies themselves in dealing with Russia. Everybody now knows the payoff for their guidance—Korea and the messy situations in other parts of the world.

Nobody wants a military junta telling an American President what to do, but a revival of the practice of at least listening to advice from our armed forces leaders is essential if we are going to stand up to Russia. Naturally, Eisenhower's critics are already publicly trembling over the possibility that the Pentagon will soon be running the country. They neglect to mention how the Pentagon will flank the Constitution of the United States, but that is a characteristic oversight we are accustomed to from the bleeding hearts.

The Russians have long known that Truman and Acheson run scared whenever the Kremlin is mentioned. Both first were shouting cooperation with the Soviet Union as the password to peace, and then later "containment."

The word "containment" is an excellent choice to describe what happened. The only thing is that Russia did all the containing, in Europe and Asia as well as at our own home base, where she developed an effective core of Communists in the State Department and the United Nations. In fact, the Truman-Acheson policy is so effective that Russia now controls more land and more people than any nation in history.

It is not likely that we shall ever hear "containment" again when the new administration takes over. For one thing, neither Eisenhower nor MacArthur is frightened by the Soviet Union's military forces, nor is either jittery about a Third World War. They don't want war, as both have stated repeatedly, but the eventuality is not of their choosing, so both have the courage to say we can win it if we are forced into it.

The rules and regulations under which the Truman administration has been operating contain countless legal ornaments that placed the policy power in the hands of the State Department and other agencies controlled by Soviet appeasers. To reverse this power grab, the new administration will first have to halt the to-the-diplomats trend of control, which extends into domestic as well as foreign affairs, and then start the ball rolling the other way.

Military capabilities and problems should be adjudged by military leaders, not by spats-wearing diplomats who dodged the draft by rushing to serve their country in a diplomatic drawing room. If we are near war with

Conductor Of Portland Symphony Resigns

PORTLAND, — Portland Symphony Conductor James Sample, saying that he felt his services no longer were wanted, resigned Monday.

Sample, who has been conductor for the past four years, said the resignation was effective at the close of this year's season.

He was quitting, he said, because he understood that the symphony executive board apparently was planning to join Seattle in booking guest conductors next season.

The board said the joint booking arrangement was just one plan that had been studied in a survey to reduce costs, but that no definite plans had been made.

In the Day's News

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trary to the change that has come about IN THE MINDS AND THE HEARTS OF THE PEOPLE.

After all, what is in the minds and the hearts of the people is GOVERNMENT.

If that is in the minds and the hearts of the people is GOOD, government will be good. If what is in the minds and the hearts of the people is bad, government will be bad.

That is one of the fundamentals we should NEVER forget.

A thought along that line: The British constitution ISN'T written. It rests upon tradition. That is to say, the British constitution consists not of what is written in words on paper or parchment but of what is in the minds and the hearts of the people. It works pretty well.

Here's a Christmas story: In West Kensington, Rhode Island, Mrs. Elmer Lacoste attracted wide attention for the Christmas decorations with which she brightened up the little waiting room of the town's railroad station.

People drove to the station today to take a look. All they found was a sign reading: "Sorry, the decorations have been STOLEN."

It takes all kinds of people to make a world. Some are good. Some are bad.

Paste this in your hat: As long as the good people (recognizing their responsibilities and having the courage to act accordingly to their convictions) STAY IN CONTROL, we will have good government and our country will be a good place to live in.

But if the bad people get into control, we will have bad government and our country will be a bad place to live in.

It's just that simple.

Jap Spy Deals With Russians As U. S. Agent

TOKYO, — National rural police Tuesday said they had arrested a Japanese radio operator who told a weird tale of double-dealing espionage: He said he had made millions of yen spying for the U. S. in the guise of a spy for Russia.

A foreign office spokesman said police are investigating reports of an international spy ring. But he added that unless American secrets are involved, nothing can be done to the spies. Japan has no law against espionage.

Police said the radio operator, Masao Mitsuhashi, told the following story:

He was repatriated from the Soviet Union in 1947 and was questioned by Allied counter-intelligence men. He admitted that Moscow had given him the mission of transmitting information on occupation matters to the Soviet Union by radio.

He was subsequently released under American surveillance and later offered to become a member of the American Counter-Intelligence Corps (CIC).

Unaware of the switch, Soviet agents in Japan used Mitsuhashi to send coded messages to the Soviet Union and North Korea about three times a month. Each time, Mitsuhashi said, he showed the message to American authorities and received money as reward. At the same time he was accounting pay from the Russians. American sources here declined to comment.

Japanese police said a radio transmitter confiscated at Mitsuhashi's house was a "superlative" instrument made in the U. S. Earlier reports had said the transmitter was Russian-made.

A foreign office report said the messages were sent to Vladovostok, Siberia.

Ousted Teachers Triumph When High Court Kayoes Loyalty Oath Requirement

WASHINGTON, — The Supreme Court Monday struck down Oklahoma's loyalty oath law on the ground it penalizes persons who might have joined subversive organizations innocently.

The law requires state officers and employers to swear they are not affiliated with the Communist party or any other organization that advocates violent overthrow of government.

It also requires a promise to take up arms in defense of the United States.

Validity of the law was questioned by seven former teachers of the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College.

They declined to take the oath and were fired on May 21, 1951. Each had a contract of employment extending until June 30, 1951.

It was stipulated in Oklahoma courts that none of the teachers was connected with a subversive organization.

Action in Other Cases

In other action the high court: Upheld 8-1 the conviction and 99-year prison sentence of Thomas Schwartz, Dallas pawnbroker who was charged with being an accomplice to a 1950 jewel robbery in the home of Dr. W. W. Shortal.

The robbers testified later that Schwartz gave them firearms and information as to whom to rob.

They said Schwartz was to receive the loot and divide the cash proceeds. Schwartz appealed on the ground that recorded phone conversations between one of the robbers and Schwartz were improperly admitted as evidence at his trial.

Rejected the plea of five major oil companies that it block a grand jury investigation here of an asserted world oil monopoly.

The appeal said the grand jury has 14 government employees among its 23 members and contended any inquiry should be made by a "fair and impartial jury, free of the inevitable bias of government-employed jurors."

Tax Case To Be Heard

Agreed to hear arguments on the government move to reinstate a tax case indictment against James J. Carroll, St. Louis betting commissioner.

The indictment cited Carroll for failure to file with his tax returns for 1938 through 1950 a list of payments of \$600 or more made to persons in various parts of the country.

It was dismissed by the federal district court in Kansas City on the ground that Treasury regulations—not the tax laws—require the information.

Granted a hearing to two Negro members of the U. S. Air Force who were sentenced to death by military courts-martial for the 1948 rape and murder of a white girl on Guam. The Negroes, Robert W. Burns and Herman P. Dennis, Jr., are being held by the Japan Logistical Command.

"Unwarranted Restraint"

All three justices who wrote opinions in the loyalty oath case rapped the Oklahoma law as an unwanted restraint.

The seven teachers contended the law was invalid for these reasons:

1. It impaired their teaching contracts, none of which had such oath requirements.

2. It took their property (jobs) without due process of law.

3. It amounted to a bill of attainder (a legislative act inflicting punishment without a judicial trial).

In addition, five of the teachers said they had conscientious objections to the promise to bear arms.

The Oklahoma Supreme Court rejected the teachers' contentions and upheld the law.

Lower Court Remiss

Its opinion cited an earlier decision by the U. S. Supreme Court upholding a similar loyalty oath requirement by the City of Los Angeles.

(The highest tribunal also has upheld validity of New York state's law barring Communists from jobs in the public school system.)

But Justice Clark said Monday the Oklahoma Supreme Court gave no consideration to the factor of an employee's knowledge of the nature of any organization he joined.

Clark noted that membership alone in an organization determined disqualification from state employment and added:

"But membership may be innocent. A state servant may have joined a proscribed organization unaware of its activities and purposes. In recent years, many completely loyal persons have severed organizational ties after learning for the first time of the character of groups to which they had belonged."

Accidents In Homes Menace To Children

NEW YORK, — About two million American children will lose their lives or be injured next year as the result of home accidents, according to a statistical study by the American Mutual Liability Insurance Co.

Falling out of windows is the commonest accident for youngsters under 5, with burns and poison almost tied for second place. In the 5-to-14 age group, broken glass leads the hazards.

The company's Institute of Safer Living has compiled a list of suggestions for parents. Here are some: Screen windows and keep chairs away from them; keep matches, broken glass, household bleaches and other poisons out of the way; turn handles of hot utensils so that children cannot grasp them; secure rugs against slipping, and don't allow children to operate washing machines, wringers or dishwashers.



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