

We'd Like to Like Ike, But...

Dwight D. Eisenhower is a very personable man. He has great charm and warmth. He appeals to people because he is "just plain folks." And yet we are disenchanted.

The general says that he is on a crusade. He wants the people to join him. The general knows something of crusades. He led one in Europe. But he hasn't made that necessary transition from the military to the political arena.

The voter is not a battlefield soldier. He wants facts, not emotion. He wants solutions, not attacks. He wants reasons, not appeals.

Eisenhower is an intelligent man. He is president of a large university and acquainted with students and education. We are disappointed that he so underestimates our intelligence.

The Republican presidential candidate speaks soberly of ideals—honesty, thrift, friendliness. This is good. But how will such ideals be implemented? The general speaks of implementation only in generalities. We wonder if he has the necessary grasp of the facts to make these ideals realities.

Eisenhower is not a good speaker. We discount this. What bothers us is his approach.

Politicians are expected to speak in glittering generalities. To make their appeal as broad as possible, they must not discuss details but rather present all-incompassing platforms. We have learned to expect this from politicians.

Eisenhower says he is not a politician. He has self-named himself a crusader. With such a title goes a responsibility. A crusader must be a step above the average. He must lead the way. The American is aware of the goals he is striving toward. He wants to know how to get there. Eisenhower doesn't tell him that.

We heard the general's speech Tuesday night. We met him on his train and shook his hand. We'd like to like Ike but we have doubts.

Eisenhower is a self-styled crusader. He has a goal. But the troops don't know how they are going to get there.

Japanese Election Aids Democracy

Liberals Winners, Communists Out; Rearmament Issue

By Yasuo Kurata

While the war clouds were hanging ominously low over Korea, the barometer of democracy registered a sharp rise in Japan last week as Premier Shiegru Yoshida's conservative Liberal party clinched a landslide victory in the general election.

This situation developed out of very stormy political weather which had reigned in Japan during the past five months following the end of the Allied occupation last April.

The Yoshida government which signed the peace treaty with the Western nations came under fire by occupation parties regarding post-occupation "readjustment issues," including Japan's rearmament, while the Communists went all-out to whip up anti-American feelings among the people.

Results Erase Fear

Freedom failed to roll on the rails laid by occupation authorities, and a train of unhappy occurrences followed in the wake of the outgoing occupation forces to the great anxiety of the West, particularly the United States, who gave this freedom under the Japanese peace treaty.

The recent election results, however, have erased such fear, and the Western nations are feeling at ease at the victorious emergence of Japan's conservative forces who won a "shut-out" game from the Communists.

It is true that occupation policies have been subjected to severe criticism in the independent Japan amid a flood of "Now It Can Be Told" publications, but this does not mean that the Japanese public opinion is being influenced by Communist propaganda.

Seeds Coming Up

The seeds of democracy sown laboriously by U.S. occupation authorities during the past seven years are definitely coming up on the land of Rising Sun, while those of Communists-sown wild oats have run against the rocks.

The Liberal party which emerged from the general election with a majority of 240 in the 466-seat lower house will naturally tend those up-and-coming "democratic seedlings." The Liberals formerly held a 285 majority.

Two other major parties—Progressives and Socialists—won 85 and 111 seats respectively.

The Progressive party led by Mamoru Shigemitsu, wartime Foreign Minister who signed the terms of surrender aboard the battleship Missouri, scaled up its Diet strength from the previous 68 to 85 seats.

Socialists Split

Of the 111 Socialist seats, 57 went to the Rightists and the rest to the Leftist, both factions being irreconcilably split apart to the detriment of their parliamentary activities.

Independents and splinter parties garnered the remaining 30 seats, thus slamming the door to the 107 Communist candidates.

As far as this new parliamentary line-up is concerned, the "Communists-in-Japan" problem seems to have settled, but it is still too early to conclude that the "Red seeds" were all dead underground.

It is a foregone conclusion that the new Conservative government will tighten its control on internal subversive activities involving Communists.

The Reds, on the other hand, will naturally step up their underground campaigns centering

around the eight Communist leaders who have been "missing" since 1950.

Rearmament of Japan has been a controversial issue both at home and abroad and it formed the main theme of election campaigns of all parties. Pre-election public opinion polls showed that over 50 per cent of Liberal supporters expressed themselves in favor of the rearmament.

As a matter of fact, however, the rearmament in terms of jets and A-bombs is financially beyond the reach of present-day Japan, and the issue has necessarily been narrowed down to the minimum self-defense needs.

Already in arms for such defense purposes are 110,000 police reserves and 20,000 marine security forces. They are equipped with American guns, frigates and other necessary weapons which have been leased to Japan under the US-Japanese Security Pact.

Gun and Butter Problem

Meanwhile, the Japanese economy is faced with its own version of the gun and butter problem with defense appropriations cutting rather deep (28 per cent) into the total budget expenditures for the current fiscal year.

Production of major basic industries is now well above the pre-war level.

The 1951 production figures included 43,433,000 metric tons of coal, 5,502,000 tons of iron and steel and 41,433,000,000 KWH of electric power.

Responsible for such industrial expansion was the so-called "Korean boom" which had brought to Japan upwards of \$60,000,000 in the form of UN military pro-

urements since the outbreak of the Korean War in June, 1950, up to the end of June this year.

Consumer Production Up

This windfall boom has also considerably stepped up consumer goods production, particularly textile goods, but the food production is far from sufficient to feed 83,000,000 people: Japan has to import 3,000,000 tons of food annually.

In spite of the bright industrial backgrounds as such, Japan's trade position is dangerously precarious with her trade gaps being barely met by dollar revenues from the above-mentioned war procurements.

Roughly speaking, Japan's trade structure is such that she imports major materials plus foods from the dollar bloc and exports products made of those imported materials to the sterling areas.

Exports Failed

It naturally follows that her exports to the dollar areas must be promoted to secure those badly needed materials, but actually her efforts in this respect have so far failed to pay off due mainly to the high production cost resulting from technical setbacks in major industries.

In point of her sterling trade, Japan is suffering from over-holdings of pound sterling accruing from import difficulties from the sterling bloc whose export offers do not measure up to Japanese material requirements.

How to meet these trade difficulties will undoubtedly be a pregnant issue confronting the newly elected Japanese government.

Innate Ability



"I'm sorry young man, but this class is only open to psychology majors."

Radio Review

Politics to Alter Listening Habits

by Don Collin

With the weather and the World Series affecting the students' scholarly habits, the advent of KWAX and the continuing presidential and local campaign will soon affect AM listening habits.

Ike's speech of yesterday to be broadcast locally over all stations sometime between 6 and 10:30 p.m. KASH handles at 8:15.

Truman had good reason not to stop here. Last time through he swallowed his foot. Back during the '48 campaign he told a Eugene audience that Joe (Stalin) wasn't a bad guy, he was a prisoner of the Politburo.

In addition to all the paid time for politics, radio is giving over time to a lot of those pro and con or "Is zat so Senator? Well, let's hear what Governor so-an-so has to say." KERG is fostering a couple of Sunday shows of that nature... Capitol Cloakroom (11 a.m.) and Pick the Winner at 1:30 p.m. ABC-KEX presents an hour of issues and conditions at 7 p.m. Sunday... Meet the Press and American Forum.

Eugene radio news: Bing Crosby returns Thursday (6:30 p.m.) on KERG... KWAX starts a new series "Jeffersonian Heritage" tonight at 7 p.m. KUGN drops ABC this Saturday and becomes strictly National. KEX to serve Eugene with American until KASH and ABC work out an agreement.

Eugene Television news: Hold up on Eugene TV is KORE and KUGN application for the one VHF outlet assigned here.

No applicant for the UHF station as yet. The loser's consolation is the Ultra High which is also the color ban. If the two stations would flip a coin, TV could be here by spring term rather than the fall of '54.

Fords With Beds?

A card showing up on Fords around campus reads "Let me fix your car so you can make a BED in it." How come this blanket coverage of the campus and discrimination against other models?

KASH is dishing out some good classical music Sunday in addition to their daily Dinner Hour Concert (5 p.m.) "Favorites of the Famous" (7:30 p.m.) features Al Goodman and his comments on his favorite disks... Concert Hall at 2 p.m. and Symphony Hall at 8 p.m.

KERG'S Invitation to Music (Sunday, 11:30 a.m.) presents the Italian music festival... N. Y. Philharmonic returns Oct. 19.

Those that saw Glen Hardy's broadcast last Thursday were disappointed when the fzzzzz didn't fiz. The hissing of the effervescence has been recorded for some years now after a stagehand omitted water from the glass and when the pill dropped a great "clunk" was heard by all.

Grid Broadcast

Football games coming into Eugene this weekend will be Oregon-Cal on KORE, Stanford-OSC over KUGN, Notre Dame-Pitt (Casanova's ex) and Georgia-Maryland aired on KEX. Sunday afternoon KEX-FM (if you are still in Portland) or KUGN will carry a wire re-creation of Green Bay-Rams game. Also Sunday, KWAX will rebroadcast the Oregon games at 2 p.m. through the courtesy of Tidewater Associated, KORE and KUGN.

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