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It Seems To Be Getting Results



TODAY'S TEXT

Who is as the wise man? And who knoweth the interpretation of a thing? A man's wisdom maketh his face to shine, and boldness of his face shall be changed. — Ecclesiastes 8:1.

Voice of Experience

Recommended reading for every American who has the opportunity is the farewell statement made recently by Henry L. Stimson as he retired, at the age of 78 years, from the position of secretary of war he had occupied with distinction since 1940. The message is one which likely will take its place among the nation's important state documents, and assuredly will be quoted extensively to future generations.

Certainly his statement is one to ponder as the nation and the world attempt to chart their course into the most uncertain future ever confronted by mankind. Mr. Stimson has made suggestions which should not and cannot be ignored by thinking people who are desperately anxious to navigate treacherous waters ahead without catastrophe.

The retiring secretary urged, in substance, that the United States remain strong in a military sense. While recognizing that the effects of the release of atomic energy are sure to be revolutionary, he warned, "We must not make early and easy assumptions that the days of armies and navies are over." Continuing, he cautioned: "We can be sure if war should come again that it

would be awful in its sudden intensity, and we must never again allow ourselves to be caught in a state of complete unreadiness."

Thus, he urged that the United States must be prepared for whatever the future may hold. At the same time, he had important words to say about our relationships with other nations. Thus:

"The second factor (the first factor being preparedness) necessary to preserve our leadership is an attitude of trust and frankness on our part toward all nations working for collective security. . . . Cynicism and suspicion on our part can only breed a like response among those we suspect. . . . A full and frank attitude of trust by our government will strongly tend to lead to a like attitude on the part of all members of the brotherhood of nations."

No thinking American can require convincing as to the wisdom of Mr. Stimson's advice concerning preparedness. Everyone knows that twice within a generation the United States has been able to prepare for war because allies held the enemy from our shores. Every thinking person doubtless shares the fear that the time might come when an unprepared United States might be forced suddenly into a life-and-death war without being given opportunity to get ready.

Indeed, Mr. Stimson's farewell statement is one to ponder. It may represent a patriotic service fully as noteworthy as any of the many he has rendered during his years of outstanding official

Washington Merry-Go-Round

By DREW PEARSON

WASHINGTON—Insiders got a good look at how the Truman administration relaxes, how it thinks, how it regards the future, when democrat bigwigs let their hair down on Jefferson island.

President Truman himself, rubbed shoulders with 200 congressmen, cabinet members, politicians, with a sprinkling of lobbyists thrown in. Putting on no airs, he seemed to enjoy just being one of the gang. Everyone liked him for his simplicity. . . . Those who had been at previous Jefferson island parties said they never realized before the difference in talking to a president who could go and come as he pleased, who could mingle with the crowd. . . . The late president was forced to sit under a tree while visitors were ushered up to him with a certain amount of formality. . . . But Truman was fortunate enough to be able to walk around, a paper plate in one hand, a pickle in the other, talking to whoever bumped into him. . . . The secret service, incidentally, did a great job. At no time was it obvious that a bodyguard was with Truman, yet one man was constantly, unobtrusively there.

Labor's Best Friend

Jefferson island highlights: Secretary of Labor Schwelmbach philosophizing on labor strikes: "The best friend of labor is one who tells it frankly that it's sowing its own seeds of destruction, and that it has to get down to work on peacetime reconversion. As one of labor's best friends, I've got to call it to account."

Surplus property Boss Symington and ex-Brain Trustee Tom Corcoran talking about Russia: "The Russians don't understand us and can't understand us," said Symington. "Yet somehow we've got to get along with them. They have no tolerance for democracy. They believe in rule by harshness."

Symington told about visiting General Eisenhower, who had been trying to pacify Marshal Zhukov over the fact Time published a photo of a cabaret singer with a picture of Stalin between her legs. "We would shoot an editor who did a thing like that," said Zhukov. . . . Eisenhower told Symington how the Russians had shot down an American plane, and the American command suggested that the Russian pilot be sent over to U. S. headquarters. "We can't," replied the Russians, "we shot him." . . . Said Tom Corcoran: "It will pay us to make a gift of five or six billions to the British just to have them on our side. As bulwarks for democracy in Europe, the price is cheap."

Presidential Poker

President Truman watched games of horse-shoe, bridge and poker. "How about joining us?" invited Secretary of Agriculture Clinton Anderson. "No," replied the president, "that's an intellectual game. I was hoping to play some poker, but I'm going to pitch some horse-shoes." . . . Chief horse-shoe pitchers were Steve Early, former secretary to Roosevelt; George Skouras, 20th Century-Fox movie mogul; insurance mogul George Allen, a close friend of Truman's; and Senator Warren Magnuson of Washington. . . . "I bet on Steve," said Truman. "He always knows how to pick a winner." . . . Steve Early, with Skouras as his

partner, won 20 to 1. . . . On Saturday night, Truman sat down at poker with his secretary of the treasury, Judge Fred Vinson, who won heavily. Truman was reputed to have lost \$310. Afterward he had a good time kidding Secretary Vinson. "I'm going to have his income-tax return checked to make sure he reports his winnings," the president wisecracked. . . . Next night, the president won his money back again—and then some.

Bilbo Dressed Down

Senator Bilbo of Mississippi got a friendly, but straight-from-the-shoulder bawling out from Postmaster General Bob Hannegan during the island outing. Bilbo and George Allen were sitting under a tree when Hannegan accosted the Mississippian. "I've got something to talk to you about," Hannegan opened up. . . . Bilbo, apprehensive, indicated he preferred getting something to eat, but Hannegan said there was no time to talk like the present. . . . "I want you to stop this monkey-business about Ray McKeough," began the postmaster general. "I want him confirmed. The position you're taking in opposing him just because he once worked for the CIO is absolutely contrary to the principles of American democracy." . . . Hannegan was referring to Rep. McKeough of Chicago who once directed the CIO political action committee in the mid-west and has been nominated by Truman to the maritime commission. AFL pressure is strong to block his confirmation because of CIO connections. . . . Bilbo laughed. . . . "No, you can't push that aside," continued Hannegan. "If a man does something to offend one group in this country and he can't be confirmed for a government position just because of that, it's wrong." "I know he's a friend of yours," countered Bilbo. . . . "That's not the point," shot back Hannegan. "We've got to do our job according to what's right. We've got to keep on the solid principles of democracy."

Truman's Luck

Presidential luck was with Truman when it came to hat pool. Chip Robert, former secretary of the democrat national committee, and George Allen, got up a couple of hat pools on the day's races. Truman participated, but sold half of his ticket to fellow Missourian Breckenridge Long, former assistant secretary of state. . . . Truman won the pool and split \$40 with Long. . . . Congressmen were impressed with the fact the president went to Jefferson island on an ordinary river boat along with the rest of the crowd instead of riding on the naval vessel which escorted them. . . . Returning, he visited on the bridge with Singer Morton Downey, later joined in a songfest with North Carolina's "Muley Bob" Doughton. . . . House Republicans at luncheon this week were considering whether they should attack Truman for attending a party given by a lobbyist for Pepsi-Cola and sugar interests. They were referring to the fact that Jefferson island host was Russell Arundel, owner of a Pepsi-Cola plant. . . . Perhaps what the Republicans didn't know is that Arundel once was secretary to staunch GOP Senator Metcalf of Rhode Island.

WE, THE WOMEN

By RUTH MILLETT

Carola is going to have a Daddy. The 3½-year-old daughter that the novelist, Emily Hahn, told the world was fathered by Maj. Charles Boxer is going to have her Daddy come home, in his words, to "make an honest woman" of her mother.

For the English major is free now—free of a Japanese prison camp, and free of his English wife.

When little Carola was told her Daddy was coming home to marry her Mommy and that she could be ring bearer she asked: "It that good?"

No, Carola, that is not good. That is not the conventional pattern. But you are a war baby. And life often isn't good to war babies. From the start they often get a dirty deal.

Even when they are born to a father and mother who are married—they get separated from their fathers when they are quite young.

But worse, they are often born to mothers who belong to one country and fathers who belong to another. And often marriage does not enter the picture, and when it does it doesn't have a normal chance of lasting.

Berlin expects a crop of war babies this spring—babies whose mothers are Germans and whose daddies can't as yet marry the mothers even if they want to.

And so it goes. All over the world babies are being born outside the warmth and love of a home with a mother and father and a certain future.

It isn't good. But perhaps the world will be charitable to the war babies who had to begin life handicapped. Perhaps the world will be understanding enough to remember that the war was no fault of the babies born under strange circumstances into an unsettled world.

It isn't good—but let us hope that for all of you, it won't be too bad.

Behind Scenes in Washington

By PETER EDSON, La Grande Evening Observer Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON—Recruiting sergeant and petty officer are about to take the places again as familiar fixtures on court house squares throughout the land. But oh, what a difference there will be.

Gone will be the call to the rough and ready life and high adventure. This is another age. And the army and the navy and the marine corps and probably the coast guard too will be offering the young men—of all things they will be offering him first and foremost—social security. Join the navy and get social security. Join the navy and see your benefits pile up. Rewrite the words to the old bugle call: "You're in the army now; not behind the plow. You're gonna get rich," and so forth.

Did you know, for instance, that a young man of 18 to 20, enlisting in the armed services today, can retire after 30 years of service at the ripe young age of 48 or 50 and live on a pension? If the recruit is reasonably smart and minds his spit and polish he can rise to the equivalent grade of a master sergeant and retire on \$31.45 a month, which is clover and not hay. That's the equal of income from over \$25,000 worth of matured, paid up life insurance.

Next to this social security song, the re-

cruits will be singing the endearing young charms of: 2—training for a technical career. 3—education through courses in the armed services extension university. 4—travel. The way the recruiting posters will picture it, it will look like a life such as a rich man used to offer his ne'er do well sons. And when the navy comes along with its old offer of a girl in every port, the line becomes positively sybaritic. First thing you know, the taxpayers will be complaining about having to support so many big strong healthy males in such luxury.

Seriously, the services are finding it necessary to adopt this new line to get any takers. The navy needs half a million volunteers and the army may need twice as many. Recruiting falls off after every war. Reform of army and navy life are therefore necessary after every war, and the soldier, sailor and marine have been visibly elevated in the social scale over the past 30 years.

When they get this war shaken down, there is going to be talk of abolishing kitchen police and other such fatigue duties, hiring civilian labor to do this dirty work so the professional soldier and sailor may become gentlemen at arms, even in the

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Side Glances



"I don't see why you don't let me have a long bob like other girls in my class, Mom, instead of wasting so much time every day washing my neck!"

McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY America's Card Authority

'FOOLISH' DOUBLE RUINS GOOD HAND

I was in Atlantic City recently completing arrangements for the fall session of the 1945 National Championships to be held at the Hotel Chelsea. While there, I dropped in at Mrs. Helene Kelly's duplicate game and was kib-

Goodman		None	
♠ A 9 6 2	♠ J 9	♠ A K Q	♠ 10 5 3 2
♠ A 8 4	♠ Q J 7 4	♠ 10 7 3 2	♠ 10 8 2
♠ J 10 7 4	♠ 3	♠ 10 7 3 2	♠ 10 8 2
♠ 7 4	♠ 7 4	♠ 10 7 3 2	♠ 10 8 2
♠ Q 9	♠ 9 6 5 3	♠ 10 7 3 2	♠ 10 8 2
♠ 9 6 5 3	♠ K Q 8 5	♠ 8 6 2	♠ K J 6 5
	♠ 8 6 2	♠ 8 6 2	♠ A K
	♠ K Q 8 5	♠ 8 6 2	♠ K J 6 5
	♠ 8 6 2	♠ 8 6 2	♠ A K
Duplicate—North-South vul.			
South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	1♠	2♥
2♠	Pass	3♠	3♥
3♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Double	Pass	Pass
Opening—♥ K.			

third heart. West let go his nine of diamonds. Goodman cashed the ace and king of clubs and led a small spade from dummy. West had to split his honors, and put on the ten. The ace of diamonds was cashed and, when West's queen fell, Goodman cashed his queen and jack of clubs, discarding two diamonds from dummy. A small diamond was played to dummy's king. West was forced to trump and then had to lead from the jack-seven of spades into the queen-eight. Without the double, Goodman might easily have made a mistake on the hand.

IN FORMER YEARS

Thirty Years Ago—Will the United States be finally drawn into war with Mexico? Who is to blame for the trouble there? Is Wilson's "watchful waiting" justifiable? W. L. Mellinger in his lecture on "A synopsis of the history of Mexico from the cause and effect standpoint, showing the cause of the present conditions," will answer these questions at the Christian church Oct. 1. The speaker does not draw conclusions, but states historical facts and present conditions, letting each hearer draw his own conclusions.

The big stock barn on the former Pierce-Sawyer farm near Hot Lake, now the property of Charles Rinehart, was destroyed by fire yesterday afternoon. There was also a hundred tons of hay and 600 sacks of oats which were a total loss.

Fifteen Years Ago—Members of the chamber of commerce in attendance at the regular forum luncheon today at the Sacajawea Inn were treated to a varied program, ranging from committee reports to an informal and interesting talk by Walter M. Pierce, former governor.

Ten Years Ago—A total of \$78.35 was added to the Union county Amos L. Helms first aid car fund today, the receipts from a benefit dance held Saturday night at the Sacajawea ballroom with Bob Reuter's orchestra playing. Lake fishing in Union and Wallawalla counties, with the exception of lakes with special seasons, comes to a close at nightfall today.

BARBS

A Florida motorman asked a divorcee because his wife hasn't spoken to him for two months. You're not supposed to talk to the motorman.

Houses are made out of mud in some parts of China. What do the women kick about their husbands tracking in?

Clothes are back in style again, much to the disgust of the bathing beach queens.

Questions & Answers

Q—Did the U. S. spend much money to rearm the French army?

A—\$750,000,000 lend-lease, including food, clothing and weapons.

Q—Who invented the first practical sewing machine?

A—Elias Howe, in 1846.

This Curious World

NEXT: What is the world's largest artificial body?

Funny Business



SO THEY SAY

The only safe way ahead is in the direction pointed out by Jesus Christ when He said, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added unto you." —Rev. Paul L. McKay, New York City.

Our occupation of defeated Germany will be successful only as long as we maintain vigilance over German industry. —Maj.-Gen. Robert Wells Harper.

In no country in the world is the military force of the nation so much a citizen Army and citizen Navy as it is in the United States. —Tucson, Ariz., Star.

With the British Empire and the U. S. A. now in control of the better part of the world, it is imperative that we have a common language. If for no other reason—than to understand one another. —Indianapolis, Ind., Times.