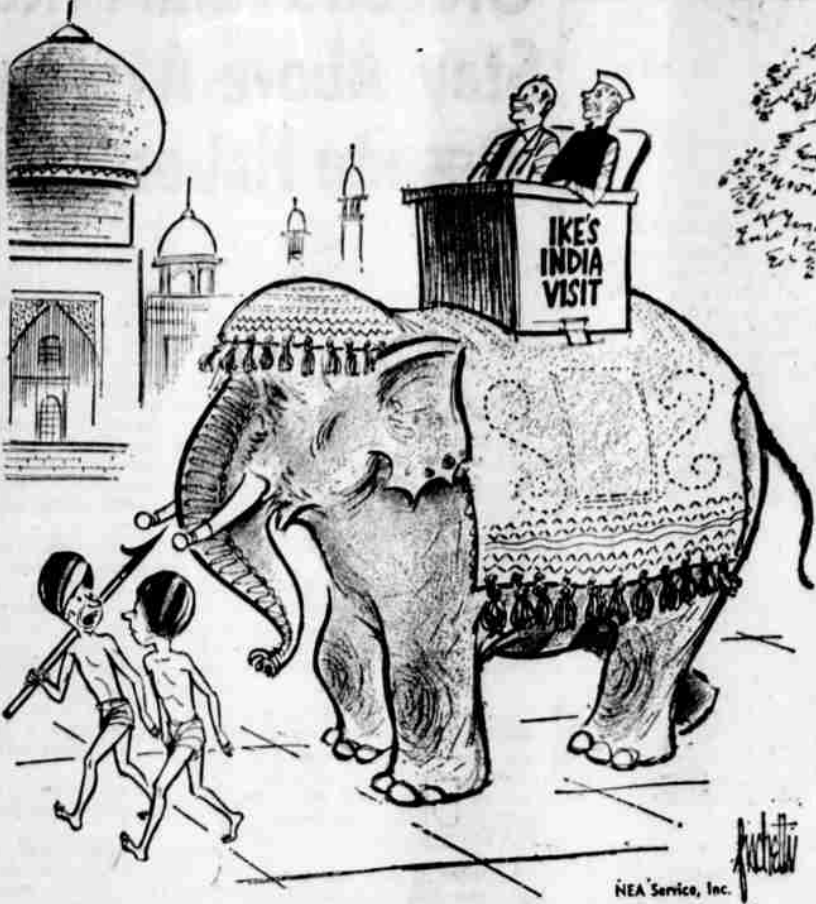


"They Say He Has an Enormous Herd in America"



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It's A Woman's World

Watch out, they're organizing the women. In a letter to labor councils in the state, William Schnitzler, AFL-CIO national secretary-treasurer, has announced that a full-time staff member will be assigned to work with AFL-CIO auxiliaries throughout the nation to build up a "grassroots army of women" who will back up policies and programs of the AFL-CIO. The auxiliaries are an important arm of the trade union movement but most labor auxiliaries have been concerned with minor duties since World War II. In the Washington State Labor News

this development hinged on the fact that prosperity and a larger or less formal labor movement changed the original role of the auxiliaries. Quite frankly, the auxiliaries have found themselves with little or nothing to do in recent years. At the convention of AFL-CIO auxiliaries in San Francisco changes were made in the by-laws and resolutions were adopted in an effort to get the auxiliaries assistance in implementing the work of the union organization. Next thing you know women will be running the unions. Might be a good idea, too.

Taft Blamed Press For His Defeat

Senator Robert A. Taft left a strange thing among his papers. It was an analysis of the 1952 presidential campaign when he lost the Republican nomination to Dwight Eisenhower. In this analysis he says that Eisenhower won out because four-fifths of the nation's press supported the general and because New York's financial interests favored Eisenhower over Taft. This is one of the few times in the last 25 years that newspapers have been given credit for having much, if any, political influence. Franklin D. Roosevelt, who was elected four times, probably had less support from newspapers than any previous president. His repeated successes in the face of newspaper opposition led politicians to speak scornfully of the role newspapers play in American politics. Taft probably is right about the part the press played in bringing about Eisenhower's nomination and subsequent election. Taft was not the right man to

be president. Newspapers said so over and over. Especially he was not the right man to be president in a year when Dwight Eisenhower was available. As it turns out, Taft would have been a president who died in office and there is no way of knowing now who would be president instead. This Taft analysis is brought to light now partly because another close battle seems to be shaping up for the Republican nomination in 1960. Vice President Nixon unquestionably is in the lead. But suppose the press should get behind Governor Rockefeller the same way it was behind Eisenhower in 1952? Would that, plus the financial backing that certainly would be behind a Rockefeller, be enough to win him the nomination? That makes an interesting political question, but that's about all. Nixon has newspaper support that Taft never had. He is not likely to lose much of it no matter how glamorous a candidate Nelson Rockefeller turns out to be.

Cecil Edwards Has Raised Rumpus

Cecil Edwards, secretary of the Oregon Cattlemen's Association, raised a rumpus around the state with a recent editorial in the Oregon Cattleman, association magazine. Edwards criticized the Red Hat Day promotion of various agencies and outdoor groups. The program, he said, may actually be working in reverse. Red Hat Days were founded to promote better relations between landowners and sportsmen, with a parallel motive of improving hunter conduct and cutting down on property damage. "Perhaps we could suggest that by exciting desire and furnishing a fashionable incentive to the man on the street, this program has impelled a large number of otherwise disinterested persons to take to the field," Edward said. There is no other explanation for the increasing number of novice and inexperienced hunters, he feels. Well, there is another explanation.

That is the increasing amount of leisure time available to almost everyone. Coupled with a steadily increasing standard of living, which frees money for various non-essential pursuits, outdoor sports have experienced a boom in recent years. The boom has brought its problems. Foremost among these is the hunter who feels that a high-powered rifle and a bottle are the only two necessary ingredients for a deer-hunting trip. Brains, too, would be a help, but are often left behind. It's hard to assess the value of the Red Hat Day program. Damage might have been even worse had no such program been in existence. Only two things are certain. Damage continues to occur. And unless some method of control or of assigning financial responsibility is found, more and more land will be closed to hunters and fishermen.

DREW PEARSON SAYS:

Ike Now Able To Evaluate Talks With Heads Of State

EN ROUTE—For the first time since his hectic, historic trip began, President Eisenhower will have the opportunity to look back from the relaxing vantage point of the U.S.S. Des Moines and evaluate his various conversations with world leaders. In general he can make two important conclusions: (1) the presidents, prime ministers and potentates he has seen and talked with are split five to three regarding the vital question of whether there will be a relaxation of the cold war. The majority—Sengni of Italy, Bayar of Turkey, Ayub of Pakistan, the shah of Iran, Premier Caramanlis of Greece—are worried over Ike's conciliatory talks with Russia's Premier Khrushchev. The minority—Gronchi of Italy, Nehru of India, and the king of Afghanistan want a continuation of the talks and concentrated efforts toward world peace. Of course the worry of these leaders whose borders are cheek by jowl with Russia is influenced in part by a desire for continued American aid and continued support for American military bases on their soil. This leads to the second general conclusion Eisenhower must make as a result of his trip to date: the intercontinental ballistic missile makes many of these bases almost as out of date as were slingshot armies after the development of the bow and arrow. The little country of Afghanistan illustrates this point. When Ghengis Kahn conquered Afghanistan, he had developed the laminated bow which shot much farther than the old English bow. As a result he used a small army to swoop down from Afghanistan and conquer all Asia.

Russia Far Ahead Today, Russia has successfully tested at least 12 ICBM's. We, according to ex-secretary of defense Neil McElroy, are far behind and have no plans for catching up, which means Moscow is now in a position similar to that of Ghengis Kahn with a new missile arsenal which can sail right over the U. S. bases in Turkey, Spain, Morocco, West Germany and Pakistan. That, partly, is why these countries are so worried over relaxing of tensions for they see their importance, and U. S. aid which comes in ratio to their importance, diminished. There are three other factors, however, which Eisenhower must consider. They are: (1) aren't some of these bases necessary purely as retaliatory insurance to prevent war? The United States now has 450 bases scattered around the world. Many are quite insignificant but others, such as those at Thule in Greenland and at Sidi Slimane in Morocco are bristling with nuclear bomb carriers. Their chief value is to warn Moscow that its use of an ICBM would bring instant retaliation. At Pearl Harbor the Japanese tried to destroy U. S. naval striking power. They failed because they hit only one base. This is purely insurance against war. (2) Would the talks between Khrushchev and Eisenhower eventually permit dismantling of these bases? The answer for the time being is no. They must be kept as insurance. (3) Aren't we wasting a lot of money sending arms, plus money, to maintain small military establishments when these funds could better go into tractors, road building machinery, dams and irrigation projects? To illustrate, we have sent jet fighters to Pakistan thereby causing great resentment in India which fears Pakistan may use them to take over the disputed territory of Kashmir. Indian resentment flared to fever pitch when two American jets, piloted by Pakistanis, shot down an Indian transport plane. The Pakistani army and air force would be valueless against Russian missiles, and the equivalent of funds expended there could be used to alleviate near starvation. Another illustration: In Afghanistan Russia is supplying MIG-17s and Aleutian bombers to counterbalance the American planes supplied to Pakistan. Here is a situation where Khrushchev and Eisenhower might make a concrete beginning toward a better understanding by agreeing that neither would supply arms to rival countries. In Afghanistan also King Zahir told me that the educational work done by Columbia and Wyoming universities is creating a more lasting friendship than Russia's military contribution. What President Eisenhower has to make up his mind about, therefore, are the following: He took this trip to assure our allies bordering on Russia regarding his peace talks with Khrushchev. Did the trip result in their persuading him to abandon his peace efforts with Khrushchev? If not, will we proceed to concentrate on certain big bases as war insurance, and convert the money put into small bases and miscellaneous irritating military aid into more solid economic aid for our friends? Those are the problems Eisenhower must consider as he nears the end of the most interesting trip ever taken abroad by a president of the United States.

REMEMBER WHEN

25 years ago, Union County teachers were selected to represent this area at a statewide teachers meeting in Portland. Chosen as delegates and alternates here were Cecil Posey, J. W. Leonhardt, Arthur E. Wright, La Grande; Edward J. Gleason, Milton Boring, Union. Alternates: Miss Astrid Bergdahl and Kenneth La Violette. Cover: Miss Vivian Johnston and Miss Janice Atkins, Imbler, and Melvin Parker, Elgin. In Berlin, rumors that the rising German dictator Hitler had been shot by a girlfriend were hotly denied by the right wing government. A school census throughout Union County revealed more boys than girls, 101 to be exact, a reversal of the national average. 15 years ago, Sgt. Curtis E. Roper, 20, Summerville, was awarded the Air Medal while stationed with an Army Air Force unit in England. He served as a bomber turret gunner. The son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Roper, he was a graduate of Imbler High School. America was making huge gains in the Pacific fighting around Mindora, and Tokyo feared that U.S. bombers were getting ready to strike at Luzon. In Europe, strong German forces had broken through all along the Ardennes Forrest and reports by U. S. Army headquarters were tense and terse. The Ladies Aid club of Island City met at the home of Mrs. Renwick Clark for their Christmas party. La Grande High Tigers were dumped the second time in succession by Pendleton, 44-26. BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (UPI)—Matt H. Murphy, 74, one of the founders of the American Legion and a former assistant state attorney general, died Thursday. Murphy helped form the Legion in France after World War I. DOBBS FERRY, N.Y. (UPI)—George Drumm, 85, a violinist, composer and arranger, died Wednesday at Dobbs Ferry Hospital. Drumm of Irvington, N.Y., was a solo violinist with orchestras at 14. NEW YORK (UPI)—Services for Joseph L. Pearlman, 45, foreign news rewrite man for United

THREE BAT FATALITIES

GENEVA (UPI)—Bats were responsible for three of the 11 fatal cases of rabies in the United States in the past two years, the World Health Organization reported Thursday. Press International, will be held Sunday morning.

VANGUARD RADIO DIES

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Radio transmitters in the Vanguard III satellite died last Friday after functioning for 65 days. It was announced Wednesday. The satellite, launched Sept. 18 as the last in the Vanguard series, is expected to continue in orbit for as long as 40 years.

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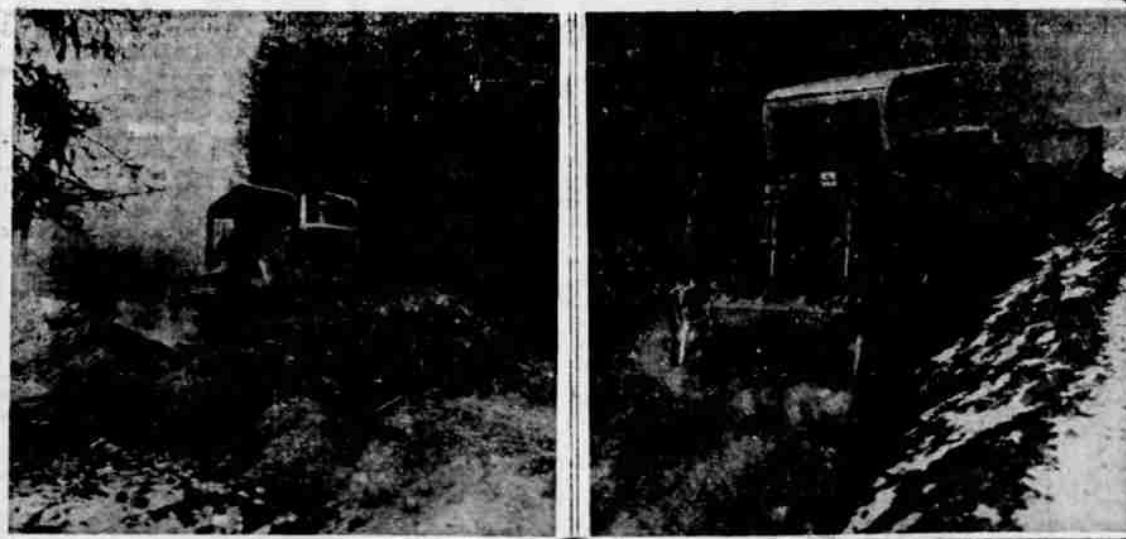
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LETTERS

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To the Editor: Democratic State Chairman Robert Straub has tried to belittle Vice President Nixon by comparing him with Senator Richard Neuberger. In his recent letter to editors all over the state, Senator Straub has pointed out that the vice president has written an article for the National Geographic magazine and he, therefore, is as bad as Senator Neuberger. In making the comparison, Senator Straub pointedly neglected to mention that all Mr. Nixon's honorarium for writing this article, not just a small part of it, was immediately turned over to charity without fanfare. This is the vice president's policy with respect to all speaking and writing honorariums. It is not the policy of Senator Neuberger. Very truly yours, Peter M. Gunnar, Republican State Chairman.