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All Not Sweetness In TV

It would seem that all is not happiness and light, among the TV viewers, if one is to judge by some of the comments being made these days. Made us start to wonder what a newspaper would look like if news were treated the same as it is on TV. A fellow writing in one of the papers that finds its way into the office every day seems to have had the idea first. He had this to say—but first a word from our sponsors. This is the thinking man's filler chewing tobacco. You take a chew and the filter makes it as pure as the driven snow—doesn't dirty up spittoons nor sidewalks—truly a fine product. And in the Nation's Capital, the President told his press conference that he had decided to resign, but first a word from Damp Beer. Some beers are wet. Some are dry. Ladies and gentlemen, but Damp Beer is the only one that can be

blotted. It is the beer that doesn't pour. Simply remove the top and dig the stuff out with a spoon. For those men of discerning taste who cannot seem to get a belt from beer, a new secret ingredient has been added to Damp Beer—booze. Try the handy little carryall package of seven. Just ask your friendly grocer for the Blastoff carton. The President announced that he could no longer, in good conscience, remain a member of the Cub Scouts of America and would resign at once. When pressed for a reason by the shocked members of the press, Mr. Eisenhower said that Mrs. Eisenhower suggested that he ought to grow up. The President said that the State Department had consulted friendly powers about the impending move, and that there were no objections which could not be overcome at a Council of Foreign Ministers.

It's A Strange World Indeed

Walter Lippman, back from some of the same countries Eisenhower has visited, brings up something in print that he hopes everybody else will keep hush hush. That is the likelihood that the main issue in global politics in years to come will be the containment of China. He says the Soviet Union which has the longest and much the most vulnerable and controversial frontier with China, has the principal interest in containing China. This is a subject that shouldn't be

mentioned in public. Lippman says, because to do so puts Mr. K on a spot where he must reaffirm loudly his alliance with Peiping against western anti-Communists. Here, then, is something brand new in the cold war. We must be careful what we say lest we put our chief antagonist on the spot. This, on the assumption that this antagonist may, unwittingly, be transforming gradually into an ally. Strange times, these.

DREW PEARSON SAYS:

Ike Visit To Spain First Ever For U.S. President

PARIS—The meeting between Ike Eisenhower of the U.S.A. and Francisco Franco of Spain was one of the most unique and paradoxical of his tour. It was unique because this was the first time in history that a president of the United States ever visited Spain. Though Presidents Roosevelt and Truman travelled nearby, they studiously avoided any move which might put the stamp of approval on Franco's dictatorship. It was paradoxical because Eisenhower once led a great democratic armada to free Europe from Nazism while Franco, an alleged neutral, was permitting his country to be a German submarine base and spy hotbed for Nazism; also because Franco, a staunch Catholic, permits almost no other form of religious worship in his country, while Eisenhower, a non-church member until he became president, is the son of a mother who belonged to one of the most militant non-formalist sects in the world—Jehovah's Witnesses. But despite these differences and paradoxes, the two men both wanted something from the other and were willing to bargain for it.

Eisenhower very much wants U.S. bases on Spanish soil. Franco wants them just as much as Ike does, but, for bargaining purposes he talks as if he didn't. Without American bases and the flow of American dollars, Franco's economy would be in grave danger. And if the stamp of U.S. government approval was removed from Franco's regime, his 20-year dictatorship would be in grave potential danger. In going to Madrid therefore, President Eisenhower dashed the hopes of thousands of exiles and European believers in democracy, just as he will the hopes of satellite exiles when he goes to Moscow next spring.

Francisco Is Insulted Actually, Franco needs Ike far more than Ike needs him. Yet Franco, bitterly anti-Communist, has gone so far as to flirt with the satellite countries in order to throw a few jitters into the U.S.A. It was largely because of these jitters that Eisenhower at the last minute changed his plans for a one-day stop in Madrid. The U. S. Ambassador in Madrid, John Lodge, former governor of Connecticut and brother of Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge, of the UN, bombarded the White House with a series of cables reporting that Franco was stunned over the President's plan to fly right over Madrid without stopping. Franco considered this an insult, Lodge reported, and it might have drastic repercussions on Spanish-American relations. Unless the President changed his mind, Lodge feared, the fate of America's newly built bases in Spain might be jeopardized. As soon as Lodge began talking about bases, Ike began to listen. This is the kind of language

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NEWS CHUCKLES

United Press International PRESENTS WITH A BANG DALLAS, Tex. (UPI) — Esau Lewis believes his wife should get a bang out of her Christmas presents. The couple's three sons went shopping for their mother's presents and each bought her a drettinger. WOMAN HATER ENCINO, Calif. (UPI) — A gunman who robbed William W. Straka's jewelry store of \$268 cash passed up the jewelry remarking: "I'd take some of the jewelry, but all I could do with it is give it to some woman—and they're no good." LUCKY RUN DOWN MADRID, Spain (UPI) — Valencia plumber Francisco Ortega, run over by a truck bearing the license number 38690 last September, bought a Christmas lottery ticket with the same number. The big winner in results announced Tuesday night, Ortega took home \$30,000. REJECTS HOLIDAY CHEER SCARBOROUGH, Ont. (UPI) — A third grade teacher Tuesday returned an 8-year-old pupil's gift to the child's family with an apologetic note explaining the teacher doesn't drink.

age that he as a military man understands. So he revamped his itinerary and decided to be the first American president in history to visit Spain. The bases which Ike was worried about are three Air Force and three Navy installations, only one of the latter important. The Air Force has built Moron Air Field near Seville, Torrejon near Madrid and Zaragoza near the city of that name. The Navy has one big base at Rota, a fuel depot at El Ferrol, and an ordnance magazine at Cartagena. Originally these bases weren't considered too important. They were built largely at the instigation of one of the most adroit lobbies ever to operate in Washington. Its chief motive was supporting Franco. In fact Franco paid around a quarter of a million dollars a year to such registered lobbyists and lawyers as Charles Patrick Clark, the son-in-law of the late Vice President Barkley, Anatole Visson, William Carney, formerly with the New York Times, and Kelly-Nasser, Inc., the New York public relations firm. Unpaid but probably more powerful were some of the leading prelates of the United States plus some very vocal congressmen, such as the late Sen. Pat McCarran of Nevada and Rep. Eugene Keough of Brooklyn, who pulled wires for Franco despite the fact that his relations with the Vatican have been none too good and that such leading Catholics as the late Premier DeGaspari of Italy and Premier Georges Bidault of France were bitterly unenthusiastically opposed to him. Opposed to aiding Franco were such potent officials as President Harry Truman and his secretary of State, Dean Acheson. Nevertheless the Franco lobby won out. Franco was first voted aid, later got military bases, and in the end, the hand of fate—in the form of Moroccan nationalists who demanded the removal of U.S. bases with intermediate range ballistic missiles in an hour or so, and Franco knows this. But the United States has so many bases in Europe and the Near East that Moscow could not knock out all of them. Some would be left for retaliatory action. And it only takes a handful of H-bombs to wipe out the key cities of Russia. Therefore the Spanish bases plus other European bases continue to be important as an insurance policy against war. But these bases are also targets. Russian IRBMs are zeroed in on them. That's why Franco wants to raise the price. That was to be the chief issue in the background of his talks with Ike.

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clude in at least a chuckle at French complaints that criticism of their military performance had leaked from supposedly secret meetings of NATO military commanders. France had almost a copyright on diplomatic leakage in the years after World War I. French diplomats were so good at leaking pro-French secrets that the United States was compelled to move against them. An official was established in the U.S. Embassy in Paris to leak for the United States. He was the first official U.S. press officer abroad.

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CHRISTMAS (Continued From Page 1) Dreisbach, deacon and sub-deacon, respectively. Robert Turley, home on vacation from Notre Dame, will serve as master of ceremonies. Midnight Mass altar boys are Robert Fallov, Kenneth Lilly, Andrew Rauwolf, Frank Miller, Brian McShane, Michael McShane, Kenneth Chrusoskie, Louis Cavallo, David Bradd and Robin Pannell. Sunday Masses are 8 and 10 a.m. Special altar boys are Ronald Gorham, Michael Thomas, Rod Lilly and Michael Pannell. St. Peter's Service Christmas Eve services at St. Peter's begin at 11 o'clock with a musical prelude. Midnight Eucharist begins at 11:30 and serving at the altar will be Norman Brown, Ed Boothman, Steve Wyde, Kent Boothman, Mark Deatherage, David Boothman and Robert Brown. On Christmas, Holy Communion is scheduled at 10 a.m., with Paul Tomeraasen and Mike Howard serving at the altar. The Rev. Clarence Kopp, pastor, said that the usual coffee hour will be held at the rectory at 10 p.m. Thursday. The church school will be held at 11 p.m. Sunday in continuation of the Christmas spirit. COYOTE BITES FATAL WOODSFORD, Calif. (UPI) — Three-and-a-half year-old Kerry Barr died Sunday from neck bites inflicted by his uncle's pet coyote. The coyote was chained in the backyard. Get NEW ADMIRAL APPLIANCES & FURNITURE for Prices As Low As USED La Grande FURNITURE Warehouse East Adams Ave.

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BIG FOUR LEADERS MEET—The Western Big Four leaders have finally gotten together at the Elysee Palace in Paris, France, for their top-level meetings. Pictured at round table, they are (left to right): British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan, French President Charles de Gaulle, West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer and U. S. President Eisenhower.

Eyestrain, Headaches Resulting From Headlines On NATO Confab

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FROM THE TIGER'S LAIR

High School Holds Annual Christmas Orchestra Event

The annual orchestra and chorus Christmas concert was held recently at the high school auditorium. This was the first high school music concert of the year and was the first time the mixed chorus and the girls chorus have performed together. The 40 piece orchestra was under the direction of Richard Mansfield, who is new to the La Grande school system this year. Mrs. Betty Faulkner directed the chorus which consisted of 135 members. They have been very active this year performing for various groups. The boys' quartet, the mixed ensemble, and the girls ensemble have been caroling downtown every Saturday afternoon through Dec. 19 for the Retail Merchants Association. Geri Noyes Chosen Geri Noyes, a junior, was selected by the senior girls as the most cooperative junior girl in the girl of the month poll recently. Acting in the position of assistant play director in the production "Our Hearts Were Young and Gay," filling the capacity of drill leader in the Pep club drill team, serving as co-chairman on the decoration committee for the Winter Formal, being chosen general chairman of the junior - senior prom, teaching a Sunday school class of little children in the LDS Church, and being an honor roll student is evidence enough of her willingness to cooperate in school activities, church work and in academic measures. Queen Of Dance Randi Johnson has been elected queen of the annual winter formal dance held at the Saccawewa hotel's large ballroom. The court and escorts were: Randi Johnson and Dean Stone, Cresta Shaw and Dennis Spray, Linda Wheaton and Bob Klomp, and Helen Walk and Dave Carman. "Ice Palace" was the theme for the dance and the ballroom was decorated in blue with angel hair around the room. In one corner of the dance floor was a castle decorated with twinkle and two small angel haired Christmas trees. The ceiling was of blue crepe paper with a twirling crystal ball hanging from the center of the hall. Bill Howell's orchestra provided music for the evening. Intermission entertainment consisted of a tap dance by Elaine and Barbara Ricker and songs from the boys' quartet which was made up of Jay Lorenzen, Bruce Shelton, Bob Roberson, and Jim Cornett. Chaperones for the evening were: Mr. and Mrs. Gooderham, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Smurthwaite, Mr. and Mrs. Frank DeVaney, Mr. and Mrs. Don Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Brownson, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Westenskow, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Staveland, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Landers, and Dr. and Mrs. David Steddard.

OBITS

NEW YORK (UPI) — Harry P. Floest, 76, a retired boys' clothing manufacturer and a member of the executive committee of the Zionist Organization of America, died Tuesday after a brief illness. NEW YORK (UPI) — Albert T. Bullock, 60, secretary and treasurer of the National Biscuit Co., died Monday night in Jamaica Hospital after a brief illness. MAMARONECK, N.Y. (UPI) — George Blundell, 57, an expert on 18th Century furniture and managing director of the Antique Furniture Restorers Corp., New York City, died Tuesday at his home here after a short illness.

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