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"No Favor Stays Us No Fear Shall Awe"  
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### "Hotting Up" the Cold War

Reading reports from Korea and from Berlin one might easily conclude the world is headed toward the Avernus of a third world war—on greased skids. The threat and diatribe mouthed by the Red negotiators at Panmunjom and over the Peking radio, and the constrictor tactics re-invoked by Russians in Germany seem to be torn off the same bolt of cloth. The Reds are "hotting up" the cold war in retaliation against the treaty agreements being made in the West and with the hope of heading off their ratification.

How far will they go? That is the "bank night" question. Will the Chinese and North Koreans launch a fresh attack against U. N. forces in a renewed attempt to drive the latter out of Korea? Will Russia draw the noose around Berlin in renewal of its former blockade?

The weight of opinion seems to supply a negative answer. The moves are part of the Red war of nerves, without graver intent. The danger of course is that when nerves are strained some one may pull a trigger. It took just a pistol shot to touch off the first world war. It will take more than that to touch off the third, but any show of purposeful hostile action easily might unleash the dogs of war.

Well, our hand is to the plough, and the line for the furrow stretches ahead. The West may pause to negotiate if Russia offers convincing evidence of willingness to bargain in good faith. But we cannot now turn back just because of Communist catcalls. Indications pile up that the Reds in Korea never intended to sign an armistice except on terms favorable to themselves. In nearly all the other postwar conferences with the Communists all we have had is interminable haggling and rarely a bargain. Even now we are putting up with humiliating treatment by the Red negotiators in Korea out of a sincere desire to wind up a war which no one wants.

The immediate decisions lie in Red hands, as far as war is concerned. They can launch an attack in Korea, or they can precipitate war in Europe. We do not think they will do either. Meantime we shall just have to sit out their abuse and their annoying interferences with what patience we can muster.

### Clearance for Bill Baillie

Here's an instance of how inaccurate reporting can do some damage. A statehouse news story last week predicted the appointment of W. H. Baillie as liquor administrator. It went on to identify him as manager of the Salem employment office and said he had taken a leave of absence to campaign for Gen. Eisenhower.

Now Baillie is under civil service and subject to the federal Hatch act too, which forbid political activity and grant no leave of absence for such a purpose. What happened was the reporter got Baillie confused with another former state employe who had been out over the state doing chores for the Eisenhower cause. Baillie had engaged in no such activity in violation of civil service regulations.

We are glad to have the straight of the matter in justice both to Baillie and to the Unemployment Compensation Commission for which he has worked for many years and to the Civil Service Commission which has the job of policing the classified service.

The National Production Authority is closing its offices in Spokane and Boise "for lack of business." This runs counter to the usual rule that bureaus grow and grow.

### Export of Wheat Surplus

The government has pretty well finished the sale of surplus wheat which has been stored in American warehouses. It began last August offering wheat to foreign countries at a discount of 70c from the domestic price, and has disposed of around a quarter billion bushels of wheat. Since the Northwest is definitely a surplus area a great deal of the export wheat has come from this section of the country. The flow has provided a big volume of shipping business for Columbia River and Puget Sound ports. Now the flow will taper off until the new crop is harvested which gives promise of being another billion bushel crop.

The selling is done under an international agreement among four major exporting countries and 42 importing countries. Under it the former agreed to make over half a billion bushels available annually to the importing countries. It runs for another year, and the cost to the U.S. treasury for the subsidy is expected to total more than \$600 million. The benefits flow chiefly to the wheat growers.

Judging by the report in the Oregon City Enterprise - Courier the complaint in the case brought by Clackamas County against the government to force distribution of revenues from the controverted O & C lands is a political speech. That might be expected from A. W. Laferty who has been engaged as special counsel. He drags in reference to bills pending in Congress and scolds private timberland owners none of which has bearing on the legal questions involved. We have a feeling the county will lose, probably having its case thrown out of the district court in Portland.

Those who complain about the posting of candidates' placards in election campaigns should take note of Naples. In that city more than a million posters were pasted up over the city prior to the Sunday elections. In the last week the Christian Democrats put up 400,000. Posters were pasted on statues, walls and even the sidewalk toilets which are features of continental cities. And in Europe posters are not the tiny 11x14 cards which American candidates favor, but big single sheets like the cover of a child's bed. Here we are spared such wholesale disfigurement of the landscape.

At last report only four members of the G.A.R. survive. Three are 105 years old and one is age 110. They are: Israel Broadwords, Samuel, Idaho; Wm. A. Magee, Van Nuys, Cal.; James A. Hard, Rochester, N. Y., and Albert Woolson, Duluth, Minn. All the others have lain down in their last bivouac. To these four, a nation's salute on Memorial Day.

The time for filing of campaign expense accounts has come. Many might well carry the endorsement: "Of all sad words of tongue or pen, the saddest are these, It might have been." Yes, they might have won the nomination and then faced more campaign expenses for the general election. Running for office is a luxury these days.

Somebody pays for "free" medical service in Britain. Of the total cost 86 per cent comes from general taxes, 10 per cent from payroll taxes and 4 per cent from local property taxes. The "fall guy" is the one who pays heavy general taxes. Something isn't got for nothing just because it comes out of a government bureau.

## Texas GOP Leaders Toss Out Ike Faction, Ignore Majority as 'Not Real Republicans'

By JOSEPH ALSOP

MINERAL WELLS, Tex. — An important Republican gathering in Texas used to seem about as likely an event, by the ancient rules of American politics, as a synod of atheists in St. Peter's Cathedral. Yet the Republican State Convention held here this week in this rather bleak little resort town in the Texas hill country may quite easily turn out to be a major turning point in the party's history.

There has been more here than a bitter and crucial contest between the supporters of Sen. Robert A. Taft and General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower. Behind the usual facade of witted delegates, ugly banners and party managers exuding false self-confidence, people here have been arguing bitterly about what sort of party the Republican party ought to be.

The simplest way to describe the concept of the Taft faction is to say they appear to believe that Republicanism is almost like the British peerage, a rare, hereditary privilege. The best symbol of this viewpoint is National Committeeman Henry Zweifel, who has driven the Taft steamroller here.

Zweifel is a graying, aging Fort Worth lawyer-businessman who was a United States Attorney in the happy Republican years of the '20s. He took the lead in the campaign of naked religious prejudice that won this state for Herbert Hoover on the only occasion when Texas sent one Republican to the White House. He inherited the state leadership from the late Col. R. B. Creager, whose name carries the tradition back to

another big Taft convention, 1912, when the word "steamroller" was added to the American political vocabulary.

The Zweifel political approach is disclosed by his public declaration that he would rather "lose with Sen. Taft" than sinfully compromise with Republican principles by nominating Gen. Eisenhower. Like Creager before him, Zweifel has run the Texas Republican Party like a small private club.

Like Creager, to be sure, he has also issued pious statements, before each national election, that now was the time for a two-party system to develop in Texas. But if fact, the emergence of a two-party system in Texas is the last thing Zweifel wants. His sole distinction, the only thing that sets him apart from the ruck of middle-prosperous Texans, is his post as National Committeeman. And if the Texas Republican Party here were anything but a small private club, the competition would be too stiff for Henry Zweifel.

Sen. Taft long ago sewed up Zweifel and the other Southern leaders like him, and whose support in fact was classed as a prime asset in the original Taft plan for victory. It can be imagined, then, with what horror Zweifel and most of the other Republican club members heard the sudden knocking of uncontrollable masses of Texas voters on the club doors.

This was the Eisenhower surge in Texas. Certain regular Republicans, like the former candidate for Governor, Alvin Lane, participated in the movement. The great mass of the Eisenhower rooters was composed, however, of former Democrats, or independents, or of younger men and women who had never troubled to vote. They had two things in common. They wished to get rid of the Democratic National Administration. And they saw in

Gen. Eisenhower a Republican candidate they could vote for with enthusiasm, a man offering them final escape from the one party prison in this state.

As the law here requires, these Eisenhower enthusiasts paid their poll taxes; they signed the necessary pledge of Republican allegiance; and they flocked into the Republican precinct meetings. In the majority of counties, they overwhelmed the Zweifel organization by sheer weight of numbers. In big Dallas County, for example, attendance at Republican precinct meetings actually ran higher than attendance at the Democratic gatherings; and the Eisenhower enthusiasts polled close to 80 per cent of the Dallas County Republican votes.

The riposte of the Zweifel organization has been, very simply, to ignore the majority against it. The State Executive Committee has seated pro-Taft delegations. Those delegations chosen here to go to the Republican National Convention hardly represent more than a third of the people who have signified their wish to vote Republican by signing up and going to the precinct meetings. The pro-Eisenhower contesting delegation represents the other two-thirds.

The Zweifel tactics have been countenanced and approved by Sen. Taft's personal representatives on the spot, David Sinton Ingalls and Brazillia Carroll Reece. They too have said that the pro-Eisenhower people were "not real Republicans" and could thus be ignored. But it is pretty hard to see how the Republican Party is ever to amount to anything in Texas, or carry the country in a national election, for that matter, if this kind of exclusiveness is to be practiced. And it is pretty hard not to feel that this sort of defiance of majority will is anything but a genuinely desperate political act.

## NICE KITTY DEAL THAT DIDN'T PAN OUT



## IT SEEMS TO ME

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be as rough as that on the early irrigation districts where the first generation had a tough time to make a living and hold onto their lands. More initial capital now is required and more government credit aids are offered.

The region is well served with transportation facilities. Five lines of railroad touch or cross it: Great Northern, Milwaukee, Northern Pacific, Union Pacific and the S.P. & S. Good highways link the district with major cities of the northwest, and water transportation reaches now to Pasco and Kennewick on the Columbia. Grand Coulee furnishes power to pump the water into the huge impounding reservoir and provides electricity for use over the area. Other dams a-building, McNary and Chief Joseph add to the quantity of electric power that will be available.

What we shall have is the creation of an agricultural empire out of the thinly populated central portion of Washington state. Its produce will help feed and clothe the people of the country, provide added volume for lines of transportation. The farm families there will be consumers of goods and services from nearby cities and from the rest of the country as well. In short new wealth will be created there annually into the indefinite future. It was after the first world war that the idea of the Columbia Basin project took form. Local chambers of commerce promoted it vigorously. First choice of state authorities was for a gravity project with diversion from the Pend Oreille River at Albeni Falls, Idaho. The report of the army engineers, however, favored a combined power and irrigation project at Grand Coulee, and this was initiated in the administration of President Roosevelt. The power project has been operating for years. Its contribution of energy proved a lifesaver to the northwest during the war.

Now the next step in the project is reaching the point of initial completion. In progressive stages the canals and laterals will be built and water brought to the farm subdivisions. The investment is huge. The farmers can't repay the cost directly, but what they cannot pay will be taken care of by subsidy from the power receipts at Grand Coulee. In the end the project will constitute a great economic asset for the whole country.

Having lived in Central Washington close to the region soon to be watered, in the year when the project first was promoted I am naturally delighted to see this success come to those who labored so hard and so long to get the project started. Many have not lived to see this day. In 1920 the project looked to be far distant. In a little over 30 years, however, it is becoming a reality. The typical Chamber of Commerce booster who gave the project its initial impulse deserve recognition in these days of celebration.

### Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "We cannot accept of your hospitality any longer, although we are awfully happy to have been with you."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "edible"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Privacy, ecstasy, fallacy, intricacy.
4. What does the word "altruistic" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with exp that means "to enlarge in discourse or writing"?

- ANSWERS
1. Say, "We cannot accept (omit of) your hospitality any longer, although we are very happy to have been with you."
  2. Pronounce the first e as in bed, accent first syllable.
  3. Ecstasy.
  4. Actuated by a regard for the welfare of others; benevolent. "His altruistic attitude toward those in need did not blind him to the demands of his own family."
  5. Expatiate.

## Russians Act Like Partition Of Reich Final

By J. M. ROBERTS, JR.

(AP) News Analyst

Russia is trying to make the West Germans believe that their new association with the Western powers will be a step toward finalizing the partition of Germany.

By clamping down on cross-border intercourse both along the Elbe and in Berlin, the Soviets want the West zone to see the East Zone as retiring into another world—a world which Russia is perfectly willing to have portrayed, for the moment, as an enemy world.

Indeed, the Russians would like for the whole Western world to see it, as some of the more hysterical observers already are proclaiming it, as the drawing of lines for war. She knows the political effect of that in Europe.

Instead, the majority does not see it as the yielding of East Germany to the Russian sphere through the madness of Adolf Hitler and the subsequent shortsightedness of Allied policy.

Rather, West Germany is being snatched from the possibility of Russian infiltration or conquest. Following the threats and maneuvers for position during the treaty negotiating period, reports from Paris and Bonn now indicate both parliaments will support the policies of their administrators and ratify the new agreements.

That Russia will then consider it time to plug the last border gaps can hardly be doubted.

The degree of Allied firmness at this moment will probably determine what will happen later. If the Russians get away with banning Allied highway patrols now, they will get away later with closing the roads entirely.

The Allied pronouncement that they consider Western Berlin in the same light as North Atlantic Treaty territory is definite notice to Moscow that an attack on Berlin would bring war.

The question is, how many risks will Russia run in conducting a campaign of harassment short of actual attack?

Allied power right now and in the next year may be more important than it ever will be again, whether it be to avoid war or to fight one.

Bernard Baruch was making this very point Tuesday when he told the Senate Preparedness Committee that "when you live under the shadow of war as we do today, all actions must be valued in terms of time."

## Grange Reopens Truck Tax Drive

EUGENE (AP)—The Grange is reopening its campaign to tax long-haul trucks for use of the highways.

The Lane County Pomona Grange will offer a resolution at the State Grange Convention in La Grange next month to combat the trucking industry's counter-moves.

The resolution, passed by the Pomona here, urges support of the weight-mile tax bill, passed by the last Legislature but suspended by referendum attack. The resolution also urges defeat of a proposed constitutional amendment restricting truck taxes.

## Parliament in Korea Rebukes Syngman Rhee

PUSAN, Korea (AP)—The South Korean National Assembly voted 96-3 Wednesday to lift martial law from this provisional capital.

It was a rebuke to President Syngman Rhee and possibly was aimed to test his powers with the South Korean Army.

The action widened the breach between Rhee, who proclaimed martial law and has South Korean Army backing, and the assembly which elects the president.

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Results of the session were not disclosed. A source close to the United Nations commission for the unification and rehabilitation of Korea said members expressed "deep concern" about the situation.

## The Safety Valve

DECLINES ASSIGNMENT ON SUNDAY STORE CLOSING

To The Editor:

"I see by the papers" that the Salem Ministerial Association is starting a move to have the stores closed on Sunday, and that in my absence from the meeting recently where the matter was discussed I was made responsible for such an effort.

Now I am of the opinion that having the stores closed on Sunday would be good for everybody concerned, particularly those who are obliged to "keep shop" on this day of worship, rest and recreation. And I am sure that in due time those many of us who do on Sunday what we forget to do on Saturday would adjust ourselves to a more sensible schedule. And while I have no facts to support me, it would be a good guess that from a dollars and cents angle nothing is gained by keeping shop on Sunday.

Since I was not consulted before being assigned this responsibility, and since word of it reached me only by medium of the newspaper, I am replying through the same medium. As I have said, I believe closing the stores on Sunday would be a good thing. But I do not have the time for this added service, and must decline in this way of worship, rest and recreation. My colleagues of the Salem Ministerial Association must know that they have my goodwill.

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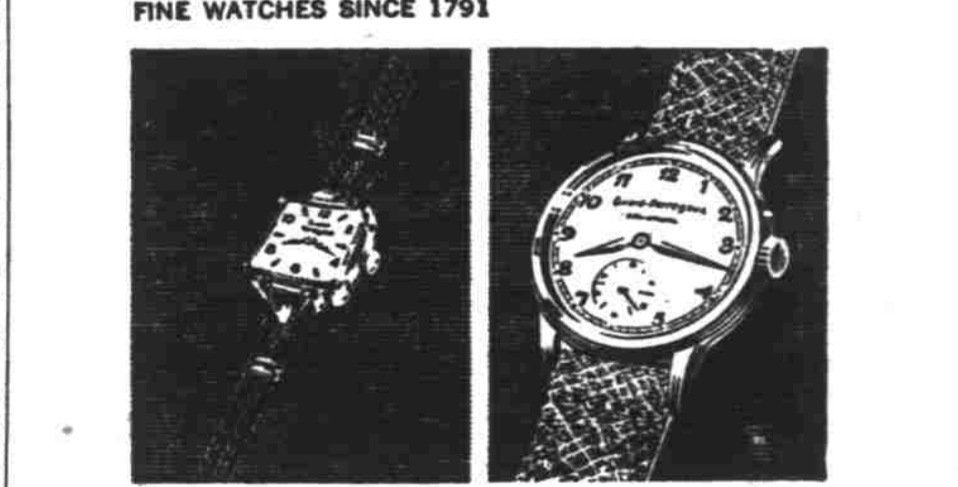
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