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Eisenhower at Abilene

Those who may have expected another General MacArthur with the return of General Eisenhower to Abilene, Kansas got instead—another Alf Landon. The major portion of his address was 1936 all over again, with some refurbishing. One thing the country may be sure of—Ike is a Republican, of pre-new deal vintage. His address was one dripping with platitudes, quite barren of original ideas. And it failed to make up in oratorical flourish what it lacked in content. The applause was desultory, and the effect seemed as flat as the Kansas landscape.

With what the General said one would find it difficult to quarrel. Except for a few passages Taft might have made the speech—or Harry Truman. He urged a "climate of goodwill" for the settlement of industrial disputes—how far will that get in the steel dispute today? He decried inflation, scored waste and extravagance in government, bemoaned heavy taxation and warned against concentration of power in Washington: all of which could have been torn from the GOP campaign textbook of 1936. Still valid of course, and more so. The rub is to devise means to stop the evil trend, for which the General offered no suggestions.

In matters of international affairs the General again indulged in generalities. He did denounce the Communist menace and praise the effort toward unification of the free world. Let this be interpreted as mere confirmation of the Truman-Acheson policy he bemoaned the loss of China to the free world. He called for no concealment of objectives in foreign relations and took a dig at the "dread secrecy" of Yalta. The only direct attack he made on the Truman administration was that "one party has been in power too long in this country."

To a people looking anxiously for inspired and inspiring leadership the speech of Eisenhower was most disappointing. He offered no original thoughts on how to meet the challenges which confront us at home and abroad. His major concern seemed to be that we do not go bankrupt. But in a world of high tension and international insecurity the graver danger comes from political bankruptcy. Eisenhower said nothing to indicate that he had any significant contribution to make in the way of leadership in the world crisis. His closing words: "I believe in the future of the United States of America" were comforting, but how sophomoric!

Perhaps we expected too much. Perhaps in today's press conference Eisenhower will show he comprehends the great issues which concern the American people. And it may be that in future speeches he will outline effective programs to attain the goals he sets. If he doesn't then we would conclude that Kansas has given us another Alf Landon.

Purge for Ana Pauker

As Carlyle noted in his French Revolution, "revolutions devour their own children." In conformity with this pattern revolution is breathing hard on the neck of Ana Pauker, foreign minister of Roumania. Radio Bucharest confirms previous advices from that capital to the effect that Ana, most powerful Communist woman in the world had fallen from grace. It accuses her of being a "pro-capitalist counter-revolutionary." Such a branding is a forerunner of jail or death. It is the conventional charge lodged against those who lost in the external gamble that is government by Communism. Formerly "Trotskyite" was the damning accusation; more recently, "spy of the imperialist plut-

cracies" carried those in high places to the fate they had vowed to others in days of power. Mrs. Pauker has been ousted from the politburo, and if she has committed the sin laid against her by the new premier, then soon she will be out as foreign minister.

One wonders how Ana will take her dethronement. At least she will know what may be in store for her. She directed the purge which accompanied Communist seizure of power in Roumania. She had been rated as friend of Stalin's, as was Rudolf Slansky in Czechoslovakia, but that fact saved neither when the throw of the political dice went against them. Both were Jews, which will provoke fresh wonder if Russian Communism is not developing an anti-Semitic cast.

A native of the Bucharest ghetto, Ana early became a rebel against authority. She and her husband went to Russia in the 1930's (her husband never came back). She trained in the Communist schools in Russia, as did others from what are now the satellite states, and like them became the cadre for subverting the independent governments of those countries.

It may be said that Ana lived dangerously, and if now the revolution is opening its jaws to devour her she is reaping the fruit of her own devotion.

Former President Hoover recommends creation of a second commission to make a fresh study of governmental organization in the interest of efficiency and economy. However there are big chunks of the last report which haven't been acted on: reports on reorganization of the postoffice, interior and agriculture departments and veterans' administration. Let's have the first report put into effect before launching another. We must admit too that in spite of changes that have been adopted which promised to produce economy, the cost of government continues to mount. Like a squirrel cage, the faster you run the faster you stand still.

General Eisenhower not only retired from the Army, he voluntarily surrendered his claim to pay which with allowances amounted to \$19,541. He did this to insure himself full freedom for engaging in political discussion. He has said that if he is nominated he will take the next step and resign from the Army, thus severing all ties with the military. He certainly is making a substantial sacrifice as he enters the political arena; but his action shows a scrupulous regard for the proprieties of the Army as well as its regulations against political participation.

The same guy responsible for the snafu on setting up airplane watching must be the one who drew the railroad map for civil defense in the Northwest. The Sixth Army has better maps than that of course. It must be saving them for military use and giving civil defense the phonies.

Michigan farmers knocked down and beat up a sheriff who was trying to serve an eviction notice against a 60-year-old widow who had failed to pay a \$171 judgment. It would have been far more heroic to have raised the \$171 and cleared the widow's debt. The judgment still will stand against her property even if she retains possession.

Lane County's budget for next year runs over four and a half million dollars. Over half of this is budgeted for roads. That is what comes in having a county which reaches from the summit of the Cascades to the shores of the Pacific.

Georgia's GOP 'Old Guard' Overthrown by Ike Backers, Opposed by Pro-Taft Group

By JOSEPH ALSOP

ATLANTA—Here in Georgia, in the year 1896, the pattern of Southern Republican politics now being exploited by the forces of Sen. Robert A. Taft was originally invented by another Ohioan, Mark Hanna.

That winter, with the fight for the Republican nomination looming ahead, the great early master of the Ohio brand of Republicanism unobtrusively went to Thomasville, Ga., for his health. While restoring his vast frame in Thomasville's balmy air, Hanna also held court for Southern Republican leaders. Promises of jobs, combined with generous payments from the Hanna slush fund, produced a solid bloc of Southern delegates for William McKinley. And the Southern delegates gave McKinley the nomination in a very hard fight.

From Hanna's day until this morning, the phony official leaders of the Southern Republicans, with their phony organizations and their obedient herds of phony delegates, have remained the useful props and allies of the party's Old Guard Wing. In certain cases, as in Texas, they have even maintained a sort of hereditary connection with the local Republican dynasty of Ohio.

Such men as National Committeeman Henry Zweifel of Texas and John E. Jackson of Louisiana are like the estate agent and firelock-pulling gatekeepers who used to cast their ballots as their nobleman patrons commanded, in the old English rotten boroughs. And these Southern rotten boroughs in the Republican Party (whose rottenness really has to be seen to be believed) almost all belong to Sen. Taft.

Here in Georgia, however, there also occurred the first local revolt of any importance among these rotten boroughs. Its prime organizer was an able and highly respected Atlanta lawyer, Elbert Tuttle, who brought his Republicanism from Hawaii, and went to work in the Georgia party in deadly earnest when he got back from war-time combat service. He and the State Chairman, Roscoe Tucker, saving the Georgia delegation to Gov. Thomas E. Dewey in 1948.

This year, in a convention held here last Saturday, they have swung fifteen of Georgia's seven delegates to Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower. The National Committeeman, Harry Sommers, is a Taft delegate and strong Taft supporter. But Sommers takes the view that the fifteen Eisenhower delegates were legitimately chosen by majority vote, and he will fight for their being seated at Chicago.

There is, of course, a competing pro-Taft delegation from Georgia, sponsored by Roy Foster, of Wadley, but really masterminded by a beefy local entrepreneur, Roscoe Pickett Jr. At least one of these pro-Taft delegates is now on the state payroll, and Pickett, the mastermind, was both a law school classmate of Gov. Herman Tamm and has also held state employment under him. With some accuracy, this pro-Taft group is described as the "Tammage Republicans."

Sen. Taft's Southern proconsul, Brasilia Carroll Reece, has at best only covertly encouraged the "Tammage Republicans." Reece has also promised National Committeeman Sommers that the Taft forces at Chicago will not recognize this pro-Taft group in Georgia. Yet at the very least, the fact that this group exists in Georgia is likely to be used to cover up the steals in Louisiana and Texas.

The dodge the Taft managers can use is only too obvious. The pro-Taft Zweifel delegation from Texas, the pro-Taft Jackson delegation from Louisiana, and the pro-Eisenhower Sommers-Tuttle-Tucker delegation from Georgia will all be acclaimed as "real Republicans," meaning the official organization Republicans.

With many pious breast-beatings, the Taft people at Chicago will emphasize their fair-minded willingness to recognize all "real Republicans," whoever they may be. They will point out that this means seating Georgia's Eisenhower delegates. And thus they will apply a deceptive varnish of fair-mindedness to the fraudulent capture for Taft of fifty-five Texas and Louisiana delegates who belong in the Eisenhower column by law, majority rule and common political honesty.

This kind of dodge cannot obscure the real issue, however. By happenstance, the Georgia Republican organization has been reformed from within, by the efforts of Tuttle and his co-workers, whom no less an authority than Ralph McGill has hailed as first class political leaders. Having been reformed, the organization has also turned on the Old Guard. And McGill and others think that if Gen. Eisenhower is nominated, these men will have a chance to build a real Republican Party in Georgia.

In Louisiana and Texas, on the other hand, efforts to reform the organizations have been frustrated by gross fraud. If these frauds are not punished, the Republicans will miss their great chance this year to build real Republican parties in these states. And in countenancing these frauds, Sen. Taft's managers are not only behaving like desperate men; they are also jeopardizing their own party's future.

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PRESTO, CHANGO



Comes the Dawn

Spectators at Willamette University's outdoor commencement exercises the other day not only listened to earth-shaking oratory but got sound effects, yet. The earth-moving noises came from a plot near the university stadium, where a crew was fixing up a speedway ramp for soapbox racers. The soapbox people had been casting around for a donation of equipment and labor to grade the race course. They learned early Monday a.m. that a complete crew would work at it all day long, for free thanks to a local contractor.



Well, work started alright. But soon City Hall fones were buzzing and the city engineering department was asked to halt that loud labor going on near the university commencement site. An engineering scout brought back word that the crew said it was fixing to give ALL day to a good cause and was going full speed ahead and to heck with the commencement.

More fone calls as the hour of diplomas approached... Soapbox conferences on how to influence friends and soft soap others. Finally an agreement... The crew, which was giving its all, would lay off its labor of love for commencement hour—provided it be paid wages for that hour. The truce was signed quicker than you could say "Panmunjom." But somebody must have fudged a little on that hour because some of the diplomas were handed out to the tune of dirt-digging machinery.

Another two act thriller on commencement day involved Johnny Lewis, WU athletic director. Lewis was slated to don his gown and parade to the commencement site with other profs. The profs did their donning at the State Blind School grounds near the stadium. Well, Lewis flung on his gown and then tucked the box it came in into a tree on the Blind School grounds and headed for the exercises. When he returned to claim the box the lawn sprinklers were on—so in order to retrieve the box he had to sneak up on the tree from the dry side and battle the spray while he fished the thing out of the wet tree.

Despite perennial rumors of friction between law-enforcement bodies, cooperation among state, county and city cops was never more smooth than in the work which led to the quick arrests of three teenagers over that shooting Tuesday. State Police Capt. Ray Howard said it was best piece of three-agencies-working together in some time.

Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "He is liable to cause trouble if he travels any."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "remedial"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Minneapolis, Schenectady, Sault Ste. Marie, Tahla-hae.
4. What does the word "pro-saic" mean?

5. What is a word beginning with co that means "security for a loan"?

ANSWERS

1. Say, "He is likely to cause trouble if he does any traveling."
2. Pronounce both e's as in be, with accent on second syllable.
3. Tallahassee. 4. Ordinary, commonplace; dull. "Telling stories in a prosaic manner creates less interest." 5. Collateral.

GRIN AND BEAR IT

by Lichty



IT SEEMS TO ME

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United States face. In his three summers' visiting in the Middle East he found people "on the march." And this:

"Who are their champions today? The underground Communist Party. Why aren't we in America standing in the villages of the Middle East and Asia and saying we are for economic justice and social justice and we are going to help you, the peasants achieve your revolution? Not by throwing bombs, of course not. Not by smuggling in guns, not by leading armed insurrections. But through revolutions in the political sense.

"What do we do instead? We have been supporting corrupt reactionary regimes, putting money behind governments that are vicious governments, reactionary governments, wasting the wealth of America, trying to understand the status quo, trying to stabilize the situation, as our officials sometimes say."

Douglas says very bluntly what has been said by others before him, with special reference to China. Revolution is on the march among colonial or backward peoples from China to Tunisia. Communism is riding on its back. The West, trying to halt the aggression of Communism, feels it must wet down revolution too. And where western powers, our closest allies, are involved like France in Indo-China and Tunisia, Britain in the Malay States and Egypt and Iran international affairs become badly complicated.

Our Point Four program will not solve the problem of the backward peoples, nor ours, if the benefits flow first and in largest measure to the landlords and the privileged. In too many instances American aid was drained off at upper levels and too little of it trickled down to the under dogs. Douglas thinks we must hitch ideas (revolutionary ideas) to our dollars; but if we attempt that how many of our agents would be permitted by the governing regimes to enter and stay in these countries? It is true that our country was founded in revolution, not only a military revolt but a political revolt as well. It should be sym-

Scout Troop 10 Holds Dinner, Gives Awards

Awards were presented to the scoutmaster and to several boys when Boy Scout Troop 10 conducted a no-host supper and court of honor Tuesday night at Knight Memorial Church.

Scoutmaster Beryl Palmer gained merit badges in swimming and citizenship, as well as being presented a gift in appreciation of his leadership by the sponsoring Salem Kiwanis Club.

Other awards included first class badges to Ted Olsen, Eddie Renschler, Charles Chappelle, Keith Burres, Andy Palmer and Arthur Krueger; second class to Howard Main, Jerry Hagedorn, Larry Frad, Dean McCarger, Dennis Smith and Gary Van Dusen.

The program included a talk on camp by Richard Eadort, neighborhood commissioner, and slides and movies of camp and other scout activities shown by George Strozut.

Chairman for the court was Dayl Burres, aided by Everett Day, George Van Dusen, Leo McCallister and Oswald Olsen. Mr. and Mrs. Leo McCallister were in charge of the dinner.

Some authorities contend that the most stable difference between the so-called races of mankind is not skin color but hair form.

pathetic with the spread of the democratic idea, should encourage it in fact. But in the tangled skein of international affairs now the United States can't be a bull in a china shop. It too must exercise patience, and apply its pressures with finesse. But it must watch the timetable for revolution, and not be left waiting at the station when the train of history has passed by. Justice Douglas does us the valuable service of being our alarm-clock.

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