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## Two Ex-Presidents

Perhaps the man most personally appreciative of the election of Gen. Dwight Eisenhower will be the last Republican president—the often maligned Herbert Clark Hoover.

Upon Eisenhower's capable shoulders now goes the task of building a Republican administration which in future years the Democrats can attack. It is a job which Hoover probably is grateful Eisenhower will assume, thus letting his own regime after 20 years slip quietly into the past where Franklin D. Roosevelt and his New Deal shoved it in 1932.

For all that time Hoover has painstakingly and loyally defended not only his administration but all Republican administrations. It's been a hard task, considering that, as of this date, over one-third of the American population can't even recall his administration — if they were even born.

President Harry S. Truman can view Eisenhower's election with mixed blessings—and take a few lessons and titles from Hoover. Truman, next January, will assume a title Hoover has held these many years, the nation's ex-president, although not yet the one Hoover has borne the longest—only living ex-president.

As time goes by, Truman may replace Hoover as the country's most maligned individual when Republicans attack Truman's administration as Hoover's was attacked by the Democrats.

And Hoover, as there fades into limbo the ill-named "Hoover depression," may hear a new epithet grow into political terminology—replacing the one which so long took his name—something like "Truman inflation."

## A Day of Dedication

To the graying veterans of World War I, and to many others who recall the excitement of the initial event, Armistice Day is a never-to-be-forgotten symbol of victory and peace, of joyful relief and of the sadness of memoriam.

It is not at all surprising that members of Legion Post 9's past commanders organization should take the citizenry to task for not having a more general observance of the day. "After all, we've marched in the rain," was the comment regarding cancelled parade plans. And the fact that business generally goes on as usual understandably rankles.

It is an unresolved question as to why Armistice Day has not become the nationally-accepted pause that accrues to Memorial Day. Perhaps it is because, in view of the continued assaults of despotism on world peace, it has become what its name implies, rather than a day of final victory as it once was regarded.

Whatever place it is accorded in public observance, however, Armistice Day will go down in history as the end of a great war and the beginning of an era—an era which has irrevocably drawn America into active participation in world affairs. It is a day of deep thankfulness for the survival of freedom; a day to dedicate ourselves to ever-increasing vigilance to the end that no assault on the individual liberties of man ever is sustained.

The shortage of power in the Pacific Northwest to most of us seems too big a problem for the individual householder to worry about, but a visit to some of the power-producing centers would change that attitude considerably.

For instance, at Grand Coulee, with its seemingly unlimited output of kilowatts, engineers evince little worry on most days of the week. But on Mondays — "we have to watch things pretty closely that day. Our Saturday output must be increased at least 25 per cent to take care of washing and ironing."

Sounds like small stuff. But there is nothing small about the billions of kilowatt hours of power at Coulee. And the quotation is from the engineer in charge of the entire output. Certainly the great industrial plants of the northwest use huge blocks of power. But they are curtailed at times, by regulation and fiat. Householders usually are curtailed only on a volunteer basis. And so long as volunteer cooperation is forthcoming, that should be all that is necessary.

It is likely we may be called on for even more help than has been asked thus far. The moral is that we can help, however small may seem our home in comparison to the utilization of power in the great area served by the Northwest pool.

## Editorial Comment

### TOLL ROAD POPULARITY GROWING

While it is recognized that toll roads will not solve the problem of traffic congestion such as exists in the more thickly populated areas, the pay-as-you-ride thoroughfares are becoming more and more popular as a solution for inadequate roads in less populous regions. They lend themselves particularly to long stretches where entrances and exits can be widely spaced and where the toll gates are far apart.

Indicating the growing popularity of toll roads is the fact that there are now 752 miles of toll-financed roads in service in the nation and 623 miles more under actual construction. In addition, construction of 785 miles of such roads has been recently authorized and 1,188 miles more are in the "talking stage."

At least from the standpoint of long haul and widely spaced entrances, this portion of Southern Oregon would seem to offer an ideal location for a toll road, for instance, one between here and the coast.

Traffic might not be heavy at the outset but such a facility would tend to open up a large territory for settlement with the result that traffic increase would follow.—(Medford Mail-Tribune.)

## President-Elect Eisenhower Expected to Reject Use of Nationalist Forces in Korea

By J. M. ROBERTS JR., AP News Analyst

One issue almost sure to be reviewed by President-elect Eisenhower's projected trip to Korea is the standing offer of the Nationalist Chinese government on Formosa to provide 33,000 troops for the United effort.

Chiang Kai-Shek's foreign minister, George K. C. Yeh, head of the Chinese delegation to the United Nations, has just reiterated that offer.

The Nationalists have been busy wondering, ever since Eisenhower announced that he favored greater Asiatic participation in defense against Communist aggression in the Far East, whether that included them as well as Koreans.

Chiang made his offer of troops in the first days of the Korean war.

The United States turned him down on various grounds including the problem of equipment and the need for a ready defense of Formosa, but primarily because it did not wish to aggravate the situation with Red China.

Ever since Red Chinese intervention a lot of people have argued that Formosan defenses were well in hand and further aggravation could hardly matter.

United States military aid to Chiang, once cut off, was resumed about a year ago.

He now has a small air force, and observers in Formosa say his army is well-trained and well-equipped.

But the Allies have wanted no action during the Panmunjom truce negotiations, now suspended in favor of United Nations action, which tended to spread the area touched by the war.

## Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "They displayed all sorts of pictures, and I thought they were tastily arranged."
  2. What is the correct pronunciation of "circuitous"?
  3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Seccasion, propulsion, coercion, condescension.
  4. What does the word "inexpedient" mean?
  5. What is a word beginning with ma that means "pertaining to the sea"?
- ANSWERS
1. Say, "They displayed all kinds of pictures, and I thought they were tastefully arranged."
  2. Pronounce ser-ku-it-tus, u as in cube, accent second syllable.
  3. Coercion. 4. Not practicable, or advisable. "Such action is inexpedient at this time."
  5. Maritime.

This is just one thing involved. Important in the background of Eisenhower's trip will be the widespread belief in this country that he not only promised to see what he could do to end the war, which he did, but that he actually promised to do it, which he didn't.

Eisenhower said: "The first task of a new administration will be to review and re-examine every course of action open to us with one goal in view — to bring the war in Korea to an early and honorable end. That job requires a personal trip to Korea. I shall make that trip."

Democrats promptly charged him with seeking votes by promising something they said nobody could promise.

A lot of voters apparently took the promise part without the qualifications. And that now puts pressure on the new president to get action, regardless.

Many analysts of the recent voting credit the statement on Korea with vastly influencing the women's vote.

Since I pointed out in a column the other day that Eisenhower merely promised the effort, not the result, I have had several letters, all from women, tending to verify this estimate.

One, from Mrs. Albert Moore of Youngstown, Ohio, just about digests them all: "We are Democrats and we voted for Eisenhower, and when we went to the polls we had a carload of women, all Democrats, voting Republican because their understanding is that he is going to Korea to end the war."

"Carload after carload of women went to the polls here for the very same reason, so you don't need much imagination to see where Ike got his votes. Six million women in America put like in with that understanding. I hate to think what will happen to the Republicans in the next election if they don't produce."

That represents a faith in Eisenhower that no man could claim or deserve in the light of Roosevelt's power over events in Korea.

## Congressional Quiz

Q—If Eisenhower should die between now and the meeting of the electoral college, which casts its votes officially to elect the President and Vice President on Dec. 15, would his running mate automatically become President?

A—If a Presidential candidate dies in the interval between the November popular vote and the December voting of the electoral college, a new choice to fill the ticket may be made by the National Committee or by a convention called by the Committee. Then it would be up to the electoral college act.

Q—Has there ever been a President elected who was not running under the label of a political party?

A—Yes. George Washington, the first time he was elected. For his second term he headed the Federalist ticket, however.

Q—Has a former U.S. Senator ever been elected to a seat in the House?

A—Yes. Ex-Sen. Garrett L. Withers (D Ky.), unopposed this year in Kentucky's Second Congressional District, will take a House seat when the 83rd Congress convenes in 1949-1951. He will be seated, properly as "Senator" since former Senators are entitled to use that title for life. Sen. Matthew M. Neely (D-W. Va.) also has served in the

Senate, then the House, now is a Senator again.

Q—How can the State of Maine elect its Senators and Representatives in September while the rest of the states do not elect state officials until candidates for the national office are picked in November?

A—Maine merely exercises its prerogative under a section of the U.S. Constitution which says, "The Times, Places and Manner of holding Elections for Senators and Representatives shall be prescribed in each State by the Legislature thereof..."

Q—I've heard of a "standing committee" of Congress. What does that mean?

A—There are 15 "standing" committees of the Senate, 19 of the House. These are the permanent committees of Congress, in contrast to the special or select committees which may be created temporarily or to handle a specific problem. There are at present five House select and special committees. In addition, there are more than a score of joint committees and Congressional commissions, also devoted to more specific activities. The standing committees handle almost all the legislation in Congress. Very rarely are special, select or joint committees referred bills and rarely do they report out bills. (Copy, 1952, Cong. Quiz.)



When Michigan State gridders were here, downtown news-vendor Willie Carver (Salem's oldest newsboy) took the team to his heart. He got up early and picked some of his luscious big white grapes and hauled them to the Senator Hotel for the visiting team's breakfast. After the game Michigan State Coach Biggie Munn and the entire team dropped in on Willie at his State-Liberty street stand. Now Willie gets a letter from Coach Munn in which he thanks Willie for his thoughtfulness and adds that such good spirit is seldom found.

PGE, which has asked several large local firms to conserve critical power by going into a temporary brownout, sets its own example. Outside and inside lights at PGE downtown office and substations have been turned off nightly for the past week...

Statesman staffers Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wright are in New Rochelle, N. Y., where Tom is attending a service PRO school. In addition to the snowy weather the Wrights were chilled to the bone by the high rentals in N. Y. "A house such as we rent in Salem," Tom says, "would cost between \$150 and \$200 per month here (in New Rochelle)." Apartments start at around \$125 per month—and there are not very many of them. "Anything decent" costs at least \$100 pm. Because of the color line in New Rochelle you can rent a little cheaper if you rent from a colored landlord. In addition to the physical effort involved in tramping from one landlord to the other, Tom says, there is the additional wear and tear on nerves and heart because you fall into a coma each time a landlord gives you the bad news.

Everybody else is making predictions on what the change in administrations in Washington, D. C., will produce, so here's ours: The country will be flooded with a new series of "My Twenty Years in Washington" - type books by ex-Demo administration leaders. Harry will probably come through with his memoirs in a book entitled, say, "Who's Dealing Now?" And Dean Acheson will surely dash off a small (six-installment) piece for the Saturday Evening Post called, "I Never Had It Very Good." And several other hundred generals, secretaries of secretaries, diplomats, cabinet officials, stenographers to cabinet officials, window cleaners and janitors will come out with their confessions.

Salem Atty. Peery Buren went to a serious agricultural conference in Portland Wednesday and came panting back with the story of the woman who was asked what costume she was going to wear to a nudist masquerade party. "With my varicose veins," she said, "I guess I'll go as a road map." ... And tacked to the wall in the office of Harold Domogalla, county tax deputy, is this warning to taxpayers: "One good thing about telling the truth is you don't have to remember what you said." ...

## GRIN AND BEAR IT by Lichty



"So guilty of capitalist radio influence in your production of satire, comrade gagwriter... here, we do not kid the sponsor..."

## IT SEEMS TO ME

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importance of fiscal policy should not be overlooked. I notice in the evening paper here that Sen. Harry Byrd calls for a cut in spending of 15 to 20 billion dollars in the next two years. There will be pressures for letting the excess profits tax die at the expiration of its present legal life on June 30 next.

Yesterday Prof. Raymond Rogers of New York University told the convention of Savings Banks Association of New York State that the inflationary expansion of recent years is coming to an end. He declared that the economic position of the dollar is stronger and predicted a period of less demand for credit, and hence, a lowering of interest rates.

But such is the delicate balance of world economy these days and so important is the volume of government spending to the domestic economy that wise statesmanship will be required in the politico-economic field just as it is in the area of foreign policy. In fact, they link together, and must be considered together.

For example, here at United Nations I have heard representatives of foreign countries complain because of the slump in prices paid for primary products, many of which we have been buying for stockpiling. Metal prices are lower, as are prices of wool and other raw materials. This lowers the amount of dollar exchange these countries obtain from sales to the USA.

Then there is the difficult problem of tapering off aid to our western allies. They say they would much prefer to have trade

with us rather than aid from us. But that points toward lower tariffs; and will a Republican congress make tariff concessions? (Its failure to do so after the first world war contributed to the catastrophe of the early 1930s). And in view of our high degree of self-sufficiency, what can the world offer in exchange for the big volume of foodstuffs and machinery it wants and needs from us?

To get lower taxes we should reduce our spending. That will mean less military spending, less foreign aid. It calls for a greater volume of imports as a substitute for foreign aid and to provide exchange for the purchase of goods from the USA.

This is a task for surgeon-economists, not for politicians with a broad axe. If the inflationary spiral is to be reversed the drop must be kept gradual lest there be a big bump. In short, we cannot be economic isolationists any more than we can be political isolationists in this day and age.

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