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Admission for 214,000 Refugees

Congress failed to revise the McCarran-Walter immigration act though many authorities from the President down felt that the job needed to be done. He did succeed by dint of using heavy pressures in getting Congress to pass a bill granting asylum in this country to 214,000 aliens, outside the regular quotas. McCarran fought hard to kill the bill and he did succeed in applying the fine-mesh security screening of the general law. Also, its administration was given to Scott McLeod, the Senate's contribution to the state department's detection bureau.

The bill distributes the admissions in great detail. Of the total, 90,000 will be admitted who fled the Iron Curtain countries and now live in Germany or Austria; 60,000 Italians of whom 45,000 must be refugees; 17,000 Greeks; 17,000 Dutch. Also 3000 refugees from Asia, 2000 Chinese refugees from Formosa; 2000 Arab refugees.

The reason the bill was pushed was to show to the world that the United States is willing to do its part in providing a home for the wanderers-in-exile. The previous experience in admitting displaced persons has turned out well, the vast majority finding employment and proving themselves worthy of the consideration they received.

One wonders when or if the stream of those fleeing from Communist tyranny and deprivation will cease. Germany and Austria are the primary catch-basins. From these reservoirs persons must be drawn off to migrate to other countries. The United States wisely and generously is undertaking to do its part, without doing grave risk to our own population problems.

Lovers of wild life clear across the nation will endorse the proposal to name the Malheur Lake bird refuge after the great naturalist, William L. Finley, who died a few weeks ago. He was the one who urged President Theodore Roosevelt to set the area aside for a bird refuge. The tract, since enlarged by acquisition of the old P ranch, is a haven for nesting fowl and has permitted some species to escape extinction. Finley's name needs to be preserved, and no better way can be preserved than in the designation of this refuge which he worked to obtain and in whose feathered creatures he took continuing interest.

Virginia has its own "Walker plan" which provides for a cut in income taxes when revenues exceed budget requirements. This one was sponsored by State Sen. Harry F. Byrd Jr. For the third consecutive year a reduction has been ordered, this time of 6 per cent. This method has something of the effect of the property tax levy, which always is geared to the amounts legally included in the budget. It prevents piling up surpluses year after year. In Oregon these surpluses have proved a good cushion but signs indicate the feathers are falling out of the cushion.

Sense of Responsibility as Well as Practical Politics Sparks Demo Support of President

By JOSEPH ALSOP

WASHINGTON—As Congress heads for home, everyone is talking about the meaning of the past session—the things done and undone, the trends that developed, the signs that the President will have a staggering job on his hands when Congress meets again. All in all, however, the outstanding feature of the session was the growth of a novel and useful relationship between the White House and the Democratic opposition.



Joseph Alsop

House Leader Sam Rayburn, Senate Leader Lyndon Johnson and the other Democratic chiefs decided at the beginning of the session that they would support President Eisenhower whenever they could reasonably do so. In part, the motive was strictly political. In Rayburn's and Johnson's native Texas, the polls showed Eisenhower with 76 per cent of the voters behind him. As Johnson has remarked, "Nobody but a right wing Republican would want to kick this kind of popularity in the teeth."

In part, however, the Democrats' decision was also the result of the long experience of responsibility which they had enjoyed. Before this experience and responsibility also came to him, the late Sen. Taft used to say that "the business of the opposition is to oppose." The very different viewpoint of the Democratic leaders is again that of Lyndon Johnson, who has said that "We're all in the same airplane together, and it just isn't sensible to hit the pilot over the head so hard that the plane crashes."

At the beginning, it must be added, President Eisenhower, his cabinet and his political advisers either took the coopera-

tion of the Democrats rather lightly for granted, or they were actually disturbed by it. No thanks were offered. Loud partisan noises were made on issues which the President was sure to lose without Democratic support.

This phase passed, however, as the President learned his political job. He began on occasions to consult Johnson and Rayburn, and particularly Rayburn, whom he knows and likes of old. Rayburn quietly advised the President on how best to secure Democratic help without riling Democratic tempers. By stages, the collaboration between the White House and the moderate Democrats was regularized with the more astute members of the cabinet like Secretary of the Treasury George Humphrey quietly joining the act.

It is hard to know whether the results have been more remarkable in the House or in the Senate. It was in the House that wise old Rayburn rose in the middle of the reciprocal trade fight, to inquire scathingly, "Isn't there a man on the Republican side who will support his own President?" Yet on the whole the new development has been more important in the Senate, where divisions are deeper and the going is harder for the administration.

Senate Minority Leader Lyndon Johnson has made the biggest mark of any Senator of his age in a good many years, partly by his success in directing the strategy of cooperation, and partly by his triumph in pulling his own party together. In both efforts, he has had much help from such respected senior Senators as Richard B. Russell and Walter F. George of Georgia. But Johnson is still the man who has had to work at the job from 12 to 18 hours a day.

In terms of White House policy, the results are typified by two incidents. Early in the session, it will be recalled, the left wing Democrats tried very hard to filibuster the tidelands bill.

An H-Bomb Warning?

Washington columnist Marquis Childs, among others, has reported the discussion in the capital of making official disclosure of the potency of the hydrogen bomb. Some urge the President to tell the world just what the H-bomb will do and accompany it with a warning aimed at the USSR to "watch its step." Childs reports that the odds are against uttering such a warning. In view of Saturday's disclosure by Malenkov that Russia has mastered H-bomb production, it would seem that the odds against any "threats" by the U. S. are increased immeasurably.

As for disclosing the potency of the hydrogen bomb, that already has been done. The sailor who wrote home that an atoll of some size just disappeared after a bomb explosion, let the facts out. Later writers, the Alsops among them, have given the story in greater detail. Comparison has even been made with the destructive power of the bombs of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Enough is known that the U. S. possesses a weapon of vast destructiveness, Russia knows in whose direction it is pointed and whose aggressions prompted its developments.

Some value might be derived by informing the people of the United States as to what this bomb will do, to acquaint them with the dangers that may rain from the sky above. Whereas up until Saturday it was presumed that we had a few years "grace" before Russia caught up with us in the production of the H-bomb, now we must re-evaluate our ability to deliver the world's most terrifying weapon. It offers small consolation that American experts say Russia has not yet produced one of the bombs. The Associated Press notes that the announcement by Malenkov "produced no air of crisis" in Washington. Perhaps that is because Russia has been in possession of the A-bomb since 1949 without "pulling the trigger."

Will the H-bomb be decisive in a war? Here Russia has an advantage in its vast area and the dispersal of its industries over the USA where there is great concentration of population and vital industry. It is horrifying even to contemplate what would happen in congested areas like New York City, Philadelphia, Detroit, Los Angeles if these lethal missiles drop on them from the sky.

Some authorities believe such a war would be over in 90 days—which gives the aggressor a tremendous advantage. It is to guard against that that the Alsops have been hammering for building a defense screen across the northern part of the continent, of radar and air bases outfitted with fighter squadrons.

Such are the ominous threats that the alternative of avoidance of war becomes of prime importance. One nation can make war on another—it takes two to make and keep a peace. Our statesmen are all committed to the cause of peace. They see in the H-bomb a most potent argument for peace. It is effective as a warning (without any solemn pronouncement to that effect) even if Russia also has it. It ought not to be used as a threat, because a bluff might be called. Our course lies in keeping up research and production of modern weapons and pressing at all times to find peaceful solutions for world problems.

Oregon's share of federal public health funds is cut just about \$100,000. Eliminated is federal aid for the venereal disease program and aid for other disease controls is reduced. It is always easy to justify spending to protect public health; but despite its importance it can't be insulated from economy. Health officials will have to do the best they can to close the gap.

After their Seattle conference 20 Governors went fishing. When they reach home they must resume fence-building, for 1954 is just round the corner.

HERE'S HOPING THE GAS HOLDS OUT!



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Postoffice going all out to teach public how to mail letters . . . film "Pigeon Holes and Progress" will be shown over KPTV at 2:30 today, sponsored by Portland postoffice . . . International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (AFL) calling meet for Monday night at Marion Hotel as part of an "organizational campaign that would benefit both labor and industry" . . . one wholesaler in Northern Oregon known to have peddled 12,000 TV sets this quarter to dealers—and yet sharp shortage predicted this fall when new Salem and more Portland stations get on air.

Federal Communications Commission now makes it official—approval of color telecasting in immediate offing, it says . . . but all such telecasting also will register on black-and-white sets—and with color sets to cost from \$700 to \$1000, black-and-white sets will be favored for many years . . . anyway, color sets won't even be generally available until 1956, in all probability . . . FCC's decision eliminates any worry that color TV might not register on ordinary sets . . . its verdict should bring out hiding lots buyers who've been waiting to make certain that current sets will get everything there is . . . they will.

Television industry earnings for 1952 totalled \$55,500,000, an increase of 33 1/2 per cent over previous years . . . Hollywood columnist says Jerry Colonna knows a wolf who has Tarzan eyes—they swing from limb to limb . . . Associated Pressman C. E. Butterfield says his swing around country showed renewed and increasing popularity for country-style music (all-inclusive term for hill-billy, barn dance, western and folk tunes) . . . Bob Hope says there's a new disease in Beverly Hills—sacro-Cadillac.

The Safety Valve

MORSE AND McKAY

To the Editor:
It seems that you and McKay hold the key of knowledge and if you perish the world will perish with you. According to knowledge McKay is your baby which think or does not wrong. What did McKay do to be idolized by the Oregon politicians and you? McKay seems to be the hero of Oregon politicians, but do not know why. If you talk to so called men of the street, you will find that McKay is not their hero. (McKay's hands are just as dirty as any politician in Washington or anywhere else.)

What did Morse do to be hounded and persecuted by the Oregon politicians who condemn the Democrats in Washington but do not see the milk coats which they themselves are passing around here in Oregon.
What if Morse voted for the Democrats? How about those Democrats who bolted their party and elected Eisenhower? Do you not know that if it were not for those Democratic states who bolted their party Eisenhower could not be elected? Why can't you fellows be Americans instead of Republicans? Hasn't Morse the right to do his own thinking? Must he be a stooge to the Republican party? Why all the venom against Morse? The Pharisees crucified Christ because he did not agree with them and because he told the truth which they did not like. So it is with the Republicans, they do not like Morse because he does not agree with the Republican grab bag.

You supported some county office-seekers in the last election which I wouldn't trust them with my chickens. You would support a dog as long as it is Republican.

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Courtesy Appreciated
To the Editor:
I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for an incident which happened this morning on the way to work. As usual I was on my way from Canby to my work in Salem. As I approached the "Cemetery" intersection on Pacific Highway Junction a car pulled

out directly in my path. There was a screeching of brakes but no collision so I continued on my way. As I parked in my usual place beside the building in which I work I noticed a man walking along the parking strip, towards my car. Just as we were wondering what was up, he stopped by the car and apologized for the incident mentioned above.

His action was not necessary but it certainly left a good feeling for each of us in the car were mighty scared when we thought of what could have happened. I didn't know there were such people in the world and the best way I can show my appreciation is to say to him: "May God richly bless you and yours." I pray that I may be as much of a testimony and blessing to others as he was to me.

Doris McArthur
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Canby, Oregon

Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

- 1. What is wrong with this sentence? "The photo reveals that she is a real pretty girl."
- 2. What is the correct pronunciation of "realize?"
- 3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Capitalist, caprice, catastrophe, cannoneer.

ANSWERS
1. Say, "The photograph (preferred) reveals that she is a very pretty girl." 2. Pronounce in three syllables, never realize. 3. Cannoneer.

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10 Years Ago

August 9, 1943
Gov. Earl Snell appointed Robert D. Lytle, Vale, as circuit judge to replace the late Robert M. Duncan, Salem man who was appointed by former Gov. Charles Sprague.

All beaches from the mouth of the Columbia to Oregon-California line were closed from sunset to sunrise in a proclamation order by the governor. (The beaches were under black-out orders.)

Joe Felton, Salem justice of the peace, enters the armed service this week.

25 Years Ago

August 9, 1928
Pierre S. DuPont, chairman of the boards of two large corporations announced his support of the presidential candidacy of Governor Smith.

Motion pictures of flax-pulling operations in the Mt. Angel district were taken by Dr. David B. Hill, local amateur movie camera man, and Col. W. B. Bartram, head of the state flax industry.

Herbert Hoover's old home is being sought for Hoover's campaign headquarters in Salem, under a plan sponsored by the Salem Advertising club. (It did not materialize.)

40 Years Ago

August 9, 1913
Fifty of the world's leading clowns and buffoons are furnishing the comedy touches with Ringling Brothers circus in Salem.

Knights Templar from all over the United States are in Denver, for the 32nd triennial conclave.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Meyers entertained in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Gideon Steiner on the latter's 49th wedding anniversary.

BEAR BITES BUILDING

EAST LAKE SHORE, Mont.(P) —Black bears scout for sweet cherries along East Shore of Flathead Lake. While waiting for the cherries to ripen, the bears don't appear to be too choosy about their diet. One even tried to take a chunk out of the corner of a new house belonging to Orville Walker.



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to "lose" the second World War, as the Journal does very glibly. Hitler is dead; so is Mussolini. The nazis and fascists are smashed. No conference table restored them to life.

Yalta is a hissing and a byword, and presumably that is one of the conferences referred to. But Yalta did not cause us to lose a war. If anything the agreement with Russia which insured the latter's entrance into the war with Japan hastened the end of the latter with the full capitulation of Japan. The war with Germany was over when the Potsdam conference was held, over with victory for the Allies.

Maybe what the Journal means is that at conferences, Yalta and Potsdam, we sacrificed the fruits of victory. That is a conclusion which is highly debatable. We must await the verdict of history unwarping by the passions and prejudices of the time.

Concessions made to Russia at Yalta were unnecessary, as subsequent events proved. Japan could have been defeated, as in truth it was, without any significant assistance from Russia, except the threat incident to its declaration of war.

As far as Potsdam is concerned the losses and frustrations which have followed are due more to Russia's violation of the terms of our agreements rather than to our fumbling or concessions. The Soviet Union scuttled its promises to permit free and democratic elections in liberated countries, or where they were held as in Czechoslovakia and Hungary it later took over control by device or armed threat. The probability is that this would have occurred had there been no Potsdam; for the West was neither able nor willing to resist such aggression by force.

The United States did make grave mistakes at conferences. One of the worst was at Quebec when the Morgenthau plan for dismembering Germany was given an endorsement which later had to be abandoned. And the demand for "unconditional surrender" voiced by President Roosevelt at Casablanca stiffened German resistance. It was a grave mistake to promise territorial gains to Russia for breaking its peace treaty with Japan. The loss of China to the Communists was due far more to the failure of the Nationalist government than to any mistakes or shortcomings of the United States.

Another thing which critics of our national policy forget is that Great Britain was our partner at all these conferences; Churchill was at all of them, and Attlee at Potsdam. Britain then

must share the blame for wars "lost" at conferences. Such blame is not placed, nor would it be accepted by the British. Americans seem to have an inferiority complex respecting their skill in diplomacy. It is well epitomized in Will Rogers' quip: "The United States never lost a war nor won a peace conference." The antithesis is so striking most people never test the truth of the saying, which simply doesn't hold up. The War of 1812, for instance, was far short of a victory at arms, but our peace commissioners saved us any penalties at the Ghent conference. The Wall Street Journal seems to have succumbed to this complex in twice "losing" a war at the "conference table."

REALTY VIEWS

The house was on a good residential street but it looked lonely—as if it needed an owner. The yard was several weeks uncut, and the backyard was over-run with tall unfriendly weeds. The paint was faded and chipped. The screen door was limping alone on one hinge and the garage showed the vivid wounds from careless driving.

That's the way it looked when I drove up with Lloyd. He knew the place had been rented for a year and that the out-of-town owner had asked us to sell it. "Lloyd had a careful eye—didn't miss a thing. But he was full of ideas and enthusiasm. 'A good house basically,' he remarked, 'all it needs is a little care.' He brought his wife out later that evening and the next day he bought it."

A week later I was in the neighborhood. What a change Lloyd had made! The weeds were cut, the screen door straight, the garage repaired, the outside painted. Just then Lloyd was cutting the grass.

As he leaned on his lawnmower, I asked "How do you like it, Lloyd?" "It's great," he observed, "sure beats renting. It gives me something to work for."

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