

IT SEEMS TO ME
By Charles F. Sprague

James Reston of the New York Times thinks President Eisenhower, who disclaims political skills, is really a better politician than the pros who surround him. When Eisenhower acts on his native common sense he does better than when he listens to the politicians. Reston attributes his failure to follow his own judgment to his personal characteristics, and adds:

"For all his military training he is the least dictatorial of men. For all the adulation that has been his lot since the great victory in Normandy he is remarkably modest. And despite his incomparable achievements as a leader and persuader of men he still seems to think of this as something apart from politics."

"The paradox of this is that the things that go badly with him are the things that are planned with his associates while the things that go well are those he does instinctively and naturally."

This analysis may not be quite accurate. Better to say, in our view, that Eisenhower's native instincts are good. But that doesn't mean that his political instincts are sound. He alone must have made the decision to support as Republican Senators Jenner and McCarthy last year. The sequence of his reactions in the Nixon finance affair last year showed a confusion which never was fully resolved. His frank condemnation of book-burning was later watered down. While he aspires to be President of all the people he has failed to cultivate Democratic support which he requires to effectuate his program. His mounting to the ivory tower well in advance of the 1954 elections was followed by a rapid retreat, prompted by the professionals no doubt, but which quickly got him involved in the losing cause of Paul Troast, candidate for Governor of New Jersey. Though he professed full confidence in the loyalty of Harry Truman he turned Brownell loose to launch an attack which automatically called that loyalty into question, and at his press conference seemed confused over the proportions the affair had assumed. Native intuition should have told him to weigh carefully any such broadside against the former President.

Reston's concluding sentence does have application, however. He writes that in politics as in golf, a backswing is little good without a follow-through." President Eisenhower, who loves to play golf, should practice on his "follow through" in the White House.

Burns Youth, 16, Bludgeons Father Fatally

BURNS, Ore. — A slight 16-year-old beat his father to death with a baseball bat in an argument over who was to do the chores, Coroner Harold Olson reported Sunday.

The fatal beating occurred at about 9 p.m. Saturday night in the house where the boy, Jim Biswell, lived with his father Eldon Biswell, 51.

Olson said the boy then ran downtown to report the beating to state police. He is being held by county authorities in the jail at Burns.

The boy's parents separated some time ago and he had been living with his father, a farm hand. The youth quit high school shortly after enrolling this fall, Olson said.

No inquest has been scheduled.

Infant Hurt as Car Overtakes

SILVERTON — Jimmy Floyd, 4-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Floyd, Colton, Ore., sustained body lacerations and bruises when the car his father was driving overturned three times following a blowout near Rocky Four Corners, four miles east of Silverton.

His parents and four other children in the car were not injured. The boy was taken to Silverton Hospital where his condition was listed as not serious.

The family was on the way home from Lebanon when the accident occurred. The car was damaged extensively.

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The Weather

Salem	Max. 55	Min. 41
San Francisco	53	40
Portland	53	40
Chicago	71	45
New York	62	37
Willamette River	62	37

FORECAST (from U. S. Weather Bureau, McNary Field, Salem): Showers today and tonight with a high near 54 and a low near 36. Partly cloudy Tuesday with widely scattered showers. Temperature at 12:01 a. m. 48.

Ike Asks Nixon to Visit Iran

TOKYO — Vice President Nixon announced Monday he will visit Iran at President Eisenhower's request in early December while returning to the United States from a tour of Asia.

He gave no details, but indications were he would stop in Iran for two days after his scheduled departure, Dec. 9, from Karachi, Pakistan.

Nixon made the announcement shortly after he arrived in Tokyo — as Japan's first "state guest" in over 10 years — for conferences that may help determine the role this country will play in helping to stabilize Asia.

Civil War Vet Celebrates 111th Birthday

FRANKLIN, Tex. — His children, grand children, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren helped Walter W. Williams celebrate his 111th birthday Sunday.

One of the nation's five surviving veterans of the Civil War, the wrinkled old man was actually 111 Saturday. The annual barbecue and the gathering of kinfolk was held on Sunday so all could be here.

Williams, freshly shaven and smiling, sat in his wheelchair on the porch of his weatherbeaten old farm home and surveyed the yard full of kinfolk. It made him feel good.

When they brought the four-tiered cake with the 111 candles, he chuckled and tried to blow out the candles. Couldn't do it, though, not even with four puffs.

Williams, 5 feet 5 inches tall and weighing 110 pounds, is the oldest of the nation's surviving Civil War veterans. He joined the Confederates when he was 22, and became a forage master for Hood's Brigade of Texas.

"If more of you get along with your wives better," he told younger men of the family. "You'll live a lot longer." He gave the same answer he always has given to those asking how he came to live so long: "You get up for breakfast, turn around for dinner, and go to bed after supper." Then he gets serious and gives the credit to "my fine wife," Ella Mae, now 79.

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McCarthy Aims Tax Threats at Colleges

BANGOR, Maine — Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.) said Sunday night he plans to draft legislation that would remove tax exemptions from foundation funds given to any university or college that has "Fifth Amendment" people on its faculty.

McCarthy, in Maine on a speaking tour, said in an interview with The Bangor News the proposal not only would remove exemptions from such funds but would make the money non-deductible on the income tax returns of contributors.

The senator didn't amplify the reference to "Fifth Amendment" people.

Some witnesses before congressional committee hearings into Communist infiltration have declined to say whether they are

Thief Disassembles '53 Car to Steal Equipment

A mechanically-minded thief put in a hard day's work early Sunday morning in the garage of Robert Gill, 795 N. 17th St.

Gill reported to city police Sunday morning that someone had removed several pieces of equipment from under the hood of his new 1953 Ford Ranch Wagon while it was parked in the garage.

Taken were the radiator, generator, carburetor, fuel pump, voltage regulator and distributor. Electrical wiring and radiator hoses had been slashed but were left with the car.

Police reported that paper and cloth had been placed over the garage windows by the thief while he removed the equipment.

The car, bought one week ago, had 250 miles on it, Gill reported.

Neither the car nor the garage was locked, Gill told police. The garage is not connected to the house. Gill told police he and his wife went to bed about 1 a. m. and did not discover the theft until Mrs. Gill went out Sunday morning to drive the car to church.

Police are investigating clues left behind by the thief. Gill said insurance would cover the loss.

Shaw Infant Dies; Race to Hospital Futile

SHAW — Gregory Ostrem, 8-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Rex A. Ostrem, 5125 Silverton Rd., died a few minutes after being admitted to a Salem hospital late Sunday night.

The boy became ill while he and his parents were visiting relatives in Shaw and his grandfather, George Walsh, Shaw, and Mrs. Ostrem started for Salem with the baby in Walsh's car.

The Salem first aid squad, notified that a "blue baby" was enroute for Salem, met the Walsh car near Four Corners. The child was transferred to the ambulance and given oxygen while he was rushed to the hospital.

Hospital authorities said he died a few minutes after being admitted. The attending physician said the cause of death would not be determined until an autopsy is performed.

PW Talk Sessions Resume

By JIM BECKER
PANMUNJOM — The Communists resumed their explanations to Red prisoners of the Korean War Monday after an 11-day break and the interviews quickly shifted to shouting, oath-laden tirades.

North Korean POWs shouted abuse at countrymen attempting to win them back to Communism.

They spat and threw their hats at the Red officers, pounded on tables and benches, writhed in the arms of patient Indian guards and attempted to kick over field tables in the interview tents.

One small prisoner sat with clenched fists shouting, "It's a lie! It's a lie! It's a lie!" over and over again. And the Red officer shouted "lie" in a stream right back at him.

It became apparent that the Reds could not complete talks with the approximately 500 POWs from the single compound Monday.

The Communists explaineders kept some of the POWs as long as 2 1/2 hours Monday, berating them about why they should return home.

Some prisoners threw shoes at the explainers and shouted "explanations" of their own, telling why the Red officers should go to South Korea.

After lengthy explanations to one prisoner, the Red officer asked what he wanted to do. The prisoner answered that he was going to college in South Korea.

"But we have wonderful colleges in North Korea now," the explainer said smoothly.

"Yes, yes, I know, the prisoner laughed. "Not only do you have no colleges, but I was thrown out of high school for being a Christian. You have wonderful opportunities there."

Quads Born in Georgia, Only Two Survive

SYLVESTER, Ga. — Quadruplets were born to a South Georgia farmer's wife Saturday night, but two of them died Sunday.

The Negro babies—two boys and two girls—were placed in incubators immediately after birth and attendants reported them in "fair" condition. The two boys became weaker during the day. One died at 4:20 p. m., and the other at 6:10 p. m.

Mrs. Robert Dollson of route 1, Poulton, Ga., was the mother. She and her farmer husband have eight other living children ranging in age from 17 to 4. One child died shortly after birth last year. The Dollsons have been married 18 years.

Hospital officials said both the girls born Saturday night were in "fair" condition 24 hours after birth. They were the first and last born.

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Burglar Flees Hillsboro Jail, Assisted by Blonde

HILLSBORO — A handsome convicted burglar broke out of the Washington County jail here early Sunday. Sheriff R. H. Busch said the man, George Robert Nelson, 30, Vancouver, B. C., had been aided in his escape by a blonde girl friend.

Nelson and two other men had been indicted in the Oct. 12 burglary of Cruse's Market here, which netted \$260.

Sheriff Busch said Nelson sawed two bars from his cell door to get into the corridor. Then an accomplice unlocked several doors with keys stolen from the sheriff's office. Busch said he believed the accomplice was Irma Jordan, 21, Portland, who had been living at the jail as a voluntary witness in the Nelson burglary trial.

The sheriff said she had not been booked and had the run of the jail.

Busch said Nelson and the accomplice stole a station wagon belonging to John Inman from the Hillsboro airport. The automobile was found in a ditch several miles down the road, and a shoe the sheriff said belonged to Miss Jordan was found inside.

It was the first escape from the 25-year-old jail here, the sheriff said.

The two other men indicted with Nelson in the burglary were Merle Hill, Portland, who was to have been tried Nov. 23, and John W. McGrew, 44, Portland. Both were free on bail.

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Near Half-Inch Of Rain in City

Showers will fall in the Salem area today and tonight, according to weather forecasters at McNary Field, but some blue sky should be visible Tuesday.

The forecast for Tuesday is for partly cloudy skies with widely scattered showers.

Rainfall during the 24-hour period ended at 10 p.m. Sunday was .41 inches with another half inch predicted by 8 o'clock this morning. A few storm sewers were reported clogged Sunday night, city police said.

Box of Dynamite Found in Theater

BERLIN — The American High Commission newspaper Neue Zeitung said Sunday a box containing enough dynamite to blow up the building had been found beneath the stage of the City Theater in Dresden, East Germany.

It said several construction workers were questioned but later released.

Farm Bureau Convention to Hear 5 Well-Known Speakers

By LILLIE L. MADSEN
Farm Editor, The Statesman
Five outstanding speakers have been obtained for the annual convention of the Oregon Farm Bureau which opens, with headquarters at the Senator Hotel, Wednesday morning, and closes Saturday with election of officers.

The speakers are Hon. Harris Ellsworth, U. S. representative; Mrs. Charles N. DeShazo, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation of Women; C. C. Butler, AFBF land and water use specialist; Robert Fleming, AFBF secretary-treasurer, and Bill Alexander, a national AFBF committee member.

Rep. Ellsworth and Mrs. DeShazo will address general assemblies Thursday. Alexander will also speak Thursday, and has announced his subject as "Commodity Program within the Farm Bureau Structure."

Butler will address the general session Friday morning, and Fleming will be the banquet speaker Friday night. While the business sessions will be held at the Capital Room at Senator Hotel, and commodity groups will meet in various rooms assigned to them, also at the Senator, the banquet will be held at Chrystal Gardens. Two years ago, when the convention was held at Salem, several hundred attended the banquet. Last year's convention was at Baker.

Ben Robinson, Imbler, AFBF president, will give his annual report and address Wednesday morning as soon as the house of delegates is seated.

Perhaps highlighting the commodity and group meetings will be the land and water use committee which usually draws wider interest than any one other. Also of wide interest will be the panel discussion Friday, on the federal power policy and what it means to the northwest.

Convention delegates will start gathering Tuesday, when the bureau resolutions committee meets at 9 a. m., followed by the bureau's insurance meeting. The annual vesper service is set for Tuesday night at 8 o'clock at the Episcopal Church.

Ex-President Plans 'All-Out' Talk Tonight

INDEPENDENCE, Mo. — Harry Truman said Sunday night J. Edgar Hoover, FBI director, attended a conference at which the fate of the late Harry Dexter White was discussed.

The former President arrived home Sunday from New York and said his "all out" radio and television speech on the White case Monday night was all written.

He was questioned about published reports that his speech would explain White was kept in government service under a plan to trap an alleged Communist spy ring.

Discussed at Session
According to the reports, associates of Truman have said White's case was discussed at a conference of Hoover, Tom C. Clark, then attorney general and now a Supreme Court justice, and the late Fred Vinson, former chief justice.

The plan to retain White in government service allegedly was agreed on at that conference.

Truman said Hoover attended such a conference, but he did not specify the time of the conference or say who attended.

Speech to Answer
"That's all I'm going to tell you now," he told a reporter. He said his speech from Kansas City will "answer all the questions that can be asked at this time."

The Kansas City Star said Sunday it had learned on "the highest authority" that Hoover never approved a plan to keep White in the government.

The Star's Washington dispatch said Hoover has denied categorically reports that he approved any such plan and that the FBI chief actually opposed White's appointment.

Appointed Director
White, former assistant secretary of the treasury, was appointed during Truman's administration to the post of director of the International Monetary Fund.

Attorney General Brownell has said the appointment was made despite two FBI warnings from Hoover that White was suspected of Communist espionage.

Mrs. Truman's speech will be carried by NBC, CBS, and ABC radio and television networks Monday at 11 p.m. (EST), (8 p.m. PST).

Several newspapers in Washington dispatches reported last week that associates of Truman contend he retained White in his administration in cooperation with the FBI. The reports said the associates explained this was done to prevent Communists from learning White was under surveillance.

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3 FBI Agents Die in Wreck

DECORAH, Iowa — Three FBI agents were killed, another federal agent and two Iowans were injured critically early Sunday in a two-car collision 3 1/2 miles north of Decorah on Highway 52.

Killed were Louis Ewing, 27, Robert J. McMichael, 30, and Joseph Hughes Jr., 25, all of Chicago.

He is survived by his parents, two brothers, Ronald, 3, and Eric, 1. Funeral services will be announced later by the Clough-Barriek Co.

County Christmas Seal Sale Begins With Mailing of 25,000 Envelopes

Annual Christmas Seals sale, aimed at collecting several thousand dollars to fight tuberculosis and its effects, gets to the pocketbook stage today with the mailing of some 25,000 envelopes to Marion County residents.

Officially the annual campaign gets underway with a kickoff luncheon held jointly at the Marion Hotel with the regular meeting of the Salem Chamber of Commerce. But actually it was begun several weeks ago with several organizations donating time and effort to aiding the Marion County Tuberculosis and Health Association in distribution of the seals.

This year Salem firemen donated time to folding the seals for envelopes which Rainbow

of downtown collection boxes. Salem High School's speech class volunteered its talents to making public announcements in the drive which this year carries the theme "Xmas Seals—A Personal Investment."

Funds from the sale of seals will be used for tuberculosis control programs of the association which include medical research, rehabilitation, health education and case finding, says Coburn Grabenhorst, chairman of the campaign.

Last year's drive raised \$20,092 in Marion County. Polk County launches a similar campaign today, aimed principally at financing purchasing of an x-ray machine for Dallas Hospital.

Help Fight TB
Greetings
1953
Buy Christmas Seals
Girls stamped. Boy Scouts placed posters in downtown stores and the Exchange Club took charge

Animal Crackers
By WARREN GOODRICH
There's no question that those strings are from my late wife.

