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Hiss and Freedom

Today Alger Hiss walks out of federal prison a "free man." In the old language of criminology he has "paid his debt to society." But how free will he be? And are his "credits and debts" now balanced in the popular mind? No, he will not escape his ill fame shadow of a miracle of exoneration; and the public will speak his name with the connotation it carries as a common noun. Hiss will find obscurity hard to come by, and employment comparable to his past positions impossible.

For years the Hiss case will be a subject of discussion and review. It is not that he became a member of a communist cell as was alleged but that he carried successfully a double role though in a position of prominence and trust; and then stood firm in his denial in the face of evidence quite overwhelming. This is one of the major tragedies of our time, so great in fact that his most intimate associates deemed the charges incredible. No doubt many still have faith in him, strengthened perhaps by the instability of the accusing witness. The pumpkin papers, the dates, the typewriter offered the most convincing proof of his guilt.

Another man convicted of perjury growing out of testimony in the investigation of Communism was released this week from the same prison. But in a different manner. William W. Remington suffered a brutal attack and succumbed to the injuries. His wife claims he was set upon by hoodlums in the prison who had been stirred up by all the talk about Communism. Remington was a relatively minor character, and the case against him was not as strong as that against Hiss. But he was convicted on a second trial and was serving a three-year sentence. Death thus closes his career, which like that of Hiss, had been one of promise. Somewhere along the way they made wrong choices which ultimately brought them to shipwreck on the law and public opinion.

Bill Connolly, writing in the S. F. Chronicle's Sporting Green, says "We're stuck with USC. Don't give up." The Big Ten sends its real No. One team, Ohio State, to the Rose Bowl, but there it will meet the Pacific Coast's No. Two team, USC which was trimmed 34-0 last Saturday by UCLA. It's the one-in-two rule which bars the latter, the Rose Bowl entry last year. Perhaps the "don't give up" means that the Trojans might turn in an upset and win the New Year's day game. USC is the only coast team to win in the Rose Bowl since the 1947 pact with the Big Ten.

The Santa Fe is one of the best-run railroads in the country, but the jinx has been pursuing its passenger trains. Latest in a sequence of wrecks at various places along its lines was a derailment of its "Chief" train on Thanksgiving eve out on the Mojave desert. Fortunately there was no fatalities and most of injuries were minor. Accidents will happen but the Santa Fe people wonder why they have had such a run of ill fortune.

President Sets U. S. Course Toward Lasting Peace Through 'Freezing' of Red Position

By Joseph & Stewart Alsop
WASHINGTON—Again and in recent months, President Eisenhower has reiterated the theme of peace, so that he sometimes seems almost obsessed by the word itself. In a recent short speech, for example, he referred to "peace" 19 times in 12 brief paragraphs.

According to those who should know, this is not propaganda, or politics, or just talk. Ever since the Eniwetok tests, the almost intolerably cruel facts about the new type of hydrogen bomb—especially the bomb's terrible radioactive side-effects—have impressed themselves more and more deeply on the president's mind. Thus when he says that, "since the invention of nuclear weapons... there is no alternative to peace..." he means just what he says.

In other words, like Sir Winston Churchill, who reached the same conclusion earlier, the president is now convinced that some way short of appeasement or surrender must be found to avert the horrors of hydrogen war. Thus, long before French Premier Mendès-France spoke, the president had already decided to seek a "meeting at the summit" provided certain essential pre-conditions were met.

The reasoning behind this decision is reportedly about as follows: In the first place—or at least so the intelligence estimates reaching the president's desk indicate—this country will have a decisive advantage over the Soviet Union in terms of

nuclear power for a period of three to five years. This advantage is measured, not so much in terms of bombs as in the means of delivering bombs. This country has now turned out its 1000th B-47 medium range jet bomber, and the very long range B-52 is now at last really beginning to roll off the production lines. The Soviet equivalents—the TU-95s and the TU-37s—are hardly beyond the prototype stage. Or so, at least, the intelligence people assure the president.

If the intelligence is correct, the meaning of this three to five year period is interpreted rather simply. During this period, this country can knock the Soviet Union out while the Soviets cannot knock this country out. There are, obviously, two ways to use this period of grace.

One way is to force a preventive showdown while the advantage still rests with us. But, as the president has publicly said, he flatly rules out this course. He reportedly refuses to discuss the possibility of preventive war, even in private, and even on a hypothetical basis. As of today, this country would be badly hurt in a nuclear war, and our allies probably destroyed. But this is apparently not the chief reason for the president's refusal to consider preventive war. He finds the mass killing required in a knock-out blow at the Soviet Union profoundly morally abhorrent.

The only other rational alternative to a preventive showdown is negotiation. This is the course the president has chosen. As he has been at pains to make clear, he does not believe that communism has changed its essential nature.

Yet intelligence and diplomatic reports have given him some reason to believe that the new type characteristics of the new type of hydrogen bomb—which the

Soviets were the first to explode, —is at least to some extent influencing Soviet policy, just as it is influencing American and British policy.

Malenkov's public statement that a nuclear war now means "the end of civilization" has been repeated in private in even stronger terms by other Russians, notably by V. M. Molotov at the German conference. And the statement, after all, is true—and the Soviet rulers have every reason to know that it is true.

The president hopes for no grandiose settlement, no true peace, but a kind of freezing in position, based on the realities of power. "A you-stay-in-your-backyard-and-we'll-stay-in-our-backyard agreement, with mutual destruction the penalty for straying," was the way one policy-maker phrased it. The president himself calls what he has in mind a "modus vivendi." A most serious effort to negotiate such a way of living together is thus very likely to be the next act in the world drama. If the effort fails, our policy can be recast while we still retain the nuclear advantage.

So runs the reasoning. There are dozens of difficult questions which could be asked about this reasoning, notably the questions which Sen. Knowland has already asked about the evident dangers of a policy which accepts an "atomic stalemate."

Yet it is impossible not to sympathize with the president, as he wrestles earnestly with the cruel dilemmas imposed by the new weapons. "I sometimes wonder," wrote Sen. Vandenberg to his pastor, just before he died, "whether the wit of man is competent to deal with this murderous discovery." And the discovery was, after all, very much less murderous in those days than it is now. (Copyright, 1954, New York Herald Tribune Inc.)

Now an EECO

As counter to NATO, the organization to defend the free world from Communist aggression the USSR is said to be organizing some sort of East European Communist Organization. Russia had issued a call for an All-European security conference, but the western powers invited said, "Let's wait until we get our defense treaties ratified." Russia though is going ahead with a conference in Moscow and the invited guests which will attend are its European satellites and Communist China.

This need cause no alarm. The USSR has dominated these countries since liberating them and setting up its own stooges as rulers in them. There has been no doubt that in any showdown Russia would muster their armies for use in war against the West (though how loyally they would fight for Communism has always been in doubt). What may now be done is to make formal their alliance though already they are tied with the Soviet Union by treaties of mutual assistance and friendship.

One may fear this division between two power blocs; but it exists, and certainly the West is not willing to go soft with the menace of aggressive Communism confronting it. The lineups however, are not necessarily a prelude to war, and in the present mood of the powers war is not in early prospect.

Phrasemaker

Though on the eve of 80, Sir Winston Churchill remains the great phrasemaker. The other day he remarked with a degree of optimism:

"We might even find ourselves in a few years, moving along a broad, smooth causeway to peace and plenty, instead of roaming and peering around the rim of hell."

"Causeway to peace," "rim of hell"—how dramatic the antithesis!

The tab for campaign expenses for Gov. Knight of California who was re-elected, came to just under \$500,000, while his opponent, Richard P. Graves reports expenditures of slightly over \$100,000. U. S. Senator Kuchel's costs ran to just under \$300,000. Seems like a lot of money, but there are some eight million people in California. Politics has got out of the penny ante class, as least.

A researcher now finds that Churchill is a descendant of Charlemagne. We'll venture to say that some day it will seem almost as important to find that someone is a descendant of Churchill.

Editorial Comment

FARM WOODLOTS PAY THEIR WAY

Washington county again has the services of a farm forester. He is available for consultation at the county extension office in the basement of the court house on Wednesday. The services of the farm forester are to be shared with Columbia and Yamhill counties.

Any farmer with a woodlot could well check with the forester. It is surprising what a farm woodlot has been found to yield in the way of financial return under intelligent and expert management. There are many acres of such woodlot acreage in Washington county which will return more managed as woodlots than cleared for crop land. Also there are many acres which are well adapted to the growing of trees but should never be considered as farm land.

A woodlot need not necessarily be a long-term proposition as many fear. Thinning on a selected basis returns income after a few years and speeds the growth of remaining trees.

Another factor of public importance is that in the future the woodlot can well become the source of material for our forest industries. With the expert guidance of the farm forester, the woodlot can well become an important and valuable piece of property. —(Forest Grove News-Times)

ANOTHER ELBOW AILMENT



Comes the Dawn by Conrad Franke

Well, the battle of the calendars has started — earlier than usual, as usual... The first of the 1955's, like the new cars and Christmas, are arriving early... A manager of one local firm noted confidentially that his competitors were planning on sending THEIR calendars out earlier this year, so he was sending his out a little sooner... The only items which have not shown up early this year have been summer and ducks...



The Medic, popular and starkly realistic TV show which has been getting this-and-that reviews from civilian critics, gets the needle in a pamphlet published by the Maternity Center Association, a medical-health education organization. The pamphlet reviewed the first Medic show which concerned the dramatic story of a new mother who dies in the delivery room of a rare disease. The Maternity Center disapproved of the Dragnet-like show because "every scene in the film was exaggerated to play on the emotions. The educational value was nil for nothing could be done to save the mother or to prevent or cure her disease... this film could do nothing but create fear of the deepest and most destructive kind..."

The Association quotes John Crosby, TV commentator for the N.Y. Herald Tribune, who again brings up the question of whether pathology under any circumstances is suitable for public exhibition. A realistic show built around a diseased woman, one with leukemia, for instance, says Crosby, has been held by a group of New York doctors to be psychologically unsound because every woman would think that there, but for the grace of God, go I. "A young couple looking forward to parenthood would find cold comfort in this unusual and tragic portrayal of the Medic's art," concludes the Maternity Association and hoped that future Medic shows would be improved...

And speaking of highway signs a spy notes that signs at the east end of the Marion St. bridge were (are) worse than the by-pass signs were... One says Dallas-Independence, another says Albany-Durand but NONE points to Dayton or Wallace Rd... And during the by-pass hassle a lady called to say that she, too, has long thought that Salem does not have enough signs pointing the city out to travellers. Why, she said, even the callers in San Francisco bus depots don't mention Salem when they spout out points north. And once, she said, she was out riding and got lost near Amity and, because of the lack of signs, could barely find her way back to Salem...

The welcome mat is out for a golden cocker spaniel at the Benny Sanchez home, 2695 Brooks St. Seems the 8-months-old, long-tailed, dog, named Taffy was taken or strayed from home last week. The Sanchez household is fond of the puppy and would like him back...

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



... And remember, Junior! ... the birthday present is for the little hostess ... not for some girl you might like better ...

Time Flies FROM STATESMAN FILES 10 Years Ago Nov. 27, 1944

With "Inexpensive disappointment" he cannot finish his task of organizing world peace, weary and work-worn Cordell Hull, yielded the position of secretary of state to his dynamic young lieutenant, Edward R. Stettinius, Jr.

Marion, Linn and Lane counties were runners-up, in that order, to Yamhill county for the diversity of products produced in the five years from 1936-1940. County Agent Rex Warren reported.

Featured on a special radio broadcast from Portland, was a play written by a Salem girl, Barbara Hathaway, daughter of Mrs. Ella C. Hathaway. Miss Hathaway, on the regular staff of station KGW, acted the lead in her play, "Crescendo."

25 Years Ago Nov. 27, 1929

Federal prohibition agents swooped down on Wallace, Idaho, and when they left they had the mayor, a former mayor, the county sheriff, two deputies and 12 other persons under arrest on liquor conspiracy charges.

Determined farmers of Josephine county stood guard over gladiolus bulbs valued at thousands of dollars while the sheriff, heading a group of deputies, sought the leaders of an alleged gang who blazed a torch trail throughout three bulb growing communities.

Under the directions of Chief Frank Minto, two local police men poured several gallons of intoxicating liquor into the sewer at the city hall. Twice each year the city hall is cleared of confiscated liquor collected by the department in this manner.

40 Years Ago Nov. 27, 1914

Police reserves were needed in New York to restrain the crowds which besieged the United States Internal Revenue office in attempts to buy the new war stamps. A solid line of would-be purchasers extended for blocks growing increasingly restive as the hours passed.

Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Bishop entertained at bridge, guests were their bridge club. Favors were awarded to Mr. Harry E. Clay, Miss Jones, James Young and Thomas A. Livesley.

Miss Mable Smith presented a number of her pupils in an informal recital, asking mothers as guests. A few of the pupils were Helen Rose, Ruth Kennedy and Wayne Allen.

The Confucian classics in 130 volumes were printed in China more than 1,000 years ago.

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The Safety Valve

REORGANIZING RED CHINA To the Editor: I am deeply disappointed in the attitude you have taken with regard to the possible recognition of Red China.

This disappointment was further aggravated when I read your recent editorial "Creeping Knowlandism." In that editorial you stated that "the real question is not whether to recognize Red China but when and how and under what circumstances and conditions" leaving the implication that we should sooner or later recognize Red China.

It seems to me the consideration of the recognition of Red China is about as sensible as attempting to recognize a rattlesnake as a barnyard pet. They have proven themselves to be ruthless and deadly to any person or any ideology that conflicts with their aggressive campaign.

I will take the side of Knowland, a realist, who recognizes a rattler when he sees one and also who definitely lets the American people know his stand. One does not have to read a six column article to attempt to decipher whether he is a "pro" or a "con" in the recognition of Red China. Their's my sentiments. DENNIS M. BRENNER

Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "I tasted of the food before sitting myself down."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "abyss"?
3. Which of these words is misspelled? Defensible, inconceivable, dissoluble, pitiable.
4. What does the word "gratuity" mean?

- Answers
1. Omit "of" and "down." 2. Pronounce a-b-is, a as in ask unstressed, i as in kiss, accent second syllable. 3. Defensible. 4. A free gift, or donation. "The gratuity was sufficient to make her financially independent."

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