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The Turbulent Middle East

Some extremely delicate use of that "necessary art" of Mr. Dulles will be required to pull the Arabs and Israelis from the brink of war at which they apparently stand. The secretary of state has been quoted as implying that on three occasions he had averted war by mentioning use of the atomic bomb. Can he do it again?

The Middle East situation seems so much more complicated than the previous "verge of war" crises in Korea, Formosa and Indochina, because in this conflict the U.S. has given moral and material support to both would-be combatants. This is no black vs white, Red vs non-Red fight. The Arabs, who have many financial ties to the U.S., are not yet being pictured as pawns of Moscow, even though Egypt did get some Czech arms.

The U.S. and Britain are committed to go to the aid of whichever side is first hit by an aggressor. Presumably, Mr. Dulles could again mention the atomic bomb to stop anyone from going over the brink. But suppose open warfare should break out simultaneously at several points along the border? Somehow the prospect of US-made tanks and Russian-made artillery fighting together on the same side graphically illustrates the whole bizarre puzzle.

Could the deterioration of relations to this low point have been prevented? Certainly the U.S. has made gigantic efforts to placate both sides with economic aid and such proposals as the Jordan Valley plan (rejected) and the Aswan dam for Egypt (still in the offing). But by trying to keep on good terms with both Britain (in Jordan) and the French (North Africa), the U.S. has also alienated the Arabs. The U.S. has tried to be everybody's friend. Maybe that was a mistake, but it was an honest one.

To blame our own state department entirely would be to assume unfairly that the U.S. is in control anywhere in the free world. This is simply not true; we don't run the world. The smaller nations can and do make up their own minds and, as champion of the doctrine of self-determination, the U.S. cannot always force them to change their minds—even with economic or military bribes.

That is one reason why it seems unwise to ship any arms into the Middle East right at this explosive moment. We have urged moderation time and time again. But the Middle East is not in the mood for moderation or mediation. Extremists on both sides want blood, and chances are that blood will flow again. And with so much invested on both sides, the U.S. will not be able to stand on the sidelines. Thus, we will be the losers no matter which side "wins." The only real winner will be the Russians, who have been striking sparks into the "dry tinder" (as Eden described it) with pyromaniacal glee.

With all of these ramifications, the Middle East affair presents Mr. Dulles his most challenging and risky opportunity yet to "walk to the brink and look it in the face . . . and take strong action." (M.W.W.)

Sen. Gore Employs Evangelical Fervor to Unearth Entire Story of Money-in-Politics

By JOSEPH and STEWART ALSOP

WASHINGTON—Senator Albert Gore of Tennessee, who heads the three-man committee which will investigate the use of money in politics, is a born Evangelist. The subject of money-in-politics is the political equivalent of Pandora's Box, which released all the evils of the world when Pandora opened it. Yet Gore is apparently determined to play the role of Pandora.

"I know I have a bear by the tail," Gore says, with Evangelical fervor, "but I can't let go. The mass movement of money between the states for political purposes threatens the very foundations of our political system."

Gore plans to ask the Senate for something on the order of half a million dollars for his investigation. With the money he intends to have half a dozen or more trained investigators to unearth the whole story of money-in-politics.

As presently planned, his first order of business will be to recall the Superior Oil Company officials who tried to slip Senator Francis Case of South Dakota \$2,500 in hundred dollar bills, and find out what their other political-financial activities have been.

The Republican member of the Gore committee, Senator Carl Curtis of Nebraska, has been promised a Republican counsel and Republican staff members, and he will concentrate on the financial contributions of labor unions. These contributions of course go almost entirely to Democrats.

Thus what is in prospect is a tremendous public washing of the dirty linen of both parties. The extreme political sensitivity of the subject to be investigated is suggested by the trouble Gore has already experienced in his search for a qualified committee counsel. He has had a number of turn-downs—one prospect remarked that "any lawyer who would take on a job like that must have rocks in his head."

Even to mention campaign contributions has long been considered as bad form in the Senate as talking about sex in a Victorian drawing room. There is hardly a Senator who has not received important contributions from special interests of one sort or another. In the television era, with a single broadcast running well into five figures, it is impossible to wage an effective campaign without such contributions.

It is also impossible to wage a winning campaign under the limitations laid down by the Corrupt Practices Act. Thus there is probably not a man in the Senate outside the safe seats in the South, who has not connived at circumventing the act by the accented techniques. A candidate, especially in the big industrial states, who did not so connive simply could not be elected.

It is therefore not surprising that the vast majority of Senators regard the prospect of the Gore investigation with scarcely concealed loathing. There has naturally been a good

Stalin Unhorsed

Russian historians will really have to do a double-take now. No longer may the name of Stalin be linked with Marx and Lenin, and while the first out-spoken criticism of the late premier was velvet-gloved in tone it very apparently presages an end to the glorification of Stalin as a Red disciple.

There must have been considerable soul-searching in the hierarchy before it was decided to make public the criticism of Stalin's reign, as well as his views on capitalism and communism, as voiced four days ago at a party congress by Anatol I. Mikoyan, boss of Soviet foreign trade. It is hard to explain the delay otherwise.

The switch in line was both specific and general—specific in that Mikoyan himself just four years ago lauded "Stalin's genius" at a similar party congress, and general in that up to now Red leaders, while at times implying criticism of Stalin's rule, had continued to pay lip service to the one-time leader whose "Short History of the Communist Party" was published by the millions and made required reading. It is this book which now bears the brunt of Mikoyan's attack.

One would need a direct line to the collective Kremlin brain to know the why of this latest move which seems to forecast the ultimate vilification of Stalin. And yet there are parts of Mikoyan's criticism which, if logic were to be applied, would indicate the present ruling cult was retreating from long-held beliefs about the eventual downfall of free nations. It was a mistake, Mikoyan said, for Stalin to have written that production in the U.S., France and Britain would shrink.

The projection of such an interpretation could extend in several directions. Does Khrushchev's recent statement about coexistence in war (as being the only courses left) tie in with Mikoyan's comments to mean that communism is abandoning its original premise that capitalistic countries eventually would fall by the wayside through their own shortcomings? And if so, then what? Whatever the new line means, there is no doubt it is part of some pattern which may or may not be conducive to continuance of restless peace.

This Wasn't Petty

Fraternity initiations, the sadistic outcroppings of immaturity, have been toned down considerably in recent years. But apparently the word didn't reach to MIT. The shoes and scarf of a freshman student at the famed engineering school were found near a glazed-over hole in the ice of Cambridge Reservoir.

The resultant furore won't bring the victim back to life. Fraternities have come under fire more and more in recent years, and this latest violence will harm their cause still more. We repeat the question we asked in this column yesterday—what quirk is it in human nature that makes some kids think they are superior beings when they indulge in petty meanness that any moron could do if he didn't have better sense? Only this wasn't petty.

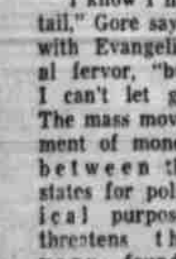
Editorial Comment

SOLIDLY GOP

Twice now we've read in the paper that Rep. Walter Norblad has said his congressional district (northwest Oregon) has "been Republican since 1907." We don't see how he figures, and suggest that he's bragging too little. For more than 30 years Oregon had only one Representative in Congress. In 1892 we were allowed a second one. At that time it had been 10 years since the Oregon congressman had been a Democrat. Since that time 24 persons have represented Oregon in the House of Representatives. Five have been Democrats—Elton Watkins, Charles Martin, Nan Wood Hone-man and Edith Green from the Third (Portland) district, and Walter Pierce from the Second (Eastern Oregon) district. None from Mr. Norblad's district. The way we read the figures, Mr. Norblad's district has been Republican forever and ever. —(Eugene Register-Guard.)



Joseph Alsop



Stewart Alsop

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IT SEEMS TO ME

(Continued from page one.)

70 or so voters on the neighboring small island of Niihau all but one are Republicans. This island is privately owned but the proprietor family wants to maintain the two-party system. Our morning tour of Kauai took

Time Flies

FROM STATESMAN FILES

10 Years Ago

Feb. 21, 1946
Marie Jim, 19-year-old senior from Toppish, Wash., who will reign over Chemawa Indian school's 65th anniversary celebration this month. Miss Jim is a member of the Yakima tribe and is a second-generation student in Chemawa. Her father, Kiutus Jim, was an all-around athlete at the Indian school just prior to World War I.

Nearly 70,000 pounds of clothing were collected in Salem alone in the recently-closed United Clothing drive, a summary disclosed. Fred Starrett was general chairman and H. L. Braden secretary.

Oregon Motor Stages will inaugurate bus service from State and Commercial streets in Salem to Keizer school. The initial schedule calls for 10 round trips daily.

25 Years Ago

Feb. 21, 1931
A telegram from Senator Charles McNary, received in Salem confirmed the appointment of E. M. Croisan for another four-year term as customs collector for the district of Oregon.

The major tax enactments of the 1931 legislative session slipped through the senate with short debate and both now await the signature of Governor Meier. Money-raising plan goes through with one 'anti' vote.

Richard Wilson and Robert Needham, both of Salem, are two of the fifty military students recently advanced to the position of corporal in the R.O. T.C. at the University of Oregon.

40 Years Ago

Feb. 16, 1916
Governor Withycombe has been notified by the Aero Club of America that the Curtis Aeroplane company has offered to train an officer of the militia of each of the forty-eight states free of charge.

Wallace Nutting, a world famous photographer, of Framingham, Mass., visited in Salem while on a western tour. He was formerly a minister in Seattle. He visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Gilbert.

At a leap year party given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Deckerbach, by the women of St. Paul's church, a program was given by the following: Miss Margery Marvin, Dan Langenberg, William McGilchrist Sr., Henry Hackett and Miss Hazel Erixon.

Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "They were quite enthused when they reached the final end of their journey."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "condolence"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Rhubarb, spaghetti, cauliflower, tomatoes.
4. What does the word "regenerate" (verb) mean?
5. What is a word beginning with t that means "limited by time"?

ANSWERS

1. Say, "They were quite enthusiastic, and omit 'final.'" 2. Pronounce second e as in dole, and accent second syllable, not the first. 3. Spaghetti. 4. To give new life, strength, or vigor to. "One good thought instilled into a man may regenerate him." 5. Temporal.

Salem Church Council Eyes Convocation

Members of the Salem Council of Churches voted Monday night to invite the Oregon Council of Churches to hold its annual convocation here Feb. 19-20 next year.

Local member of the state planning committee for the convocation are the Rev. Louis White of Knight Memorial Congregational Church, and the Rev. Ernest Goulder of Jason Lee Methodist Church. They reported that the state committee will meet in Salem Feb. 27 to begin plans for the convocation.

Other business at the Monday night council meeting included an announcement from the Rev. Julian Keiser of First Congregational Church that the March 8 meetings of the council's Christian Life and Work Committee will hear Dr. Clarence Pickett, former executive secretary of the American Friends Service Committee, as guest speaker.

Dr. Bruce Knapp, president of the Salem Council of Churches, reported that Dr. Hoag, professor of homiletics (art of preaching) will visit Salem March 5-9 to speak at various churches.

Dr. Charles Derthick, psychology professor at Willamette University, announced there were 29 enrolled at the second meeting in the "Looking at Marriage" series held each week at the YMCA, and sponsored by the family relations committee of the council.

Dr. Burton Bastushek, professor of rural sociology at Willamette, reported there were 83 registrants for the leadership education school that closed its six week session last week at the First Methodist Church.

The next meeting of the Salem Council is scheduled for March 19 at Knight Memorial Congregational Church. Guest speaker will be the Rev. Leonard Ordine, pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church of Portland, who will talk on Lenten subjects.

Baker Hospital to Use Ford Grant For Remodelling

BAKER — The \$22,800 which St. Elizabeth Hospital here received as a grant from the Ford Foundation will be used for remodeling.

Floors and stairways will be replaced with concrete in the project which is expected to require three months to complete.

Mrs. Phillips Of Scio Dies

Mrs. Birdelle Phillips, a resident of Scio, died Monday at a Salem hospital.

Among survivors are the widower, E. P. Phillips, Scio. Announcement of services will be made later by Virgil T. Golden Mortuary.

Mainwaring to Head Conference

EUGENE — Bernard Mainwaring, publisher of the Salem Capital Journal, will head the Oregon Press Conference for the coming year.

Others elected Saturday at the organization's 37th annual meeting here include W. Verne McKinney, publisher of the Hillsboro Argus, trustee of the Eric Allen Memorial Fund, and Carl C. Webb, a member of the University of Oregon journalism school staff, secretary-manager.

Oregon Trail Unit Slates Gen. Dean

EUGENE — Maj. Gen. William F. Dean will be main speaker at the Oregon Trail Council banquet Wednesday night.

Dean, now retired, was a hero of the Korean War. His talk will climax the second annual observance of the Council's Eagle Scout recognition day.

Cannon Beach to Elect City Council

CANNON BEACH — Cannon Beach, incorporated into a city only two months ago, will elect its city council Friday.

The council's first order of business will be to find a method of financing a new sewer system for the town, which has a total assessed valuation of \$380,000.

What Mrs. Young does not say is that the changes in the election laws, passed on a partisan basis by the 1955 legislature, were Republican measures designed to make voting difficult, onerous and subject to penalties for technical violations. The Republicans openly and without any attempt to hide their motives attempted to reduce the number of voters.

Until the law can be changed by a Democratic legislature in 1957, the best thing that voters can do is to go to the polls early in order to avoid the delays in voting that were deliberately designed by the Republican party for partisan purposes.

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Adenauer Loses Rich West Reich Locale's Control

DUESSELDORF, Germany — A right-left coalition handed Chancellor Konrad Adenauer a stiff political jolt Monday. Socialists of the left and Free Democrats of the right joined to wrest control of West Germany's richest state from Adenauer's Christian Democratic party.

Proclaiming "the Adenauer era is ending," the unusual combine voted out of office—102 to 96—Premier Karl Arnold of the state of North Rhine-Westphalia, home of the booming industrial Ruhr. Arnold, one of Adenauer's top lieutenants and a founder of the Christian Democratic party, was replaced by Socialist Fritz Steinhoff.

Leaders of the right-left alliance promptly said they will carry on their campaign to end what they called one-party domination of West Germany by Adenauer. Steinhoff said similar anti-Adenauer alliances may be welded to topple the Christian Democrats from power in other states.

The long-term aim of the alliance is to undermine Adenauer's political supremacy in preparation for the 1957 national election. The immediate objective is to force him to modify his unswerving pro-Western policy.

For despite their diametrically opposite views on domestic questions, the Socialists and Free Democrats agree on this: They want a more independent German foreign policy and direct German-Russian negotiations to end the division of their country.

Brooks Fire Area Group Seeks to Join With Keizer

A petition requesting transfer from the Brooks fire protection district to the Keizer district was received in Marion County Court Monday signed by 21 residents of the northwest Keizer area.

The petition pointed out that the area in question lies approximately 6 miles closer to the Keizer than the Brooks fire department. The petition was set aside for further study.

MacLaren School Receives Youth

A 17-year-old Salem youth, charged with drunkenness and disorderly conduct, was released Monday to authorities of MacLaren School for Boys after a hearing before Marion County juvenile authorities.

The boy, who had been on probation from MacLaren, was arrested Sunday morning when he attempted to flee from city police after they had curbed the car he was driving, they said.

Roseburg Bank Reports \$200 Sum Stolen From Slot

ROSEBURG — Roseburg police Monday reported \$200 in currency apparently was stolen from the night deposit slot of the Douglas County State Bank.

An envelope containing two checks for \$2,243 was found in the doorway of a store near the bank. Mrs. W. P. Bowers, bookkeeper from the Hub Lumber Co. said she had placed the envelope containing an additional \$200 in the deposit slot Friday night.

It was not determined how the envelope got out of the slot.

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