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## Eisenhower in Portland

Lingering in our memory of President Eisenhower's visit to Portland (observed through television) is his broad smile, his radiant personality, his relaxed enjoyment of the scene and the occasion. We find it a bit hard to recall what he said. He praised Doug McKay, endorsed the Republican congressional candidates "without attempting to tell people how to vote," and he defended the record of his administration. But what we recall is Ike himself, buoyant, friendly, self-assured. The Oregonian in reporting his visit commented wholly on "the remarkable aura" which Dwight D. Eisenhower carries with him on his travels about the nation. The description fits.

As for the President's speech, it did not seem very meaty. It was a sketchy review in which he indulged in the usual privilege of the "ins" to "point with pride" to achievements of his nearly four years in office. He brushed aside as absurd opposition charges on "giveaway." About the only promise for the future was that he would ask Congress to spend in four years the sum for aid in education (schoolhouse construction) he had thought to spread over five years. Otherwise the President laid out no program for the next four years and offered no critique on current vexing problems, domestic and international. It must be realized that no one can cover much ground in a television address clipped to a scant 30 minutes, but it seems clear that the President's Portland address was not designed for any important statement of policy.

He came, he was seen, and obviously he conquered. There is no mistaking the public response to the Eisenhower presence. He invites confidence, and because the people feel they know him and can trust him, he seems quite certain of reelection.

## Dependable DC3s

United Air Lines has replaced its DC3 planes with Convairs, but DC3s still go plowing through the skies in all corners of the globe. They were the veritable workhorse of aviation, though now they are being replaced by larger planes, the DC 6s and 7s and soon the jets. For this plane the National Defense Transportation has conferred the award of the year on Donald W. Douglas, thereby dispatching, says the San Francisco Chronicle, "a tardy valentine to a flying machine that has been whirring its way into man's affection since 1936—the stocky, sturdy, utterly dependable bucket of bolts commercially known as the DC3."

In the war the Army called it the C47, the Navy called it the R4D. British labeled it the Dakota which flew many missions and Russia copied it from lend-lease models. The Chronicle reports further:

The records reveal that the Douglas people turned out about 11,000 of these tireless aircraft, of which some 3,000 or 4,000 found their way into commercial usage; and though the last one came off the assembly line on about V-E Day, there are at this very moment more DC-3s carrying passengers and cargo than any other type of airplane.

Having ridden the DC3 over the tundra of Alaska and on the inter-island hops in Hawaii, we want to add our tribute to its dependability. The newer planes are faster, more commodious, but it will be quite awhile before they displace the reliable DC3 in the affection of those who have found it faithful in flight.

## Democrats Exude Genuine Confidence Pennsylvania Can Be Captured by Adlai

By JOSEPH ALSOP

PITTSBURGH—Both the Democrats and Republicans agree that this state of Pennsylvania is the first state to watch in the coming election. And the Democratic Sage of Pittsburgh, Mayor David Lawrence, who did so much to nominate Adlai Stevenson, thinks that Pennsylvania is in the bag for his man.

Lawrence, a large, solid, quiet spoken man with a large, deeply lined, intelligent face, is very obviously no actor. The confidence that he exudes is not the confidence of a reporter a day or so ago who was very obviously genuine confidence.

"Here in Allegheny County," Joseph Alsop said, "the Democrats will surely roll up another 40,000 votes that we should have got last time. If we can do that, his [Stevenson's] can only hold, and his majority in Philadelphia, which I think he will, there won't be any contest. The state will be ours, period."

Judging by my own polling, Stevenson is doing just about as well in Philadelphia as he did four years ago. But how about Mayor Lawrence's other "it" in order to test the Sage of Pittsburgh's theory of major Democratic gains in his own county. I asked him to have his staff pick an indicator—product or district as they call their precincts hereabouts—where signs of Democratic gains would surely be discoverable. After some thought, the Mayor's assistant suggested the 11th District in the old 9th Ward, which went for Eisenhower by the narrow majority of 388 to 247 in 1952.

Most morning, bright and early, I set out to poll the 11th District.

It was one of those golden-hazy autumn days that are the best of all the year.

On a fine day, the 11th District is a pleasant place—its streets tree-lined, its houses costly old-fashioned but seldom shabby, its people just that mixture of working class and small business and white collar families that forms the vital backbone of urban America.

Altogether it was an agreeable experience although a somewhat exhausting one—for I managed to poll a sample equal to exactly a tenth of the district's last-time voters before darkness finally closed in. And with the doubters I talked at some length.

Rich human surprises are a commonplace of door-to-door polling at all times, but the few blocks of the 11th District were unusually full of them. On the Eisenhower side, for instance, there was Miss Violet Roy, a sweet-faced old Negro houseworker at 285 Atlantic Ave., who explained that she was voting Republican because "I think we should all be grateful for what God has given us; and we should never complain regardless of what our status in life is."

And on the Stevenson side, there was the Rev. Mr. William Vivreit and his handsome wife, of 256 South Evaline St. Mrs. Vivreit delivered the best short lecture on America's fated world leadership—"It's been imposed on us, for good or ill, and the greatest problem facing our country is how to exercise this leadership with wisdom, self-denial and courage"—which this reporter has heard in many a weary month.

There was a political surprise, too. The Democratic Senate candidate, Joseph E. Clark Jr., is a

## Stock Prices and Timber Values

Several years ago Georgia-Pacific Plywood Corporation (the Plywood part of the name has been dropped) purchased the C. D. Johnson mill at Toledo and its timberlands. To help finance the acquisition, stock was sold at a price of \$20 a share in 1951 and \$21 in 1952. In the dip in the lumber business in 1953 the stock dropped to a low of 9 1/4 on the New York Stock Exchange. Revival of the market and the attraction of the company prospects based on further acquisitions made the stock zoom into the 60s this year when it was split two-for-one. Now to help finance the purchase of Hammond Lumber Co. a new issue of Georgia-Pacific stock is being sold at a price of \$32 a share. Ahead of it, according to the prospectus, will be some \$145,000,000 in notes, timber purchase loans of subsidiaries, debentures and 412,703 shares of preferred stock.

What this represents, so we understand, is a reevaluation of timber resources, particularly for lands acquired in recent years. Old companies carried their timber on the books at old stated values. This "inventory" was not revealed at stock-taking times as does a merchant with his stock of merchandise. The accounting probably failed also to allow for increase in inventory through timber growth. Consequently when purchase offers were made giving account to current higher prices and later cruises, they looked tempting enough to owners to sell.

Whether the current values are sound, we do not undertake to say—the answer to that lies in the future. We do recall previous timber company capitalizations that proved porous in the 1930s. What is of interest is the relation of timber prices to assessed valuations. Down in Coos county, there was a stir when Georgia-Pacific bought Coos Bay Lumber company giving timber values greatly in excess of those indicated by the assessor. It isn't safe to tax timber too high for that would merely speed the cutting, but if other real property is to be reappraised giving respect for price inflation, timberlands ought to get parallel treatment.

## Florentines Oppose Art Loan

After the mayor of Florence, Italy, agreed to ship 40 of the famous paintings housed in that city for exhibition in the United States, a storm of protest arose. Artists and other citizens joined in a formal protest against the loan, warning the city authorities not to let the paintings leave the city. They cited that many of the city's art treasures had been left by Princess Maria Palatina who specified they should not be transported out of the capital (Florence) or the Grand Duchy as then known.

Press reports are not clear as to the reason. Since Florence depends very much on tourist traffic, its merchants may fear loss of patronage if the paintings are to be exhibited elsewhere. A more plausible reason may be fear of loss or injury to the paintings which are precious to Florentines. The fate of the Andrea del Doria is fresh in their minds, and they want no risk taken with their rich artistic inheritance.

A new tack in the continuing controversy over the grant of patents for mining claims to Al Serena corporation was taken by the Albany Democrat-Herald and its affiliated radio station, KWIL. They sent Wallace Eakin, managing editor, and Phil Waters, station manager, into the mining region near Trail and interviewed the "natives." The resulting interviews were published in the Friday issue of the Democrat-Herald and will be broadcast over KWIL Sunday afternoon at 12:30. Uniformly the neighbors uphold the McDonnalds who obtained the patents and defend them as legitimate miners, not timber robbers.

So far we have been spared even a TV view of this Elvis Presley, but the story of his hanging a haymaker on a service station manager proved interesting. Now if Liberace could only drive the teeth of the London Mirror writer who branded him a Cassandra down his throat, the masculinity of these glamor-guys would seem to be well established.

## 'TRUTH' AND CONSEQUENCES



Most of the press play these days goes to the top major political parties. However, there is a whole ballot box-full of other parties, all with presidential candidates, slogans and publicity handouts. You don't hear much about these smaller units, but they're in there fighting tooth and poll for your vote and mine. Our aim today is to outline the platforms (knotholes and all) of these small but courageous political groups . . .



First of all there's the "Little Man's Party." When this scrappy organization says it's for the small man in America, it means just that. "Our goal when we come into power," reads a party circular, "will be to see that all appointments to the president's cabinet and other top White House positions go to men who are not over 3 1/2 feet tall." The party's presidential choice is a 3 foot, 4 inch fighter who has to stand on his mother's shoulders to mark a ballot . . .

Then there's the "Anti-Tax Party." The major aim of this group is to eliminate all local, state and federal taxes. In order to do this the Anti-Tax Party advocates doing away with money. The country would operate on trading stamps, soap coupons and box tops. Major opponents to this scheme are bankers and members of coin collectors' clubs. A party spokesman was reported as stating recently, however, that the A-T Party is in trouble. Nobody, it seems, wants to go on television and compete for 64,000 box tops . . .

The party making the greatest gains recently in popularity polls, however, is the "Medium Dam Party." It has gathered under its banner all those independent thinkers who favor NEITHER high nor low dams—but advocate instead medium-sized dams. "You take a high dam and people are gonna fall off or get the nosedive," was the way a fired-up party speaker put it recently. "And who's to say how low a low dam should be. You get a dam too low in a river and the next thing you know you're turning out rusty power." . . .

Other parties struggling for recognition these days include the "Halloween Party" (will send out its doorbell ringers on Oct. 31); the "Lunar Party" (advocates abandoning the earth and starting all over on the moon); the "Dancing Party" (slogan—Keep Congress On Its Toes); the "New Popular Party" (urges the elimination of all elections and advocates selecting candidates through sale of buttons); the "Potluck Party" (each member brings his own platform, to stand or lie on); and the "Bitter Man Party" (includes all those Americans who are NOT happier or more prosperous than they have ever been) . . .

## Stamps in the News

By CHARLES IRELAND  
Statesman Stamp Editor

The United Nations will issue two stamps Wednesday in observance of United Nations Day.

Stamps of the United Nations have been a bright "blue chip" in the stamp trade this year. It was not so in 1951 when the UN issued its first stamps. Most collectors yawned and passed them up.

From time to time the UN issued a special stamp. Only a million or so of each were printed (a paltry number compared to the 120 million the U.S. issues of each commemorative stamp). Even so, sales lagged and the U.N. finally destroyed the unsold stamps.

About that time stamp collectors began to wake up to the fact that here was a plum for the picking. Dealers and speculators outbid one another in a rush to buy stamps from lucky collectors who had purchased sheets of the stamps. Prices soared.

A year ago most of the U.N. commemorative stamps could have been obtained at their U.S. Philatelic Agency for their face value, which totals \$1.74. Today stamp dealers are asking \$12 to \$14 for the same stamps.

The stamp pictured was issued two years ago as one of two Human Rights stamps with a total face value of 11 cents. Today dealers ask up to \$1.50 for the same stamps.

Larger quantities will be issued of the two stamps that go on sale Wednesday. Even so, there are predictions that stocks will be exhausted within a few weeks or months. Collectors desiring copies will not want to tarry.

The stamps are available by mail from the U.S. Philatelic Agency, United Nations Bldg., New York. Checks are not acceptable unless certified. Some collectors send \$1 and ask that equal quantities of the two new stamps be sent. A full sheet of each costs \$5.50.

## Congressman's Aide Convicted Of Tax Evasion

NEW YORK, Oct. 20 (AP)—Acy Lenson, secretary to Rep. Adam Clayton Powell (D-NY), was convicted Friday on four counts of federal income tax evasion.

The federal court jury had deliberated nearly 25 hours.

He was the second aide of Powell to be found guilty on such charges this year.

## HEAR YE! HEAR YE! SPIRITUALISTS OF SALEM

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## Japan Parliament Session Slated To Ratify Treaty

TOKYO, Oct. 20 (AP)—A special session of Parliament will meet about Nov. 15 to ratify the declaration ending the 11-year state of war between Japan and the Soviet Union, a Cabinet official announced today.

The agreement was signed yesterday in Moscow by Japanese Premier Ichiro Hatoyama and Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin. Hatoyama reached Stockholm today on his way home to Tokyo by way of the United States.

The Japanese-Russian agreement carries a Soviet pledge to back the Japanese bid for membership in the United Nations, provides for the return of nearly 1,100 Japanese prisoners of war and a long-term fisheries agreement. A separate protocol also signed yesterday adopted a formula for vastly increased trade between the two countries.

## Safety Valve

Ike Should Answer To the Editor:

I see where the President in his Portland address was trying to help his man Doug McKay as an honest man to fill the bill as U. S. senator. If Doug McKay was that good why did he not keep him in his former job as Secretary of Interior.

I intend to help a man for the U. S. senate and it will not be Doug McKay. Our President should answer the man running for the Democrat Vice President who had our President's own voice on the air making promises to get to be President and then changing his mind and failing to keep that promise. I sure hope after election day this gang of honest men are all looking for another job.

M. Miller  
5910 Portland Rd.

## Will Reuther Rule?

To the Editor:

Anything can happen — Churchill was defeated in the very first election after he had saved the country by winning a world war and the labor party completely wrecked the government and the economy.

Walter Reuther may yet dictate government affairs.

J. M. Campbell,  
Dallas, Ore.

## IT SEEMS TO ME

(Continued from page one.)

frequent expressions of opposition to an income tax made after he left the commissioner's office. This found echo among groups that hate high taxes and among those also who hate spending by government, especially on the scale to which government has become committed.

Joining in this company are those who still are fighting Wilson's League of Nations and of course its successor, United Nations. Here the philosophy is one of "no entangling alliances," and confirms them in stout opposition to foreign aid. In the company also are those, chiefly from the South, who still contend for states' rights, spurred the more by the Supreme Court decision ordering school desegregation. Professional rightist hirelings who live by scaring rich industrialists on the imminence of Socialism also will enroll behind this banner.

Thus it is a motley assortment linked only by devotion to a variety of pasts and a common hatred of present policies and attitudes in government. Most of these folk are driven by strong conviction, are deeply patriotic, honorable in their intentions. They realize their voices are lost in the wilderness, but they can't help lifting them in warning against destroying old landmarks of government. They are brave, naive, who seem quaint and odd to the up-and-coming progressives of this mid-20th century.

At the other side of the political spectrum are extremists of the left fretting because progress is so slow, splintering over insular degrees of radicalism; proving the truth of Carlyle's comment that "revolutions devour their own children."

A seaworthy ship needs anchor and sails. The extremists of the right are the anchor. They would reef the sails and never hoist the anchor. Extremists of the left are all sails, no anchor. They cruise with the winds — eventually onto the rocks. The Ship of State needs both sails and anchors — and compass. It cannot swing perpetually at anchor gathering barnacles. Nor can it commit itself freely to the winds without guidance or restraint. It has been the genius of the American people that they have used both sails and anchors — sails for progress, anchors for safety — with remarkable success. They have shown willingness to venture on uncharted seas and at the same time have been deaf to sirens which would lure their craft to destruction.

In this campaign when extremists condemn both big parties and offer what they think is a purer gospel for America we can take comfort that in the great fundamentals of national policy there is such accord between the two dominant parties. It gives assurance of progress without disaster.

Workers handling inflammable materials will get a 30 per cent wage increase because of the dangers they face. The new law affects mostly oil refinery employees.

## Time Flies:

10 Years Ago  
Oct. 21, 1946

A. L. Lindbeck, Salem correspondent for a Portland newspaper, reports he is authority on highways after an 8550 mile trip which carried him into 26 states and two Canadian provinces.

25 Years Ago  
Oct. 21, 1931

Tusko, the elephant, Max Gehlhar's star boarder at the fair-

From The Statesman Files  
grounds, continued to munch his daily diet of 300 pounds of hay, while lawyers took additional steps to get the matter of Tusko's real ownership before the court.

40 Years Ago  
Oct. 21, 1916

Mr. and Mrs. Harold H. Grady, Portland, who attended the St. Paul's Episcopal guild dance at the army and gave exhibition dancing have been asked to organize a dance class in Salem.

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