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Caution at the Brink

Judging by his address to the new Congress Saturday, President Eisenhower is approaching a "brink of war" in the Middle East with extreme caution. He does not propose unilateral action, nor action just on the initiative of the United States. He asked Congress for authority to enter into a regional program of "military assistance and cooperation with any nation which desires such aid." Conditions for use of U.S. military force would be "to secure and protect the territorial integrity and political independence of such nations requesting such aid, against overt armed aggression from any nation controlled by international Communism." U.S. force would be employed only "at the desire of the nation attacked" and "subject to the overriding authority of the United Nations Security Council."

The President has thus hedged his commitments closely. The key points are these:

1. To be helped by the United States a nation must be faced with "overt armed aggression."
2. It must ask aid from the United States.
3. The aggression must be coming from any nation controlled by international Communism.
4. The "overriding authority" is a phrase not clearly defined in the press reports of the address of the U. N. Security Council will be respected by the United States.

To put the case in concrete terms, if Syria or Egypt under Soviet domination attacked Israel or Iraq, the country attacked may call on the U. S. for military assistance. The President would decide whether to give it; but if the U. N. took action U. S. aid would conform to U. N. conditions.

The difference in this declaration of policy from that previously made by Britain, France and the United States to protect nations of the Middle East is that the two former nations are not joined as allies with the United States. The reason for this presumably is that they are now in disfavor with the Arab states.

We anticipate that Congress will grant the President this authority, though it may add some more conditions. We do not believe it will be implemented within the immediate future. The Soviet Union will not precipitate any general war. But this will not prevent continued Soviet efforts to infiltrate the Middle East, suborning governments, supplying arms, exacerbating frictions, always with an eye on itself filling the power vacuum in this strategic, oil-rich portion of the globe. Eisenhower's economic aid program (\$400-million) is designed to thwart Communist penetration via rubles.

The real root of the Middle East problem as far as the West is concerned is not so much Russia and Communism as the bitterness between the Arab states and Israel. Recently Premier Nuri es-Said of Iraq, the strongest friend of the West among the Arabs, was quoted as saying that the only Palestine solution acceptable to the Arabs is the "annihilation" of Israel. Out of such intransigence strife will be prolonged. If that dispute can really be settled, the Communist-Russian threat would be exorcised. Until it is, it will persist, spite of bold declarations from Washington.

The Governor's budget for 1957-58 calls for an increase in spending of \$38,000,000, without allowing for any increase in the basic school support levy. That shoots the surplus surplus—and makes it clear that its repeal will not be retroactive.

President Eisenhower Getting Ready to Abscond With Demo Issues in Congress

By Stewart Alsop

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 — On Thursday, when the new Senate met and the roll was called, there was a moment of breathless suspense before Ohio's new Senator, unpredictable Frank Lausche, voted with the Democrats to organize the Senate. Lausche had told no one how he would vote, and the relieved Democrats clapped and cheered. Logically, they should have wept.

For the fact is that the Democrats in control of Congress find themselves in a genuinely desperate situation. They are in a desperate situation simply because President Eisenhower, in pursuit of his stated purpose of making the Republican party the nation's majority party, is getting ready to steal all their issues, and leave them naked as so many jaybirds.

The President is now working hard on two major public documents—his state of the union speech and his second inaugural address. The tone of the state of the union speech, according to reliable report, will be "modern Republicanism" all the way, with heavy emphasis on such new deal issues as social security, health legislation, schools, farm aid, and notably, civil rights legislation.

The theme of the inaugural address will be "the price of peace," with equally heavy emphasis on the sacrifices which peace demands. Both speeches are intended to set the tone of the administration for the years to come. Obviously, it is not a

Free Passage to the USA

The reason the Russians who boss Hungary now do not pull the drawstring at the border and halt the exodus of migrants to the West is to get rid of those who are not satisfied with the Communist regime. That is the conclusion of the Albany Democrat-Herald which comments:

"The truth must be that Russia wants the troublemakers out. They want to be able to change Hungary into a quietly subservient colony. There are three ways to do it. Kill the insurgents, imprison them, or chase them out. The latter has been done. It leaves a better impression with the world."

Whether that is the reason or not we can't say, but the continued flow of 1,000 persons each night to the Austrian border indicates that many Hungarians are simply taking advantage of the opportunity to get out of the country. Surely those who were forced to flee to escape punishment for their participation in the uprisings crossed the border weeks ago. The ones who are following are doubtless anti-Communist, but they are also seizing the chance of getting to America (they hope) free on a fast airplane, with no trouble over immigration restrictions. Considering all the publicity given to U. S. Hungarian relief, it is not surprising that the flow continues. Millions of others made the same trip via steamer before the first world war. They certainly didn't have it so good.

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Obverse of Freight Rate Increases

Percentage increases of freight rates pyramid fast when the base is high. That is why western producers of lumber and other commodities groan over each percentage boost in rail rates. A ten per cent raise on a rate of 40¢ per cwt is only four cents; but on a \$4 rate it is 40¢. The result is to impair the ability of western producers to compete in distant territory as in the East, South and Midwest.

There is an obverse side to this coin, however. The percentage increase hurts eastern manufacturers and processors in competing for markets in the Far West. Local manufacturers in turn are helped. The added dollar increase in freight rates acts like a protective tariff for local industry. We get plenty of complaints from producers as of lumber, canned goods, livestock over these freight increases and the state musters forces to resist them. Those who are benefited, however, do not advertise the fact.

The economy as a whole probably suffers because of its dependence on outside markets but in the long run it may be improved with the expansion of local manufacturing. At least one side of our bread is buttered.

The politicians who pull the strings in Southern states schools are apt to find athletes deserting their institutions if they keep on being childish over segregation. Louisiana passed a law prohibiting their teams from playing with teams with Negroes in the lineup. Recently the University of Mississippi and Mississippi State College ordered their basketball teams home from the North because Negroes were members of competing teams. The latter was pulled out of one tournament where it had advanced to compete for the championship (after defeating one team on which two colored men were playing). This will have the effect of limiting their teams to provincial competition, which surely will be resisted by good athletes. Slaves to their fetish of segregation, the ruling class in Mississippi is just making asses of themselves.

President Wilson was reelected under the slogan "He kept us out of war," but a month and two days after his inauguration he asked for a declaration of war against Germany. President Eisenhower was reelected on a slogan of "Peace and Prosperity." Before his inauguration he has asked for authority to use military force in the Middle East, under conditions. It isn't that the two were insincere, but that the road to peace is slippery.

One calculated to warm the hearts of the still powerful conservative-isolationist Republican hard core on Capitol Hill.

For the moment, the conservative Republicans have been maintaining a mouse-like silence, since they are still bemused by the Eisenhower triumph at the polls. But if they had organized the Senate, as they so nearly did, they would no doubt in time have given the President plenty of trouble. After all, when the Republicans were in control in the first two Eisenhower years, the President was driven to talking seriously of forming a third party.

But bar accidents of nature, the right-wing Republicans will lack the key committee chairmanships, and thus the means of making real trouble for the President. Meanwhile, the Democrats are in no shape to make real trouble for him either.

The Democrats, especially the Northern liberals, are just as vividly aware as the President that the Democratic status as the national majority party is at stake. They know that the coalition put together by Franklin D. Roosevelt, which made the Democratic party the normal majority for more than two decades, is showing every sign of cracking up. But what are they to do?

Plenty of Democrats are deeply disturbed by the administration's conduct of defense and foreign policy, and the Middle East crisis will certainly be loudly debated. But there is not a man on Capitol Hill who believes that there is real political hay to be made by attacking the President's defense and foreign policy so soon after his triumph in November.



IT SEEMS TO ME

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as writer and authority on immigration problems. In this autobiography she tells of her own venture against the strict Sabbatharian rules of the Jewish household. One "sacred admonition" was not to carry anything beyond the house limits on the Sabbath day. More out of curiosity than revolt, she says of herself, "with her handkerchief in her pocket the audacious child stepped into the street." What happened? Let her tell it.

"She stood a moment, her heart beating so that it pained. Nothing happened! She walked quite across the street. The Sabbath people still lay on everything. She felt again the burden in her pocket. There was certainly something afoot. With an access of impudence she ran as far as the corner and stood still, fearful, expectant. What form would the punishment take? Nothing happened."

How close this account is to that of the ending of his segregation in Montgomery.

Miss Antin goes on to relate another experience. Another strict rule for Sabbath observance was that "it was forbidden to light a fire or touch anything that had contained fire, were it only a cold candlestick or a burned match." One night, as she lay awake, she noticed one of the Sabbath lamps continued to burn in the living room. Then she saw her father, whom the light evidently disturbed, enter the living room and touch the lamp. He lowered the flame by degrees so "in case any one were awake it would appear as if the lamp were going out of itself." Mary puzzled over her father's action. She couldn't believe that he did wrong knowingly, and came to the conclusion that he did not believe in the taboo. But why was he so secret about his belief? She figured out that he wanted to avoid the consequence of a confession of his "heresy." Doing that "would not only break the hearts of his family, but it would also take the bread from the mouths of his children and ruin them forever. My sister and my brother and I would come to be called the children of Israel the Apostate. Just as Gutke, my playmate, was called the granddaughter of Yankel the Informer. The most innocent of us would be cursed and shunned for the sin of our father."

This, too, has a parallel in the Deep South today. Intelligent whites who realize that segregation is doomed by law and out of harmony with an alert conscience dare not speak out lest they invite social ostracism and economic disaster. The Rev. Styles B. Lines, pastor of Grace Episcopal Church in Camden, S. C., alluding in his pulpit to the beating of one of his parishioners by night riders, said "fear covers South Carolina like the frost."

What is required of course is a mental readjustment which the white Southerners find hard to make, and when it is fought by the tools of social and economic boycott even the fair-minded are afraid to speak. Oddly enough bus integration could be accomplished with "nothing happened" if only it would be accepted, as perforce it will be in time.

School integration is a much more difficult problem. Care has to be taken and preparations made for the mixing of races in the schools, and time must be allowed, as the Supreme Court recognized, to bring this about. Just as the exercise of religion has been freed of many of its taboos so race relations will have to slough off the poisons of color prejudice. But it comes hard, as the record in the South shows.

Conservationists Approve New Fish-Wildlife Official

By A. ROBERT SMITH
Statesman Correspondent

WASHINGTON — Conservationists are pleased with the appointment of Ira Gabrielson, head of the Wildlife Management Institute, as the new assistant secretary of the Interior for fish and wildlife. Rose L. Leffler, former head of the Pennsylvania Game Commission, is pleased with the appointment.

"It's a good appointment," declared Dr. Ira Gabrielson, head of the Wildlife Management Institute. "Leffler is assistant to the executive vice president of United States Steel Corp. at Pittsburgh."

"He is well known for many years," said Gabrielson, a former head of the Fish and Wildlife Service. He indicated that conservationists were indirectly sounded out but not directly consulted before the appointment of Leffler was made.

Leffler steps into a new position created at the Interior Department to elevate the department's function regarding sport fish and wildlife and commercial fisheries. He becomes the fourth assistant secretary. The other three handle water and power (Fred Aendahl), land management (Hartfield Chilton), and minerals (Felix Wormser).

This reorganization places under Leffler a revamped Fish and Wildlife Service, headed by a commissioner, under whom there will be two separate bureaus — one for commercial fisheries and the other for sport fish and wildlife.

This reorganization was in itself the result of a struggle between commercial fishing interests and conservationists.

When Secretary Fred A. Seaton took office last summer he dis-

covered that a fish and wildlife reorganization was imminent under which commercial fisheries would be handled by a separate agency. Fishing interests had promoted this plan, and the White House had already agreed to it.

Conservationists got the ear of Seaton and pointed out that it would turn the clock back to pre-1940 when fisheries were handled by the Commerce Department with the fishing industry, rather than conservation, in mind.

Seaton took their side and talked the president into killing the initial plan in favor of one pending in Congress which Sen. Warren G. Magnuson (D-Wash.) and Sen. Thomas Kuchel (R-Calif.) were sponsoring. And this is the plan that has subsequently been adopted.

Conservationists are hopeful that they will now have a stronger voice within the department, with an assistant secretary to look after their objectives, especially in squabbling that often arise between conflicting water uses, such as between protecting migratory fish and building hydroelectric dams in rivers where they spawn.

"We'll have to see how it works," said Dr. Gabrielson, pointing out that anything can look good on paper.

The appointment of Leffler, a man conservationists feel they can trust, has brightened their hopes at the start of a new four-year term of the Eisenhower administration.

Russia Says 30,000 Visited Her in 1956

MOSCOW, Jan. 5 (AP)—Intourist, the official Soviet tourist agency, reports that 30,000 travelers from 35 countries visited the Soviet Union last year and 20,000 Soviet citizens made trips abroad under Intourist sponsorship.

Stamps in the News

By The Associated Press

Mark Twain once said: "Everybody talks about the weather but nobody does anything about it." Well, the United Nations can't change the weather but it is going to issue a set of stamps honoring one of its agencies which specializes in weather — the World Meteorological Organization.

Two stamps, a 3-center and an 8-center, honoring the WMO will be issued Jan. 28. The lower value reads "WMO 1957" while the higher one is inscribed with the French initials "OMM 1957." The design depicts a weather balloon symbolizing the globe and world wide range of the agency's activities.

The WMO, with 95 countries as members, works to promote international cooperation in the establishment of weather reporting stations and networks, arranges for the rapid international exchange of such information and

States and Canada under 18 years of age are eligible to enter the U. N. Stamp Design Contest for 1957.

Contestants can design a postage stamp dedicated to any of the United Nations' activities. There are two divisions of the contest — children 12 years of age and under, and teenagers from 13 through 18. Age and originality in depicting the theme will be considered in the final judging. The closing date for the contest is Feb. 1.

For an entry blank and a copy of the rules and prizes write to: Stamp Contest, U. N. Postal Administration, United Nations, N. Y.

Three new stamps bearing a portrait of the Shah have been issued by Iran. The 6 rials purple and grey shows the Shah in military uniform. The 136 r purple and brown, and the 2 r purple and red depict the Shah in a tuxedo.

International Museum Week was hailed with three new stamps by Poland. The 40 g green shows a statue of Niobe, the 60 g lilac brown bears the statue of Madonna of Weist-Saltz Altar of St. Marys at Cracow, and the 155 zloty brown illustrates da Vinci's painting of "Lady with Weasel."

Two semi-postals have been issued by France for the benefit of the French Red Cross. Depicted on each semi-postal is a famous painting now in the Louvre. The 12 franc plus 3 brown black shows the "Young



Peasant" by Louis Le Nain. The 15 fr plus 5 red has the portrait of the clown Gilles by Watteau. The additional values go to the Red Cross.

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One in India Perishes Of TB Every Minute

NEW DELHI, India, Jan. 5 (AP)—P. V. Benjamin, adviser on tuberculosis control to the Indian government, reports that each minute someone dies of the disease in India and nearly four million persons are infected. But India's tuberculosis rate is not so bad as that of some other countries, he adds.

Russians Modernizing Locomotives in 1957

MOSCOW, Jan. 5 (AP)—All new locomotives delivered in the Soviet Union in 1957 will be electric or diesel driven, says Tass Agency.

Sec. Benson to Talk in Spokane

SPOKANE, Jan. 5 (AP)—Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson will be the banquet speaker at the Pacific Northwest Farm Forum here Feb. 11.

Benson will appear at an open session during the two-day meeting to discuss current aspects of the national farm program.

The Farm Forum, sponsored by the local Chamber of Commerce, is aimed at promoting better understanding between agricultural, industrial and labor interests. Leaders from many fields are invited to speak and take part in panels.

Shrine Chief Visits Portland Hospital

PORTLAND, Jan. 5 (AP)—Imperial Potentate Gerald D. Cray visited Portland today on his nationwide inspection tour of Shrine hospitals for crippled children.

The Deadwood, S.D., lumberman said the Shrine spends about 5 1/2 million dollars a year to maintain its 17 hospitals in the United States.

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Canada Claims Busiest Tourist Office of All

OTTAWA, Jan. 5 (AP)—Canada claims it has the busiest tourist bureau in the world. Last year the Canadian Travel Bureau handled 460,882 inquiries from prospective visitors, 90 per cent of them from the United States.

Auto Deaths Soared In Japan Last Year

TOKYO, Jan. 5 (AP)—More than 6,700 persons died on Japan's crowded streets and highways in 1956, an increase of 56 per cent over the previous year. In addition, about 122,000 persons were injured in 129,000 traffic accidents.

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