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The Intellectual Gaining Status

However one may view the coming recommendation of the Eisenhower administration for a vast federal-state program of aid to education (emphasis on science, mathematics), the fact that it is offered signifies a change in the political climate. It may even mark an end to the anti-intellectual era. This began with taunts at FDR's "brain trust"—the chaps, like Rex Tugwell, you remember, who "never met a payroll." It survived with the contemptuous reference to Adlai Stevenson in 1952 as an "egghead." When Joe McCarthy was chief inquisitor, college professors were suspect, per se. Robert Oppenheimer's personal vagaries made him a "risk" to the Atomic Energy Commission.

Now there is wringing of hands over an alleged shortage of brains. Rush orders go out for scientists, though the specifications are not quite clear. Looking to the long haul schools are to become breeding pens for brains, specializing in science and math. So there is a place for the long hairs after all—or rather for some of them, those who can do something to get Vanguard off the ground.

Still it is refreshing to note this concession to intellectuals. It may be expanded and extended. We may even find that a writer or philosopher has a message full of meaning to our age, that an artist can influence a generation, and more.

After the war we heard frequent reference to the competition "for the minds of men." Our offerings, however, have been chiefly in the way of arms for "defense" or material stores for the bodies of men. We have not wholly ignored ideas, however. Marian Anderson, for example, great American Negro singer, toured Asian nations for our State Department and by her songs and words carried a message from America to peoples of color. But she was largely an "antidote" to the poison of Little Rock. We have not produced the voices that will command the attention and respect of the world, no new Walt Whitmans or Emersons or Lincolns. Until we do we shall have little influence on the "minds of men."

Farmers in Klamath County are working up an all-out war on the mice which have infested their alfalfa fields. The estimated cost of baiting is \$42,000 and they want help from the county, state and federal governments if they can get it. We wonder, though, if baiting with poisoned grain will not kill birds that make mice their prey. Maybe they could get the government to give them some of its surplus of poison gas, stocked, but not used in World War II. Given time nature will restore a balance, but man wants to shorten the time and limit the damage.

Mike Quill pulled his usual stunt in New York City. He set a time for transit workers to strike, thus squeezing another wage offer out of the Transit Authority. Then he called off his strike.

Soviets Forcing U.S. to Decide On Issue of Two-Power Talks

By JOSEPH ALSP

PARIS, Dec. 31.—The Kremlin has begun a drive for a wholly new kind of East-West talk—a "dialogue of the giants" between the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. with all others excluded from the conference table.

The decision whether to embark on such a dialogue is just about the most serious purely diplomatic decision that can be made. The question has not been even tangentially discussed with the other Western allies. Yet some sort of a decision is going to have to be made rather soon, if only because the Kremlin's drive is rather well advanced.

Ludicrously little attention has as yet been paid to this immensely significant and quite novel development. Yet the Kremlin's opening gun was fired some time ago. To be specific, Nikita Khrushchev reportedly told Anatolii Beyer, when the latter visited Russia, that tele-talks between the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. offered the one really hopeful way out of the world's present impasse.

The same statement was far and away the most striking feature of the letter that Khrushchev recently wrote to the "new Statesman and Nation," purporting to be an answer to a published plea for nuclear disarmament by Lord Russell. In the entire population of the British Isles, Anatolii Beyer and the "New Statesman" editors are the people most likely to be alarmed and outraged by the prospect of exclusive U.S.-U.S.S.R. talks. One can only guess that Khrushchev wished to appeal to their not inconsiderable vanity by choosing them as his confidants, in the hope of winning them to his side in this manner.

More recently, these informal indications in the best Khrushchev manner have been reinforced by a formal and public statement. At the meeting of the Supreme Soviet in Moscow, in their official comments on the recent NATO conference, both Khrushchev and Andrei Gromyko rather elaborately pooh-poohed all the ordinary forms of East-West negotiation. But after remarking that the Soviets had often proposed a meeting between the heads of government of the capitalist and socialist states "to solve the problems of humanity," Khrushchev blandly added:

"If an agreement between the United States and the Soviet Union can be achieved without prejudice to the interests of other countries, good results for peace will be achieved."

Short of sending a written invitation to President Eisenhower and Secretary of State Dulles to join in a huddle with him, Stalin's heir could hardly have been more specific. If so sort of answer is given, the silence will be taken by the Kremlin as the most chilling negative answer. This in turn can sharply affect Kremlin policy. So the question should at least be carefully considered in all its aspects, instead of being settled by mere default as seems to be the present tendency.

Whether anything could be achieved by such a dialogue is quite simply a question that cannot be answered until and unless a dialogue has been attempted. The Soviets are now giving two different kinds of signs. They are giving signs of great self-confidence and increased aggressiveness, founded on their conviction of their own strength. But they are also giving signs of quite genuine concern for the future of a world in which the whole scene will be dominated by the new weapons that can destroy life on earth.

In these circumstances, if the Soviets could get down to business in a corner with the Americans could they conceivably be induced to agree to a peaceful future of live-and-let-live? No one can tell.

But there is one thing that can be told, here and now, with absolute certainty. While John Foster Dulles is Secretary of State a dialogue of giants is impossible. For any such dialogue in which Dulles is the American spokesman or the President's chief advisor, will almost automatically break up the Western Alliance. The distrust of Dulles, the lack of confidence in Dulles are too great and too profound among our allies. They would expect to be sold down the river. They would hurry to try to make their own bi-lateral deal with the Kremlin. And so the alliance would come to grief for good.

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Car Insurance To Cost More

In sight is an increase of some 30 per cent in cost of auto liability insurance. That's the coverage which the wise auto owner buys to protect himself against heavy judgments because of injuries to or death of others in car accidents. Also scheduled for an early rise is the rate on collision insurance. That's the coverage bought to protect a car owner from loss through damage to property of another or to his own car in some collision.

The reason for the increases may be seen in the amount of damages claimed (or awarded by juries) in injury cases, and by the repair bills for damaged motorcars. Parts are more expensive; curved windshields are more costly to replace; expanded fenders and stamped body panels are likewise more expensive. Insurance companies have been complaining of heavy underwriting losses, which in many cases have exceeded their premium income.

Maybe the higher cost of insurance will "educate" drivers to be more careful, but the added cost will be a real burden to many for whom a car is a transportation necessity.

Morse for President?

Ever since their "fallout" over the civil rights bill became "semi-radioactive," Sen. Neuberger has left off touting his colleague, Sen. Morse, for President in 1960. (Morse came back to Oregon and called those who supported the bill "suckers.") But Morse is not without supporters for such preference. The Oregon Farmers Union reports that Jim Patton, president of the National Farmers Union, says he "would like to see his 'Oregon friend' in the White House."

Morse gave an address at the Montana convention of the Farmers Union and, according to the Oregon paper, "let loose a torrent of scorn for his Republican and Democrat colleagues in the Senate for their betrayal of the public interest." He called the civil rights bill "a shocking walkout on the constitution of the United States... a hoax and a sham."

Maybe the civil rights acts isn't all that it ought to be, but we recall that Morse voted for the jury trial amendment which would have gutted its enforcement quite effectively. Morse somehow manages to keep out of step with his colleagues—and then seeks to make political capital out of it.

Editorial Comment

Ocean Was Warm Before

Reports that the Pacific waters off the Oregon coast are unusually warmer than for some years past rather refute forecasts by Japanese oceanographers earlier this year that the sea would become colder along the western coast of the United States.

The Japanese predictions were based upon studies of Pacific ocean currents that skirt the shores of Asia and North America alike. Just what has gone wrong with their findings no one seems to have figured out.

Warm water in the eastern Pacific is no longer a novelty. Some 30 years or so ago, we recall a similar phenomenon took place. That was when the Albatross tuna put in their first known appearance off the Oregon shoreline. The diaphanous Portuguese Man of War washed up by the Oregon beaches, also venturing northward for the first time.

These and other sea life novelties that showed up in this area at that time frequent only tropical or semi-tropical waters, so even without aid of thermometer readings one knew the Pacific's temperature had risen.

And, since our inland weather comes mostly from the west, we know the ocean must be warmer now or December would have been colder.—(Albany Democrat-Herald)

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



Don't know how me and the wife are ever going to live on a pension!... We haven't learned to live on my salary yet!...

Comes the Dawn

Well, here we are—with tired foot and aching head in the door of another new year. A lot of people were up last night watching the old year out and keeping an eye on the new. Others were keeping an eye on their husbands. For some people this morning the world is divided into two camps—those who are afraid they're going to die; and those who are afraid they won't. Then there are the clear-headed predictors. Those who see a future in the future. The forecasters with hind-sight. To the many predictions of things to come in 1958 we offer our own prophecy. It is time, as they say in Africa to "Ring out the old; and bring in the new!" So here goes...

NATIONAL—The economic picture of the nation in 1958 will depend on a lot of things. But not economics. "If we put our nose to the grindstone, our shoulder to the wheel, our chin out, our feet on the ground, our head up high, and keep our eye on that distant star," one expert puts it, "we will probably all end the year with sprained backs."

POLITICS—It is difficult to predict just how the political football will bounce in 1958—or who will get bounced with it. The answer lies in the new subliminal form of advertising on TV. If, in the next few months, you are seized with an uncontrollable urge to vote for the Bull Moose party after watching TV, don't worry. It will probably be only the Republicans running a test pattern.

LIVING—The rising cost of living will bring some changes. Remember the gunny sack style of women's dresses launched in 1957? Well, if things get worse they will be made of real burlap in 1958. And there will be other living trends. We understand they are bringing out a pill for overweight people this year. You don't take it. You put it in the wash machine, and it enlarges your clothes.

MUSIC—With Elvis in the Army we can hardly wait for 1958 to produce the first rock-n-roll version of the national anthem. ... And we predict the advent of space music this year. In this type concert the musicians blast off—leaving the audience behind in a cloud. ... Rockets and satellites are expected to influence song-writing this year. We may see song titles like: "I'd Climb The Highest Orbit," and "Down By The Old Slip Stream," and "I've Got A Feeling You're Fueling."

Safety Valve

(Editor's Note: Letters for The Statesman's Safety Valve column are given prior consideration if they are informative and are not more than 300 words in length. Personal attacks and ridicule as well as libel, are to be avoided, but anyone is entitled to air beliefs and opinions on any side of any question. Letters must be signed with names and full address.)

Corporation Farming

To the Editor:

The U.S. Department of Agriculture recently named three Northwest corporations as receiving over \$50,000 each for participating in the soil bank program in 1957. Martin Herford Inc., Madras, Ore., 2,486 acres wheat, \$69,757; S. A. Camp Farms Company, Rupert, Idaho, 1,299.8 acres wheat, \$64,186; and By-county Farms, Prosser, Wash., 2,611.3 acres wheat, \$56,642.

Using 30 bushels an acre as an average yield, and this is probably a high figure, as land taken out of production is usually marginal land, this means at least \$1.00 a bushel for not raising wheat. The net profits made in these transactions is beyond calculation but it is safe to say they would make the cost-plus boys of the war years look like pikers.

This program was set up to reduce the so-called surplus of farm crops. The remaining acres in the soil bank is irrigated and heavily fertilized and produces bigger crops than ever. The net result of the program has been to force the family farmer off the land and increase the number and size of corporation farms. This result stems not alone from the Benson plan but is inherent in every farm program of the last 25 years.

From the cotton lands of the South to the wheat lands of the Northwest, corporations and large scale farming are exploiting and mining the soil. This situation will continue until we as a people recognize land as a basic natural resource subject to control and regulation through our government agencies. Only then can we start to solve the farm problem and retain the fertility of the soil for future generations.

Our State Agriculture Advisory Commission, which cancelled their regular quarterly meeting because of lack of business might look into some of the issues raised in this letter.

WENDELL BARNETT,

Brooks, Oregon.

Another Sad Story

To the Editor:

Sincerely, your editorial on Yule's sad story was beautifully cancer.

done. A Portland paper added another line when writing of the return of the lad to MacLaren school after finding his parents at home drunk. As we recall it, they said "There was not a dry eye among all the attendants." This line gives us hope that they will be helped to become good citizens.

To us, it was not the saddest story of the Yuletide. As we hurried from work to catch the bus to Portland for Christmas eve, we reached our gate first. The line gathered behind us. Suddenly we noted a handsome, staggering man and remembered that he had once given our office a bad time when in his cups on a holiday. With him was a lovely paper carrier of 12. The lad was sobbing as the drunken Dad tried to get on every bus waiting to load. Of course he was refused transportation. Coming up to our bus which had its door closed for a few minutes and right in front of us the lad, still sobbing, said "Come on Dad, they won't let us on." We said "No, they will not let you on. Home is a lovely place." We let them thru the line. They passed thru the station. To home, we hoped. The sobs and the nose blowing from the rear line joined our own. This tragedy is to end in the court with the Judge saying that three lovely children will be supported instead of the liquor Commission getting all the wages. (We hope.)

Two boys. "No man ever stands so straight as when he stoops to help a boy." Some way we believe some delightful Christian man of 35 or 40 who will bear inspection himself will take the responsibility of finding out about the lad at MacLaren. If he has done nothing worse than lift a few groceries because he hadn't eaten for days, we will waver he will make a wonderful member of the family. One thing quite sure is that he isn't very likely to become a drunk. Will someone try?

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The American Cancer Society is an outgrowth of the American Society for the Control of Cancer, established in 1913 to develop programs of public education about cancer.

IT SEEMS TO ME

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game off while it is behind on the scoreboard.

The real battleground will be in the uncommitted areas of the globe, but in Western Europe neutralism may veer toward appeasement.

Business: The recession has not run its course. The bears on the stock market still have the bulls on the run. Prophecies of business recovery in the last half of 1958 have no basis in economic statistics. Mostly what they mean is that the recovery will not come in the first half-year. Credit conditions will ease as business and individuals pay off debts and postpone new borrowings. Labor's declaration of intent to extract fresh wage increases and improved working conditions will encourage business contraction.

The economic trend will be two-directional. Higher wages will give a boost to prices and deficit financing, if it comes, will be inflationary.

Weaker segments of industry will suffer from narrow or missing profit margins, forcing layoffs or shutdowns which spur deflation.

Agriculture: Since agriculture is pretty well deflated now its outlook is not one of gloom. Here the barometer to watch is political—in Washington.

Politics: President Eisenhower will try to offer more positive leadership but will have weak support from his own party and sniping opposition from some Democrats. The administration will be under heavy fire because of its weapons lag, but in the end Congress will provide funds for defense spending and foreign aid.

Democrats will retain control of Congress in the 1958 elections. Republicans should make gains in elections to the Oregon Legislative Assembly. Results in this state will hinge on popular reaction to party attitudes on tax issues.

Orege: Our principal industry, lumbering, has been losing momentum for several years. Both evidence and informed forecast point to some revival in house construction, and hence in demand for forest products. If that comes a recovery will set in, but the rate probably will be slow.

This is a sober, and perhaps sobering, appraisal of prospects for 1958. It is not one of doom. Though pie-in-the-sky may be out of reach industry and thrift and business prudence will bring rewards. Except for boom years, 1958 when its books are closed may compare favorably with the past, if it completes economic adjustments which provide a basis for sound business revival in 1959. Eyes though should be directed to the future, not the past.

Time Flies

FROM STATESMAN FILES

10 Years Ago

Jan. 1, 1948

Heavy rains driven by a blustery wind ushered out 1947 in Salem. The final day of the old year saw 1.46 inches of precipitation fall and the mercury sink to 31 degrees.

Doubling previous records for the second consecutive year, Salem's construction program in 1947 set a new all-time high of \$6,866,675.

25 Years Ago

Jan. 1, 1923

Jubilant merry-makers swarmed dance halls, theatres, hotels and private residences to greet Young 1923. Season's greetings were exchanged and hopes for an optimistic trend. Russia winds up one five-year plan and starts another.

The cooler temperatures which settled on Salem brought snow to the hills to the south. State police reported snow falling thickly near Sunnyside on the South Pacific Highway.

40 Years Ago

Jan. 1, 1918

The year 1917 was not a period of unusual building activity in Salem, the total amount expended for building during the year approximating only about \$80,000.

Will the year 1918 see the end of the world war-period? Will the nation be at peace a year hence, or will it still be engaged in conflict? These will be the questions uppermost in the public mind on this New Year's Day.

Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence: "His is the most complete outfit I have ever seen."

2. What is the correct pronunciation of "negligence"?

3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Improprity, impressario, impostor, impertinence.

4. What does the word "glib" mean?

5. What is a word beginning with "he" that means "of the same kind or nature"?

ANSWERS
1. The outfit cannot be "most complete." If it is complete, that ends it. It can, however, be "the most nearly complete outfit."
2. Pronounce neg-ig-ly-zay, preferred accent on last syllable.
3. Impressario. A Speaking with ease and fluency. The man on the platform is quite glib.
4. Homogeneous.

Bipartisan Decisions Vital to U.S.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—

Senate spokesmen for both parties agreed tonight that 1958 will require bipartisan decisions of the highest order to save the nation and world from nuclear destruction.

These decisions, said Sen. Bridges, (R-NH), must reflect American ability "in our finest hour" and "provide for the survival of this nation at all costs."

Sen. Mansfield (D-Mont) added in a separate year-end statement that Congress is prepared to do its full share, with Democrats and Republicans "placing the security of the country ahead of the welfare of their parties."

Mansfield, the Senate's acting Democratic majority leader said: "The months ahead will be decisive ones that may witness new crises which will again strip the thin thread of peace."

"Or they may mark the beginning of a new stage in foreign policy. It may be a stage in which the President and the Congress embark on a rational search for ways of reflecting more accurately the attitudes of the people and the faith and confidence which underlie the freedom and greatness of this country, rather than the fears and uncertainties with which we live."

Bridges, influential chairman of the Senate Republican Policy Committee, said the "great debate" of 1958 must not be "a glorified soapbox for the promotion of political parties or candidates" but must lead to firm formulation of vital policies "so that we may look back on 1958 as a year of great decision."

He said the year calls for "mankind's most magnificent performance."

In the United States it is a congressional election year, with 32 Senate seats and all 435 seats in the House at stake.

Tito Voices New Plea for Summit Talk

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, Dec. 31.—

President Tito tonight voiced a New Year's proposal for a highest level disarmament conference of both small and large nations and asserted peaceful coexistence is the only road to peace.

The leader of this independent Communist nation followed closely the Soviet line for peace in his New Year's message to the people of Yugoslavia.

Rejecting the decisions of the NATO summit conference in Paris Tito said it would have been "a wonderful present to mankind for 1958" if the NATO leaders had put forth proposals for disarmament talks on a level higher than foreign ministers.

"It is the 12th hour for a broad meeting on the highest level," he said. "A new ghost of war looms over mankind and threatens to destroy it."

He called for active coexistence. Coexistence, he added, must replace blocs, because the division of the world in blocs is contrary to the idea of coexistence.

Anti-Missile Missile Being Developed

WALTHAM, Mass., Dec. 31.—

A new missile for the Army designed to intercept and destroy enemy missiles is being developed at the Waltham plant of the Sylvania Electric Co., officials announced today.

The missile—called the Plato—is expected to be able to halt an enemy's intermediate range ballistic missile (IRBM).

Officials said they were prevented by security from disclosing details about Plato such as range, cost and target date for completion and production.

Young Barrymore Jailed After Noisy Tiff With Wife

BEVERLY HILLS, Dec. 31.—

An argument with his red-haired wife, Cara, landed actor John Barrymore Jr. in jail today.

Police said Barrymore became belligerent when officers tried to break up the noisy tiff between the two in a parked car.

He pleaded guilty to being drunk in a public place and disturbing the peace. He was fined \$100 by Municipal Court Judge Henry H. Draeger and ordered to serve the next three weekends in Beverly Hills Jail.

Officers said Barrymore told them he and his wife were arguing about their recent reconciliation.

Statesman Ballot Box

The advent of the New Year, as usual in the last decade or so, will bring new suggestions to place Oregon on Daylight Savings Time come spring in a poll some years ago. Statesman readers opposed it better than 3 to 1. Since then, many states have adopted it routinely and the plan has spread. Oregon has declined to participate. But maybe opinions have changed. There is only one way to find out. Today's question:

Would you favor Daylight Time for Oregon?

Yes ☐ No ☐

Comments: _____

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Wilson Lays Space Lag Blame on People in U.S.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 31.—

The American people got what they paid for in the way of missiles and space travel this year, former Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson said today.

He said he blamed the American people as much as Congress for the budget cuts that chopped off money the Defense Department wanted in the year Russia became the first nation with an artificial satellite in outer space.

Still, he said, he does not believe the United States is behind Russia "in the overall picture" and predicted the United States

would win if war broke out today. Wilson, said in an interview at his home in suburban Birmingham, that he asked President Eisenhower for a 40-billion-dollar defense appropriation for the current fiscal year. Eisenhower, he said, sensed the need for a tight budget and recommended only 38½ billion. That eventually was cut to 36 billion, he said.

"I think if we attempt to compete with the Russians actively by promoting too much of a buildup in our own defense we will contribute as much to a foreseeable war as the Russians," he warned. The Sputniks, Russia's two earth satellites, and reports of Soviet missile might are being blown out of proportion in this country, he said, adding that Russian strides in outer space are "indicative of the Russians' progress and nothing more."

Frenchman Gets Life for Slaying Two

CLEARWATER, Fla., Dec. 31.—

Maurice Chavigny was sentenced today to life imprisonment for the slaying of Brig. Gen. Wilbur R. R. McReynolds and the general's wife.

The 44-year-old Frenchman took the sentence calmly. He said nothing.

Chavigny was convicted Dec. 19 of second-degree murder in both slayings. The sentence could have been from 20 years imprisonment to life in each case.

Circuit Court Judge John U. Bird directed that he serve a life sentence in each case.

There was no argument for mercy from defense counsel before the sentencing and no indication of an appeal.

The retired general, 64, and his wife, 61, were shot to death at their home in an exclusive residential section of St. Petersburg April 3.

The French soldier of fortune had been a friend of the McReynolds for a number of years.

Solon Urges U.S. River Development

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—

Sen. Murray (D-Mont) reported today that Soviet Russia and Red China are outstripping the United States "in the vital area of river development."

As chairman of the Senate Interior Committee, Murray urged President Eisenhower to give the situation his personal consideration in budgeting for the development of water resources in the next fiscal year.

The senator said he had sent Eisenhower a report showing that Communist leaders are putting more money and effort into river projects than into their more spectacular earth satellites and long-range missiles.

Murray added that the report was forwarded to the White House because of the President's "repeated public expression of concern over shifting relationships between Communist nations and the United States."