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President Takes Calculated Risk

President Eisenhower took a calculated risk Wednesday in predicting the current recession is reaching its low point and should start receding within a month or so. It was quite a risk, too. It is an election year, so far as Congress is concerned, and the President's pronouncements and achievements will weigh heavily in the forth coming elections.

There are those who say the President risked too much—that if he had kept quiet the results would have been to his credit, had they been on the positive side, and would not have reflected so much to his discredit if the opinions he voiced failed to materialize.

We like to feel the President not only evinced courage in his predictions, but that he weighed tangible factors—including evidence that might be apparent to him and still not of general public cognizance, as well as recognition of the psychology inherent in President Roosevelt's far-famed statement that "we have nothing to fear but fear itself."

As a matter of fact, despite unemployment, and the admitted drop in many businesses (plus the fact that Oregon has been as hard hit as any place in the nation), we have failed to find any strong undercurrent of the most dangerous foes we have—pessimism and defeatism. On the contrary, even by those hard hit there is a marked optimism, and the President's statement bolsters it still further.

We hope the President is right, of course, for the sake of the nation and world even more than his own. But time will tell, and he has been forthright, or foolish enough to get that time as a matter of weeks. If he's right, he'll go a long way toward regaining some of the prestige which admittedly has been lost. If he is wrong he'll have done harm largely only to himself and his party. The calculated risk, in fact, seems quite one-sided, but we admire him for taking it.

The Birthdays of Our Presidents

The anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birthday passed with hardly a tremor yesterday. It was a state holiday for Oregon employees, but 15 states didn't observe it at all. It was business-as-usual so far as federal offices and departments were concerned. Special school programs were few and far between.

Washington's Birthday, so far as public observance, doesn't fare too much better, although it is a holiday for federal employees and observed by all 48 state governments. School closing for it isn't at issue this year because it falls on a Saturday.

The days are gone when the flags and bunting were out and business came to a standstill to honor the first and sixteenth presidents of the United States. Too much has happened in the intervening years. But still, we should afford to take continuing

French Raid on Tunisia Base Blamed on 'Inept Politicians'

By JOSEPH ALSOP
PARIS, Feb. 13.—In a tragic manner the bombing of Sakiet Sidi Youssef has underlined all the anomalies of the present French situation.

Here was a military operation whose political penalties were out of all proportion to any imaginable military reward. According to French Foreign Minister Pineau, this heavy attack upon Tunisian territory was never authorized by the French government. Pineau even told this reporter that he did not believe that such an operation had ever been knowingly authorized by the French commander in Algeria, Gen. Salan.

One's first reaction to such statements is simple amazement. It is easy enough to understand the feelings of the French professional soldiers, who have lived through the long and bitter war in Indochina and now find themselves involved in a long and bitter war in Algeria, with Tunisia playing the "protected sanctuary" role that China played before.

But what of the fantastic discipline that is revealed by the triumph of these feelings, by the actual commission of a fairly major act of war, without the slightest authorization from the French cabinet? Who should bear the responsibility of this?

cognizance of the record of these two high executives—the one who gave the country birth and the other who held it together in time of crisis. Historians have evaluated the two men and we won't presume to do it here. Whatever their shortcomings, they were men of stature who rose to serve a vital purpose when their country needed them.

As the only United States president ever to venture into the firing lines of war while in office, Lincoln holds more than an ordinary place in our regard. Men only a few feet from him were killed as he stood on the parapet at Washington's historic Fort Stevens while the Confederates under Gen. Jubal Early were battering at the doors of the nation's capital. It was a sample of the brave calmness which carried him through the Civil War. He has earned a large niche in our history.

Political Activity Not All Gravy

A popular conception of politicians often includes the image of a smoke-filled room at midnight cluttered with a determined-looking group of disreputable characters. These are often pictured plotting the destruction of some freedom or a manner of milking more cash from the public treasury.

In a few isolated cases, this conception may be nearly correct, but by far the largest number of behind-the-scenes workers are trying to promote good government by the only method they know how—by individual action within an established party. As the political pot becomes more active with the approach of the primary and general elections, we can remember that a lot of persons are sacrificing time and money in such political activity. And it's sacrifice that's seldom repaid except in the satisfaction of knowing an effort has been made to retain democratic government.

A few faithfuls in the winning party, of course, will be rewarded with pay or non-pay appointments. But most get nothing but thanks—and sometimes precious little of that. (V.E.)

A dispatch to the New York Times from its Montgomery, Ala., correspondent says "amiable voluntary segregation" on city buses has replaced the violence which greeted attempts to bar segregation a year ago, and that Negro leaders are gratified their race is no longer being "demeaned by law." The hope of progress lies in reasonable concession.

Editorial Comment

Hunger

He was a big fellow, judging from the size of his paw print and the length of his stride. He had spent Sunday morning nosing around fallen logs where the snow makes natural homes for smaller creatures, creatures that cougars like for Sunday breakfast. A day or more earlier, before the light snow, he had prowled the area, too, with the same long easy stride that now showed up in the new snow at Willamette summit.

He had gone from log to log, looking perhaps for a rabbit or a chipmunk. Once he came to a spot where a squirrel had stripped a pine cone, leaving its little scraps on the snow. But he got there too late. No sign of a struggle was written in the snow. Tracks led toward yet another log.

At one point, maybe on Saturday night, he stood on a bank of snow tossed up by a rotary plow and surveyed the traffic on the Willamette highway. Then he crossed the highway, hoping to improve his luck on the Odell Lake side. Sunday morning, he was back, still hungry, or perhaps hungry again.

Winter is tough in the animal kingdom where only the fittest survive. (Eugene Register-Guard.)

The defects of the French political system are frequently exaggerated. The ability of France's political leaders is widely underrated. But with the possible exception of Gen. de Gaulle and the Right and Pierre Mendes-France on the Left, almost every French political leader is flagrantly guilty of the same flagrant sin of omission. None of them will get up on their hind legs, in the Chamber of Deputies or elsewhere, and say in so many words:

"France cannot have her cake and eat it too."

Several grave issues of policy were posed, for example, when the Algerian rebels began to use Tunisia as an out-of-bounds base. The most obvious was the simple issue of peace or war. As lately revealed by this correspondent, the French Cabinet finally put this central issue up to the French General Staff. The military has been saying the Algerian rebellion could not be crushed while the Tunisian base existed. So the civilians asked the military whether the Tunisian base ought to be eliminated by the reconquest of Tunisia.

The French Chief of Staff, Gen. Paul Elv, replied unequivocally that the venture could not even be considered, for want of men, the questions, and the money for the job. The one efficient course of military action against Tunisia was thus ruled out. Logically, that left only a single other alternative, leaving Tunisia alone and strengthening the measures against border-crossing inside Algeria.

But this degree of toleration was in fact insupportable. Hence a kind of creeping border war against Tunisia was begun, which has now produced the Sakiet Sidi Youssef bombing. No one who has much familiarity with situations of this type will believe for a moment that this kind of operation is at all likely to impede the Algerian rebels.

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As every American knows who has read the foreign comment on the problems of the United States, diagnosing other nations' inner ailments is a pastime which wise men generally forego. But in the present instance, this reporter would like to suggest that the fault lies, not really with the soldiers, but chiefly

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"As I see it, gentlemen, our main job is to convince the public that a surprise enemy attack isn't an advertising stunt!"

IT SEEMS TO ME

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superfluous. What is of interest is this sun cult, which has made the desert blossom, if not as the rose, as the most rapidly-growing portion of the U.S.A.

Florida, the Gulf Coast, and the American Southwest exploit the sun. The American people of the North respond in droves, either for a winter sunbath or for permanent residence. This seems almost to be a revival of sun worship, probably the earliest of religions. It does fit into the cult of physical health.

Ease of travel, by car and plane, has made the desert easily accessible. Modern invention of heating and cooling apparatus has made it livable. Power pumps and irrigation systems draw and distribute water whose lack makes the desert a desert. So it is that Phoenix rivals its namesake, rising not from ashes but from desert. It claims a base population of 200,000, and an additional 100,000 in the winter tourist season. Tucson is second, and both are growing fast, attracting industries such as aircraft and electronics.

The base at Phoenix however is agriculture—the reclamation of the lands under the Salt River project launched in Teddy Roosevelt's day. Crops are cotton, alfalfa, vegetables and livestock. At a roadside lunch counter I visited

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Time Flies

FROM STATESMAN FILES.

10 Years Ago

Feb. 13, 1948

A six pound son was born to Mr. and Mrs. James G. Smith (Ruth Peck), Oswego. The Smiths are former Salem residents and he was with the State Tax Commission.

City police patrolled the streets searching for an organized band of thieves who stole 21 parking meters in downtown Salem. Following a pattern familiar in five other Oregon cities, the thieves used a pipe cutter.

25 Years Ago

Feb. 13, 1923

Mr. and Mrs. K. Gosser were quietly celebrating their 49th wedding anniversary at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Gosser when suddenly the quiet of the day was broken by the arrival of 11 of their 12 children and wives and husbands and children of these eleven.

Mrs. Clara H. Waldo, 74, ex-regent of Oregon State College, died at Ojai, Calif. She was the first woman to be named on the board of regents of an institution of higher learning in Oregon, receiving the honor in 1906.

40 Years Ago

Feb. 13, 1918

Arthur J. Reinhardt, Salem, of the 115th Ordnance Depot Company, Camp Travis, Texas, received his warrant as ordnance sergeant. The warrant makes him the highest non-commissioned officer in the ordnance department.

There will be 535 stars on the University of Oregon service flag now being made by a Portland firm and which will be hung in front of the administration building, according to President Campbell.

Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "The disturbance ended in the man being jailed."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "ceramics"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Consumable, consummate, consumptive, contemporary.
4. What does the word "wariness" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with eng that means "to produce or bring into being"?

ANSWERS
1. Say, "The disturbance ended WHEN the man WAS jailed." 2. Pronounce see-rah-micks, accent second syllable. 3. Consummate. 4. Care to foresee and guard against evil; cautiousness. "We must exercise great wariness to avoid certain evils." 5. Engender.

Lame Duck Congress Elects Fuentes

GUATEMALA, Feb. 12 (AP)—Gen. Miguel Ydigoras Fuentes, conservative Reconciliation party leader, was elected president of Guatemala today on his third try.

A lame duck Congress voted him in as president for a six-year term that begins legally March 15. But the term actually commences with his inauguration March 2 to succeed Provisional President Guillermo Flores Avendaño, who has held office since an election in October was ruled invalid by Congress.

The president's office was vacated by the assassination last July of President Carlos Castillo Armas.

Father Jailed For Beating Son

LEBANON, Mo., Feb. 12 (AP)—Bert Blackburn, 26, was sentenced Tuesday to three years imprisonment for beating his 3½-year-old son, David Leo. He pleaded guilty in Circuit Court.

Blackburn's commonlaw wife, Velle Davis, 24, pleaded guilty Monday and was sentenced to two years in prison.

Charges of adultery and gross lewdness against the couple were dismissed.

David Leo, severely beaten with a stick of firewood, is slowly recovering from injuries and malnutrition. He is too weak to sit up. Two other children of Miss Davis, a girl, 19 months, and a boy 5½, have been placed in foster homes by the court.

Curiosity Ices Dog's Tail

BERNARDSVILLE, N.J., Feb. 12 (AP)—Curiosity may have killed a cat but dogs are made of sterner stuff.

An 8-month-old puppy belonging to Mrs. Shirley Lounsberry of nearby Liberty Corner tried to crawl through a galvanized culvert at her driveway entrance yesterday.

He only got his head out the other end. His tail froze in water in the near-zero temperatures. Bernards Township police Sgt. Robert Moore and Ray Cutshaw, township road superintendent, used a blowtorch to cut a hole in the pipe just behind the dog's tail. Then they melted the ice with the torch so the puppy could get loose.

Mrs. Lounsberry, meanwhile had wrapped the dog's head in a blanket and fed him warm milk. The pup was doing fine today.

School Reporter

31 Tapped For National Honor Club

By KAREN HARRIS

Thirty-one South Salem High School seniors were added to the National Honor Society during a tapping ceremony in the auditorium Wednesday morning.

Students were chosen on the basis of scholarship, service, leadership, and character.

New members are Sue Jackson, Gary Gregory, Pam Morrison, Sue Jochimsen, Zola Peterson, Keith Burres, Ann Cates, Bruce Birrell, Robert Seeger, Phyllis Reiman, Sue Wilson, Paul Allen, Lila Burger, Doris Kitzman, Jane Bodenweiser and Kathy Doner.

Ruth Harnsberger, Genevieve Nordyke, Larry Payne, Kathleen Schmidt, Barbara Koudell, Ken Catlett, Sandy Everett, Robert Bayne, Nancy Mischke, Janice Phillips, Connie Barber, Ann Petrie, Gary McInay, Sue Keech and Susana Martorani.

The new member's names were announced by Martha Minto, secretary of the club, and installation was conducted by Jim Davenport, president, and Barbara Leiseth, vice president.

Leslie Band Plays at Blind School

By PATRICIA LEE

Leslie's A-band presented a program for the Oregon State School for the Blind Wednesday. The 40-minute program was given by 73 band members.

The Lyman Herb, David Schild, Meyer and Doug Morgan formed a clarinet trio that played "Dancing Reeds."

This is the first time the Leslie band has given a program at the Blind School. Director is Mr. Glen Williams.

Dr. Owen Miller, a skin specialist will be the speaker at a Leslie Girls League assembly on Tuesday during home room period. Dr. Miller will talk about adolescent skin problems.

Leslie has 90 entries of various kinds of art work in the annual

Unemployment Fund Drops to \$35 Million; Payroll Tax to Rise

Oregon employers are going to be paying double the present payroll taxes starting next month as an emergency measure to bolster the sagging unemployment compensation trust fund.

The fund is dropping from record payments to unemployed workers, said State Unemployment Compensation Commission members in a Wednesday report.

This became certain when the fund fell to \$35 million, which is \$20 million less than a year ago.

Dr. Kohler, WU Professor For 32 Years, Will Retire

Dr. Henry C. Kohler, a member of the English department at Willamette University for 32 years and one of the school's best known professors, will retire in June, it was announced Wednesday.

He came to Willamette in 1926 as professor of English and has served as head of the department and editor of the university catalog.

His major fields of study and teaching have been English and comparative literature with emphasis on Elizabethan poetry, prose and drama.

Because of poor health he was unable to teach the last half of fall semester, but he resumed his classes this week with the beginning of the new semester.

Dr. Kohler will be replaced by Dr. William P. Baker of Southwest Texas State Teachers College in San Marcos, Dr. G. Herbert Smith announced.

Author of a book, Milton's Prose Works, Dr. Baker received his Ph.D. from Harvard in 1949.

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Farm Prices Hit 1957 January Level

CORVALLIS, Feb. 12 (AP)—An increase of 2 per cent in prices received by Oregon farmers between mid-December and mid-January sent the farm price average up to the level of the previous January, Mrs. Elvera Horrell said today.

That was the highest since last April, the Oregon State College farm economist said.

Aly Khan to Arrive

KARACHI, Feb. 12 (AP)—Officials said today Prince Aly Khan will arrive in New York by the third week in March to take up his duties as Pakistan's new ambassador to the U.N.

New Honor Roll Posted At Academy

By LOUISE SCHROEDER

The honor roll for the third six-week period was posted at Sacred Heart Academy.

Those girls receiving a grade point average above 3.5 were: Kathy Fischer, Darlene Michels, Margie O'Connor, Sue Van, and Judy Boettcher, seniors; Judy Nelson, Beverly Folsky, Anne Meusey, sophomore; and Susan Crawford and Linda Monner, freshmen.

DANCE COMING SUNDAY

The seniors at Sacred Heart are giving a party for the senior boys at Serra Catholic High on Sunday, at 6 p.m. at Sacred Heart. Dancing and refreshments are planned.

General co-chairmen of this affair are Janice Suing and Marilyn Ripp. Decoration and refreshment committee includes Kathy Fischer, Mary Jo Meusey, Helen Kelsch, Clevala Rohr, and Maurine Copple. Roberta Schlottbauer is chairman of the hi-fi committee, assisted by Mary Jo Meusey, Liz O'Brien and Audrey Carey.

Teamsters Face Huge Attorney Fee

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Feb. 12 (AP)—The Teamsters Union tonight was reported facing a half-million-dollar legal bill resulting from the compromise court suit which tried to block James R. Hoffa from becoming the union's president.

Godfrey P. Schmidt, attorney for the 13 rank-and-file New York Teamsters' Union members who were plaintiffs in the case, has served notice he will seek \$300,000 as fee and expenses.

"I'd say that's about right," Schmidt said when contacted in New York about the reported figure.

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Jury Disagrees In Damage Suit

EUGENE, Feb. 12 (AP)—Joe Garske apparently will get another chance to bring his \$50,000 suit against a Cottage Grove justice of the peace.

Garske was convicted in the court of John Wells, justice of the peace, of disorderly conduct. Afterward Garske filed his suit, asking \$50,000 punitive damages, contending Wells took his gun from him illegally after the trial.

Circuit Judge Carl Wimberly of Roseburg, presiding in the damage suit trial here, ruled the question of punitive damages could not go to the jury. That left the jury to decide on whether Wells had unlawfully taken Garske's gun, and the verdict—at its greatest—could not have exceeded the \$54 market value of the weapon, plus court costs.

But the jury could not agree, and was dismissed after nine hours.

The question of punitive damages now can be raised by Garske in a second trial.

Because of an increasing number of traffic fatalities, automobiles in Sweden are now being equipped more and more with safety belts.



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