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Eisenhower Is Not Flattered

It is not flattering to General Eisenhower to be "drafted" to rescue the Democratic party from the chaos into which it has degenerated after sixteen years of uninterrupted power. It is particularly unflattering to have the "draft" movement fostered by such characters as New Jersey's Boss Hague and other politicians whose obvious concern is to keep their party in power rather than to "save the nation." Those who cling to the idea that "Eisenhower couldn't refuse the call to patriotic duty" overlook the fact that in this case it is NOT the nation which is calling but just one of its political parties, and that makes quite a difference.

Having refused Kansas overtures which might have led to his acceptance as the Republican candidate, having avoided any statement definitely aligning him with either the Republican or the Democratic party, having stated repeatedly his view that no military man should seek the presidential office, having stated his refusal in unequivocal words, Eisenhower would be in an untenable position if he were to accept even a nomination by the Democratic convention as any mandate for personal service and sacrifice.

A two-party nomination would, of course, be "a draft," but this is now out of the question, Dewey having received the Republican nomination. A one-party call would of necessity involve Eisenhower or any other candidate in the problem of straightening out the party factionalism which has developed since Franklin D. Roosevelt's death. The bitterness over "civil rights" is only the most acute symptom of the Democratic party's internal disorders. The party is suffering from the divers diseases which come to any political organization which has been too long at the trough—political gout, acidosis, halitosis and even the hallucinations of indispensability which come with time.

The Democratic party's worst affliction is that it is clinging to an heroic past which cannot be recreated overnight. It is no longer a vehicle of "manifest destiny" as it was in 1932 with a mission of social and economic reform. This is not to say that the problems of the nation, at home and abroad, are any less difficult or important than those of 1932. But the Democratic party is in the position of a business organization which has depended too long on the genius of one man and which has failed to keep up with present needs and ideas.

Eisenhower would undoubtedly draw more votes than the ineffectual Truman, but he would not be able to bring Wallace's radicals back into the fold, and it is doubtful if—without stultifying himself—he could pacify the rebellious South or satisfy the groundlings of Kansas City, Jersey City and Chicago.

It is not enough for a party to have a candidate who commands public confidence; there must be confidence also in the party. McGurk says:

"The Democratic party must pass through a period of penance and fasting."
It seems to be an old American custom to impose such periods on our political parties. Eisenhower is not shirking any "duty to the nation." He is refusing to "pull chestnuts." He is not an old man, and it might happen that four years from now or eight years from now (after he has adjusted to civilian life) he will have a real call.
"Physician heal thyself."
That seems to be the prescription for the Democratic party.

"A Vision With a Task Is Victory"

In Western Lane county we have the Jessie M. Honeyman state park, and in Eugene we have always thought of Mrs. Honeyman as "belonging to us" because she lived here many years. But Jessie M. Honeyman belongs to the state of Oregon, because the people of this commonwealth, for generations to come, will be indebted to her for the preservation of so much of this state's endowment of natural beauty. The state parks which are to be found adjacent to every major highway, state and federal laws which have made it possible to save vistas of virgin forest are due largely to the vision and leadership of this remarkable woman.
"A task without vision is drudgery. A vision without a task is a dream. A vision with a task is victory."
Mrs. Honeyman gave us those memorable words in 1941 when the Oregon State Highway Department dedicated the park in her honor near Glenada. At that time she was 89. It was midsummer but it was one of those cold raw days which sometimes occur along the Coast when the northwest wind is driving down out of Alaska. The wind carried

with it a spray of sand from the dunes which cut and stung. There were many notable present to honor Jessie Honeyman, but their orations have been forgotten. The big moment was when the diminutive, frail little woman in black rose to acknowledge the tributes. She stood erect; her voice was strong and resonant, with its inimitable Scottish "burr." We had with us J. D. Adams, an editor of The New York Times, and he was enthralled, because Mrs. Honeyman rose not merely to acknowledge the pleasant things that had been said about her work but to challenge the people of Oregon to carry on.

"She would have been a magnificent general," said Mr. Adams.
"She has been a magnificent general. You should have seen her in earlier years when she and Mrs. Jackson and Mr. Rockey used to TELL governors and legislators and highway commissions."

Although she lived to be 96, Mrs. Honeyman never grew "old." Her eyes were as bright as a schoolgirl's, bright with the "vision and the task" to which she had set herself. In spite of crippling infirmities and personal hardships, she carried on the work of the Oregon Roadside Council, writing hundreds of letters, rallying innumerable friends to the cause. Never did we know her to complain; her keen wit and magnificent courage sustained others. In 1942, the University of Oregon gave Mrs. Honeyman the honorary degree of "master of arts in public service." She gave real meaning to the words "public service"—because she was not, as you might suppose, a woman of means. On the contrary she had scarcely enough for her own comfort. She had reared six children; she had had one son killed in action in World War I; she had had her full share of the troubles which so often crush the spirit.

As a young girl, Jessie Honeyman taught school in Scotland. As a woman she taught the people of Oregon to see and respect the beauty of Oregon. To those who were privileged to know and work with her she taught a great deal about the fine art of living. There was true "greatness" here.

WASHINGTON LETTER

BY PETER EDSON
NEA Washington Correspondent

Quick Scan of Record Reveals 'Statesmen's ERP Reasoning

WASHINGTON—(NEA)—To get an idea of why New York Republican Congressman John Taber's House Appropriations Committee cut the ECA, or Economic Co-operation Administration's funds by 25 per cent, thereby endangering the whole Marshall Plan program, all you have to do is skim through some 1500 pages of testimony taken by this committee in a month's closed hearings. They are most revealing.
Chairman Taber apparently hoped to take the State Department's preliminary estimates of requirements, run through them country by country and item by item like a grocery shopping list, and eliminate anything he thought Administrator Paul Hoffman should not buy.

First On the List: Austria

First country on the list, alphabetically, was Austria. Here are some highly condensed excerpts from Taber's questioning of Paul Nitze of the State Department and F. B. Norstrup of Agriculture.
TABER—You are figuring to have available in Austria, for grains, about 25 per cent more than they had for the current year. . . . On pulses (peas, beans, etc.) about 25 per cent more. Why can they not raise the pulses that they need in Austria, instead of having to send them over?

NITZE—Austria has never produced the full amount of food necessary for its population.

TABER—I know, but pulses are things you can raise pretty readily on small acreage. Does anyone know about that?

NORTHROP—The total land utilization is pretty well planned, I think, and the lands for that commodity are just not available. These figures show an estimated increase of about 25 per cent for pulses.

TABER—Pulses are the easiest things to raise from every standpoint. It takes very little acreage, and there is not any reason in the world why they should not raise their pulses themselves.
This pronouncement having apparently settled that, the Honorable Committee went on to other commodities.

TABER—The next item for Austria is tractors—120 tractors. Why do you need to send 120 tractors to Austria?
Congressman George Mahon of Texas took up this point.

MAHON—In my own Congressional District today, many of the farm tractors cannot move because they do not have an adequate supply of gasoline in the state of Texas which produces so much gas. How can we expect the people of Austria to get enough gas to operate tractors? There's no use sending tractors over there.

Other Words of Wisdom

Other words of wisdom came from others on Taber's committee. Get this one sentence from the Hon. Frank B. Keefe of Wisconsin:

KEEFE—If I had my way and was running this show and was head of this outfit, believe me, I would take some different course and I would see if I could not spend a little money to make England self-supporting by developing some of the vast country which she has which is undeveloped and get some of the 42,000,000 people out of Great Britain and get them to go down on the plateau and develop the British Congo and to go into Africa and get her into a place where she can produce instead of confining 42,000,000 on those islands and carrying on forever and a day and projecting into the future the very thing that has caused the collapse and making her a burden on the taxpayers of America, with no hope whatever of developing her own independent economy so she can get on her own feet.

The Hon. Frank Case of South Dakota contributed this gem to the record:

CASE—Mr. Nitze. . . . Is Rex Tugman connected with the State Department today?

NITZE—No, I haven't heard from him since he was in Puerto Rico.

CASE—At one time he achieved a certain amount of notoriety. . . . for having written a poem about rolling up our sleeves to make America over. As I have listened to all these figures. . . . and all this planning for these countries in this fashion, I thought that somebody must have written another poem about making the whole world over at the expense of the United States.

Well, this gives you the drift. You can't expect any other kind of action out of Congress as long as you have congressmen who think that way.

Finland's Swing to the Right Gives Reds Another Set-Back

BY DEWITT MACKENZIE
AP Foreign Affairs Analyst
Little Finland's daring swing towards the political right in her national election has given the Bolsheviks another set-back in their cold war against European democracy — but the Reds are making progress in the far East where developments give fair warning that we are in truth dealing with world revolution.

For some months observers have noted a decided increase in Muscovite activities in the Orient, quite apart from the major operations in China and Korea. More and more the Russians have been flinging their agents into Burma, Indonesia and Siam to take advantage of the unsettled conditions in those areas.

Now we get a further important and highly significant move. More than forty Russians are in Bangkok, Siamese capital, establishing their first legation. There would be no call for such a big staff for the conduct of normal affairs, and this fact fits in well with a remark the other day by a friend of mine just back from the far East.

"I think you may expect the Russians to establish a branch of the Cominform in Bangkok in the immediate future. From that strategic point they will direct their drive in that whole vast area of south-eastern Asia."

Apogee of the general situation, AP Correspondent Spencer Davis reports that Edwin F. Stanton, American ambassador to Siam, told him:

"The game Moscow is playing is not just a European game or a China game — if all southeast Asia becomes a solid, hostile Communist bloc, it will be a cause of great concern to all the world."

Well, it looks as though the Reds had established that Asiatic cominform as predicted. And we are reminded by the American owned Bangkok post that "The vacuum caused by British withdrawal from many areas in Asia is slowly being filled by Russian ideology. The process may be slow, but it seems to be a certain one."

Meantime that Finnish election, which appears to have reduced the Communist from first place to third in parliament, must be a nasty dose of medicine for Moscow to swallow. And maybe the Russians won't swallow it, though they perhaps would be showing more daring than prudence to try any strong-arm stuff against the Finns now. In view of the difficulties with Yugoslavia and her chummy dictator, Marshal Tito.

The other big issue of the moment remains the Russian effort to starve 2,000,000 civilians of western Berlin by a food blockade. It is difficult to see how the Bolsheviks can fail to recognize that they are doing themselves no good in world opinion by such an exhibition of ruthlessness. They maintain a bawling attitude of not caring a tinker's dam about world opinion — but they do care.

Five of Crew Burned As Tanker In Flames

LUDINGTON, Mich.—(AP)—Five crewmen were reported badly burned Wednesday when the tanker Edgewater caught fire in Lake Michigan, 23 miles southwest of here.
The Ludington Coast Guard station said seven other crewmen escaped injury as the blaze was brought under control.

Coast Guard officials said the five burned men were removed from the ship by a PBY plane from Traverse City and apparently were being returned here.
Lifeboats from the station here were in radio contact with the other seven, who said they were not endangered by the burning cargo.

Log-Birling Champ Back

GLADSTONE, Mich.—(AP)—Jim Running of Eau Claire, Wis., has regained the title of "King of the White River," by defeating Jim Herron, Kelso, Wash., defending world log-birling champion.

The match Monday afternoon was one of the longest in title records.

Mary Jean Malott of Anderson, Ind., who has held the women's title since 1938, retained her crown easily with a straight-falls defeat of Arbutus Lameureaux, (address unknown).

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Cover Crop Production Increase Forecast

Oregon growers of cover crops seeds may be asked by the federal government to step up production of these seeds next year to provide supplies for export to Europe under the European Recovery Program, states E. R. Jackman, O.S.C. specialist in farm crops.
Meetings of growers, seed dealers, county AAX committeemen, and county agents have been held in the Willamette Valley during the past month. Present was a representative of the grain branch of the Commodity Credit Corp. to obtain data on probable seed production this year. Estimates of what incentives would be required to obtain increased production next year were also requested.

OSU ASSISTANT DEAN
OREGON STATE COLLEGE
Laurence E. Darlington, known to thousands of former students here as "Sergeant Darlington" from his long service on the ROTC staff, has returned to the college faculty as assistant dean of men. He succeeds Robert O. Fletcher, who resigned to become executive secretary of Northwest Crop Improvement Assn.

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Cash and U. S. Government Bonds	Savings Accounts \$40,801,478.00
First Mortgage Loans 32,009,663.96	Held by over 80,000 Thrifty Folks.
Secured by first mortgages on improved real estate. (Average loan \$3,678.84).	Loans in Process 1,131,286.19
Real Estate Contracts 411,783.27	Real estate mortgage loans and fully disbursed.
These contracts are secured and without exception are in the same class as our high grade mortgages.	Taxes and Insurance Reserve for Borrowers 409,837.48
Real Estate in Judgment and Subject to Redemption none	Funds accumulated by our borrowers to pay their taxes, assessments and insurance when due.
Office Furniture and Equipment 40,000.00	Sundry Liabilities 17,892.67
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Office Buildings 589,430.41	Surplus, Reserves and Undivided Profits 3,763,995.83
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Stock in Federal Home Loan Bank 254,200.00	
Sundry Assets 164,292.57	
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