

A Marathon, Not a Dash

The cold war is a marathon, but America is running it as if it were a 100-yard dash. That's how James "Scotty" Reston, chief of the New York Times Washington bureau, analyzes America's position in the cold war.

"I have no doubt whatsoever about the outcome of the cold war. No handful of men in the world are smart enough to run this vast Communist empire. The thing is its inner nature and its inner contradictions will bring it down if we are vigilant and patient."

"It is important to remember that foreign relations ARE foreign... We cannot legislate beyond our own frontiers. We cannot buy the consent of others. We cannot change the French constitution. We cannot make Nehru stop lecturing... much as we did in the 19th century."

"We are accustomed to doing the impossible... It is a part of our national psychology... In foreign policy it can be a great danger."

"The main objective of our foreign policy is very simple; it is to defend the security of the American people. It is not to remake the world or protect the status quo or to win wars..."

"The great antagonists of the world—the United States and the USSR—are not only the two most powerful nations in the world today but they are also the least experienced..."

"The astonishing thing is that the main foreign policy opposition in the Republican Party today comes from those who want us to do not less, but more..."

"It is popular now to dismiss Korea as a disappointment... But in the long story, I think it will look very good

alongside... Abyssinia and Spain and the occupation of the Rhineland...

"Much of our national frustration... springs from the illusion that foreign policy has a beginning and an end, like a football game... We have been so fine-favored... and so successful that we expect to win every time we enter the arena. But, ladies and gentlemen, not even the Minnesota basketball team can do that..."

"It is all very strange. One sometimes wonders if everything said in political campaigns is absolutely true..."

"Almost everybody in the government talks about adjusting to the more subtle and perplexing tasks of the cold war... but the budget and the thinking in official circles still reflect an official preoccupation with questions of military power..."

"The United States has won the first phase of the cold war and doesn't know it; and has moved into the second phase and isn't ready for it..."

"Platoons of undisciplined senators and congressmen and retired generals, who forget that their voices carry beyond the county line, send up clouds of banalities which frequently blur and muffle the true and generous Voice of America..."

"We can never speak with a single voice and we never should, but somebody should remind the politicians that what they say is part of the Voice of America, too..."

"A man can't stay breathless for 50 years. Where I come from, people... jump from one extreme to the other. We need balance, but congressmen either go fishing or go crazy..."

"The seniority system in Congress where durability is put above intelligence..."

"To our shame... the Chief Justice of the United States felt obligated to state in public that if the Bill of Rights were to be voted on today, it would... have a hard time passing."



'Honey'

With the general election out of the way, a new prime minister all settled, and labor troubles beginning to get less bothersome, the British public now has another controversy. Did our Danny Kaye call Princess Margaret "Honey?"

Maybe he did and maybe he didn't. But even if he did, we don't think there's sufficient provocation for starting the Revolutionary War all over again. Actually such a gratuitous and friendly greeting represents a great improvement in Anglo-American relations. It wasn't too long ago that a mayor of Chicago offered, also gratuitously, to "punch King George in the snoot."

Wages

The average Oregon production worker last year earned \$2.16 an hour, putting him right at the top among production workers of the 48 states. But because of seasonal employment in some of our industries, he dropped to fourth place when his average weekly pay was computed. He drew an average of \$82.04 a week, compared with the \$87.84 drawn by the average Michigan worker and in-between sums drawn by workers in Nevada and Wyoming.

If you regard wages merely as another cost of doing business, you may deplore that the cost here is so high. A big corporation, looking for a site for an assembly plant, can get its job done cheaper elsewhere, unless Oregon's taxes, power, and real estate are cheap enough to offset the high wage cost. High wages don't attract industry.

However, the state as a whole is better off because of our relatively high wage pattern. Our workers can buy more, their standard of living is higher. We talked about this one time with an editor in the Deep South. He told us about the northern mills that had been moving into his part of the country to take advantage of a wage scale about half of what Oregon's is.

"It's not so rosy as it looks," he said. "They come down here and open mills and underpay our people. The money goes to New York or somewhere. We don't get it. The industrialization won't help us until our people make enough

that they can buy electric ice-boxes and automobiles and bring themselves out of poverty. We may be getting more new factories here than you are out in Oregon. But, believe me, you're better off."

To this we said, and we say again, "Yes, we probably are."

Debate

We have lamented before that too seldom do representatives of our political parties meet on the same platform to argue out their differences. Abe Lincoln and Stephen A. Douglas would probably have their debate idea vetoed by their national committees, were they still stumping America.

Therefore it is good news that in Springfield Thursday night the state's top Democrat and one of its top Republicans will put forth points of view (doubtless divergent) on the accomplishments of the 1955 Legislature. The public has been invited to hear State Sen. Don Husband, Lane County Republican, and Howard Morgan, Democratic state chairman and a former legislator, battle it out at 8 p.m. in the Springfield Memorial Bldg.

Dogs

Migratory wildfowl aren't the only critters that fly south. So do dogs, according to worried sounding editorials in the Ashland Tidings and the Medford Mail-Tribune. Both newspapers are concerned over attempts to bring organized dog racing into Jackson County.

Well, we sympathize with 'em. Just a year ago the same battle was being fought here, and it took a lot of convincing to make the gamblers realize that there are some "businesses" that a good community can do without. Some of 'em probably aren't convinced yet.

Anyhow, we haven't heard much from the gamblers lately, although some are probably still plotting their grand entry into the Eugene area. The reason the more reasonable gamblers got discouraged was that the good people of this area got up on their hind legs and yelled bloody murder.

And that's our advice to the good people of Jackson County. Get up, on your hind legs and yell bloody murder. Keep 'em heat on. And keep it on a long time because with some people a takes a lot of convincing before they'll grant that they aren't particularly welcome

Student of History



IN THE EDITOR'S MAILBAG

Dinner

SPRINGFIELD (To the Editor)—Jackson Day Dinner: A time to honor the memory of Andrew Jackson, a splendid Democratic President. Lately it is used to perpetuate New Deal Democrats in office. The procedure at each banquet is strange, perhaps it is borrowed from some strange, eerie ordeal that dates far back in history. The invitations sent out, though distasteful, always bring certain results in attendance. The food on the table, or something, sets up a reaction in the stomach similar to that of a white man who had invited an Indian to a seven-course dinner. In return the Indian invited him to dinner, where through etiquette, he was forced to dine on seven straight courses of dog meat.

These invited "Jackson Day dinner" people have high-salaried government jobs, handed out by those they serve, or pretend to. On this day each one must attend this banquet, bow his head in reverence to his political bosses at Washington, D. C. During this weird ceremony, the chairman of this strange Jackson Day Dinner affair extracts \$100, \$50, or \$25 from each of the poor, wretched diners who can't enjoy the meal on account of the price. Following this ordeal, instead of serving nice, tender dog meat, they are forced to listen to seven straight courses of Democratic baloney. If any one of them can't stand the strain, he is "purged" from the party. This is a real picture of a Jackson Day Dinner, Mr. Neuberger. W. W. WHEELER, 2065 Main.

(Editor's Note: The same sort of ritual is carried on by the Republican Party, usually under the "Lincoln Day" name. This newspaper's protests about the Truman dinner in Portland would be repeated if the Republicans brought one of their big guns out here and reserved him for the few.)

Oilman Seeks Third Fortune

HOUSTON (AP)—Oilman Glenn McCarthy, still trying after losing most of two fortunes, believes the third is just about in the bag. Speaking of his Bolivian oil explorations Monday, he said, "In two years we will have enough production to make up for anything I ever had in the States."

His U. S. production, he said, at one time amounted to 13,000 barrels daily but at present he owns "only several Oklahoma wells."

Antarctic Explorer Dies in England

SOUTH ORTJ, England (AP)—Frederick John Hooper, antarctic explorer who found the body of Capt. Robert Scott near the South Pole, died Monday at his home here. He was 64.

Job Offer

TO THE EDITOR—I am asked by the Foreign Operations Administration to assist in locating a man who is competent and experienced in the operation of a parts department for tractors, not only of American but also of European and Australian manufacture. He need not be a graduate engineer, but an engineering education would undoubtedly be beneficial. He should like people and be capable of dealing with government officials as well as organizing a parts distribution system.

The base salary is \$7,095 to which should be added a differential of 20 per cent, a living allowance of \$285 a year plus \$60 for each dependent under 21 and a maximum housing allowance in the case of a single man of \$900 and in the case of a married man of \$1,200. The appointment is for two years and the place of service is Indonesia.

Anyone interested may get in touch with me or correspond directly with the Foreign Operations Administration, Washington 25, D. C., attention Mr. Samuel S. Board in the Office of Personnel. Traveling expenses both ways, of course, are paid by the government.

Very truly yours, AUSTIN F. FLEGEL, American Bank Bldg., Portland, Oregon.

Bret Law

EUGENE (To the Editor)—That wasn't a Police or Congressional shake-up recently held in Washington, D. C., but we understand some of the officials moved faster than a scared rabbit or a Whig chasing a free meal. We understand that only electronic brains were used. What we Whigs are interested in is, what became of the senator and the squirrels during the Operation Alert. Did they have their private hideout? Who dishes up the surplus hamburger and checked the pajamas and payroll. The Whigs will use Ft. Knox as their refuge.

In a recent issue of your paper we read that our senior senator says that since he became a

Democrat he has been able to sleep with his conscience. Does that mean a double bed or just more straw in the tick. We wonder if it means another broken home. Sounds like Hollywood. The Whigs will help the senator to bear up under the load. Who pulled the quilts, the senator or his conscience?

The Whigs did not get an invitation to the Big Four conference, but we will go along for the ride. We want to see Ike draw the rabbit out of the hat. His predecessors tried it once and lost the hat and their shirt, Ike can't do any worse. He better get a Portland \$1.50 hair cut. He'll probably get clipped anyway. We got our annual clipping and the barber thinks we had a good crop for a first cutting. We wonder if it would be cheaper to have it scraped instead of mowed.

Agree with no man's opinion if you have a better one of your own. BRET LAW.

Cemetery

EUGENE (To the Editor)—Speaking for many of the people of Eugene, and more especially many whose relatives and friends are buried in the Pioneer Memorial Park Cemetery, near the campus of the University of Oregon, we are indeed very grateful to the many persons who labored for the two weeks just before Decoration Day, and so well cleaned up the cemetery this year. Wish that the names might be made part of this report of thanks, but there were so many that one might be missed, so will say you did the best piece of work this year that has been done for many years.

Your good work, with the help of many of the lot owners who took care of their cemetery blocks, made for a splendid appearance for the heretofore neglected cemetery. Certainly the people of Eugene and the Upper Valley greatly appreciate the good work you did. So thank you good workers, from us all.

PIONEER MEMORIAL PARK ASSOCIATION, By Chas. P. Poole, Cemetery Chairman.

SIDEGLANCES

By Galbraith



DORIS FLEESON

Demos Urged to Exploit U.S. Areas of Discontent

EDITOR'S NOTE: Doris Fleeson will pinch-hit for Marquis Childs during the next two weeks while Childs is on vacation.

WASHINGTON—Now that Democrats know the answer to whether or not Adlai Stevenson will run again—he will—they are asking themselves incessantly how they can win if President Eisenhower also decides to run again. Senator Hubert Humphrey, the Minnesota liberal who has given much time and thought to the problem, thinks he has at least a partial answer. It is that Democrats starting now, through their control of Congress, and 27 of the 48 state houses, should exploit the areas of discontent in the country.

MANY SUCH AREAS

In his opinion there are many such areas that the administration has neglected or set back or simply failed to notice. They must be, he argues, or the Democrats would not have been winning practically every election, large or small, since the Eisenhower landslide in 1952.

Senator Humphrey proposes to begin with agriculture, a field he himself ploughed with great success last year in Minnesota where he not only won another six-year term but carried along with him his former campaign manager to the governor's chair. He has persuaded the Senate Agriculture Committee to adopt his plan for holding continuous hearings at the grass roots throughout the fall and early winter. Lobbyists for the big farm organizations, as well as major cities, will be avoided while the farmers themselves will get large opportunities to talk.

TWO FACTS

Doing something for the old folks is another project where both Senator Humphrey and the House Ways and Means Committee see pay dirt. They are attracted to this field by two facts: The senior population, as politicians prefer to call it, is growing by leaps and bounds but it is being pushed out of industry more and more and also out of its children's homes.

The idea is to increase social security benefits by lowering the pension age for women and by bringing the totally and permanently disabled into the picture at any age. There is even talk that this can be done at this session.

Also, the public power issue is viewed as a natural in the Northwest. Former President Truman recently kicked off Senator Morse's campaign for re-election with this one. Truman reminded his audience that he had said when he dedicated Hungry Horse dam in 1952: "Take a good look at it, folks. It's the last one you'll see if the Republicans win." There have been no new public power starts since then.

In the Northeast, immigration restrictions and unemployment trouble substantial voter blocs, Democrats believe.

THE HARD WAY

This piecemeal approach would be the hard way. It might not be enough to overcome the national picture of the indispensable man which Republicans are creating around the President.

It does obviate the frontal attacks on Eisenhower which so many Democrats are reluctant to make and which don't seem to catch on when they do make them. But when Senator Humphrey and others look back at presidential election history they refuse to be discouraged.

They point to Truman as a President who unexpectedly made it in 1948 because his political intuition directed him toward the things that were making inarticulate people unhappy. They argue that a Republican must take New York to win the presidency and that they (the Democrats) are riding high in that state.

Republicans realize that they are vulnerable in farm states. Secretary of Agriculture Benson did not attract crowds on his recent tour there, and for the most part was heard with politeness only. He has still found it necessary, because of huge surpluses, to seek price supports on the 1956 wheat crop at their lowest point ever.

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FREDERICK C. OTHMAN

Panama Railroad Has Too Many Engineers

WASHINGTON—There are railroads in this world and there's also the Cristobal, Flatwheel and Sooty, hurtling across the Panama Canal Zone at 11 miles an hour with Uncle Sam at the throttle.

I don't suppose there ever was a railroad like this. And there it was last year with the oil lamps swinging in the passenger cars and the square wheels thumping the ancient rails, when Gov. J. S. Seybold of the Canal Zone came to Washington to see about getting his streaks of rust repaired.

He appealed to the holders of the money bags, the members of the House Appropriations Committee, who said why not abandon the Flatwheel and Sooty and build a road for trucks on the right-of-way?

This looked like a good idea to the governor and his board of directors of the Panama Canal Co. They drew up all the plans and back came Gov. Seybold this year with a request for \$9,000,000 to build the road and \$800,000 for trucks to run over it. Poor Gov.

NEW MANAGEMENT

He discovered that the Committee was under new management which was aghast at the idea of throwing away the federal railway across the Isthmus of Panama. The committee said, what was the idea of trying to toss aside a railway without first getting permission of Congress? The governor gulped.

Next thing he knew he and his railroad-deal were being investigated by the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee and that's where we came in, with the governor sweating in his tan summer suit, despite the air conditioning.

He told the gentlemen that the rolling stock was old enough to sell to the movies for use in Wild West pictures. The cars are so elderly they don't even have electric lights. The conductor goes through the train at dusk and lights the kerosene lamps.

FULL OF HOLES

The freight cars average 30 years old. There aren't many of them on a line only 40 miles long, but last year Gov. Seybold had to approve 7,300 car repair jobs. The refrigerator cars were so full of holes that the fresh vegetables wilted before they ever got to the customers and the governor said he'd have to have \$1,000,000 in a hurry if the Cristobal, Flatwheel and Sooty is to stay in business. Much better, he said, to abandon it and pave a two-lane highway along the road-bed.

So in came Rep. Daniel J. Flood (D-Pa.) of the Appropriations Committee, who said: "What should be abandoned is not the railroad, but the Panama Canal Co."

he knew about. He said its officers took a cavalier attitude toward Congress, barely condescended to talk to lawmakers, and seemed to believe they were a law unto themselves.

FULL-SCALE PROBE

He urged the gents to make a full-scale investigation of the Panama Canal Co., and he promised that not one cent would his own committee approve for buying trucks to run on the road that can't be built until the railroad is abandoned. Neither, he said, was he going to put up any more money for the railroad until Congress has had a good, long look. Rep. W. J. Dorn (D-SC) said he thought the gentlemen ought to go to Panama to see for themselves.

Gov. Seybold said he'd be delighted. Rep. Flood stalked out and I guess that's the fundamental trouble with the Cristobal, Flatwheel and Sooty: Too dang many engineers.

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So They Say—

Farmers in these (low-income) areas are up against lack of enough good land, lack of equipment, lack of credit facilities and often lack of... management information and skill."

—Agriculture Secretary Benson.

Let me say that it (most thrilling moment) came when I was promoted to first lieutenant — I waited five years for it.

—Gen. George C. Marshall.

Red China came here (Bandung conference) posing as the master of Asia. She has now been exposed as just another Asian-African power.

—Rep. Adam Clayton Powell Jr. (D-NY).

The determination of China to liberate Taiwan (Formosa) is entirely an internal affair of the Chinese people.

—Red China's Chou En-lai.

It (meeting President Eisenhower) is something like an atomic blast. After the first explosion is over you're in a state of shock.

—Mrs. Lavinia Fugal, 75-year-old Mother of the Year, after she met the President.

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