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MEANS OF ELIMINATION

Removal of top ranking republicans from the domestic political scene by "kicking them upstairs" is a favorite tactic of our democratic national administration. Latest exemplification of this came, of course, in the decision to send General Dwight D. Eisenhower across the Atlantic to organize and command a western European army. No question of his being the man for the job but there is no question, either, in the minds of a substantial number of millions of Americans as to his being the man for the job of president of the United States. Although the assignment to overseas duty is technically no bar to acceptance of a nomination, it is a terrific obstacle to success in national convention or in general election. The president will breathe more easily between now and November, 1952.

More startling, however, than the return of General Eisenhower to army service is the disclosure that Governor Thomas E. Dewey was offered the highest diplomatic award, that of ambassador to the court of St. James, in the year following his second unsuccessful campaign for the presidency. Regardless of that defeat, the efficiency of his New York organization still had the democrats bewildered. They needed help and Mr. Truman sought to give it by enticing the governor out of the country. That one failed to work and, while Governor Dewey would unquestionably have done a superlative job as ambassador, the need for him on this side of the ocean has, we think, been greater than in Europe.

Now that this has been made known we are wondering what the administration is planning by way of eliminative promotion for some of the other republicans who, directly or indirectly, might be a threat in 1952. Shouldn't there be something on tap presently for Senator Taft or Governor Warren? Or has the attempt already been made?

THE CHOICE NARROWS

Red Chinese visitors at United Nations sessions have at last spoken their piece and departed for their home land. What they had to say took a long time and a lot of words; what it meant was an order, brief and unmistakable. It was directed to those of the United Nations engaging in military operations in Korea and it bade them get out of Asia. At the same time that the order was being given, other Chinese reds were engaged in putting non-communist members of the UN out of Asia.

Chiefly that meant that they were putting United States forces out of Korea. Formosa would receive attention later and the French in Indo-China likewise.

Oddly enough the most dependable of our western allies, England, has the same idea as the commies, although for far different reasons. The Chinese do not want us in Asia. It is partly the fear that we may in some way cramp their style; it is, perhaps, a reawakening of the hatred of the unknown which animated the Celestials in the attacks on the "foreign devils" at the time of the Boxer rebellion. Either way we are not wanted by the red Chinese.

The English do want us in Europe. They want us to provide the defense against a possible Russian westward movement. They know that our present military resources will make it impossible for us to be present simultaneously on opposite sides of the globe with any degree of effectiveness. That is why Prime minister Attlee, on his recent visit to Washington, although stressing his country's loyal friendship to our own, made it rather plain that his government would be happier far if our forces should get out of Asia.

Between pleasing our friends and gratifying our enemies there may be little choice.

We suppose Elizabeth Allen would write it today this way: Backward, flow backward, O prices of cars
 We are so weary of Truman and Mars—
 Toil drawing higher pay, protests in vain—
 Give us our December first prices again.

Sisters Group Attends Service

Sisters, Dec. 21 (Special) — A large group of friends and members of the Sisters Church of Christ attended the baptism service at the Christian church in Bend Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Jim Patterson was baptized and George Knox, Sisters pastor, officiated at the services.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Hewitt Jr. and son left Saturday to drive to New York where they will visit Mrs. Hewitt's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Junghen at Buffalo, and friends.

Judi Dodd celebrated her third birthday anniversary Friday with a small party given by her mother, Mrs. Bob Dodd.

The Sisters grade school Christmas program will be presented Wednesday night at 7:30. Pupils will return to school the next day, Thursday, but will not hold school Friday, December 22. After vacation, school will be resumed on Tuesday, January 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Smith and daughter, Karen, drove to Government Camp Sunday, where they met Smith's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Sauron. Karen returned to Portland with her aunt and uncle to visit until Christmas.

Roy Gibbs of Missoula, Mont.,

WASHINGTON COLUMN

By Peter Edson

Washington (NEA)—The atmosphere in Washington could not possibly be worse for finding a sensible solution to the Korean crisis.

From the outside, it appeared that President Truman and Prime Minister Attlee of Great Britain were in agreement on main principles. They were covering not only the military collapse in Korea. They were also trying to solve a broad range of political and economic questions that related to the two countries, and to the whole of Europe as well. Matters which the two heads of state could not resolve themselves were being given to teams of experts for advice, with every assurance of ultimate solution.

By contrast, the scene in the United States Senate was anything but assuring. The Senate is supposed to be the calm, deliberative branch of the U. S. Congress. Yet its members revealed a bad case of jitters that amounted almost to panic.

1. Republican Sen. James P. Kem of Missouri introduced a resolution on behalf of 20 Republican senators, requesting the President to make no commitments that could not be reviewed by the Senate in treaty form. Senator Kem said he wanted to prevent a second Yalta or Potsdam.

What this overlooks, however, is the fact that Soviet Russia or its Premier Stalin are not parties to the Truman-Attlee talks. This is supposed to be an agreement between American and British allies for their own safety and well-being.

2. Sen. Irving M. Ives, always in the past one of the calmest and sanest of the Republican senators, gave in to public clamor and announced he would introduce a resolution demanding the resignation of Secretary of State Dean Acheson.

Coming right at a time when Acheson was in the middle of the American-British negotiations, this could hardly inspire any British confidence in the U.S. position. Prime Minister Attlee himself had publicly expressed his government's confidence in Acheson, but that of course had no bearing on the Senate.

3. Republican Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy of Wisconsin made a speech in the Senate in which he called for the resignation as Secretary of Defense of Gen. George C. Marshall. McCarthy's reason was because of General Marshall's "advanced age."

General Marshall is 70. So, it might be pointed out, is Gen. Douglas MacArthur. Demands for the resignation of General MacArthur—voiced by Sen. Harley M. Kilgore of West Virginia, and other Democrats in Washington, throughout this country and in Europe—are every bit as deplorable as this latest attack on General Marshall. When generals are fighting with their backs to the wall with everything they have, a stab in the back is no help.

It is noteworthy, too, that there was no clear voice in either party of the Senate outlining a course that made complete sense. Sen. Arthur Vandenberg of Michigan used to exercise that leadership. So far, no one has taken his place.

When the people are confused and frightened, calm leadership and clear thinking alone can quiet them. The frantic demands of a Sen. Owen Brewster of Maine, urging that the atomic bomb be dropped—anywhere—only increases the chances of precipitating World War III. Misquotation by unidentified

senators after a briefing by Gen. Omar Bradley, chairman of the Chiefs of Staff, spread the false rumor that American and United Nations forces would be evacuated from a Korean Dunkirk. General Bradley later had to deny it, making the law-makers liars.

If communist fifth columnists were at large in the land, spreading terror by rumor and false report, they could do no more damage. This kind of a Washington leads only towards worse chaos. Everyone has a right to ask, "when will they start working together?"

Others Say

HARDBOARD FROM WASTE

(Oregon Statesman)
 Steady progress is being made in the utilization of sawmill waste. At Lebanon the Cascade Plywood corporation will construct a new hardboard plant at a cost of \$1,000,000. Hardboard is a new product made by the compression of sawdust or fibre. Cascades will employ a new process which requires no water in the pressing. Boards vary in size from 1/32 in. to two inches. Hardboard may be turned out in different sizes and used as lumber or plywood. The Lebanon plant will use raw materials from waste of its own mills and nearby sawmills thus stepping up the realization from logs.

TIMELY VISITOR

Saulte Ste. Marie, Mich. (UP)—Mrs. Delia Benoit was wondering what to fix for dinner when a partridge crashed through the

Bend's Yesterdays

(From The Bulletin Files)

FORTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
 (December 21, 1905)
 John Steidl is to leave shortly after Christmas for his old home in Bimidi, Minn. He will make the trip through the Panama canal.

H. C. Ellis, superintendent of the Deschutes Telephone Co., made a trip over the line from Prineville this week and put it in shape for the winter.

There will be a Christmas tree at the church Saturday evening for all children of Bend and vicinity. There will be something on the tree for every child.

Firemen Elect Leaders for 1951

Earl Saye, who headed the firemen this past year, Paul Mickel has been named vice-president and Orval Johnson, secretary-treasurer.

At their annual meeting, on December 18, the department members re-elected LeRoy Fox as chief, with T. W. Rhoads as first assistant chief, and Ivan

Murphy, second assistant. Engine captains named were Earl Saye, No. 1; Leo Mickel, No. 2; James Shiek, No. 3, and Harold Bradburg, No. 4, with Paul Mickel to serve as captain of the new truck No. 1 crew.

The firemen held their annual Christmas party Sunday afternoon, with families of crew members and volunteers present. Bob Cecil was master of ceremonies.

A Christmas tree was arranged for the party, and Santa Claus dropped in for a visit. Bob Cecil was master of ceremonies for the annual affair.

Feeding plants through their leaves is a growing practice among orchardists and flower growers; foods lacking in the soil can be supplied in foliage sprays.

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WHAT WAS THAT YELL, OUT OF MY WAY, ABOUT MY JOLLY!

DOO! THE HERD MUSTA STAMPEDED AFTER THE TORNADO STRUCK! TRY AN' HEAD 'EM OFF AT RED GAP, MEN!

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By Michael O'Malley and Ralph Lane

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By Merrill Blosser

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