

HAS VAN FLEET A KOREAN SOLUTION?

General Omar Bradley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in a major military speech at Palm Beach, Florida, Monday outlined four courses of action the United Nations could take in Korea. He warned that most of them carry the risk of touching off all-out war with the Chinese Reds or even of starting World War III.

Bradley stated that he was not committed to any of them, either for or against, as the decisions were not for him to meet. He listed them as follows:

- 1. Get out of Korea, an action "which I believe the American people and their allies would not condone" because he said, it jeopardizes U.N. authority and gives communism free rein in Asia.
- 2. Continue the war as is, keeping up pressure, keeping down U.N. casualties, inflicting the maximum possible casualties on Red battlefront forces.
- 3. Continue the pressure in Korea, but be ready to "take the additional military steps, from time to time, where a military advantage might accrue." Bradley did not say whether this might mean a U.N. offensive. The hope obviously would be the pressure might eventually tire Red China and lead her to quit.
- 4. Take any one of any combination of military steps to get a decision in Korea "even while we realize it might eventually involve us in all-out war with communist China." Broadening of the war in this manner, Bradley said, "might pin down the bulk of our military power on the continent of Asia, and could eventually develop into World War III."

President Eisenhower at the end of his trip to Korea during his campaign for election summed up his dilemma about ending the war, said that "the first task of the new administration to bring the Korean war to an early and honorable close."

To the news conference he said he had "no panaceas" for ending the war and he spoke of the "grave risk of enlarging the war." That was his appraisal after looking over Korea. That was also the problem faced by President Truman. But if Ike has worked out any bold plans for ending the war without "risk of enlarging it," they have not been made public.

It may be that General James A. Van Fleet who is being given a hero's welcome in Washington today will solve this dilemma. He is the foremost authority on Korea, soon to retire after commanding the American Eighth Army in Korea for 22 months, is a long time friend of Eisenhower and a West Point classmate.

Some time ago, when about to leave the Orient, Van Fleet said "certainly," the Eighth army could make a successful offensive against the communists in Korea. The deadlock he continued, "was of our choosing and not inspired by the enemy." It was begun under Truman and not Eisenhower.

Van Fleet is to appear before congressional committees this week and what he says may determine the future course of history and make our allies still more jittery.

WILLAMETTE'S INITIAL OBJECTIVE

President G. Herbert Smith made an extremely effective presentation of Willamette's new 10-year expansion program at the Chamber of Commerce meeting Monday, particularly in regard to its first phase, \$400,000 to enable construction of the first two buildings to proceed.

Some Willamette supporters were probably a bit flabbergasted at the announcement that five million dollars would be sought, for that is a lot of money even in a town where the legislature tosses tens of millions around. For the five million was to be raised by gifts, not taxation, which is a horse of quite a different hue.

But the first phase of the campaign is easily within reach of fairly early success. It is for \$400,000 which when secured will make a \$250,000 gift available. This gift from an unnamed donor outside of Salem is conditional upon \$400,000 from other sources. When this \$850,000 is on hand President Smith estimates that the university trustees will be justified in proceeding with the first two buildings planned, a \$750,000 fine arts-auditorium and a \$250,000 housing unit.

Other steps in the big program which contemplates doubling Willamette's endowment and her physical plant value within a decade can then proceed. It is certainly an ambitious undertaking considering that it has taken more than a century to bring the university to the point where it is now.

However progress has been much faster in the past decade, which saw three quarters of a million added to the endowment fund, Baxter hall built and almost all paid for, and the new athletic plant in the Bush pasture developed.

President Smith made another telling point to the business men. Willamette is and always will be one of Salem's major economic as well as cultural assets. Her budget has ballooned enormously in the past decade. This money, together with what the students themselves spend, goes into the tills of Salem merchants and from there into their payrolls and other local expenditures which help the whole community. Salem people who help their university are helping themselves, he pointed out, a fact which is beyond dispute.

BY H. T. WEBSTER

Life's Darkest Moment



DEEP SNOW, SHORT LEGS AND THE CALL TO DINNER

LEGISLATORS as Seen by Murray Wade



POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

Signs of Spring Already To Be Found on Manhattan

By HAL BOYLE

New York (AP)—It is hard to tell when spring really gets to Manhattan.

But its heralds are already here. . . . The crocus lights a yellow fire in every florist shop window. . . . Three suburbanites, their noses still running, are galloping about the office, baying, "I saw the first robin!"

You put your hand against Rockefeller Center and it feels a little warmer. . . . The breezes blow skirts a bit higher, and the druggist says, "Well spring's about here. . . . More and more people are coming in asking me to help get a clinker out of their eye." . . . The kids, still shivering, begin playing stick ball again in the streets. . . .

The sun reaches down with friendlier fingers. . . . The air seems fresher and brighter, as if had been through a filter. . . . But the city itself looks shabby and seedy, like a bum awaking from a hangerover in a clean new day. . . . Manhattan always is frostiest just at the last edge of winter. . . .

The calendar says spring is still nearly three weeks away. . . . But you can't tell that to the fat strutting pigeons in the park, taking crumbs from passersby in waddling contempt. . . . These feathered handout artists take people as just a necessary evil. . . .

The sporting goods stores have jumped the gun a bit, too. . . . Their windows are full of fishing tackle. . . . And businessmen, hunched in their topcoats, look in a dream of a leaping trout. . . . Stenographers quit dreaming of "the one that got away" during the winter. . . .

Dogs scratch and whine at the door to get out more often. . . . The children's coughs and colds dry up, but they sit listless and cross at their coloring books. . . . A vaster painter is at work outdoors, and young hearts are stirred with an ecstasy they cannot understand. . . .

All nature's children know an itch they cannot scratch, and they tremble between laughter and tears, and don't know why. . . . But mother does. . . . Time for the annual tonic, the tuning of small bodies to a new season. . . .

A dullness films the eyes of the grownups, too, and a petulance comes over him. . . . He alternately feels like a million dollars—and two cents. . . . His minds turns to faroff places. . . . Who wants to live in dreary here? . . . Wouldn't it be nice to be sitting on top of Capri, sipping wine and watching the

Return of Lem Woom, Chinese sentenced to hang for a murder committed in Portland 14 years ago, will probably cost him his freedom. Governor West pardoned Lem Woom on condition that he return to China and stay there. Last night he was apprehended in a Portland lottery joint.

Strenuous efforts are being made by authorities and police to suppress names of about a half dozen high school boys who became involved in a liquor scrape and were expelled from school. "These boys have been put out and they will stay put," said Principal J. C. Nelson this morning.

Poker or "freeze out" will no longer be played in local card rooms, the La Grande city commission has ruled. But pinocle, rummy and like games are all right.

All rooms in the new wing of Salem General hospital must be furnished by public subscription, the hospital board has decided. The new wing recently completed at a cost of \$40,000 will accommodate 34 additional patients, an increase of about 70 percent in the capacity of the hospital.

Brick laying was resumed today on new Leslie Junior high school after some 4000 bricks were removed because of imperfect construction.

"Let There Be Light," But There Wasn't Any

Redondo Beach, Calif. (AP)—Let there be light, said the mayor of Redondo Beach last night as he pulled a switch intended to bring near-daylight vision along a mile of Pacific Coast highway.

Instead the whole town was plunged into darkness. Mayor J. Russell Shea's blush was hidden for two hours until workmen repaired a power line, blown down by high winds, and the ceremony of dedicating the new high power lights was resumed.

Canada's Jet Airliner Down in Asia, 11 Die

Karachi, Pakistan (AP)—Canada's first comet jet airliner crashed and burned on a take-off from Karachi airport early today, killing the five Canadian crewmen and six British aircraft technicians aboard. It was the first fatal crash of the record-breaking British-built Comet.

OPEN FORUM

Irrked to Learn P.G.E. Boosted Net in 1952

To the Editor: The issue of the surcharge on our electricity bills is being nicely covered up and perhaps the general public should forget the matter and humbly pay over monthly assessment.

I was in a passive mood until I ran into a news item in the Sunday Oregonian entitled, "Net for P.G.E. Gains in 1952."

"Portland General Electric Company made net income of \$3,715,661 in 1952 compared with \$3,322,861 in 1951, according to the company's annual report," etc.

Maybe I'm all wet in my assumption that we're being taken for a sleigh-ride, nevertheless the fuses are at a blowing point. C. L. WARNER, 4315 Macleay Rd., Salem.

In the history of the United States, 12 federal officials have been tried in impeachment proceedings, of whom four were found guilty on one or more counts.

Salem 26 Years Ago

By BEN MAXWELL

March 3, 1927

Governor Patterson today signed house bill 58 offered by the Marion county delegation and authorizing construction of a new, \$600,000 state office building in Salem.

Sale of the newly produced Noble-French prune trees will start in Salem on Saturday. Nable Andrews, route 6, originator and propagator of the variety, has 10,000 trees for sale.

Formal opening of the new First National (Livesley building) bank building and banking quarters will be held during the evening of Saturday March 19.

Orrin B. Lyday of Independence has been appointed to succeed the late Frank B. Cowles as conductor on the passenger train of the Valley and Siletz railroad.

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Ike Knows White House Better Than Guides

BY DREW PEARSON

Washington — President Eisenhower not only is proud of his new home, but has spent hours studying White House history. Already he knows more about the subject than the guides who've been on duty there for years.

Last week Ike displayed his newly acquired knowledge as he conducted lunching congressmen on a tour. As the group entered each room, he gave a brief historical outline of the important events that had taken place within its four walls.

"Mr. President," said one guest, "you've learned a great deal about the White House in a very short time."

"It's been a lot of fun," replied the new president. "Besides," he added, "it's good job insurance. If I'm unemployed four years from now I can always get a good job as a White House guide. I figure I'll be worth at least \$1.25 an hour."

With big city slums one of the chief contributors to juvenile delinquency, the question of slum clearance and public housing is getting hot on Capitol Hill again.

Bob Taft, Mr. Big of senate republicans, has estimated that public housing should comprise 10 per cent of all new housing construction each year, in order to keep abreast of the slum problem. On this basis, a minimum of 100,000 low-rent, public housing units should be built this year. Yet congress has provided funds for only one-third this amount—35,000 units.

What's really stirred up backstage debate, however, is the appointment of ex-Congressman Al Cole of Kansas as boss of the housing and home finance agency. Cole is the only republican defeated in the rock-ribbed republican state of Kansas in many years, and he was defeated in an election which went overwhelmingly for Eisenhower.

While in congress, Cole was such a bitter foe of public housing and such a friend of the real-estate lobby, that even such Eisenhower senators as New York's Irving Ives will probably vote against his confirmation. In June 1949, Cole delivered a blistering speech against the Taft Housing Act, which launched the same program of slum clearance and public housing which Cole is now supposed to administer.

That bill, he declaimed, "tends to destroy private homes and private business. . . . It tends to destroy our form of government. . . . It's a step toward government control of individual family life. . . . May become so strong as to strangle the people of America. . . . Today the Soviet government has in its constitution, article 6, a provision that the homes of the laboring people shall belong to the state."

Senator Taft, however, who authored the Taft Housing Act, seemed to think that crowded, unhealthy big city slums are even worse breeders of communism than the communist political platform.

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Note—While the battle over housing administrator Cole gets hotter in Washington, another political public housing battle rages in Los Angeles—to defeat Mayor Fletcher Bowron, longtime champion of slum clearance and foe of the real-estate lobby.

PRINCETON PROFESSOR
Prim, proper ex-Princeton professor, Sen. Alex Smith of New Jersey, blushed like a bashful schoolboy the other day at a private luncheon he had arranged in honor of the nation's highest lady official, Federal Security Administrator Oveta Culp Hobby, former head of the Wac.

Starting to introduce the guest of honor, he said, "I have invited Mrs. Hobby, who is—"

The senator choked on his words; his face started flaming. Finally he turned to Mrs. Hobby and asked desperately: "What is the name of your office?"

MERRY-GO-ROUND
President Eisenhower didn't show it as his press conference, but he was irritated at reporters who tried to bait him into a quarrel with congress. He complained afterward about the way "they tried to get me in trouble with the hill."

Chatting with democratic senators at a private luncheon, Ike told about his experiences shooting wild turkey. "Isn't that against the law?" blurted Virginia's Sen. Willis Robertson. "I don't know. Is it?" asked Ike, a bit embarrassed.

This brought on a brief discussion as to whether the president had broken the law. Unofficial verdict: Guilty. . . . Later, as Eisenhower took the senators on the usual tour of the White House and pointed out a full-length painting of George Washington, he called attention to a large book, labeled "The Law," at Washington's feet. "In view of your trouble with congress, who want to rewrite the tax law," broke in West Virginia's Sen. Matt Neely, "if you ever have a similar picture painted I suppose it will be more like Dore's painting of a wrathful Moses breaking the tablets of the law."

When California's conscientious new Sen. Tom Kuchel had the courage to vote against most of his fellow republicans and end the filibuster, he received critical letters from California voters. However, the shoe may soon be on the other foot. For anti-tidelands oil senators may use the filibuster to hold up what California wants most—tidelands oil.

"BUDGET PRUNER" TABER
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pend the whole complex problem of tax reduction this year. Taber is determined to cut up to \$10,000,000,000 from the budget and he doesn't care much about it, or who gets hurt.

Chief victim of Taber's economy drive will be Pentagon's big military budget, considered essential to national defense. Defense Secretary Charlie Wilson recently warned congress that it would be "difficult" to reduce military expenditures, but to Taber, Wilson's statement wasn't a warning—it was a challenge that he's glad to accept.

Talking confidentially to colleagues, Taber said: "I've been cutting government budgets for years and I'm the one man in congress who knows how to do it. I know where the bureaucrats pad their budgets and I know how to find the padding."

"Be careful, John," said a fellow republican. "You may run into trouble with the White House if you slice the budget too thin."

"I don't care what the White House, the Pentagon, or anybody else thinks," replied the congressman from New York. "I'm going to cut government spending, if we have to stay here all summer. And I'm going to cut it by billions."

U. S. to Deport Cal. Racketeer to Italy
Los Angeles (AP)—The federal government has notified Jack Dragna, identified by the California crime commission as a gangster, that he is to be deported to Italy for illegal entry into the country.

Attorneys for Dragna have until March 12 to appeal to the board of immigration appeals in Washington. They previously announced they would carry the case to the U.S. supreme court if necessary.

At liberty on \$1,000 bond, Dragna was notified of the deportation order by registered mail. Dragna, 64, maintains he is a banana importer.

Dulles Considering Southeast Asia Visit
Washington (AP)—Secretary of State Dulles was reported Tuesday to be considering a flying trip to the Middle East and Southeast Asia in an effort to bolster American prestige in the area.

The visit would be aimed, at least partly, at demonstrating American friendship with Arab governments which are regarded as the key to combating stepped-up Russian activity.

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