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## G.O.P. FACTIONALISM RISES

One surprising thing about the current Washington scene is that the Republicans in congress are handling Eisenhower's cabinet members just as roughly as they handled Truman's official advisors after they won control of the congressional committees in 1946.

Several cabineteers have felt the power of unfriendly solons on Capital Hill. Wilson was put on the pan and forced to sell his General Motors stock. Benson has been under fire repeatedly for his farm policies. Weeks, the commerce secretary, faces a searching probe for ousting the chief of the bureau of standards. Durken, the labor secretary, is hardly listened to at all.

But possibly most serious of all because foreign policy is so crucial, is the rapid deterioration of relations between Secretary of State Dulles and the senate, which plays top role in foreign policy because it must ratify treaties.

McCarthy's one man war on Dulles has been amply publicized, but McCarthy is getting plenty of help from other senators, some on the foreign relations committee, such as Mundt of South Dakota, Bridges of New Hampshire and Ferguson of Michigan. These Republican senators object because Dulles hasn't made a house cleaning at the state department, but has left in office hundreds of officials who were there during the Truman-Acheson regime.

They have summoned Dulles before them for questioning and will question him further. If he fights back they may trim his appropriation. If he doesn't he will lose prestige at home and abroad. And the senate may pass the Bricker proposal to hamstring the treaty making power of the administration.

In short, the Eisenhower administration seems in for rough treatment from its own party members in congress, which are evidently out to provide the Democrats with plenty of ammunition for the 1954 campaign.

Up to a point a searching, critical attitude in congress is to be applauded, as a welcome change from the "me too" attitudes of the past. But a fractious, obstructive attitude can only discredit the whole Republican setup, in congress as well as in the administrative departments, and bring the Democrats back into power sooner than they should after their 20-year tenure.

## EISENHOWER'S CHALLENGE

President Eisenhower's challenge to Russia to show that it really wants world peace it has been mumbling about to prove their will for peace by ending the Korean war, lifting the Iron Curtain from satellite countries and joining a world disarmament pact that would outlaw atomic warfare. It has had a favorable reaction all over the world except in communist countries. Even there the reception is less vitriolic than customary.

Even if Russia rejects the Eisenhower peace proposals, which is probable, he has won a psychological victory. He has taken the peace initiative from Soviet Premier George M. Malenkov, called his hand and put it up to the Kremlin to take the next step. If Russia stalls, the allies can use Ike's offer for world propaganda against communism.

There is not much optimism that the Kremlin will accept for hitherto Russia has blocked most such starts to peace and disarmament since the creation of the United Nations, and is still blocking an Austrian peace treaty and unification of Germany and renewing Red pressure in Southern Asia. But recently surprise reversals of some of Stalin's policies by Malenkov, as in Korea, give some hope of at least partial cooperation.

It may be that the struggle for power in the Kremlin among Stalin's successors, and popular opinion in Russia will force other concessions but time alone will tell. There cannot be much enthusiasm in the Kremlin for Eisenhower's proposal to use the money saved on arms, and spend it for raising the standards of living in backward and depressed areas on a world scale, for the communists depend on hunger and discontent to spread their cause by infiltration, propaganda, tyranny and perpetuate it by bloody purges.

The Kremlin all along has rejected measures proposed for peace and disarmament and isolation, though promoting fake peace talks and little action and there is no indication of abandoning world conquest for communism.

The Eisenhower address was the finest he has yet made and if it secures Russian cooperation for peace, will rank high in history, for it reflects the hopes of the American goverment and people.

## BRITISH CUT INCOME TAXES

While the United States is talking about an income tax reduction the British have gone ahead and done it, with slashes ranging from five to 17 per cent, effective with the fiscal year that began April 1.

The purchase tax, which is the same as our sales tax, has been reduced 25 per cent. This levy was far higher than any ever levied in the U.S. on what the Britons regard as luxury goods, autos, radios, T-V sets, refrigerators and the like. The purpose was to discourage purchase as much as to raise revenue.

The British had become under Labor rule the highest taxed people on earth and their Conservative opponents have continued the setup with little change until now, because the government was hard pressed for revenue.

Announced purpose of the reduction is to encourage people to work harder and risk more by allowing them to keep a little larger slice of what they produce. The British tax was clearly retarding initiative, both by individuals and corporations. Workers were reluctant to accept overtime, which usually put them into a higher tax bracket. People with money said "what's the use?" and let it lie idle, since the government would take most of the return anyway.

Britain has gone farther than the United States in socializing incomes, and has suffered the inevitable result, drying up of initiative. So it was natural that Britain would draw back once the effects were clear. It now remains for us to do the same thing, but congress better get our national expenses and receipts into line first.

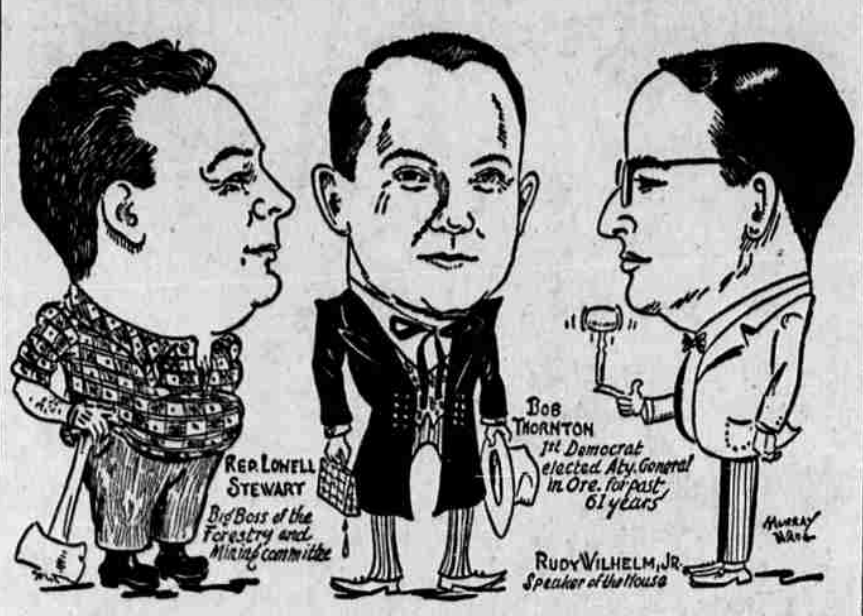
## 'Babe' Zaharias Goes Under Knife

Beaumont, Tex. (U.P.) — Fabulous Babe Didrkson Zaharias undergoes major surgery for a rectal malignancy today, but the great woman athlete seemed "not the least bit worried" about the operation which may end her illustrious golfing career.

Hospital attendants said the famed athlete was in "a wonderful frame of mind" for the ordeal at hotel Dieu hospital.

Dr. Robert M. Moore, professor of surgery at the University of Texas Medical School at Galveston, will perform the surgery.

## LEGISLATORS as Seen by Murray Wade




*WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND*

## Ike Went to One Party That Wasn't Publicized

BY DREW PEARSON

Washington — President Eisenhower has attended only two private parties since he took office; one the much-publicized reception at the home of Senator Taft, the other an unpublicized party at the Fort Myer home of Gen. Omar Bradley where he met five famous godchildren. They were: Dwight Eisenhower Marx, Omar Bradley Marx, George Marshall Marx Bedell Smith Marx, and Rosey O'Donnell Marx. . . . All are children of toy manufacturer Louis Marx, who named them after five famous generals of the army. The godfathers were present at the Bradley home to greet their godchildren. . . . Contrary to some reports, Ike is not a stockholder in the Marx Toy company, though he did invest in the Charmall Lipstick company, organized by Marx after the war. The investment did not prove a bonanza.

**Scared Pat McCarran** — Russell Forbes, acting general services administrator, who so badly wants the job of permanent administrator, is a lifelong democrat from Tampa who's been trying to make the Ikeites think he's an adopted republican. One of his first acts was to fire Mrs. A. Mitchell Palmer, one of two surviving widows of the Woodrow Wilson cabinet. . . . Ex-Sen. Harry Cain of Washington got to be such a nuisance calling at the White House that Ike finally appointed him to a short term on the subversives board. . . . Estimates of married midshipmen at Annapolis range from 50 to 200. Midshipmen are honor bound not to get married. If caught, they're fired. . . . Sen. Pat McCarran is so scared that young Tom Mechling, who almost defeated Senator Malone, will run against him, that McCarran's political cohorts have passed a special bill aimed at barring Mechling from holding office in Nevada. It prohibits anyone from holding Nevada office without five years domicile in the state. Mechling married a Nevada girl, has lived there a couple of years. . . . (If McCarran's new law applied to divorces, Reno would starve.)

**Planted Press Stories** — It's been 26 years since a background state department press conference backfired as badly as that of John Foster Dulles in which he recently indicated the United States would abandon Chiang Kai-Shek and draw the Korean peace line at the narrow waist of the peninsula. A similar ruckus occurred in 1927 when Robert E. Olds, undersecretary of state for Frank B. Kellogg in the Coolidge administration, called in Kirke Simpson of the AP, Ludwell Denny of the UP, and Mauritz Hallgren of the INS, planted a story that Russia threatened Nicaragua and the Panama Canal, hence the landing of U.S. marines in Nicaragua. . . . Kellogg and Coolidge were looking for an out on their unpopular move of sending the marines into Nicaragua. The UP and INS refused to carry the story without hanging it on a state department spokesman, but the AP obliged. . . . Dulles' recent background talk was organized by Time magazine's Jack Beal at the Carlton hotel. One or two newsmen bowed out, including the Washington Post's Ferdinand Kuhn on the ground they didn't want to be served up confidential information they might learn elsewhere. . . . Dulles talked freely—for background, not for attribution or quotation. Published in that form, it brought China-lobby senators swarming around his head.

**Atomic Artillery Hassle** — When Miss Helen Farr, librarian of the Madison (Wis.) "free" library, banned the book "McCarthy, the Man, the Senator, the Ism," local book stores got so many orders they couldn't fill them. . . . One of the Greek shipowners whose activities were pointed up by this column (and still are uninvestigated by McCarthy) made so much money he purchased the famed French gambling casino, Monte Carlo. . . . Army has been hassling with the atomic energy commission regarding publicity for the new atomic cannon, to be fired at Frenchman's Flat May 7. Army wanted to carry the atomic shell across the continent by easy stages—by boat, plane, train, truck—so as to get maximum publicity. But the atomic energy commission said "no." Then the army wanted to carry a dummy shell across the continent for publicity purposes. . . . So far no decision. . . . Michael McDermott, for 30 years state department press relations officer and the trusted confidante of presidents, will wind up his diplomatic career in a new job —as ambassador to El Salvador. But despite his long and trusted background, he has to be subjected to the usual all-out FBI test before he can be appointed even to tiny Salvador.

**Free Turkey Lunches**—Secretary of Agriculture Benson warns that turkey-growing has become such big business that the number of birds must be reduced 15 per cent below last year's record 44,500,000 gobblers. Last year the government bought $27,000,000 worth of turkeys, gave them to the school-lunch program. . . . In other words, turkeys are getting to be like Henry Wallace's little pigs. . . . Midshipman William Sterling Cole, son of

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## Salem 30 Years Ago

By BEN MAXWELL

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The entire grandstand of Recreation park, Portland, with 10,000 reserved seats, has been sold out for the opening of Pacific Coast baseball league game to be played between Portland and San Francisco.

Motorists who steer with their knees while engaged in snuggling should not expect sympathy from Police Judge Poulsen. A young man arrested Sunday evening with his arms around a young lady while he steered his car with his knees pleaded guilty before Judge Poulsen today and was fined $5.

An outstanding piece of industrial beautification in Salem is being accomplished at Hunt's cannery where a sunken garden is being created and the area landscaped for flower beds.

Number one, volume one of Weekly Bulletin, mimeographed sheet published by the Salem Chamber of Commerce, appeared Monday. Secretary Wilson is managing editor, reporter, printer and circulation manager for this Bulletin that reaches 475 members of the Chamber.

Should Salem council approve safety zones for downtown corners where traffic is heaviest automobiles will not find it necessary to stop while street cars are discharging passengers at these corners but slow down to a speed limit of 10 miles an hour.

A net loss of $703,982.45 is reported by Oregon Electric railroad for the year 1922.

Curiosity was aroused yesterday by antics of Salem high schools going through pre-initiation prescribed for membership in the Friars club. Some of the youths were seen sitting around the drinking fountain at the corners of State and Liberty streets. Others appeared to be fishing in the horse watering trough near the Ladd & Bush bank. When passers-by asked why and wherefore the only answer the boys would give was "I am my father's son."

Because of insufficient funds the department of war may not assign fire patrol planes to Oregon this year. Fire patrol planes have operated over Oregon for the past four years.

Ivan Martin, representative of musicians who wish to form a second band in Salem, has been granted permission by the council that will allow his group to rehearse in city hall.

## Sunnyside Election

Sunnyside—A special election will be held at the Sunnyside school house Saturday, April 18, from 2 to 8 p.m., on a proposal for a $35,000 bond issue to construct an addition to the building.


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## Cigar Smoking Italian Star Likes Skyscrapers

By HAL BOYLE

New York (AP)—"I love your skyscrapers — they are like stretching tentacles, pleading for the sky," said the world's highest paid actress.

Then Anna Magnani of Italy leaned back in bed and took a thoughtful puff on her cigar. So I leaned back, too—in a chair by the bed—and took a puff on the cigar she had given me.

It actually is called a cigarillo—a slender plastic-tipped cigar no larger than a king-size cigaret and popular with both men and women in parts of Europe. Anna likes them but smokes only two or three a week.

"They are sent to me by my favorite admirer — my son, Luca," she explained. Luca, who is 11, is in school in Switzerland.

Anna, who recently completed an Italian film called "Bellissima," was so worn out by her first five days in America that when I called at her hotel suite she decided to be interviewed in bed.

She wore yellow pajamas trimmed in blue. She has a long midnight mane, framing a face of Roman gold, and as she leaned back against the pillow she looked like a tawny, well-fed lioness—violence in repose.

"First, I interview you," said Anna. "You like Italian women?"

"Yes."

"Do you like me?"

"Yes."

That ended her interview. So I took up the questioning.

"Do you like American men?"

"I would like to marry one and find out."

If she does he'll be a lucky fellow. Anna is reported to get $125,000 a picture, plus $1,000 a day overtime, and the Italian income tax is hardly even the nuisance that a sales tax is in this country.

One American spaghetti manufacturer is said to have phoned her and asked what she would want to endorse his product. "Oh, about $50,000," said Anna, and the startled manufacturer murmured, "wrong number," and hung up.

Anna is willing to make a film here, even at a financial sacrifice.

"It depends on the artistic freedom I would have," she said.

"With me freedom is everything. I must be free."

A gleam came into her eyes—which look like two bb pellets or spots of black caviar sunk in amber pools. She is as temperamental as Tallulah Bankhead.

"I like your New York," she said. "It has more personality than Paris. Rome lets herself be loved like a woman. But New York is fascinating, because it is so big and violent like . . . like . . . some men.

"But it is so noisy. Two pigeons on the ledge woke me up this morning, quarrelling. They were husband and wife. He was jealous. She must have betrayed him."

Anna, born in utter poverty, now lives in a five-room penthouse built on an old palace in Rome. She says she prefers small towns, because she has a fear of distance and bigness, but loves to prowl cities at night.

"At night a city is free to live for itself," she explained. "But in the daytime a city only works for the people in it."

As I started to leave Anna exploded like a volcano. She leaped to her feet, bounced up and down on the bed, shook hands, pulled a hank of her black hair across her face to make a hitlerian moustache and broke out in laughter.

Twisting her luxuriant hair is one of her childlike mannerisms. I asked her why she did it.

"IT keeps me company," she said. "Goodbye. They make me do too many things. Some time I would like to come back to this country when I could be free to be free."

HENRY By Carl Anderson

## Film Satire On Americans

Cannes, France, (U.P.)—Spanish movie makers bowed to a request from American actor Edward G. Robinson today and agreed to cut certain scenes from their picture, "Welcome, Mr. Marshall" during its showing at the Cannes International Film Festival.

Robinson objected in particular to a scene showing a U.S. flag in a gutter. He is a member of the international jury chosen to judge films at the 15-day festival which opened here yesterday.

The Spanish film satirizes the U. S. Marshall Plan and American tourists. Its makers said cutting the offending scenes would not ruin the story. But they reserved the right to show it in its entirety at a private screening for the press.

**Jersey Club Meeting**

The regular meeting of the Marion County Jersey Cattle club will be held Sunday, April 19, at 12:30 p.m. in Mayflower hall on Fairgrounds Rd. Plans for the spring show will be discussed.


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