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EISENHOWER, TAFT AND THE U.N.

Our immediate reaction to Senator Taft's Cincinnati speech, delivered in absentia from a hospital, was that Taft was possibly speaking after a prearrangement with the president to give our feet dragging allies a warning of what might happen if they continue their uncooperative attitude. It might have been a shrewd stratagem, except that Eisenhower doesn't play the game that way.

Any lingering doubts of collusion were quickly dispelled by Eisenhower Thursday. The president accepted the Taft expression as a challenge to his leadership and replied bluntly that he disagreed with the Ohioan, who has never gotten too far away from his former isolationism.

Eisenhower pointed out that we can't part company with our allies in the Far East and work with them elsewhere, that if we part company and adopt a lone wolf policy in the Orient we must do it everywhere and live in a very dangerous world in isolation from those we would like to have as friends.

The president made it clear that the policy of the administration will be to continue to try to work with our allies and to use the machinery of the U.N. in the Korean negotiations. This, we are confident, is sound policy, for now and for some time to come.

But we dare not ignore the self-evident fact, and we are sure Eisenhower doesn't, that cooperation must be a two-way proposition, that the U.S. can't do it all, carrying the bulk of the load and absorbing a growing stream of abuse from those we are trying to help.

If British and French politicians continue to pander to their Russian sympathizing leftists and the neutralists, whose attitudes will lead to the same consequences as those of the communists, then the slender thread that now binds these countries and the U.S. together is going to snap and we'll have a divided western world whether any of us want one or not.

If this happens Soviet Russia will have won a new victory comparable with the conquest of China without the loss of a single Russian soldier. Red domination of Europe to the English channel and possibly beyond will soon become a fact, and Africa will soon follow Asia and Europe into the vast Soviet ruled realm which will then comprise the whole eastern hemisphere.

The United States will then be isolated indeed, but our isolationists won't be happy with the realization of their dreams, for this will soon become a nightmare. Russia will move on Latin America and probably prevail there, too, driving us back into North America north of the Rio Grande while Russia occupies points close enough to our shores to bring all our cities under bombing range while she "negotiates" with us for one further "concession" after another with our destruction the price of failure to comply.

Actually the United States faces a terrible danger in the prospective loss of her allies, of which we are sure the administration is fully cognizant. Taft may have spoken too soon and the effect may be to widen the breach, which we are sure was not his purpose. But he did put his finger on a growing crisis which if not surmounted threatens the U.S. with the worst disaster in its history.

However, what Taft suggests should be the last, not the next resort, done only if it really develops that we can't work with our allies. If this happens we must be prepared to go it alone, but make no mistake, it'll be a grim course with a war for our survival the almost certain consequence.

BUT RUSSIA'S ARMY STAYS ON

Moscow has announced the abolition of Russian military control in East Germany but there is no sign of the withdrawal of their 300,000 troops, nor is there likely to be. There never has been in any other of the satellite countries dominated by Russia.

A civilian commissar will be placed in charge of East Germany policy following the dissolution of the Soviet control commission and Vladimir Semyenov, political advisor on German affairs, will take on as "high commissioner."

General Vassily I. Chulikov, hero of Stalingrad, who has been both commander of Soviet troops and chief of the central commission in East Germany, will be limited to commanding the troops.

Semyenov will represent Russian interests in Germany and Moscow stated, see to it that East German authorities carry out 1945 Potsdam agreement with the three allied powers and maintain liaison with other powers.

In this action the Russians are belatedly imitating the Americans, British and French who established civilian control in West Germany in 1949 when Chancellor Konrad Adenauer Bonn government was set-up. The west still has high commissioners in West Germany but when the Eisenhower army pact and peace contract is ratified, they will be converted to ambassadors to a sovereign state.

In the past Semyenov has served in Germany as political adviser to Gen. Vassily I. Chulikov, who now will be responsible only for military strategy, at least according to the Russian announcement.

Rumors have been current for more than a year that Russia might pull its troops out of Germany and sign a peace treaty with the communist-dominated East German regime.

The Russian move in East Germany might be a prelude to such a far-reaching policy maneuver. But top American diplomats believe Russia would not attempt this until a powerful East German army was trained and equipped. Moscow is believed only halfway through this task, although the pace has stepped up in recent months.

The Kremlin will probably keep the allies guessing as usual on the next move but it can be counted on to annex East Germany when the time is ripe—which will be when the allies dissolve alliance in the growing discord.—G. P.

WHO'S LAUGHING AT WHO?

What a chuckle our climate conscious friends in southern California must be enjoying at the expense of the poor old Willamette valley as May nears its close. We've been deluged with an unwanted continuance of "Oregon mist," while they got a good dose of snow.

ASKING THE BOSS FOR A R AISE



WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Ike Headed Off Separate 'Big Three' Without U. S.

BY DREW FEARSON

Washington—The inside story of how President Eisenhower happened to call the big three Bermuda conference indicates that if he hadn't called it both the French and British were ready to sit down in a conference of their own with Malenkov.

Seeds for the conference were originally planted in Paris during the recent NATO conference, though the seeds were planted in reverse and not by the United States. They came about as a result of the cool, but polite, brush-off given the British by Secretary of State Dulles, Secretary of Defense Wilson and Secretary of the Treasury Humphrey when the British sought to discuss trade and economic problems.

The French also became alarmed over the aloofness of Eisenhower's three top cabinet members on the subject of foreign aid. Despite all the talk, about continuing European defense, they knew that Europe couldn't get better defense for less dollars. French pro-American leaders were also concerned over the way French socialists were teaming up with French communists.

As a result, the French cabinet held a meeting on the week end of May 9 and decided France should take the lead in calling a big four conference with Malenkov, Churchill, Eisenhower and Mayer participating.

Premier Mayer immediately advised Churchill of this decision, also sent word to Eisenhower. This, incidentally, was prior to Churchill's speech proposing a big four conference.

Meanwhile, Eisenhower had been in touch with both Churchill and Premier Mayer. He had phoned Churchill prior to his speech before the American Society of Newspaper Editors, had also advised Mayer of the general nature of his speech. All in all, Eisenhower had two phone conversations with Churchill and exchanged half a dozen letters, in which he consistently opposed a big four conference.

IRKED OVER McCARTHY
Finally, on May 20, Eisenhower became indignant over the trans-Atlantic furor lashed up by the McCarthy - Atlee statements and decided something must be done to save Anglo-French-American friendship so rapidly going down the drain.

That day he discussed the problem at a national security council, then went out for a round of golf. After golf he had dinner with Bob Cutler, the Boston banker now on Ike's staff; C. D. Jackson, ex-Fortune publisher who is White House adviser on psychological warfare; and "Beetle" Smith, undersecretary of state who served as Ike's chief of staff during the war.

After dinner, plans were discussed for a big three conference to prepare for or perhaps veto a subsequent big four conference — Malenkov to be the fourth conferee.

After dinner, Ike put in a call to Churchill. By that time it was about 2 a.m. in London, but knowing Churchill seldom goes to bed before 3 a.m., Eisenhower figured he would still be up. He was. And he okayed

the idea of meeting in Bermuda.

Eisenhower also communicated with the French, including Ambassador Henri Bonnet, whose wife sometimes plays bridge with the president. Bonnet also gave approval to the conference, but suggested first, that since French leaders were scheduled to visit Turkey about June 17, it would be better to hold the conference later in the month; second, since the French cabinet might fall next day, Bonnet urged that announcement of the conference be made early next morning.

The announcement was made as requested, but not early enough to prevent the downfall of Premier Mayer.

Note: Eisenhower is opposed to a fixed agenda at Bermuda, wants the agenda to include the world. The French and British feel that the subjects to be discussed include: Korea, Indo-China, Austria and Germany, and most delicate of all, a UN seat for Red China.

IRATE CHARLEY WILSON

Secretary of Defense Wilson has been clamoring for the scalp of the air force officers who put an "official" air force statement into the hands of democratic Congressman Sam Yorty of California, thereby contradicting Wilson's own version of the recent budget cuts.

Inside story is that the statement was not intended to be "official" but was put together in response to a telephone request from Yorty to the air force legislative office in Capitol Hill. This is the office which handles all queries from congressmen.

The officer who compiled the answer to Congressman Yorty was Maj. Robert Ginsburgh. However, it contained only unclassified, nonsecret information which the air force is required to furnish any congressman upon request. Further, the same facts had been supplied to Secretary Wilson.

The statement was dropped at Yorty's office by Col. Robert Kelly while the congressman was out. Yorty immediately seized upon it as the "official" position of the air force. Only air force officer who may be in trouble over the incident is Maj. Ed Hyland, who told reporters that the statement was the air force's "official" position. Actually, the statement had not been cleared with top air force officers, though they undoubtedly will uphold the facts when called upon to testify.

MERRY-GO-ROUND

Most surprised man in Washington was presidential press secretary Jim Hagerty when he telephoned Mrs. Oscar Chapman, democrat, head of the Korean clothing drive, and apologized because the White House had elbowed her out of a picture with Mrs. Eisenhower. "But," replied Mrs. Chapman, "the White House has every right to say whose picture should be taken with Mrs. Eisenhower and I am very embarrassed over all this publicity. Besides the White House already has given us wonderful co-operation, with every member of the White House staff asked to contribute clothing. Please don't worry about it." . . . However, Hagerty did

POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

African Went to London Leaving 59 Wives at Home

By HAL BOYLE

London (AP) — Dear Frances, I know you are mad because I didn't bring you to the coronation, but there is a guy from Africa who's in a tougher spot than I am.

He has 60 wives and left 59 at home and brought one here. They say she's an interesting conversationalist. But I keep thinking of all the explaining he'll have to do when he gets back home. I hear he doesn't talk to his wives—he mimeographs them.

If I had 60 wives, my pet, you are the one I'd bring along and you could address the postcards to all the jealous ones left behind. Wouldn't that be a woman's idea of a holiday?

Now about that coronation. London now looks like an old maid with a girl's heart, who pins a pink Tudor rose to her apron and hopes that the flower at least will be noticed.

I have never seen this British people in a holiday mood before, and I must say they are rather bashful about their joy, as one pub owner put it cautiously:

"The people do seem to be getting coronation-minded a bit, I would say, don't you think?"

But despite their attitude that pleasure is only another of life's hurdles rather than something to wade in and get your feet wet, you get the idea this is a signal moment to them—and that it is a prideful thing to be a Briton and own a Queen, and give her a crown.

It is a fairy tale, of course, but it is also something more. The coronation is an empire marrying a woman, and it is a woman taking the vows of wedlock to more than 600 million people.

Keeping the crown is about the only luxury many Englishmen can afford, and sometimes they talk of the cost of it like a husband rebuking a spend-thrift wife.

"You know it costs each of us the price of two cigarettes a day to keep the royal family," one man said to me. "That doesn't sound like much, does it? But when you don't have much to start with two cigarettes a day means a lot."

The sun has shone four out of five days here, and now everybody is wondering what next summer will be like. You know how the weather here is. Whenever they have a beautiful day they press it between two fogs and put it in a memory book.

You were right about that tux. I should have brought it along. Burl Ives, the folk singer for dressed-up folks, invited me to a party and promised, "royalty will be present." But on account of I brought along a black bowtie for my type-writer but none for me, I couldn't go. You are not allowed to look on royalty in a closed place after dark unless you are in full dress, or nearly so.

Everybody in Britain is having a coronation party. The charlady who cleans my flat—her name is Mrs. "anner, but I call her "Mama El. land" be-

cause she has had ten kids—is all excited about her party. It is going to be a real charladies' frolic, and I wish I could go to it.

"I clean nice offices before I come here," she said. There are eight of us working in the building and Saturday the governor said we could knock off at seven o'clock. He's having sandwiches in and says we're to have our pick of drinks. I may ask for whiskey. I haven't made up my mind. But seven in the morning is a bit early to start a party, don't you think?"

I asked her who the governor was, and she said that is what they call their employer, "because he is a governor, after all, isn't he, as far as we are concerned?" I told her that in America the term was "boss," and she replied:

"Boss? Boss! It is a nice-sounding word, isn't it? Something of a lift to it, Boss. Boss. I rather like it."

Sometimes I think it is more than the Atlantic Ocean that separates us from the British.

Well, I must close now as I have to go and see if my coronation seat fits. They rehearse the spectators for this show, as well as the Queen. Here later, From your loving husband, Harold.

OPEN FORUM

Appreciates Editorial On the Constitution

To the Editor:

I wish to express my personal appreciation for the fine editorial appearing in the Journal of May 21 under the heading "Is the Constitution Outmoded?" by citing a number of instances in our historical background who showed that a freedom-loving people can efficiently meet the challenge and need of present day conditions while still living under the influence of a constitution that was written in the days of this great country's infancy.

It is my personal opinion that America is great today largely because of the ageless principles of right and equity contained in that document. May we as Americans stand behind it and defend it as we have our country and resist steadfastly any effort to alter or destroy it. Thank you for your expression of faith in America's great document.

L. E. LYMAN, Salem.

SWITCH FISHERMAN FINE

San Francisco (AP) — Hans Lunde was fined \$25 for fishing in a city lake with two rods.

"I was just practicing," he explained. "First with my right hand and then with my left to see which worked best."

Unintelligible Intelligence

By RAYMOND MOLEY

The general import of the word "economy" is easy to comprehend, and everyone favors it. Its applications to our personal affairs are easy to define.

When we begin to think about it in connection with the federal government, however, our eyes are blinded by dust thrown out by the bureaucrats. They would have you believe that every dollar cut from the Truman levels of spending brings the Red army nearer to our shores and exposes us and our children to the rapacity of an alien conqueror. They tell you that 75 or 80 or 85 per cent of the money requested, is for "past, present and future wars." That is supposed to stop you in your tracks, because it means that most of the requests are untouchable — a mystery wrapped in a Pentagon — and that the remaining trifle of 15 or 20 or 25 per cent is too small to bother about.

The answer is that nothing should be untouchable and that in the small, non-defense remainder are a few billions worth saving.

A good example of the latter is a curious office in the state department headed by W. Park Armstrong, Jr., who is called in state department jargon "special assistant for intelligence." The justification for his expensive office or bureau or what-not, after a searching inquiry by the state subcommittee on

appropriations, looked like a bed of violets in which a group of boys had been searching for a ball.

The Armstrong intelligence office had \$2,671,180 for the year now nearly over. It was authorized to hire 476 people. Under the Truman budget 820 people were asked for, but under the pressure of President Eisenhower's demand for economy, this request was cut to 419 people.

This in itself is an illustration of how illusory some of the claims of cuts really are. Glowing figures are given out about cutting below the Truman budget. But nicely analyzed, we find that the new administration has really cut the Truman budget requests, but not appreciably the Truman 1952-53 expenditures.

Senators McCarran, Dirksen, Ferguson and Ellender gave Mr. Armstrong a hard time explaining why his office was necessary at all. The explanation left at least this observer completely skeptical.

In trying to explain what his outfit does, Mr. Armstrong sought refuge in a cloud of bureaucratic semantics. It deals with a strange thing called "psychological intelligence," which is not the same as "current intelligence." Driven further into the wilderness of double-talk, he said that "our mission is to keep on top of political developments . . . throughout the world," and that he does intelligence "not performed by the individual departments."

It was not clear why the Armstrong work could not be done by the central intelligence agency.

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worry. He took the rap for the White House boner of boycotting Mrs. Chapman, though he personally wasn't to blame. In the end the two ladies posed together for the photographers and enjoyed it. They're both Denver girls . . . and the Koreans got more clothing as a result of the publicity.
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