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## THE EXPERTS TAKE A LOOK AHEAD

Look Magazine has just polled 60 of the top Washington correspondents and commentators on which party they think will capture control of congress next year and whom they think the Democrats will nominate for president in 1956.

By a 33 to 26 vote with one member abstaining, the group expects the Democrats to capture the House of Representatives, while 48 expect Republican control of the Senate. This would reverse the present majority in each house and calls for some explanation.

The reason evidently is that the correspondents believe the Democrats are going to be a little stronger than the Republicans nationally, hence able to win the House, but not strong enough to capture the Senate.

Only a third of the senators must stand for election, plus any vacancies to be filled. These will be the positions last filled in 1948 when the Democrats captured some normally Republican seats while the Republicans got scarcely any normally Democratic seats. This gives the Republicans an advantage which this group evidently thinks will be sufficient to give them a majority.

There is a strong belief among this group that Adlai Stevenson will again be the Democratic nominee in 1956. He gets 44 votes out of the 55 who expressed an opinion. Second is a man political railbirds should be watching, the new Missouri senator, Stuart Symington, whom many besides these correspondents think likely to be nominated for president next time. He gets seven votes, Senator Russell of Georgia three and Governor Shivers of Texas one.

These views are interesting, particularly as it is the first poll of its kind since the November election. Nobody is bound to accept the result as authoritative, however. Doubtless are privileged to recall that this group was polled last fall and believed then that Stevenson would defeat Eisenhower.

The expert can be and sometimes is as wrong as any amateur.

## CANADIAN LIBERALS TRIUMPH

Oregon Democrats, vexed about a "one party" monopoly of political favor in this state, ought to study the Canadian Liberals, who won a smashing landslide victory in the national elections up there yesterday.

It was the Liberals' fifth victory in a row, their second in four years. They elected 168 members of the new parliament, which totals 265, with four undecided. The Conservatives, main opposition party, won only 50 seats. The Cooperative Commonwealth Federation captured 20 and the Social Credit party of the western prairie provinces won 13. Independents secured five seats.

The significance Canada's Liberals ought to have for the present leadership of the Democratic party in Oregon is that the Canadians operate a genuine liberal party, with the traditional principles of one, without the socialist features the Democratic party has adopted nationally and in Oregon in recent years.

Canadian Liberals keep their government on a balanced budget and take delight in reducing taxes whenever they are able to. They are friendly to business, welcome the investment of local or foreign (chiefly American) capital. Their program has such continuing popular support that the opposition in Canada has more basis for a "one party" complaint than exists here.

But whether its Canada, Oregon or somewhere else, one party dominance has the same meaning, that a majority approve its principles and the way it implements them. The Canadian Liberals still command the confidence of most Canadians and are assured another tenure of power. Most Americans will be pleased, for the party has given Canada honest, able, farsighted leadership, which is friendly to the United States.

## FRANCE IS WEAKENED FURTHER

A million and a half French workers returned to their jobs at the end of the week after a short strike that paralyzed their country and shook the resolution of its new government.

The demonstration was not against employers, but against an announced determination by the government to effect some government economies with a view to balancing the French budget and enabling the country to get along if American aid is reduced.

A dispatch from Paris said that following the strike the government was considerably shaken, and uncertain whether to go ahead with its program of austerity. The workers had probably won their point, and this French government will be afraid, as its predecessors have been to initiate any policy that will make any large sector of the voting population unhappy.

Here is the trouble with France. The government has no resolution because the people have none. This time it is labor. Next time it may be business and industry, or the farmers. The French just haven't got it any more, and no government can function vigorously in their behalf.

## Council Chary On Vacations

At the request of the Salem school board the city council will consider the vacation of part of Gaines street and also a nearby alley so the premises of the Grant School may be expanded.

The Gaines Street portion extends from North Cottage to North Winter through property owned by the school board. Immediate plans are to use it for additional school playground.

Two resolutions asked the city to initiate proceedings for the vacations. Council members thought that would put the council on record as favoring the vacations, and they were amended so they simply put the council in a position of considering the vacations and plac-

ing the matter in position for public hearings.

Robert DeArmond, attorney for the board, explained that was the only purpose of the resolutions.

**INDUSTRY DROPS**  
Hong Kong (AP)—Red China, starting its first five-year plan this year, has revealed that several classes of industry failed to reach production targets in the first half of the year.

**TYPHOON SKIRTS GUAM**  
Guam (AP)—The edge of a typhoon caught northwest Guam Monday with heavy rain and winds up to 70 miles an hour. Damage, apparently was slight.

## THE VOICE OF AMERICA



## POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

### Let Man Again Be King of Fashions as He Once Was

New York (AP)—Men need a Christian Dior, a bold fellow to restore the male feeling of being quite a guy.

Us gents are in a male quandary. We either have to expose more of our charms or retreat to the soft anonymity of the sleeping bag.

As I read the front line reports from the great style war in Paris, women don't know whether to throw away their corsets or keep them, elevate their skirts to their knees or go ahead and protect their upper ankles, expose their bosoms more or try to throw another layer on those they have rented or bought.

It seems to me that in this moment of feminine doubt men should move in and take over their old peacock strut. Let man again be king of fashions, as he once was.

I do not advocate long stockings, tight pants, and lace at the throat, although George Washington and Thomas Jefferson were robust and masculine in such attire. As a matter of recent history, some people feel that a gent doesn't represent his sex fully unless he has worn khaki. That's unfair, because a lot couldn't.

It might just as well be the other way around. Why shouldn't a woman feel uneasy if she has never worn the uniform of her country.

That is the pattern of some

## Salem 57 Years Ago

By BEN MAXWELL

August 11, 1896

"If free coinage of silver will make 50c dollars a certain Salem editor had better immediately cancel his obligation with the poor painter who had received nothing for painting that gentleman's house."

In one of Astoria's bars they had a "silver fizz" made of gin and the white of an egg and "golden slipper" made of gin and yolk of an egg.

Crown mills at Albany were giving farmers 40 pounds of flour for one bushel of wheat.

A large number of fine carp weighing from five to eight pounds each had recently been caught in South Salem slough.

At Salem wheat had a price of 44c a bushel, fancy creamery butter 20c a pound and dressed veal 3 1/2c a pound.

Woodburn Hop Growers association had met at Woodburn and decided to pay 24c per nine bushel box for picking hops in 1896.

A band of bunch grass horses were driven in and had been sold for \$6 a head and good teams went from \$10 to \$23.

Bids on bankrupt Salem Motor railway were soon to be considered by the court.

Labor Exchange had arranged for a picnic in the beautiful grove near their warehouse north of Salem. Tickets could be had for 50c. Babies under five and lunch baskets were admitted free.

## IKE'S VACATION

Albany Democrat-Herald  
It seems to us petty to quibble about the President's recreation and to grudge him time off the job. So we're inclined to doubt reports that "the democrats" can be expected to tote up Mr. Eisenhower's vacation days as part of their campaign against him. It was all right with us when Mr. Truman used to take a few days away from Washington to enjoy himself at Key West or on the presidential yacht, and we don't think reasonable people expect the President just to stay in his office and work.

The chief executive must keep fit. We are better off with a well president in Colorado than with a sick or "stale" president in Washington. The presidency can easily be a man-killer job. It is unwise from any point of view for the chief executive to let himself get involved in detail that can be delegated. General Eisenhower let someone else drive the tanks in the war, and he knows how to delegate detail and hold subordinates responsible for results.

Same thing at the other end. Short or long pants. A man ordinarily has his pants just long enough so that he tramps on them if his rubber heels wear down.

If you see a guy with his cuffs above his ankles, you automatically are sure that either he went to Princeton or he got caught out in the rain with a cheap suit.

Maybe it's time for us to dazzle our girls. Show that thin gray hair on the lean but vibrant chest, expose the male fatted calf. Naturally, since the girls never bare their bay windows we don't have to unzip our pants.

The main idea is to stir the girls up by showing them that men have their fashions too. Let's show 'em that while knighthood is always in flower—it can change its blooms. They've taken men for granted too long.

Think how you could confuse your wife by wearing the cousin of the hat she confused you with!

## Ike's Movie Tax Cut Veto

Eugene Register-Guard

As was predicted a few weeks ago when the movie industry was shoving its admissions tax repealer through Congress, President Eisenhower has vetoed the measure—an act of considerable courage in view of the pressures which that industry can exert. His action, however, is based on two very good reasons:

1. With the budget still unbalanced the Federal Government cannot afford to lose upwards of 100 million a year revenue from this source.

2. It is unfair to grant this relief to the movie industry when other industries—including stage shows and community theatres—are being denied similar relief.

It has been the plan of the Eisenhower administration to submit a bill for comprehensive tax revisions at the next session of Congress beginning in January. When we were in Washington last spring the tax consultants of the House and Senate Ways and Means Committees were already at work on the drafting of this comprehensive measure—an enormous task.

The movie people jumped the gun and through their ability to bring pressure on Congressmen and Senators

## WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

### Congressmen Trying to Get Free Rides From Air Force

By DREW PEARSON

Washington—So many congressmen have been calling up the Defense Department for free transportation to summer climates that Undersecretary of Defense Kyes decided to do something about it. He called in Secretary of the Air Force Harold Talbott.

"Where in hell are they all going? What are they going to do?" stormed Kyes. It was embarrassing, he indicated, to have the Air Force flying congressmen all over the globe after its budget had been cut to the bone.

Secretary Talbott pointed out that congressmen couldn't very well be banned, as long as Defense Department officials were doing the same thing. Kyes demanded to know what officials were taking junkets, but Talbott knew of only one scheduled trip at the moment—an overseas trip by Assistant Secretary of the Army John Slezak. Immediately, Kyes issued orders for Slezak to stay home.

As for the congressmen, Kyes and Talbott agreed to cut out special airplanes for congressional trips unless the Defense Department is convinced it is strictly business. However, they meekly decided not to offend any powerful congressmen who are willing to travel on planes that may be going their way anyhow.

This means over two dozen congressional committees, which plan to investigate everything from uranium in South Africa to statehood in Alaska and the information program in South America, may have to put up with the inconvenience of Air Force schedules. However, such groups as the Armed Services, Foreign Relations and Appropriations Committee, taking legitimate overseas trips, will still get special planes.

**PLEASANT SEA VOYAGES**  
The most interesting vacation trips at the taxpayers' expense, however, are planned by individual congressmen who have asked the Defense Department to furnish transportation for themselves and their wives. In most cases, they will travel by military transport vessel, sometimes families have waited several months to join their husbands and fathers overseas, but will be bumped from the sailing lists again by sight-seeing congressmen.

For example, GOP Congressman Robert Wilson of California has arranged passage to Hawaii for himself, his wife and three children, leaving on the S.S. Barrett August 26 and coming back on the S.S. Altman September 8. Four congressmen are planning to take their wives on vacations to Europe, largely at the taxpayers' expense. They are William L. Springer, Illinois republican, leaving on the S.S. Butner August 19, returning on the S.S. Geiger October 13; Huber B. Scudder, California republican, leaving on the S.S. Patch August 25, returning on the S.S. Gibbons September 23; William J. Green, Jr., Pennsylvania democrat, leaving on the Gibbons August 25, returning on the S.S. Rose September 14; and L. Mendel Rivers, South Carolina democrat, leaving on to S.S. Patch August 25 with no definite return date.

Three other congressmen, also accompanied by their wives, have arranged government transportation to both North Africa and Europe. They are Republicans Errett P. Scrivner of Kansas and Edward T. Miller of Maryland, who will leave on the S.S. Gibbons August 15, and Democrat Robert L. F. Sikes of Florida, whose departure date hasn't been set. Congressman Gerald R. Ford, Jr., Michigan Republican, has also asked for free transportation to Japan and India.

**WHAT IT COSTS**  
Technically, these congressmen are supposed to pay for their wives passage, but all that is charged is \$50 per person to Europe or the Mediterranean—just enough to cover the cost of meals and clean linen. The congressmen aren't charged a cent for themselves, on the theory that they are on government business.

Irony is that most of the junketing congressmen voted to cut the military budget on the ground that the armed services were wasting money.

**NOTE**—Three congressmen have already left on early vacations. Rep. James I. Doolittle, Iowa Republican, drove his wife and son to Whittier, Alaska, where they plan to sell their car on the high-priced Alaskan market, then sail back to the States at the taxpayers' expense on the military transport Funston. Congressman Paul J. Kilday, Texas democrat, left last month for a European vacation with his wife and 18-year-old daughter, traveling at the Air Force's expense. Congressman Adam Clayton Powell, New York Democrat, took off on a similar trip last month, but left his family home.

**ALERTNESS IN KOREA**  
A secret report has been sent to the Pentagon from Korea warning against a possible surprise Communist offensive—in case the truce blows up. The report points out that the Reds kept men and supplies rolling toward the front until the last minute and that they have ample troops and men for launching another gigantic offensive.

Under the truce terms, the Communists are permitted to build airfields in North Korea while we are forced to close down our radar stations on the islands off the North Korean coast. Taking advantage of this the Chinese are reported building underground hangars and moving planes down from Manchuria. Without our radar warning net, the report adds, South Korea is subject to surprise air attack.

The Treasury's alcohol tax unit is clamping down on breweries whose ads tell the public that their beer has a low content of sugar. Government tests show all beers contained practically the same amount of sugar. . . . British security agents in Moscow uncovered 29 secret microphones installed in one of their embassy buildings by the Russian secret police. One mike was imbedded behind three inches of concrete, yet was so sensitive it could pick up all conversations in the room. . . . Congressman FDR, Jr.'s comment upon his return from Africa: "Everywhere I went, from Morocco to South Africa, African leaders asked me if Senator McCarthy was extinguishing American freedoms. I tried to tell them 'No'; but then they'd bring up the matter of book burning, and what could I say?"

**TRAFFIC PROBLEMS**  
Albany Democrat-Herald  
Linn county stands well up in Oregon on highway safety. The other day, as already noted here, Lebanon received an award in recognition of its splendid traffic record for the preceding year. The accident record, of course, is never good enough as long as there are any mishaps, and the organization of Linn County Highway Life-savers as a means of improving the showing is most welcome news. We can hope for constant improvement as the attention of motorists is focused on careful and courteous driving—which means safe driving.

Linn is the 22nd county in Oregon in which an organization has been formed, and the impact on Oregon motorists' thinking and general attitude ought to be considerable. So we're improving in the matter of safe driving. Conventional driving, however, is another story. As communities grow, problems of parking and of efficient use of motor cars are constantly more pressing. No town in the county is large enough as yet to face the congestion prevailing in the larger cities, but we can all see it coming.

## Learn Hard Facts

By PHIL NEWSOM

(United Press Foreign Analyst)  
The United States is learning the facts of life about the Korean truce.

One of the harshest facts so far is Gen. Mark Clark's estimate that the Chinese Communists may be holding as many as twice the number of American war prisoners they have admitted.

This is not to imply that the truce should be regretted. It has halted, temporarily, at least, slaughter on the battlefield and it is bringing home 3,313 American war prisoners.

But subsequent events have pointed up the warning of military commanders that a truce simply marks a suspension of hostilities, not the end. The Strangest War

Further complicating the situation are the rules under which the Korean war was fought, wherein commanders in the field were governed not by military but by diplomatic necessities.

So this strangest of all wars ended in the strangest of all truces.

This is a truce without a victor and without a vanquished—in which neither side can impress its will except behind its own lines.

Hence the enormity of the problem raised by General Clark.

Clark says that after the present exchange is completed demands will be made through the Armistice Commission for an accounting of all prisoners.

**A Solution Needed**  
If satisfaction is not gained there, then the problem will be taken before the International Conference which will try to settle Korea's political future this fall.

Secretary of State Dulles had threatened United States retaliation against the Reds. But what kind of retaliation?

To the people of the United States, the holding of some 3,000 Reds for a like number of Americans would scarcely seem an even trade—nor would it even be likely to impress the Chinese.

Another very great difficulty is the fact that it will be many months, if ever, before registration teams are able to learn anywhere near accurately the number of Americans taken prisoner, the number who died in Red prison camps and those who simply are missing and presumed dead.

**PERSISTENT VIOLATOR**  
Pacifica, Calif. (AP)—Motorist William J. Stickler thought he got a bum deal when police arrested him after a four-mile chase in which he allegedly committed 18 traffic violations. "What's the matter? I always drive that way," he said.

**SIMPLE LOGIC**  
Milford, Conn. (AP)—Early settlers of this town, founded in 1639, once voted: "The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof; the earth is given to the Saints; we are the Saints."

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