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## DULLES NO APPEASER

Secretary of State Dulles finds himself under fire in three world capitals because of his speech to the American Legion convention at St. Louis Wednesday and his remarks at Thursday news conference, in which he called a spade a spade. But his remarks pleased the great majority of Americans, who rejoice that futile appeasement policies that got the U.S. nowhere and so long dominant in our state department have been discarded.

Dispatches from Bonn, Germany, New Delhi, India, and Rome cite angry reactions by the communists and socialists against Dulles because he endorsed Chancellor Konrad Adenauer for re-election Sunday. India's Brahmin regime is angered by his criticism of their policy of neutrality and maintaining a foreign policy independent of that of the East or West in the United Nations, of which India is a member. Italian tempers flared over Dulles' remarks on Trieste for saying that the United States is open minded about a Trieste settlement.

These critics say that Dulles' remarks were a vicious attempt by the American government to interfere with the policies of their countries. In Germany criticism is confined to the communists and socialists, but they have no criticism of Russia's treatment of Germany and the Kremlin's open attempt to coerce and terrorize both East and West Germany and sending thousands of goons to destroy election stations.

Both Russian and Chinese communists are and have been threatening India by terrorist tactics, but there is no criticism of Red interference.

The Kremlin and its satellites have for years attempted to seize control of Italy and have interfered in every election and done their best to demoralize war recovery, but there was no angry protest. On the other hand, as Dulles said, this country has unsuccessfully tried to find an alternative to the 1948 proposal it supported which favors turning the entire Adriatic free zone over to Italy.

All these three nations, along with others, have been saved from Red domination by the active assistance, military, economic and financial of the United States which certainly earned the right to warn them against destruction by a fatal appeasement of an implacable barbarous enemy.—G. F.

## DULLES WARNS RED CHINA

It is an open secret that Red China may enter the war in Indochina on a larger scale now that she is no longer fighting in Korea and this Secretary of State Dulles sought to forestall by his announcement to the American Legion convention in St. Louis that the U.S. will react in a military way to such a move.

Just what we will do if Red China becomes an active participant in the war against the French and their native allies Dulles did not say. The administration has made it clear that it will not send U.S. troops into that jungle country, which all Americans applaud. We are supplying large and growing quantities of war material and evidently plan to step this up still further.

Between what we are already doing and what we won't do is a large area. This could include a naval blockade of the China coast, which would bring us into collision with the British, and aerial attacks on Chinese targets. We would not presumably renew the fighting in Korea over Indochina, but if the Chinese broke the truce we might go all-out for a military victory.

In any event Red China has been told to lay off Indochina and by plain implication the rest of Southeast Asia, which she now has forces available to attack if she decides so to use them. The threat may prevent a widening of the Asiatic war and it may be one we will have to carry out. It's a dangerous course, as would be any other we might follow in this struggle to prevent Communism from engulfing the rest of the world. It's a hole we got ourselves into when we let China fall into enemy hands.

## WELCOME TO THE FAIR

The Oregon State Fair is an annual event of statewide importance and scope, sponsored and maintained by the state government. All the progressive people of Oregon have had a part in its continuance through a long period of 88 years.

Yet Salem, as the home of the fair, feels a responsibility for its success—the responsibility of a hostess city. So today, as the 88th annual State Fair opens this city extends warm welcome to the thousands who will pass through the gates of the fair in the next week.

Like a good hostess she is going to do her best to make everybody feel at home. It's a big job and a tolerant attitude will be appreciated. The hostess will do her best.

The State Fair helps Salem and Salem wants to help the fair. One indication of that is those street banners, no longer confined as they once were to the downtown district, but appearing on all streets entering the city, a reminder to tourists that they should stop and go to the fair.

In Salem during fair week here's no better place than the fairgrounds where buildings for visitor comfort have kept pace with all other progress. Even on a rainy day—and no rain is indicated this fair week—you can almost see the fair with dry feet and no umbrella.

## GENERAL WAINWRIGHT

Defeat often produces better loved heroes than victory. America has had few opportunities to test this, the chief example being General Robert E. Lee who led the "lost cause" of the confederacy.

We suffered defeat in the early days of World War II when our little army in the Bataan was overwhelmed by far superior Japanese forces, with General Jonathan "Skinny" Wainwright in command after General MacArthur left on orders from President Roosevelt.

Wainwright conducted himself as a brave and gallant soldier both during the fighting and those tragic days in prison camp that followed and that doubtless shortened his life. Death came Wednesday, due to a blood clot.

Wainwright will be buried with other American heroes in Arlington cemetery near the nation's capital and he will be forever enshrined with "that brave and daring few" whose deeds live on to inspire future generations.

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## WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

### Columnist Offers Help to Committee at Charlotte

By DREW PEARSON

Washington—The citizens of Charlotte, N.C., have appointed a committee to study the police of that staid and churchgoing community. The committee, consisting of a preacher, a druggist and a businessman, seem sincerely anxious to do a good job, and here is some information which may help them.

When the Kefauver crime committee dug into the racketeering of Frank Erickson, the big-shot gambler now in jail, they ran into the manner in which he organized off-track betting in that mecca of winter vacationists, Miami. Erickson, according to Kefauver committee testimony, placed his men inside the track, together with a series of bookmakers outside the track in the leading hotels of Miami. All of this was strictly illegal.

One of the operators who handled the bets for Erickson was named Allen Cantor, who, according to the testimony of Abe Allenberg "handled the comeback money."

"That is the money that is bet, that is called in to a telephone somehow in the neighborhood (of the track) and they would come on the track and would bet it on the horses," Allenberg testified.

"Who are the people who operated inside the track for Erickson?" committee counsel Halley asked.

"Briggs, Cantor, Zeldow," was the reply.

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Washington, and according to Cantor, were about to issue a description of Cantor, to be posted in all post offices, in order to apprehend him.

Littlejohn told Caudle that it would be most embarrassing if the posters were put up on post office bulletin boards. He didn't say so, but obviously it would be impossible for a gambler to operate if wanted by the police in connection with a murder case. He asked Caudle, as a lawyer, to go to Washington to head off the poster.

"WANTED" POSTER SUPPRESSED

Caudle went to Washington, and on the instruction of Police Chief Littlejohn, sought out Washington Police Inspector Floyd Truscott. However, Truscott was in Hagerstown, Md., attending a police meeting. Caudle drove to see him there, gave him the message from Littlejohn and asked him to call Littlejohn in Charlotte.

Inspector Truscott did so. Littlejohn said that he could vouch for Cantor, said Cantor could add nothing to the murder case in Washington. Truscott observed that the murder case had now been solved and agreed to tear up the poster asking for Cantor's apprehension.

Later Cantor's brother Irving came to Caudle, also through the good offices of Littlejohn, and asked him as an attorney to handle an income-tax matter. Internal revenue had assessed Irving Cantor a tax of \$44,000. This turned out to be a tax on gambling winnings.

## POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

### Death Gets Up Early as Holiday Week-end Arrives

By HAL BOYLE

New York, (AP)—Death got up early Saturday morning. Most of America slept late at the start of this long Labor Day week-end rest from its usual work, but Death promptly went on overtime.

If an ox, a cow, a horse could declare itself a holiday to show that life holds a dignity and reward beyond the sweat of toil, it would browse and dream in pure animal wonder, and rise refreshed on the morrow. And even death might take most of the day off, too.

But when mankind has a holiday for any reason, death can know no idleness. He must tabulate a great human self-slaughter.

And so it was Death rose early . . . he had a lot to do in the three busy days ahead . . . he had many a mortal rendezvous to keep on the highway and byway, in homes and saloons, on pond and pavement, a mountain cliff and summer play ground . . .

For Death had a double duty . . . he had not only his usual job to do, the escorting of the sick and old and life-worn across his pale frontier . . . he had his extra holiday clients to attend to . . . the lost battalion of the needless dead.

On such days Death, the fair weather friend of the foolish, initiates new members into the D.O.A. club . . . this club has no dues and no life memberships . . . It is made up of unseeing people who are brought to hospitals and tagged with a card bearing three initials that stand for "Dead On Arrival."

Yes, Death got up early . . . for in the next three days there are hundreds of Americans he must meet and wave to their doom, a D.O.A. tag . . . the potential new membership crop was large and the land was wide . . . and Death is conscientious . . . he didn't want anyone who earned that tag to miss it . . .

Wherever Americans set out to celebrate the holiday, this skeletal comrad of the stupid and careless went right along for the fun.

And here is what he will say, or perhaps is saying even now:

In ten thousand cars rounding ten thousand curves he whispers to the driver, "Go on and pass that car ahead of you . . . how do you know there is another car coming around the bend?" . . . never mind what your wife is saying . . .

And on some of the curves another car does come around the bend . . . there is a scream and a crash of metal . . . Death says to the silent husband, "So long, sucker" . . . and says to the silent wife, "Dear, you'll never get to marry another fool" . . . then he walks over to the silent, huddled driver of the second car and says, "Pal, I know you didn't want to join our organization . . . but I am only taking memberships, and this other guy nominated you . . . and now you belong . . ."

Or Death puts his arms around a teen-age high school driver and says, "Faster, kid, faster . . . boy, you're a real hot rod . . . sure you can see clear in the moonlight . . . see how close you can come to that bridge" . . . A moment later the boy's ribs are in his

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Then Death hurries to a barroom . . . there's a fellow betting he can drink a pint bottle of whisky without drawing a breath . . . and Death grins and says, "Just a dead game sport to the end, aren't you, Mister?" . . .

And before the empty bottle falls to the floor, Death is off to a lonely room where a lonely man sick with self-pity looks at the gun in his hand and mutters, "Would I be any more lonely dead?" . . . and Death, writing his tag says, "Come and see . . ."

So Death will move at a ceaseless pace this Saturday Sunday and Monday, playing a deadly game of tag across all America with the holiday risk-takers and their victims . . . and the foolish . . . and the unwary. Wherever he pauses an ambulance will halt, pick up a still burden and race with it to a hospital where it will get the epitaph—D.O.A.—"Dead on Arrival."

On Tuesday, when the holiday insanity is over, Death—slowing down to his normal rounds, may look back, sick at his own vast three-day harvest, and ask wearily: "How many holidays can I go through like this without killing myself?"

## THE FIRESIDE PULPIT

### Impact of Faith May Break Barriers Between Nations

By REV. GEORGE H. SWIFT

Since Winston Churchill a few years ago referred to the invisible barrier set up by Russia between the USSR and the free world as "the Iron Curtain," we have come to understand how apparently impregnable some invisible barriers can become. We have invisible barriers of varying strengths between religious bodies, we find them in the field of education, social strata, and between races.

While invisible barriers, or so-called iron curtain, may be impervious to armies, they may eventually become vulnerable to an impact of prayer and human understanding exercised on both sides of the curtains. General Romulo of the Philippines, when addressing the United Nations conference in San Francisco several years ago, said, "The only impregnable line left in the world today is the line of human understanding."

Speaking of iron curtains, I'm reminded of a famous iron gate in early Christian history that gave way to an impact of massed prayer and faith. Peter was in prison. King Herod had intended to slay him. But the

record says that prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him. More and more we read of experiences of those who have had miraculous things happen to them through the prayers of people who are full of faith. Peter awaited death in the dungeon. One night the chains fell off his hands. The iron gate that led to the city "opened of its own accord," and Peter was free!

There are times when insurmountable obstacles seem to cross our paths, then and angel, or something, causes the barriers to melt away.

Self-interest, greed, lust for power, pride, have created iron curtains. Other interests must be put into action to take their place. Some day, with the prayers of millions on each side, the invisible, intangible iron curtain may open of its own accord, or disappear completely. But in the meantime, we must not cease to be alert, we must not call off the guard, but we must keep up our strength while prayers without ceasing are being made by the religious peoples of the world within and without the iron curtain.

## For a Pretty Girl

Salt Lake Tribune

Beauty being at a premium almost anywhere, you'd think a pretty girl could get along all right under just about any system of society.

But Sofie Ivancko, pretty Bulgarian miss of 23, didn't find that true. Sent to Denmark as an interpreter with the Bulgarian delegation to the Women's Democratic World Union, meeting in Copenhagen, Sofie walked to a Danish police station and asked political asylum—since granted.

The Bulgarian girl was neither a Communist nor active in the Bulgarian resistance. In fact, she said, as many a pretty girl might, "I am not very politically minded."

But, she lamented, life just wasn't worth living in Communist-run Bulgaria. Family life has been ruined. Wages are low, prices high. Suppression and supervision are constant.

"Just to live under communism gives one reason enough to wish one's self far away," said Sofie.

And so the West is the net gainer by one pretty girl—plus a lesson on the unsatisfactory nature of life, even for a comely miss, under Communist rule.

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