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LETTERS, WIRES AS INDEX TO SENTIMENT

In theory it is fine to "write a letter to your congressman" or "wire the president," but the recent McCarthy episode has shown the inherent fallacy of this as a guide on public opinion.

McCarthy urged his listeners to wire their sentiments to the White House. We assume he was not in collusion with the telegraph company, but it reaped quite a harvest, though not what one might have expected.

As anyone would assume, most of these wires backed McCarthy. Since McCarthy's admirers would be much more likely to accept his advice than would others, it is surprising that so many of the telegrams supported the president. Up to 11 a.m. Saturday the count was 2992 to 1354 for McCarthy.

Then a Toledo paper promised cooperation to those of its readers as wished to support the president, but agreed also to transmit views favorable to McCarthy. This response, amounting to more than 10,000, was about 30 to 1 for Eisenhower. McCarthy termed the paper's project dishonest, although it is hard to see how it was more so than McCarthy's original attempt to pack the telegraph wires with messages favorable to his side in the controversy.

The weakness of the letter or telegram to congressman, senator or president is that normally it comes only from those with extremely strong views on a given subject. Let 10 per cent support one side of a proposition with great zeal and their use of the mails and wires will far exceed that of the other 90 per cent who may disagree with them, but not violently.

Further, people may be stirred to action by a dramatic plea which gives only one side, and may even misrepresent the facts. McCarthy's plea is a case in point, and it happens repeatedly. The purpose is to give the public servant at the receiving end a distorted idea of what the public thinks.

Unfortunately this frequently succeeds, but not as often as it used to. For officials are learning how to discount their incoming mail when it has been given an artificial stimulus.

PEARL HARBOR MEMORIAL

It was just 12 years ago, December 7, 1941, that the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor and plunged the United States into World War II.

The only organization to observe the anniversary at Pearl Harbor is the navy which staged brief, solemn memorial services on the superstructure of the battleship Arizona, which the Japanese bombers destroyed.

The Arizona is still at the bottom of the harbor and the tomb of some 1100 sailors who went with her in the first battle of the Pacific war.

The superstructure of the old battleship still rises in defiance of destruction and has been made a monument to the men who died in the infamous sneak attack on a friendly nation.

Memorial services started at 7:55 a.m., Honolulu time, 4:55 p.m., PST, the exact moment Japanese bombers began wreaking havoc on the slumbering U.S. Pacific fleet.

A bugle call opened the memorial program, the American flag was raised on the remains of the sunken warship, prayers were offered for those who perished by Captain P. G. Linawea, chaplain of the 14th Naval district, followed by taps and a three-volley rifle salute fired by eight sailors.

Services were attended by representatives of veterans and civic organizations and the nine survivors of the attack now stationed at Pearl Harbor who were placed before the mast of the Arizona.

There were no other ceremonies by other branches of the armed service, nor was there a community service at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, where most of the victims of the attack were buried.

It is to be hoped that the sunken battleship will remain the tomb of those who perished and kept a national shrine, a perpetual memorial to their memory.—G. P.

TELLING IT TO MCCARTHY

Delegates to the American Veterans Committee's 10th anniversary convention at Atlantic City have voiced their support of President Eisenhower in the controversy over Senator Joseph McCarthy's criticism of the administration's foreign policy. Author-Cartoonist Bill Mauldin was elected national chairman by convention delegates.

The 300 delegates, representing 10,250 veterans, sent telegrams to the White House Sunday which read in part: "Senator McCarthy does not speak for us. We think he is undermining the Constitution we fought to preserve."

A resolution adopted by the AVC called for the opposing of "smear techniques based on innuendo, hearsay, unfounded accusations and outright lies . . . the techniques which are the stock in trade of Goebbels, Stalin and McCarthy."

Politicians attach little significance to McCarthy's "Tell it to Eisenhower" but the result so far shows that he maintains his pulling power.

An Associated Press sampling of newspaper editorial comment showed them about 5-1 upholding Eisenhower's position with about one third of the editorials noncommittal.—G. P.

Later Curfew

Bend Bulletin

Bend has just changed its curfew regulation to permit youngsters to be out on the street to midnight instead of 10 p.m. as at present. Bend police say young people often have good reason to be out at that hour—returning from theaters, parties or visits with friends. As a result, the enforcement of the regulation has been lax. From now on, it is announced, the enforcement after midnight will be rigid, and excuses will have to be good.

Albany police say the 10 o'clock rule is working satisfactorily here. The officers allow leeway to high school students and others needing to

be out past that hour. A sort of basic "rule of reason" prevails, and the regulation is said to be working out satisfactorily, with no great amount of advantage taken of leniency.

The effectiveness of this type of rule depends, most of all, upon the manner of its enforcement, about which there has been no complaint here, and the present 10 o'clock rule works well. The police have the situation, apparently, "well in hand."

KINDLY BURGLARS

Dallas, Tex. (AP)—Burglars who robbed a Dallas service station of \$200 in cash and checks yesterday left a note fastened with tire patches in a prominent spot. "Hey, mister, your back door's open," it read.

REMEMBER THE DAY IN '41?

AMERICA SHUT OFF THE ALARM—



—AND DOZED OFF FOR ANOTHER FORTY WINKS—



WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Bermuda Gives Big Three Chance to Patch Breaks

By DREW PEARSON

Washington — Though the Bermuda conference was called partly because of the accidental fact that Winston Churchill insisted on a Big Four meeting with Malenkov and because Bermuda was a semi-substitute, actually this accident came at just the right time.

For the Russians were beginning to score some hits in their game of pulling the Allies apart. The Bermuda meeting, therefore, is giving an opportunity to patch up the old alliance.

Here are some illustrations of how the Russians were playing the game of divide and rule:

1. Moscow proposed a non-aggression pact between Russia and France.

Why join the United European army and tolerate the danger of German rearmament? The Kremlin has argued. Why not sign a nonaggression pact with Russia thereby completely removing the danger of war? This has a lot of appeal in Paris, first, because the Communist party is powerful in France; second, because the United European army is, of course, aimed at blocking a Red army invasion.

2. Ambassador Bohlen has cabled the state department that the Kremlin has been adroitly wooing the British. The other day Premier Malenkov made the unprecedented move of asking British Ambassador Sir William Hayter to come to the Kremlin for an impromptu visit. Malenkov gave the ambassador only 30 minutes notice so he didn't have time to cable his government for instructions.

TEA IN THE KREMLIN

However, at the Kremlin, the two had a friendly chat, at which Malenkov turned on all his charm, told Hayter that Britain could lead the world if it didn't persist in tying itself to the apron strings of the United States.

The ambassador reported back to London that Malenkov was a man his government could do business with; that he was sure Churchill would be welcomed royally if he goes to Moscow alone.

Simultaneously, Lady Hayter was invited to tea by Mrs. Molotov, wife of the deputy premier. This is almost unheard of in the Russian capital, but was new evidence of how the Russians are playing the policy of trying to divide and rule.

These are some of the things Churchill, Eisenhower and Laniel are trying to counteract by personal conversations. For there is nothing like personal, across-the-table, face-to-face contact to improve diplomatic relations.

FRENCH RIVALS

The French delegation at Bermuda is not a happy one. Premier Laniel is scarcely talking to his foreign minister, Georges Bidault. Laniel and Bidault are rival candidates for president of France in the elections scheduled for December 17. And each is afraid the other is going to steal the publicity spotlight at Bermuda just before the balloting begins.

OPEN FORUM

Scio Resident Afraid Of Salem Grid System

To the Editor: I used to go to Salem at times on business and to do some of my trading, but since they have put one way traffic into effect I am afraid to go in, afraid that if I went in I would not find my way out.

I was taught when I started to drive that I was to stay on the right side of the road. Now they tell me that when I drive on a one-way street and want to make a left hand turn to go down on a different street I am supposed to drive on the left hand side of the street. It gives me sort of a funny feeling to drive on the wrong side of the street as they used to call it. It is all a merry mixup to me.

I have been thinking about this quite often and also told by some of my fellow countrymen that they also thought that the city cops probably weren't making enough on the meters on our parking so they had to start something new in order to give them a chance to tag some more innocent persons who just happen to make a mistake and make a wrong turn or drive in the wrong direction, ignorant of it until they get caught in the mess.

So my advice to my fellow countrymen is to stay out of these places unless absolutely necessary to go there.

A. D. BENDER, Scio.

democratic candidate against republican Sen. Guy Cordon.

Significantly, Neuberger wanted to dine with Morse in his hotel room where they would not be seen. Once a student at the University of Oregon Law school where Morse was dean, Neuberger had been toying with the idea of running against Morse for the senate, but in recent months has pretty well abandoned that idea.

Instead, democratic leaders have suggested that Neuberger run for the senate on the democratic ticket next year against Guy Cordon. He has told them that he would consider doing so if sufficient campaign contributions were promised in advance.

"You've got to get over the idea that you are going to get any cash on the barrelhead," Senator Morse advised his former student during their recent secret conference. "Democratic candidates just can't get that kind of money. Republicans may be able to get contributions in advance but not democratic or independent candidates. Democrats have to run on merit, not money."

"Guy Cordon has one of the most isolationist records in congress," continued Morse. "He's voted against Eisenhower's foreign policy right down the line, and Oregon is certainly not an isolationist state. They believe in Ike's foreign policy."

"I am convinced you could beat Cordon," Morse advised, "but you've got to make up your mind soon. It's only fair to other candidates. If you're not going to run, you've got to let people know so that someone else can make the race."

Neuberger, who has a good record as a forthright, liberal state senator, agreed with Morse that he should make up his mind soon.

Salem 49 Years Ago

By BEN MAXWELL

December 7, 1904

Said a Capital Journal editorial of 49 years ago: "The office of chief of police is very much sought after in the city of Salem for two reasons: Republican bosses want the office for the power it gives them in rounding up the next primaries and levying tribute on vice. Democratic politicians want it because it has a \$1000 salary and helps a certain Democratic faction to get county offices."

Electrical experts were working up an extremely novel feature for opening exercises at the Lewis and Clark exposition, June 1, 1905. It had been arranged that President Roosevelt in Washington should touch a few keys and set in motion chimes in towers of the government building at the exposition. Then the chimes were to play "My Country 'Tis of Thee."

Assessable property in Salem, both real and personal, as shown by the 1904 assessment roll, had been determined by County Clerk Rowland to be \$2,820,622.

The committee of lights had reported to the council the need for a light at the east end of Polk county bridge.

Edison theater, 143 State street, had an entire change of program. New moving pictures were billed and Lamont Brothers, ragtime dancers, were to appear in person. Admission, 10c.

J. G. Reigleman and W. F. R. Smith had formed a partnership and were prepared to conduct a general blacksmithing and woodworking business at 100 Chemeketa street. Smith had purchased the interest of G. Schultz and Reigleman had been at the present stand for seven years.

Attorney-General Crawford had handed down an opinion that the fairgrounds were exempt from prohibition prevailing in the Chemawaw precinct.

OPEN FORUM

Roseburg Man Praises Work of Salem YMCA

To the Editor: It was my privilege last Saturday, while in your fine city to visit your YMCA building. I wonder if the citizens of Salem and vicinity really appreciate this fine organization and the work that is being done for the boys of your community who are members. I understand that any boy can enjoy the facilities of the YMCA by paying

POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

Boyle Wants to Give Mankind 'Bess' New Miracle Disease

By HAL BOYLE

New York (AP)—Science from called "The Devil's Grip." It is characterized by a terrible back pain, headache, chill, shivering, nausea and dizziness.

All I want to do is give mankind a new miracle disease every few years, a disease everybody can enjoy.

The trouble with a miracle drug seems to be that as soon as it whips one disease it sometimes give you two other diseases that require the discovery of two more new miracle drugs to cure. How long can this go on?

That's the nice thing about my new miracle disease for the current season. No modern miracle drug has any effect on it, but the disease itself, if treated properly, will prevent you from catching more serious, disabling ailments.

In this respect it is like the common cold or Virus "X". Two fine old miracle diseases that have lost their social usefulness because people now suspect you are lying if you claim you have them and stay home from work. Nothing wears out a miracle disease like suspicion.

That is why I suggest you catch my new miracle disease—Boyle's Epidemic Spasmodic Seizure, or "Bess" for short—as soon as possible. Get its benefits now. It can't last long in a world where every man doubts the other fellow's symptoms and suspects his motives.

To give credit where credit is due, I got the idea for Boyle's Epidemic Spasmodic Seizure from Dr. Walter C. Alvarez, the internationally known physician.

Dr. Alvarez in a recent article described a new ailment which he himself has suffered

dues of \$10 a year. Where could ten dollars be spent for a better purpose?

I attended the swimming classes Saturday morning with my grandson and watched him with probably 25 other boys of his age as they took their swimming lessons in a fine pool. I met the instructors of the swimming pool and gymnasium and can surely say that they are capable and interested in the welfare of the boys. When boys and young men are enjoying the privileges of the YMCA they are not running the streets or being in places where they should not be.

H. F. PATTISON
Roseburg, Ore.

Life today periodically gives everyone a terrific pain in the neck, however, and who doesn't also shiver, feel dizzy and nauseated in these times? This results in boredom, and causes a tired, rundown feeling that can best be cured by a comfortable sleep of brooding in bed.

So I thought of naming my new successor to Virus "X" and the common cold "False Devil's Grip." But I decided that word "false" would keep it from widespread popularity.

Then I sounded out such names as "Hellburn Warp," "Angel Fever," "Purgatory Flutters," and "Wishbone Cramp." Somehow they didn't ring true. Throwing modesty aside, I decided to name my new miracle disease after its discoverer, which would give it a ring of authenticity.

How can you tell when you have Boyle's Epidemic Spasmodic Seizure—or Bess? Well, Bess has exactly the same symptoms as the common cold or Virus "X", except for two things. Your nose doesn't run, and you yawn often from an overwhelming sense of ennui.

You go to bed when it hits you and you recover from Bess when you get tired of it. You treat it by eating an old vitamin-packed miracle drug known as beefsteak whenever you are hungry.

Bess is a protective disease. It will protect you from pneumonia, overwork, or boring cocktail parties. It will protect you from being hit by a taxicab or struck by lightning. What other miracle disease can make these claims?

Be the first in your crowd to catch Bess. Win the social acclaim and respect that reward anyone who is the first to fall victim of a strange, fascinating, mysterious and comfortable ailment. It won't be long until some jealous termite in our society passes the word around:

"Have you noticed how much Boyle's Epidemic Spasmodic Seizure resembles what we used to call laziness?"

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