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## ADLAI RETURNS TO THE WARS

Adlai Stevenson, who was very much in the public eye for several months prior to a certain fateful Tuesday in November, 1952, and who consumed nearly half of the time since on a leisurely trip around the world has resumed the political wars he had interrupted.

The former Illinois governor, whose admirers think has the 1956 Democratic presidential nomination virtually in the bag, tilted his lance against the Eisenhower administration and the Republican party at a speech to \$100 a plate Democratic diners in Philadelphia Saturday night at which the clever phrase maker created a new one.

It is a charge that the administration and its party have supplanted the "four freedoms" of F.D.R. with "four fears." He describes these as fear of depression, fear of communism, fear of ourselves and "fear of freedom itself."

The first two fears exist, beyond a doubt. There is a possibility of depression as this biggest business year in the history of the United States closes. Many business indicators are dropping. There is no despair and no resort to the councils of despair in the administration, but there is a healthy anxiety there and throughout the business community generally. We suggest that this is a wholesome sign. Had this attitude existed 25 years ago, in 1928, what happened in the decade following might not have happened. There was no anxiety then, and the blow fell. There is anxiety and firm resolution now to avoid a debacle. There is no new war in sight to end the present mild recession, as World War II did the decade of depression that preceded it, and as the Korean war reversed the downswing of 1949 and early 1950.

Fear of communism? Yes, indeed, and we suggest that there is ample occasion for it in the wake of recent and earlier disclosures about the two previous administrations. But Adlai sees occasion only to fear and resent those who reveal the facts, no fear of the communists themselves or what they may do if unhindered. They are only a few, perhaps no more than there were in Russia when they seized control of that great country.

Fear of ourselves? Felt by whom? Not, assuredly by the supporters of the Eisenhower administration. Let Adlai look to those who are unwilling to trust the people to do for themselves but want a great white father in Washington to wet nurse them from the cradle to the grave. And we suggest that he will find them among his own political bedfellows.

Fear of freedom? This fear is not felt by the great mass of Americans. It is as false a tag to tie onto anything emanating from the Eisenhower administration as No. 3 on Adlai's list.

And the "four freedoms" themselves? That inspiring concept of the former president. If less faith has been felt in them in the recent past it could be because freedom disappeared for some six hundred millions of persons in Central Europe and in China due in large part to mistakes made by our government during the Roosevelt and Truman administrations.

How unrealistic Adlai is in his appraisal of current conditions in the United States may be sensed by the following paragraph from his speech:

"The bill of rights is besieged," Stevenson said, "ancient liberties infringed, reckless words uttered, vigilante groups are formed, suspicion, mistrust and fear stalk the land and political partisanship raises strange and ugly heads. The security of secret files is violated, and the spectre of a political police emerges. We begin to resemble the very thing we dread."

Adlai speaks as if he had been getting all his information about the U.S. from the highly prejudiced reports of European journalists and commentators both behind of and in front of the iron curtain while on a world tour from which he were only now returning.

Political hokum isn't Adlai Stevenson's forte and his good reputation will suffer badly if his utterances continue on this level.

## SCIENCE SOLVES ANCIENT PUZZLES

Two recent announcements, one by the Carnegie Institute annual report and one by the department of anthropology at the Milwaukee Public Museum are of great interest to geologists and anthropologists interested in prehistoric America.

They were the result of modern methods of research—the study of radioactivity and "carbon 14 tests made at the institute for nuclear studies at the University of Chicago which shows approximately the age of rocks and primitive artifacts and human remains.

The Carnegie Institute report advances new evidence that parts of the present states of New Mexico, Colorado and Wyoming were among the first areas of the primitive molten planet to cool some 3½ billion years ago.

If proof is established, Carnegie scientists said, these western areas of the United States would rank with parts of Canada, Africa and Scandinavia as the oldest solid spots on the globe.

Carnegie researchers said it has long been known that Canada, Africa and Scandinavia have rocks whose age has been estimated at over three billion years.

But new Carnegie studies have led to preliminary estimates that rocks in the Colorado-Wyoming-New Mexico area are approximately 3½ billion years old, which would make them as ancient as any on the North American continent. The rocks were located at Bonneville, Wyo., Dixon, N.M., and Ohio city, Colorado.

The Milwaukee report states that primitive Indians who fashioned artifacts of copper, a skill long since forgotten by those who encountered the first white men in Wisconsin remained the state more than 5000 years ago.

Human remains found in a burial ground near Oconto, Wis., last year were those of old copper culture Indians of about 5,600 years ago, plus or minus 400 years. The report states:

These were the earliest people known to have lived in Wisconsin and the earliest date established through carbon 14 tests for human remains found in northeastern North America. Radio active charcoal 14 found with the bones, loses about half of its radioactivity every 5000 years.

Besides the bones of about 45 persons, copper articles were found in the Oconto burial ground, including seven awls, four crescents, three clasps, a spear point and a bracelet. The copper was evidently mined in the Lake Superior region. —G. P.

## There Must Be A Better Way



## WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

### Real Ike Shines Through Again in UN Talk

By DREW PEARSON

Washington — Random thoughts — Listening to Ike's atomic speech the other day I thought of some of the other great gestures he has made to move the world forward . . . and how badly the world needs those gestures today . . . There was his Guild Hall speech in London, which lifted the British up toward new goals of Anglo-American friendship . . . There was his speech before the newspaper editors last Spring urging Russia to join with us in world peace . . . There was his book-burning speech at Dartmouth reaffirming the freedom of literature . . . And his inspiring message to Chancellor Adenauer of Germany offering food to the East German people . . . There was also one brief speech, which I alone heard in Paris in which he outlined his private philosophy about God and man and religion . . . There've been some of them not so inspiring, such as the "If all Americans want is security they can go

to prison" speech at Galveston . . . But whenever Ike sets his mind to it, the real Eisenhower shines through, and the result is the inspiration the world yearns for today—the inspiration the American people yearned for when they voted for him overwhelmingly just a year ago.

Wars are bred—when wars are over people throw their hats in the air . . . Memories crowd back to me of an armistice day I watched in Philadelphia in 1918. Whistles blew. Crowds cheered. Pretty girls kissed soldiers. Elderly women kissed soldiers. The war was over. The millennium was here . . . A few months later people settled down to enjoy the millennium, found it to be humdrum, unexciting, no bands playing, taxes high, business bad, Europe troublesome . . . To heck with Europe. Let's paddle our own canoe. Stay out of the League of Nations. Let those birds solve their own problems . . . Then came isolation, depression, discouragement, dissension, Hitlerism, war.

Dangerous era—Periods after wars are always difficult. That's when the seeds of future wars are sown. War don't break suddenly when a Hitler invades Poland on a September morning. They begin five, sometimes ten years before, with discouragement, depression, dissension . . . They begin when allies fight among themselves, when American idealism lapses into lethargy, when dollars are put ahead of decent diplomacy, when people lose hope . . . They also begin when people grasp at phony leaders who hold out new hope, when hate becomes more important than love, when tolerance is swamped by intolerance, when unscrupulous men trample on less fortunate men in their mad grasp for power.

Ike's chance—What impressed me about Ike's speech, as I sat listening, was his bold move for leadership has been lagging . . . This is a period when a nation must move forward, not backward. It's also a period when it's extremely easy to move backward . . . Once a nation, a people or a president start standing still, they start moving backward. The tides are too strong . . . The rush of conflicting currents that carry men and nations down are such that you have to keep swimming every minute just to get ahead . . . You have to work at peace, for instance, every minute, or you start drifting into war.

Ike's drive—All this is why Ike has got to keep moving forward—as he did the other day at the U. N., as he once did in Europe. He can't afford to sit behind the hedgerows at Caen. He has to break through as he did with Patton and Bradley at St. Lo and sweep on to bigger victories . . . As long as he's pushing forward, the McCarthyites who yammer at his heels can only nip. They can't throw him. As long as he's pushing forward, there will be no division in his own republican army. As long as he's moving forward the democrats can't catch up . . . But he has to keep pushing—at the expense of golf, health, everything else.

Alternative is war — For peace is more than war. And lives have to be lost in peace too — if necessary . . . Ike's plan for atomic cooperation, if he pushes it, can bring 50 years of peace . . . The alternative — within five years — war.

DEFENSE DEER HUNTERS  
Returning to Washington from a two-day hunt in Michigan with Arthur Godfrey and other amateur sportsmen, Defense Secretary Charles Wilson was asked at a press conference:

"Who got the more deer, you or Godfrey?"

"It was a draw," replied Wilson.

"How many pieces?"

"None."

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING  
If you're harassed over Christmas shopping and want a way to shop for someone else in a hurry, here are two suggestions:

1. Care has worked out a plan with the government

## Salem 37 Years Ago

By BEN MAXWELL  
December 14, 1916

Peace proposals had caused a slump in the stock exchange resulting in 2,500,000 shares exchanging hands.

Mayor E. Kirkpatrick of Dallas had been appointed county judge of Polk county by Governor Withycombe to replace Judge J. B. Teal who had resigned.

"Twin Beds," successful brain child of Salem authoress Margaret Mayo (Lillian Slaten) had returned to the Grand theatre for another engagement. Twin Beds had appeared for two years in London.

One carload of machinery had already been placed in the new Cherry City bakery at Broadway and Market streets.

C. Van Patten and Son were contractors for the new, two story Willis building on Court street to be completed by March 1, 1917 (Stiff furniture store has occupied the premise for many years).

A. J. Anderson had the contract for a one story building on Liberty street adjoining the Ye Liberty theater. J. C. Penney company was then (and is now) the tenant.

A business card mentioned that Dr. D. X. Beecher, dentist, was located on Portland road north of the fairgrounds. Owing to no office expenses his prices were reasonable.

Capital Journal's fashion column had displayed a model wearing a smart opera coat fashioned in somber tones and created in taupe chiffon velvet cut with a deep yoke and trimmed with a border of Scotch moleskin. The collar was made of skunk.

C. O. Thomas, shoe repairman at 266 Center street, had men's best half soles for 80c, children's half soles for 40c and women's half sole for 60c.

## PUNCHES WIFE'S NOSE

Hollywood — Dancer Victoria Varzandt won \$300 a month temporary alimony and an order restraining her actor-husband, Philip, from molesting her. Mrs. Van Zandt told the court "he punched me right in the nose one night because he said there was no place in Hollywood for girls of good character."

whereby an eleven-pound package of food can be delivered to needy people almost anywhere in the world for only \$1. The food is surplus American farm produce already stored overseas, and can be delivered within a few days—eleven pounds of rice, beef, sugar, canned milk, etc. Your name, which goes in the package, will help build people-to-people friendship, and with it will build peace.

2. A Virginia lady who prefers to remain anonymous has given me a check for \$1,000 for Korean orphans—provided a like amount is raised from other sources. This is for a country still in a shambles, still in the shadow of communist guns, where thousands of pinch-faced children are starving and homeless. You can help match the \$1,000 by earmarking a contribution to CARE, New York, or sending it direct to me.

## SEC. MCKAY'S HORSES

It's got to be sort of familiar each year for the nation to see an Oregonian haul his horses in a trailer from the West coast to Washington, D. C. The Oregonian is Sen. Wayne Morse, who uses his own car and frequently drives himself.

Last Spring another horse-loving Oregonian, ex-Gov. Douglas McKay, now Secretary of Interior, also brought his horses to Washington. And later when a National Parks truck turned up at the Meadowbrook riding stables, picked up McKay's trailer and carried it off, rumor got round that the Secretary of the Interior had used a National Parks truck to haul his horses all the way across the U. S. A. McKay is boss of the National Parks Service.

However, this was not the case. Questioned about the report, Secretary McKay said that he, like Senator Morse, had had his horse trailer hauled by his own private car. The trailer was driven by a couple who went on to New York, and this left McKay with the problem of moving his horses five miles. He said he mentioned this to a park Police Sergeant who frequently accompanies him horseback riding. The Sergeant said he would take care of the matter, but didn't say how he planned to do it.

This is the one time when a National Parks truck was used.

However, Secretary McKay says he has been careful about using government cars on other private matters, even brought his own car to Washington to be used on private and social matters.

The Secretary of the Interior is a Chevrolet dealer back in Oregon, but for personal purposes here in Washington he's using a Cadillac.

## POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

### 1953 Year of Upheavals, Big Decisions Postponed

By HAL BOYLE

New York (AP)—The seers and sages are already weighing a vanishing year, as 1953 becomes just another cobblestone on the long road of time.

What kind of a year has it been? How will it be remembered?

The historians will say it was a year of political upheavals, of dark doubts unresolved, of titanic decisions postponed.

The economists will say the nation's pocketbook stood the strain well, but will warn business could take a turn for the worse or, on the other hand, for the better.

The medical spokesmen will say the health of America was never higher, even though more people complained of a tired, rundown feeling.

Half the politicians (democrats) will view with alarm what wasn't accomplished in 1953; half the politicians (republicans) will point with pride at the legislative program for 1954.

But not even the communists will claim they have a solution to the greatest problem of the working man under U. S. capitalism, which is "where can I find a place to park my car?"

Each pundit will look at the diminishing year from his own viewpoint. And, as did the blind men who felt different parts of the same elephant and then described it variously as like unto a wall, a tree, or a snake, each will give his own verdict.

None will make much sense to the average man. He will remember 1953, not for its world-shaking events, but for something memorable that happened to him—trivial or important.

We look at a single year only through the perspective of our own lives, the impact it made in some way upon us individually, not the final place it will have in the long story of the human race.

We must remember that we are a generation that lives, after all, with its fingers crossed,

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