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## IKE ASSERTS PARTY LEADERSHIP

President Eisenhower's series of day-long conferences with party leaders last week is generally accepted as successful and as finally fusing administration policies into major objectives and an assumption of leadership he has been accused of neglecting in the initial year of his administration. At any rate it is conceded that he "roughly outlined the shape of things to come."

There is some criticism that he failed to consult democratic leaders. That will probably come later as he is a persuasive conciliator. The first step was to unite the divided republican support of the program he deems essential to the welfare of the entire nation and the other free nations.

That he has gone far in his objective is shown in the fact that there have been no bolts and blasts of controversy after the White House conferences. And there appears since his assumption of leadership in the atomic energy program, that the conferees left with new regard for their leader. There will be of course, troubles and discord ahead, but a good start has been made—even if somewhat late, due to Ike's ignorance of and dislike of politics.

As a military man, Eisenhower was used to strict discipline, but party responsibility is the substitute for discipline in politics. And the White House meetings were designed to lay the foundation for party responsibility, which depends to some extent on compromise, which the president indicated he was willing to yield to some extent.

What Eisenhower said was that the principles of his legislative program have been fixed but that he would accept modifications. He also added that the program being formulated was for all the people of the United States.

It is reported that in his state of the union message the president will forecast continued prosperity for the nation, outline the defense plans against possible recession and submit the report of his economic advisers on the stabilization program.

The stabilization program is reported to call for four main anti-depression steps, ranging from federal action to encourage maintenance of high production and employment to a federal public works program that would be called into play only in a dire economic emergency.

If the public works project are needed, officials say, only those that would contribute to the country's long-range productivity and economic growth would be built.—G. P.

## A GREAT MAN OF SCIENCE

Americans often argue about the identity of their great greatest men and women, for such a country as ours has many of them in a multitude of areas of endeavor. But few would deny Dr. Robert A. Millikan of Pasadena, Calif., a place among the 100 foremost Americans of the first half of the twentieth century. Dr. Millikan has just died aged 85 and he was very active until quite recently.

Dr. Millikan was a native of Illinois, one of six children of a Congregational minister. His academic career covered half a century spent with two famous institutions, 25 years at the University of Chicago, 24 years as executive head of the California Institute of Technology at Pasadena prior to 1945 when he reduced his activities slightly.

He was America's most famous physicist, holder of 25 honorary degrees, seven from foreign universities, author of 18 books on physics which were studied by millions of students. It is said that he knew as much as any man in the world of cosmic rays for a period of 20 years. He was constantly in the forefront of research into his field of science.

But Dr. Millikan played a big role in the rise of Cal Tech, where he was known as the "billion volt sparkplug." A few years ago this writer had an opportunity to read a long letter he wrote a young Idahoan, offering him a place on the Cal Tech staff, going into considerable detail about where he could board and room and other conditions he would find if he joined the institution. He had his fingers tightly on the practical details of running a college, even while his great mind wrestled with the weighty problems of the universe.

One of our intellectual giants is gone, at 85. Fortunately we had him a long time and he served his fellow men till the last. He'll be enshrined with science's immortals.

## BERIA'S TRIAL COMING SHORTLY

For a long time the rest of the world has been wondering what kind of monkey shines the Russians were up to with Beria, the long time head of the dreaded secret police, under arrest for several months, whether dead or alive few outside the Kremlin knew.

It now appears that Beria is alive, though he probably won't be for long. He is going to face one of those notorious Russian spy trials which always result the same way and with the same punishment for the accused. For a long time it looked as if the Kremlin wanted Beria forgotten, but now it appears that he is looked upon as a juicy propaganda morsel. He'll be tried in style, with all the radio and T-V trimmings.

Moscow solemnly announces that Beria was a foreign capitalistic agent for 34 years, without offering a prize for anybody stupid enough to believe the Communist leaders were so obtuse as to let that go on for so long. It is doubtful if anybody in Russia, let alone anywhere else, will fall for such an obvious falsehood. Or what good it would do the Kremlin if he did.

Maybe the trial, with its public humiliation of a man who long struck terror in millions of his countrymen, is aimed only at sadistic revenge. Or it may seek to terrify any potential "enemies of the state," of which Russia doubtless contains many.

Whatever the hidden motive, the trial will be an interesting study of official Russian mentality, and it will give the free world's scientists a new opportunity to study the still mysterious way the Russians have of converting a once strong mind into a ventriloquist's dummy.

## FOUNDER OF RAINBOW GIRLS DIES

McAlester, Okla. (AP) — W. Marz Saxson, 76, founder of the International Order of Rainbow Girls, died here shortly before midnight Sunday after an extended illness.

## LOST IN THE WOODS



## WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

### Ike's Legislative Program Held 'Surprisingly Liberal'

By DREW PEARSON

Washington—President Eisenhower held two emergency cabinet meetings plus a regular cabinet meeting to whip his legislative program into shape before he sat down last week with GOP congressional leaders.

The program his cabinet came up with in the end was surprisingly liberal. Some said it was more like the New Deal than what the Republican party stood for, and this was the chief reason for the clash with old guard GOP leaders.

However, the program is flexible and Ike advisers went into the closed-door sessions prepared to give.

Here is a rough summary of what the administration proposes:

**Defense Budget**—Secretary of Defense Wilson has finally produced a three-year program for trimming down defense spending. It calls for the reduction of the Army-Navy by 300,000 men next year and by 500,000 men during the three-year period. The Navy will lose 60 ships, including two battleships, but no airplane carriers. The Air Force, which was cut too drastically last year, will be given seven new groups—but not to be completed before June 1, 1957. This will make a total of 137.

The defense budget for fiscal year 1955 will be \$39,900,000,000 of expenditures or \$33,200,000,000 of appropriated money. The difference is accounted for by money left over from the previous year.

This cut is drastic, but not as drastic as those ordered by Louey Johnson. Unfortunately, Undersecretary of Defense Roger Kyes failed in his attempt to revamp the defense establishment along modern, atomic lines. Instead the three services sliced a little, but basically stuck to conventional weapons such as warships and foot-soldiers.

**UNBALANCED BUDGET**  
**Budget Balancing**—The budget will not be balanced next year. Reluctantly, Secretary of the Treasury Humphrey has bowed to the inevitability of an eight to nine billion-dollar deficit. He still thinks the proposed new budget is too high, and doesn't see how he's going to raise the money.

**Taxes**—The tax cuts scheduled to go into effect in January will be made. No effort will be made to stop them, though that is the only way the budget can be balanced. The President proposes to cut excise taxes about 50 per cent; also wants to drop the increase in social security. There will be no attempt to put across a sales tax in the form of a manufacturers' sales tax.

**Anti-Recession Program**—Ike's economic advisers have set up a public-works program not unlike the New Deal days, in case the business economy turns sour.

**Farm Program**—Price supports continue automatically next year. But for next year Agriculture Secretary Benson proposes flexible price supports—differing according to different commodities—and much more effort to sell farm produce abroad. Congressional leaders don't like the flexible

or sliding-scale angle. They favor rigid price supports.

**Aid to Education**—Some Ike advisers definitely favor federal aid to education, in order to alleviate the desperate problem of overcrowded schools. Final outcome will depend on congressional leaders.

**Trade and Tariffs**—This will be put off until after the Randall commission reports in March.

**Labor Program**—Revision of the Taft-Hartley act will be proposed, but will not go nearly far enough to please labor leaders.

**ADVICE TO IKE**  
President Eisenhower will battle hard for his legislative program in the next Congress, but he won't use the big stick on GOP congressmen from closely contested districts if they don't support him all the time.

"I realize that those fellows in the marginal districts have a tough time getting elected," Ike told GOP Congressman William H. Ayres, who himself comes from the marginal district of Akron, Ohio. "They have to follow a middle-of-the-road policy most of the time, without veering to the right or left, if they want to remain in Congress next November. I understand their problems and plan to be sympathetic."

Ayres' district, which he carried by 22,000 votes in 1952, is one of the most varied in the country, and is sometimes called "Little America," the Ohioan told Ike.

"My 465,000 constituents include 85,000 members of organized labor, 37 organized nationality groups of various ethnic origins, 30,000 Negroes and 3,000 farmers," reported Ayres. "They can't all get to see you, but they want me to act as their agent in expressing their views to you. One thing I can say confidently is that they want Congress to enact your legislative program."

"It will be a constructive program, aimed at doing the most good for the nation as a whole," replied the President. "That's the kind Congress should enact, without catering to any pressure groups. I am for a constructive revision of the Taft-Hartley law, but we can't scuttle the entire law to appease some labor leaders."

"The same objectivity must apply to the farm program. We can't go overboard for farm subsidies at the expense of harming consumers."

Ayres said he felt confident that the next session of Congress would support Eisenhower's legislative proposals, adding: "If Congress doesn't support you, it's cooking its own goose."

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## Divided Parties

By Frank Jenkins in Klamath Herald-News

Adlai Stevenson, addressing a meeting of the Democratic advisory council in Philadelphia last night, offered this sage bit of advice to the advisors:

"Our party's biggest job," he said, "is the healing of the intra-party disputes, such as exist between the North and the South."

And—  
He might have added—  
Between the radicals and the conservatives, the government ownership and the private enterprisers, the apostles of something for nothing and the disciples of the doctrine that "in the sweat of thy brow shalt thou earn thy bread."

And so on.  
To that crack, let's add:  
The GOP is in the same boat.

But—  
The GOP is navigating more difficult waters. It is IN. The Democrats are OUT. When your party is in, the power that its factions struggle for is real. The battle is for blood. It's war to the knife and the knife to the hilt.

The Democrats have a much easier job. They're out. When you're out and want to get back in, you can get together. In the back of your mind is always the realistic thought that unless you do get together you'll never get back in.

So, I imagine, the Democrats will be able to patch up their quarrels. They'll have to if they're ever to get back in. Whether or not the GOP will be able to smooth over its differences, I wouldn't know.

But, if it doesn't, it will be out.  
In unity there is strength. Without unity, there is no strength.

**WHEN STRONG MEN MEET**  
Pendleton East Oregonian  
It is becoming evident that Secretary of Defense Wilson has grabbed the ball from the admirals and generals who have long operated on the "balanced forces" theory. When the cut in manpower of the various forces was announced it was significant that the air force suffered no cut. This does not mean, however, that Secretary Wilson can make it stick. Stouter men than he have succumbed to the political power of the Big Brass.

**THAT'S TELLING 'EM**  
Bend Bulletin  
The city of Sandy, Oregon, has the best traffic warning sign we've yet seen in nearly a quarter of a million miles of driving the West's highways.

"Take it easy," it says, "our new hospital isn't finished yet."

**OVERPAID \$100,000**  
Detroit (AP)—Empee, Inc., a New York firm, mailed a check for \$100,000.74 to the Wayne County treasurer here to cover payment of taxes.

County Treasurer Harold E. Stoll said he would send back the check. The company owes only 74 cents.

**WOODCUTTER KILLED**  
Portland (AP)—A 76-year-old woodcutter was found Friday injured fatally beside a tree he had chopped down near Oswego southwest of here.

The body of William Jackson Cokran, Oswego, was discovered by Fred Grimm, Oswego, for whom Cokran was chopping wood. Grimm went out to look after Cokran's wife had notified him her husband did not return home on time.

**ONE PLANE ENOUGH**  
San Antonio, Tex. (AP)—Even 47 years ago Congress was squabbling over how much the nation should spend on its air force. Maj. Gen. Clement McMullen recalled today that one congressman complained bitterly in 1906: "Why all the fuss about airplanes—the Army has one, doesn't it?"

**SMELT REACHED SALEM**  
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**OTTO J. WILSON**, 358 North Commercial street, had a 1920 model Dort touring car for sale for \$250. (Dort, a four cylinder car, was manufactured between 1915 and 1923. It enjoyed mild popularity in the medium price field. The motor was rated at 35 horsepower in the box-like sedan of 1921.)

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## POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

### Real Joy of Christmas Shines in Child's Eyes

By HAL BOYLE

New York (AP)—What is Christmas?  
It began with the worship of an infant, and even today you miss the sparkle of Christmas unless you see it by the candles of joy in a child's eyes.

Christmas is the one holiday of the year that adults can never take away from the kids—so they might as well quit trying. From the dawn's early light until the twilight Jowers to the music of a tired, sleepy hand beating on an already broken drum, Christmas is properly the property of childhood.

We grownups try to get into the act, but our real role is that of appreciative audience. There is no fun on Christmas greater than watching a kid have fun. And how could there be? For only in such a manner can we ever truly bathe in the

fountain of youth, and know again the morning delights we somehow lose along the way.

Some adults feel hurt if they don't get more Christmas cards than they send out—as if Christmas were a popularity contest, and they had lost it. Others worry if they do get back more cards—as if Christmas were a matching contest that the rules of a courteous jungle require to come out even. Still other adults get secretly or audibly miffed if they get a wrong present—as if Christmas were a competition between pocketbooks.

It is these so-called grownups who most often complain that Christmas has become a racket, and as far as they are concerned they are quite right. To them it is a racket because they have approached it in that spirit. Childbirth would be a racket, too, if a mother had a baby only to sell it to the highest bidder.

All such spiritually barren folk should have their hearts, if not their heads, examined and be given a massive dose of the world's oldest wonder drug—the elixir of loving-kindness.

What makes a child love Christmas? Wonder and surprise. The immortal ecstasy of opening a package and finding something new inside. The value of a gift means nothing to him. And what difference does it make if the child breaks his gift five minutes after he opens the package? He has given you a reward that will last as long as memory—the wonderful look of happiness when he first saw his gift, his face sweet as the spring sun and his voice like a glad bird's cry.

If someone deeded you the earth and threw in the moon for a souvenir, could you summon up such utter appreciation?

There are some who say that there is too much emphasis on giving presents to children at Christmas and too little emphasis on religion—too much of Santa Claus, too little of Christ. But I recall reading that the three wise men brought gifts to the infant Jesus in the manger, and I don't recall reading that he grew up a spoiled child.

Someone told me a story the other day of a little boy who surprised his mother with a present for her birthday. It was a big, awkwardly tied package. As the mother pulled more and more wrapping out of the box without finding anything, she began to suspect a trick.

"Why, I don't believe there's any present inside at all," she exclaimed, pretending disappointment.

"Yes, there is, too!"  
"What is it?" asked the mother.

"It's me!" said her little son, jumping up and down with glee.

There is a French maxim that says, "Zest is the last gift of the Gods."

What is Christmas but zest—the zest of seeing a happy child, and kindling through remembrance the zest you knew yourself as a child on Christmas morning?

None of us know what the infant Jesus really looked like, but don't we all feel we smiled on His birthday?

## The Yule Fool

Los Angeles Mirror

The holiday season and its twin, the traffic death peak season, are practically breathing down our necks.

So the National Safety Council is advising you: "Don't Be a Yule Fool!"

A Yule Fool is the boy who gets loaded at the Christmas office party and then weaves home at the wheel of a two-ton automobile.

A Yule Fool is the celebrating lad—or lass—who wanders across the street daring motorists to hit him.

In short, a Yule Fool is the person who mixes too much alcohol with traffic.

More than twice as many lives are lost in traffic in the week between Christmas and New Year's day than in any other single week.

So take your spot of good cheer these holidays under circumstances which won't menace your life or that of someone else.

Don't be a Yule Fool. Be a Yule Wise Man and stay alive for 1954.

## PUN OF THE WEEK

Albany Democrat-Herald

Eric Allen, Jr., of the Medford Mail Tribune comes up with the neatest double-barreled pun of the week. Writing from the University of Oregon school of journalism, where he is doing advanced work under a scholarship, he quipped: "New description of Kinsey: He for whom the belles told."

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QUICK RESULTS

Palo Alto, Calif. (AP)—Mrs. Doria Buna got faster results than she expected when she appeared on a radio show and offered purebred collie pups to persons who would give them a good home.

Returning home, she found one of the pups missing and a note tacked on her front door reading: "Heard you on the radio. Loved your dogs. Took one for my boys in Los Angeles. Thanks."

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