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TIME'S 'MAN OF THE YEAR'

Time Magazine has built its selection of the "man of the year" into a major event which millions of persons in foreign countries as well as our own eagerly anticipate. Some years Time has flubbed its responsibility, but usually it picks shrewdly and well, a foreigner quite as often as an American. For Time is here choosing that man who of all the men in the world has exercised the most influence upon the course of events for good or ill.

Past winners are a galaxy of the world's top men, good and bad. They include Franklin D. Roosevelt, Winston Churchill, George Marshall, Stalin, Hitler and Eisenhower. "Ike" was the winner last time and we believe in 1944, the year he successfully invaded the European continent.

Time has just announced its 1953 winner and he is the man this newspaper hoped would be named, Chancellor Konrad Adenauer of the West German republic, who was chiefly responsible for that key nation lining up with the west in the struggle with the east for mastery in Western Europe and the whole world.

West Germany swung in the balance. The battle for Europe would probably go the way West Germany went. Had it not been for Adenauer and the kind of leadership he provided West Germany might have swung to Russia. But under Adenauer the country recovered faster than any other on the continent and the 1953 German elections gave the rugged 78-year-old chancellor a landslide majority that assures him a free hand to continue his pro-western policies.

You could say with much truth that if Churchill, Eisenhower or most other leaders in the free world dropped out a man of somewhat similar views would take his place, but Adenauer personally made the difference. Hence his contribution, it seemed to us, and Time confirms it, was the greater in this past tremendously important year.

Time remarks in commenting on its choice that had Adenauer died at 70, after a long, useful life that included the mayoralty of the great city of Cologne, no American newspaper would have printed more than a paragraph about him. His impact on world affairs could not have been foreseen by anyone a scant eight years ago. The free world should hail its scanty Teutonic ally and hope for him several more years of effective strength. Scarcely any man anywhere is so desperately needed.

'HAPPY NEW YEAR'

Today we look back upon 1953 as another year that is gone. Whether it brought joy or sorrow and to most of us it brought both, it is now a closed book, an experience to be remembered. Eventually it will take its place in the American saga as "the good old days," whether or not anybody noted this at the time.

But now our look is forward. We turn a new leaf. The mistakes of the past are gone. We need not make them again. Or we so hope on this day of optimism. A new year begins. A new page is as yet unrolled with our scribbling.

The new year is symbolized by cartoonists at this season as a sturdy young infant with a cheerful look of anticipation on his face, often glancing with pity at the doddering old man who portrays the outgoing year. The hopeful infant of only 12 months before.

This is only a cheerful custom, but it symbolizes the American attitude of looking forward each year to better things. These are never all realized but some of them always are, and through the years many of them are.

In our opinion the optimism of the season is fully justified if tempered with realism, as it is with most of us. We do have good things to look forward to, a progressing country, adding public and private improvements steadily, and a free country ruled by its people when most of the world is ruled by tyrants.

So we join the popular chorus of the day, "Happy New Year." We hope you will have one, and many more to follow. And we fully believe you will in this favored Willamette valley.

ONE 'HERO' AMONG THE TWENTY-TWO

There has been more silly emotional fuss over the 22 American pro-Red prisoners of war who refused to return home and sneered and derided the U.N. officers beseeching them, snake-danced to communist hymns and spat on Old Glory and cursed the land of their native birth than there were for thousands of GI patriots who immediately accepted the chance to come back to the United States.

Now that one of the 22 has recanted, a young Texan, Cpl. Charles J. Bacheiler changed his mind and graciously consented to be shipped back home, he can expect to be, and doubtless will be heroized throughout the country. And this, despite that his conversion was probably due to the entreaties of his Japanese wife in Tokyo, not to love of his native land and parents at home. He was deaf to their entreaties.

Such laudation is perhaps the true Christian spirit and quite orthodox. The gospel of Luke in Chapter 15, descriptive of the lost sheep and the shepherd, quotes Jesus as saying:

"I say unto you, that likewise, joy shall be in Heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance."

So those of the 22 POW black sheep that repent and come home to mamma can perhaps expect to be popularly exalted and perhaps awarded Distinguished Service Crosses and adequate pensions. But they had better keep an eye on the comrades-in-arms they betrayed while in durance vile.—G. P.

Wet Year

Stayton Mail

Adding up rainfall for the calendar year we find there was 87.79 wet inches to date. Surely much above average although we have no local record for the past year for comparison.

Southern California with only four inches for the calendar year could well hope for some of our excess moisture. The record at Los Angeles is the lowest of any since the weather bureau began functioning 73 years ago.

HORSES AREN'T INSECTS

Topeka Kan. (AP)—Horses were no longer considered insects in Kansas today.

The last state legislature finally repealed a statute requiring all stallions be registered with the Board of Agriculture's insect expert.

NAUGHTY SAILORS

New York (AP)—An elderly woman complained to a mounted policeman on New Year's eve duty in Time Square early today. "The sailors are grabbing strange girls and kissing them."

PERFECT YEAR GUARANTEED

IF, AFTER YOU HAVE TRIED IT FOR ELEVEN MONTHS AND THIRTY DAYS, YOU'RE NOT SATISFIED THAT 1954 IS THE BEST YEAR YOU EVER HAD, YOU CAN RETURN THE UNUSED PORTION, AND GET ANOTHER NEW YEAR



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WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Pearson Sees No War, Drop In Business for Next Year

By DREW PEARSON

Washington — Here are my predictions for the year 1954:

World Peace—The Russians can't afford an attack on the western world for some time due to unrest in the satellite nations and a severe crop setback this year inside Russia. Therefore peace, though precarious, will continue. There will, however, be sporadic trouble in the Near East, the Far East and North Africa.

Korea — Truce-peace talks will drag on interminably throughout the entire year of 1954. They will give no satisfaction to anyone. The Chinese Reds will duck out of every basic issue and Dr. Syngman Rhee will constantly threaten to start war again. However, the chances are he won't carry out his threat.

Business — Industrial production will be down about 10 per cent with retail prices also dropping — though not that much—for the first definite decline since the end of World War II. Unemployment will be about 3,000,000 by the end of the year. As a result of unemployment insurance, old-age pensions, federal deposits, insurance and other safeguards, there should be no depression.

Senator Taft's Successor — The most missed man in Washington will be the late Senator Taft who was able to ride herd on rebellious Republicans. Today, with the Republicans facing a paper-thin majority, and with Ike needing every vote he can get, the man who takes Taft's place is all-important and the big question is—is anyone big enough to fill his shoes? Knowland of California inherited Taft's title and has increased in stature, but lacks his power. Bridges of Michigan are possibilities to fill his shoes. But I predict that the Senate will be run at first by a coalition of Republicans with brainy, witty Eugene Millikin of Colorado emerging as the real leader of Senate Republicans.

Farm Future—Farm prices will continue pretty much on their present level though with some declines. Secretary Benson's plan for flexible support prices will be vetoed by Congress, which will re-enact rigid price supports. With the government already investing five billions in the price-support program I predict that, within four months this figure will reach \$6,750,000,000—the limit set by law—and that Congress will increase the Commodity Credit Corporation's crop-buying powers to eight billions or more.

Postal Rates—Congress will veto the proposed increase of first class mail to four cents, but will increase second class mail newspapers and magazines thirty per cent, and third class mail fifty per cent. Taxes—As of today income taxes are automatically reduced 10 per cent while the excess-profits tax expires altogether. Simultaneously Social Security taxes are automatically increased, which means a big saving for upper bracket taxpayers, but little saving for the lower brackets. Families with an income of \$3000, for instance, will find the 10 per cent reduction counterbalanced by the increased Social Security payment. General Motors, for example, will save half a billion in excess profits taxes alone.

Therefore I predict that the White House will demand that Congress postpone the Social Security tax increase until after election, but that Congressman Dan Reed of the ways and means committee will stand in the way. Finally, I predict, Congress will give way to political pressure, repeal the Social Security tax increase, and the Treasury Department will make refunds to lower-bracket taxpayers—just before November elections.

Wire-tapping — For years the public has considered wire-tapping a low form of eavesdropping used legally only in police states. Despite this, in a government agency there is probably more wire-tapping in Washington today than ever before. Attorney General Brownell now proposes to legalize wire-tapping under certain conditions, but I predict his request will fail.

Senator McCarthy and the Democrats—After the Democrats walked out on McCarthy last year he promptly went on a one-man investigation pinge embarrassing the Eisenhower administration just about as much as the Democrats. In 1954 I predict the Democrats will propose coming back to his committee, provided—and this is important—he gives up his dictatorial control over committee investigators. They will point out that an investigation is supposed to be conducted by all the committee, not by one man. If McCarthy refuses, I predict the Democrats will move to cut off McCarthy's operating funds — which they can do with the help of independent Sen. Wayne Morse of Oregon.

McCarthy's Future—McCarthy's greatest asset today is the cash that pours in from H. R. Hunt and Texas millionaires from certain oil companies in California, such as Bill Keck of Superior Oil, from Robert Woods of Sears, Roebuck and others of the old America First crowd. As a result he has more political money to spend than any other member of Congress. And I predict that McCarthy will parcel out this money to various less fortunate Republican candidates next fall—provided they follow the McCarthy line once they are elected. As a result I predict McCarthy will build up a national political machine that will boom him for vice president in 1958 and president in 1960.

The Old Southern-Republican Coalition—For about eight years Congress has been dominated backstage by a coalition of southern Democrats and Republicans — the Republicans agreeing to back the southerners regarding cloture and segregation, the southerners in turn backing the Republicans in opposing public power and various New Deal issues. Today, however, the south is boiling against the Republicans over three issues: Segregation, GOP farm policy, and attacks on Protestants—the latter regarded by many southerners as a deliberate campaign to embarrass Protestant churches and put the Catholic church in power. Therefore, it's an all-but-certain prediction that

Hidden Third Party

By RAYMOND MOLEY

Once more, in the Congressional session that lies ahead, we shall witness the sharp ideological divergence that lies between the President and Congress. The President will propose; Congress will dispose. And all the conferences at the White House by Republican and Democratic Congressional leaders will not alter that condition. With the exception of a few short periods, such as the honeymoon days of Wilson and F.D.R., that condition has prevailed for at least half a century.

Why, one might ask, should there be this difference? The same people elect the President and Congress. The same Party labels are attached to both.

One explanation is the great difference in the mode of nomination and election. Members of the House are elected in 435 Congressional districts. Senators are elected on a statewide level, but they are not in more than half of the cases elected at the same time at which Presidential electors are chosen. And their campaigns must of necessity be directed at the issues and preferences of their own particular states. Presidents are elected by electors chosen at the state level. And the candidate whose electors get the most votes gets all the electors of the state. It is true that to a degree the people who nominate a Presidential candidate are selected at the level of the Congressional districts. But Presidential primaries have profoundly affected the plan of district representation, and the unit rule, so far as it prevails, negates the plan of district representation.

To a greater extent than any other President, Franklin D. Roosevelt grasped that difference. Beginning after the election of 1934 he played for statewide majorities by an appeal to the blocs and minorities resident in the big urban centers. Progressively after 1936 he carried fewer and fewer counties in the big industrial states and still piled up a majority from the cities.

The trend in the elections of Presidents is toward more democracy and away from Republicanism. The House has always been built in the image of a republic. That is as the makers of the Constitution decreed. Congress remained in the Republican pattern. The Presidency broke away. In fact, there are some deluded people who would elect the President by a straight popular vote over the nation. That would be "democracy" with a vengeance. It would also destroy the two-Party system and put us at the mercy of minorities.

Congressman Frederic R. Coudert, Jr., calls the present method of nominating and electing a President the control of "a hidden third Party" in the "narrow constituency of the Presidency, composed of pressure groups and splinter political parties." In New York state, where there are two splinter parties and a

Salem 38 Years Ago

By BEN MAXWELL

January 1, 1915

British battleship Formidable had been sunk in the English channel. There were 71 survivors out of 780 officers and men.

Clocks in downtown Phoenix, Arizona, had been set back six hours on the evening of December 31, 1914, to enable hotels, cafes and saloons to serve tardy tipplers on the eve of state-wide prohibition.

Celebrants had loaded and primed the old brass cannon at Salem armory and when the gun waddled with paper discharge at midnight Capital Journals were distributed all the way to Willamette university. Even the gun itself took off and when it descended the tailpiece was broken off.

There were 472 marriages in Marion county during 1914. During this interval the county also spent \$179,358.19 improving roads.

During 1914 automobiles licensed in Oregon totaled 16,347. Motorcyclists brought 2888 licences.

Said a Capital Journal editorial: "The vernal equinox is the natural time for a new year, aw-ening of the earth comes in the spring, the crops start then, the blossoming and thrill of a new life then begins, not only in the fields and woods but in man himself."

Panama-Pacific exposition, five years under construction at San Diego, had opened with elaborate ceremonies.

Can't Go It Alone

Bend Bulletin

A number of members of the Senate and House of Representatives—some of them from our own state—are showing signs of having recently been afflicted with recurring nationalitis of the "we can do it alone without help from anyone" school.

This rather disturbs us. It is, we feel, a dangerous attitude to develop in view of the fact that the biggest present threat to our national security is Communism, a true world conspiracy.

And the last two world wars should have taught us that trouble anywhere on this earth can and probably will eventually involve the United States.

BLIND DRIVER FINED

East Jordan, Mich. (AP)—Harlow Ebenstein, 23, was fined \$10 yesterday for driving a car without a license.

even the most conservative southern Democrats will veto any Republican coalition this year.

The Next Russian Purge—The handwriting on the Kremlin wall indicates that Foreign Minister Molotov, one of the few remaining old Bolsheviks who helped plot the Russian revolution, is now on the skids. He appears to have been deliberately slighted at recent Red rallies. Hard-boiled as he has appeared to be at certain international conferences, Molotov nevertheless came from the old school that believed Russia could get along with the West without war. I predict that before the end of 1954 he will be purged.

POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

'Happy New Year' Has a Different Meaning to Each

By HAL POYLE

New York (AP)— "A happy new year!"

This fine old greeting will be said billions of times today. Some will bellow it merrily; some will whisper it through the filter of the dark brown taste of the morning after the night before; some will mumble it with the professional solemnity of a hired pallbearer at a cut-rate funeral.

"A happy new year!"

The words have a leaping sound to some, a doleful significance to others. For many a man now is caught in a valley of despondence—the peak of Christmas joy is behind him, and before him he sees a new year mountain of bills and duties and doubts.

"How will I ever make it through this one," he groans, thinking of his past mistakes. And whenever a friend says "Happy new year!" he feels more like breaking out in tears than cheers.

How can such a weight be comforted in his woe? Well? How better than by reading what some wise men of the past have said on the subject of time and the problems it brings?

So, if the new year threatens to get you down, here are a few famous sayings to paste in your heart and head and help you weather this difficult time:

"I will not let the years run over me like a juggernaut car." —Thoreau.

"Years have harder tasks than listening to a whisper or a sigh." —Stephen Vincent Benet.

"From each of us each passing year takes something." —Horace.

"All sorts of things and weather must be taken in together, to make up a year." —Emerson.

"We spend our years as a tale that is told." —Old Testament.

"A thousand years in Thy sight are but as yesterday when number of self-conscious minority groups. Presidential candidates of both parties must play mostly to these minorities for they constitute the balance of power. The 10 to 20 per cent take precedence in the solicitation over the 80 to 90 per cent. Other states, where labor groups are strong, face the same peril of minority rule.

Coudert's remedy is a proposed Constitutional amendment which bears his name. It would provide for the election of the President by 435 electors chosen at the district level and two electors in each state chosen at the statewide level. That would make the constituency electing the President identical with that which chooses Congress.

This would bring the Presidency back into the pattern of a republic. For to seek democracy directly is to lose the very essence of democracy to strategic minorities.

it is past, and as a watch in the night." —Old Testament.

"In masks outrageous and austere

"The years go by in single file;

"But none has merited my fear,

"And none has quite escaped my smile." —Elinor Wylie.

"The good old year was the past, O be the new as kind." —Bryant.

"New year comes but once, twelvemonth." —W. E. Henley.

"Yesterday's errors let yesterday cover." —Sarah C. Fuller.

"Ring out the old, ring in the new." —Tennyson.

"A man should never be ashamed to own he has been in the wrong, which is but saying in other words, that he is wiser today than he was yesterday." —Swift.

"Never tell your resolution beforehand." —John Selden.

"Be as a tower, that, firmly set, shakes not its top for any blast that blows." —Dante.

"Resolve, and thou art free." —Longfellow.

"There is no such thing in man's nature as a settled and full resolve either for good or evil, except at the very moment of execution." —Hawthorne.

"Hast thou attempted greatness? Then go on; back-turning slackens resolution." —Robert Herrick.

"The road to resolution lies by doubt." —Francis Quarles.

"Childhood may do without a grand purpose, but manhood can't." —J. G. Holland.

"When a man does not know what harbor he is making for, no wind is the right wind." —Seneca.

"All things are what you make them." —Plautus.

Hawaiian Statehood
Bend Bulletin

Apparently, political pressure is going to do something in the next few months that logic has been unable to do for a number of years.

We are talking about the admission of Hawaii to the United States, making it necessary to add a star to the existing 48 in every American flag.

Here's the reason Hawaiian statehood probably will go through early in the next session of the Congress:

The Senate, where statehood for Hawaii has been bottled up several times, now is composed, for organizational purposes, of 49 Republicans and 47 Democrats. Republicans stand an excellent chance of losing at least one and maybe more of their 49 places in the elections next November.

If, however, they admit Hawaii as a state, the ratio probably will become 51 Republicans to 47 Democrats.

Then the loss of one, or even two, seats in the next election won't be the catastrophe it would be under the present ratio.

The Glow of Faith

So long as we have faith in our God, our Nation, and Ourselves—ours will be a full life.

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