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IKE REBUKES RABID PARTISANSHIP

President Eisenhower in his Wednesday press conference in effect rebuked some of his own party leaders by expressing disapproval of sharp partisan attacks on the Democrats by Republican orators, linking their party with communism. He would have them quit calling Democrats "sadists" and similar epithets.

The president told the newsmen that he was not much of a partisan himself and he thought any great display of political partisanship was out of line in times like these. Besides because of the slim democratic majority he needs Democratic votes to get his program through congress in which both parties are faction split.

Mr. Eisenhower told the press that he expected his own official family to show a tolerance for Democrats and added he had no control of congress. He also said it would be untrue, foolish and politically unwise to charge that Democrats were tinged, with treason and were all security risks.

Mr. Eisenhower's attitude will win popular approval because he senses the fact that he is president of all the people, Democrats as well as Republicans, was elected by a majority of the voters, a majority his party failed to attain in congress. He is the first president since the advent of the New Deal neither a rabid partisan nor a politician in the orthodox sense whose stock in trade is abuse of the opposition and exaltations of his own party. He is too sincere and honest for that.

Ike's remarks were a sharp rebuke of the poison pens of GOP who were emulating the campaign the Democrats waged under the direction of the late Charles Michelson, director of publicity for the Democratic National Committee in the Roosevelt-Hoover '32 campaign, who admitted he was short on ethics himself, but out to win for the party by fair or foul means. Michelson in his memoirs, published in 1944, outlined his tactics as follows:

"Nobody has ever been able to formulate a political code of ethics, despite the fine altruistic language of party platforms, the habit has always been to smile the opposition regardless of Marquis de Queensbury rules, whenever and however the opportunity offers."—G. P.

FACT VERSUS CLAIM

Stephen A. Mitchell, whom for the 99 percent who do not know, is the current Democratic national chairman, breezed into Portland the other day with this blast:

"The present Republican administration doesn't know where Oregon is—all they know is that they've got McKay and that he is a liability."

Mitchell probably wouldn't know about this even if it were true. We've a pretty good idea who told him to say it, and so he did. It sounds quite catching, unless one looks beyond to the facts.

On the same day Mitchell made his statement the Capital Journal carried a front page story of Eisenhower's endorsement of a plan for U.S. and city of Eugene cooperation in building the Cougar dam on the McKenzie river there. The U.S. will supply funds for the flood control feature of the dam, while the city will provide the power facilities, which it needs. Secretary McKay has been actively supporting this project, for which bills have been introduced by Senator Cordon and Congressman Ellsworth, both Oregon Republicans.

The day before Mitchell spoke Secretary McKay was able to announce that his department has effected salary savings amounting to \$18,000,000 a year since McKay took office a little more than a year ago. Savings like this through the administration are making the tax reductions possible.

Mitchell would probably consider this bad politics, an outright violation of the tax and spend, elect and elect principle of government to which were subjected for 20 years prior to Eisenhower's election. But we very much doubt that he will find a majority of Oregonians to agree with him, or to think Doug McKay is a liability to anyone except the opposition.

ANOTHER 'KICKBACK' CASE

We welcome the conviction of California Republican Congressman Ernest K. Bramblett by a federal court jury in Washington, D. C., on a charge of defrauding the government in a "kickback" case.

The evidence showed that the congressman had placed a woman on his office payroll and kept her there for seven months, during which time she performed no duties and returned to the congressman most of the money she drew. The maximum penalty is five years imprisonment and \$10,000 fine. It is to be assumed that a prison sentence will be imposed, as in the case of Congressman Thomas of New Jersey. The case will be appealed. Bramblett says, so final disposition will be delayed but probably not altered.

Guilt, as has been often and truly observed, is no respecter of party lines. It is to be noted that in this instance the defendant is a Republican, member of the party which controls the justice department that prosecuted him. The case seems to have been handled soon after the facts came to the attention of the prosecuting agency, and the results speak for themselves. If this is something new and different from what had become the custom at Washington it is very, very much to the good.

The present administration cannot expect that all Republicans will set the Democrats a perfect example of exemplary conduct, but it can and should proceed vigorously against them when they get off base. This is the way to uphold standards in public office and in the national life generally.

WHY THE 'PETTY' OFFICER

We suspect most everyone who ever was in the Navy or even looked at a ship from ashore must have wondered at some time or another why the extremely useful non-commissioned personnel of the Navy are called "petty officers."

Yet not until the other day have we noted any disposition by anyone to do anything about this misnomer. A Florida Democratic congressman told the House of Representatives the other day that the Navy men do not like the term and that he has written Defense Secretary Wilson about a change.

Ordinarily we don't warm much to proposed changes of old names but we go for this one. The petty officer isn't petty at all and neither is his job. It is common knowledge aboard ship that the petty officers could run the boat if all the commissioned personnel dropped dead at once. The chief petty officers, or "chiefs" as they are called, are a particularly vigorous, self-reliant, competent corps.

The petty officer ought to have a name more in keeping with his importance. We hope Congressman Billy Matthews gets action from his letter.

SENTRY OF THE NEAR EAST



I WISH WE HAD MORE FRIENDS AS FEARLESS AND STAUNCH AS HE IS

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

FCC Files Reveal Pulling Of Wires by Cowles Bros.

By DREW PEARSON

WASHINGTON—Buried in the dull and prosaic files of the Federal Communications Commission is an interesting story of how wires can be pulled in Washington—in this case by powerful GOP publishers. If the FCC record had been made two days before, it's possible that Senator McCarthy's man on the FCC, Robert E. Lee, might not have been confirmed.

For the record illustrates exactly what Senator Monroney of Oklahoma talked about when he led the fight against Lee's confirmation. In this case, the Washington lobbyist or the Cowles brothers, publisher of Look Magazine, the Des Moines Register and Tribune and the Minneapolis Star-Journal, tried to buy off a rival applicant for a TV station. Simultaneously he was warned that he didn't have a chance because of Eisenhower's friendship for the Cowles brothers.

"The Cowles have done a lot for Ike," James Milloy, vice president of the Cowles publications, was quoted as saying, according to the official FCC record. "The Cowles are in Ike's book. John has just been called to the White House and is going back to Minneapolis to try to persuade Doctor Charlie Mayo to run against Humphrey."

"I used to live in New York and don't particularly like it," young Murphy replied. "I prefer Des Moines."

"Some of the executives at the top of the Cowles organization are getting old," Milloy argued. "Luther Hill (editor of the Des Moines Register) is 65. There are opportunities at the top."

"We have worked hard on TV," young Murphy replied, "we intend to run a good TV station in Des Moines and your proposal of \$150,000 to get out is only a pay-off which I don't approve of."

"But there are terrific opportunities in Des Moines," argued Milloy. "And it's important for Luther Hill to get a young crew to take over from the older men."

Milloy went on to talk about a merger, in which the Cowles interests would own about 12 per cent or even 15 per cent of the TV station. Young Murphy replied that if there was going to be a merger, the Cowles Brothers would have to take the 15 per cent.

Milloy didn't like this at all. "The Cowles," he said, "have too much at stake to take a minority interest, though a management contract might be worked out."

Finally, when the Cowles lobbyist was able to get nowhere he threw out his veiled threat that the Federal Communications Commission had changed, was now subject to pressure, and that Ike, who understood politics, would never let the Cowles brothers "lose out on television in Des Moines."

Portland Candidates

Pendleton East Oregonian
Thomas Lawson McCall, the radio announcer and former newspaperman, has announced he will be a candidate for the Oregon seat in Congress held by Homer Angell. Mr. Angell, who will seek re-election, does not give his age either in Oregon's Who's Who or in the Congressional Directory. Our estimate is that he is 80 or older. McCall is 46. We believe McCall would serve his district well. He may have sufficient support within the Republican party to beat Angell in the primary. We doubt that he could take him in a general election because Angell consistently enjoys solid support from organized labor.

THE WORLD TODAY

Bear Also Clumsy In Role of Fox

By JAMES MÄRLOW

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Western foreign ministers have been waltzing in circles with the Russian bear. It has been a dull dance. Suddenly Russia tries to quicken the music to a fox trot, with the bear playing the fox.

But this fox is as clumsy as the bear. For almost three weeks Russia's Foreign Minister Molotov has been meeting in Berlin with the three Western ministers: the United States' Dulles, Britain's Eden, France's Bidault.

There was no progress, nothing new. The four ministers acted like men reciting lines they had long since memorized, as they had. Both sides took their positions years ago. They restated them at Berlin.

Then suddenly, in a change of pace, Molotov unveiled a new plan, Russian-style, which was the old plan really, but in fresh dressing: a plan for European peace.

Reports from Berlin said at one point Molotov himself had to laugh at what he was saying.

The United States would have to clear out of Europe. And her allies in the Atlantic Pact would have to give it up.

Russia had been trying for years to get the United States out of Europe. And for years it had been trying to break up the Atlantic Pact under which the Allies pledge to help each other if Russia attacks one of them.

With the Atlantic Pact out of the way, all the European countries would make a pact of their own, pledging to help one another in case of attack on any of them.

But this would leave Russia and her satellites the military masters of the continent. The rest of Europe couldn't stop an attack without United States help if Russia broke the new pact.

In fact the West Europeans, without help from the United States couldn't even arm themselves well enough to stop a Russian attack now.

This was a pretty thin plan. But Molotov cut it thinner: He would let East and West Germany unite, but in such a way that the German Communists could take over.

There was more, but that gives a general idea of the plan Molotov dumped on the conference table. Dulles, Eden and Bidault picked it up and handed it back to him.

Although there has been no progress in the conference there has been an air of amiability about it which may seem to some a sign that over a long time maybe the two sides will get closer together.

There is another view: if both sides appear a little relaxed it's because bot, know precisely what they want and, being strong, see no reason for yielding an inch, since an inch today may be the fatal margin tomorrow.

Newspaper Help Not Too Important

Grants Pass Courier

The editor of the Medford Mail-Tribune expresses bewilderment over the fact that Democratic registration exceeds Republican throughout the Pacific Coast and still Republican candidates consistently win.

The editor asserts that the Democrats have practically no newspaper representation, which may or may not be influencing the results.

Has it ever occurred to the M-T editor that multiple thousands of registered Democrats may not be Socialists, five-percenters, Communist coddlers for political purposes or world federalists?

We personally know many registered Democrats who have fought the New Deal actively for years. They have no time for the one-time Socialist who holds the highest office in the Democratic party in Oregon, the national committeeman.

As to "newspaper representation," the New Dealers through the years have had the most news space in the newspapers of the Pacific Coast—as they have had throughout the nation—for the simple reason that Democratic Administrations have been making the news for 20 years until January of last year.

"Newspaper representation" means little unless that representation squares with what the average American citizen believes to be fact.

For instance, the Medford Mail-Tribune certainly has been "newspaper representation" for the New Dealers for many years. Yet, its support of candidates for state and national offices has avoided those candidates nothing. Jackson county registered Democrats, in large numbers, have continued to cast their ballots directly in opposition to Mail-Tribune recommendations.

No newspaper publisher or editor should have inflated ideas as to the effectiveness of "newspaper representation."

The average voter cares little for editorial recommendation in political matters—unless he has confidence in the human being making those recommendations, which also must square with what the voter believes to be the facts.

Reapportionment

Eugene Register-Guard

Up and down the State of Oregon, dozens of candidates depend on the Supreme Court's decision in the case challenging the validity of the constitutional amendment which the people adopted in November, 1952, and which changed the method of legislative reapportionment in this state. The Supreme Court has heard the arguments and it has promised a ruling on this important matter well in advance of the filing deadline for the May primaries.

In Lane County, for instance, we will send five representatives to the House instead of three, and two Senators, instead of one and one-half under the old sharing-plan with Lane county. Some of the Eastern Oregon areas lose representation and the action now pending originates with Representative Dave Baum of La Grande who is threatened with the loss of his seat.

Many people are asking how it is possible for Representative Baum, or anybody else, to question the validity of a constitutional amendment voted by the people. The answer to that question is simple:

"Under our theory of law, any citizen can challenge the validity of any law at any time, or he can sue or bring a criminal charge of any nature. It is one thing to file a complaint and it's another thing to prove it. The filing is an inalienable privilege."

The grounds of Mr. Baum's complaint are rather interesting, among them being:

It is beyond the power of either the Legislature or the people by initiative to break down the division of government into three separate departments — legislative, executive and judicial.

It is beyond the power of the Legislature, or the people, to delegate the duties of reapportionment to the Secretary of State as provided in the recent amendment.

The argument follows the line that the Constitution of the United States guarantees to all states "a republican form of government" and that the people themselves have violated this guarantee. It's an interesting argument and it will be interesting to see whether the Supreme Court follows the ruling of Circuit Judge Rex Kimmel in Salem that the will of the people is supreme and that no constitutional rights or guarantees have been violated.

Further comment on our part would be prejudicial possibly and we merely offer this explanation of what it's all about. People in Eastern Oregon are disturbed far fear they will become a hopeless minority in the Legislature.

ONE-SIDED CONTRACTS

Pendleton East Oregonian

"Bear" Bryant has resigned as head football coach at Kentucky to take a similar position at Texas A&M. Most of the contracts between colleges and football coaches seem to protect only one party. Coaches with long term contracts resign without notice but any college that wants to tear up one of those contracts must pay the coach off.

The Russians too. It's up to the West to see that these things don't happen while it waits for Communist checkups or a Communist change of heart about settling down and making peace.

POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

Smart Girl, Even at Six Has Learned to Keep One Secret

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP) — The last time I saw my six-year-old god-daughter, Nina, she was in pajamas and bathrobe on her way to bed, her blonde hair brushed long around her face, her blue eyes languid with postponed sleep.

She came running to give me a special good night kiss. Then she asked impulsively, "Hal, can I tell you a secret?"

Climbing up in my lap, she put her arms around my neck, and whispered in my ear very softly "I'm in love."

She told me this strictly in confidence, but you know how women are. I always figure when they tell you a secret they are 50 per cent hoping you'll spread the word for them, and 75 per cent trying it out for effect—to see whether or not it is really a worthwhile secret.

Nina caught me off guard. I won't say I was jealous. But I had that half-empty feeling any proud godfather gets when a gal who holds a special niche in his heart suddenly says she is in love—and means someone else.

"His name is Charles, and he is wonderful," she said. "He is the best reader in the first grade."

That can be pretty important to a lady at six, a lady who enjoys nothing more herself than to curl up with a good solid book of nursery rhymes. When I asked Nina if Charles liked her, she went completely feminine.

"Well, he says he doesn't," she said, and both dimples came into view, "but I think he really does."

After Nina had gone to bed, I began cautiously asking about Charles — and her father and mother immediately laughed aloud. Nina had whispered separately into their ears, too, how she felt about Charles. Six or 60 I thought, women haven't learned the secret of keeping any secret, particularly on the subject of love.

Nina's mother approved of the romance, saying it was just right for the first grade, based on her own first-grade memories. She had never met Charles, but understood he was a young man of high character and principle, although subject to head colds in winter.

Nina's father said the only time he'd known Nina to falter in this very serious business of "being in love" was right after Christmas. Sighing deeply, she had told him confidentially, "You know, daddy, I was so excited about Santa Claus that I almost forgot about Charles." It troubled her that this was so.

Next morning when Nina awoke I asked her a little more about Charles. She likes to talk about him. But was he the only boy in her class that she liked?

She thought that over carefully before she said, "Well, no. Sometimes I'm in love with Glenn. But mostly I'm in love with Charles."

"Which one are you going to marry?" I asked her. I didn't feel the question was unfair. Nina has always been determined that the only career she wants is to be a mother like her mommy.

"Oh, neither of them," she said, as if shocked. I knew so little about her heart. "I'm going to marry Jody."

"Who is Jody? I felt I was getting more lost every moment."

"Why Jody is the boy I knew when we lived in Rome. He lives in California now. But I've always

Salem 34 Years Ago

By BEN MAXWELL

February 11, 1920

Work of excavating had started for the new \$50,000 Deaconess hospital (now Memorial hospital) near the site of an existing structure.

A committee of four local bankers had started to secure 100 subscriptions of \$100 each for the Commercial club publicity fund.

Lunches for pupils at Highland school had been approved by the school board and provisions were being made for feeding 60 pupils.

Barnes Cash store had 300 pairs of socks at 30c each and triangle linen collars for 20c apiece.

Girls dormitory at Eugene Bible Institute had been found to be a veritable fire trap with the building locked at nights and a matron in another building possessing the keys.

A Capital Journal classified ad had this listing: "Studebaker bug to trade for team or equity in a house." (Rebuilt cars called "bugs" were, perhaps, inspired by creations of Ettore Bugatti, builder of world famed sports cars at Molsheim in Alsace.)

ACORN FROM THE OAK ROOMS WITH DEL MILNE THIS IS A CRUSADE

A one-man crusade. Since I have always rued the loss of romanticism between couples once the nuptial knot has been tied, I have decided to do something about it. I have added giant candles to our dining room tables to lend that soft romantic glow to your faces and that special atmosphere to your hearts. Of course, I realize in some instances it will take more than a glow... or a atmosphere. However, it is a start! So come on in and see how you like my candles. Can I come home now, Jerri? Remember—in Salem— it's the HOTEL MARION Phone 3-4123

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Stevens & Son 390 STATE A Tribute -- To Abraham Lincoln! Now when America, indeed when all the civilized world pays homage to the memory of Lincoln the President and Lincoln the humble rail-splitter, we think of his greatness in terms of true Americanism. Here was a man who was revered because of his simplicity and honesty... the tall, gangling man whose charm radiated friendliness. He would have been one of the Immortals had he done nothing but be merely himself. But he did much more: he wrote his Gettysburg Address to give new hope to the world then... and now! Capital Drug Store 405 State Street Corner of Liberty WE GIVE GREEN STAMPS We Salute Our Town!