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The Ground Hog Was Right

The first day of spring finds the nation battered by tornadoes, blizzards and a fast moving cold wave from the Rockies to the midwest with heavy snowfall.

Blizzard conditions whipped parts of Missouri and Arkansas. Tornadoes hit Iowa and Colorado and wind-driven snow fell on Nebraska, South Dakota, Wyoming, New Mexico. Temperatures dived to 11 below zero in some sections and sub-freezing 27 above threatens the southern California citrus crop.

Calendar's spring arrived however, at 4:35 a.m., EST, the moment of the vernal equinox when the center of the sun was directly over the equator. Theoretically it is the time when the day and night equal 12 hours each. But modern methods of measuring sunrise and sunset combined to produce 12 hours and 11 minutes of daytime and 11 hours and 49 minutes of night.

Only in the Far East was weather appropriately springlike, though dense fog prevailed over some states. A tornado collapsed a circus tent over 400 persons at Uvalde, Texas, a major snow storm piled up 15-inch drifts at Sioux City, and an airliner crashed near Springfield, Mo., with 38 aboard, flying through a heavy mist.

It all goes to show the groundhog was a better weather prophet than the weather man for instead of at least six weeks more of winter we have received 10 more weeks and the end is not yet.

All of which, in spite of our scientific studies of the weather show how little progress has been made everywhere in the world of either predicting or control of the weather and how hopeless a job forecasting nature is. We do know that periodically, if not always, the weather runs in cycles, and evidently we are in another cycle and can expect for sometime dry and cold seasons that insure blizzards, snow and draught and create dust bowls and crop failures.

On the Pacific coast we have a habit of blaming the warm Japanese ocean current for shifting its flow further from the land. But it is like other theories, only conjecture. But the northwest's weather contrasts very favorably with that of the rest of the nation comparatively, and we can find but little fault with our weather. We have had little or no snow, no zero weather, no tornadoes and no floods, although we will probably experience water and power shortage.—G. P.

Curtains for Glen Taylor?

It is always dangerous to write a politician's political obituary until the time comes for the real one, but some are now doing this for Glen Taylor, former U.S. senator from Idaho and Henry Wallace's running mate on the national Progressive ticket in 1948.

Taylor was overwhelmingly beaten for senator last November and the leaders of the Idaho A.F. of L. unions have informed him that he will get no more support from them. "We aren't putting any more money on dead horses," was their terse explanation to him. They asked him not to run again, he had been beaten twice in a row and couldn't recuperate. But Taylor didn't take it lying down. He retorted:

"I'd like to say I've never been subservient to anyone, corporations or labor leaders or anyone else. It's getting a little late for labor leaders to tell me what I should or should not do. "Having knives stuck in my back is no new experience to me, so I'm not greatly disturbed. I've campaigned on cheese and crackers in the past and I could do it again before I would let labor tell me what I should or should not do.

"Perhaps this stab in the back is a great thing for me; in the past my opponents have tried to label me as a stooge of labor. The fact that should I again run for office I would fight a three front war against corporate interests, conniving politicians and labor leaders does not frighten me in the least."

Taylor is considering a campaign against Republican Senator Herman Welker who succeeded him in 1951 and who has announced that he will run again next year. Labor and Democratic leaders appear to want Taylor sidetracked because though he can usually get the Democratic nomination, particularly if he has two or more opponents in the primary, he cannot poll the whole Democratic vote and therefore can't be elected. That is, he wasn't last time. Next time might be a different story.

Sure We'll Use 'Em

President Eisenhower's statement that we will use atomic bombs in any future war puts everyone on notice. It will arouse some outcries, particularly in Communist and fellow traveler circles, but it will tend to prevent war.

There'll be no atomic bombings unless there is a war and there will be no war unless the Communists start it. Everybody knows this, none better than the Communists. And they will be less likely to strike if they know we will fight the next war to a victory, using every weapon in our large, expanding arsenal.

Atomic bombs barbaric? No more so than the other bombs. They kill the victims no deader. All bombs are barbaric and so are all weapons of destruction, even rocks and clubs when so used. The importance of the atomic bomb is that it offsets the vast hordes of ground troops our enemies have assembled and trained, for aggressive purposes that are obvious to all clear-headed persons.

What keeps them from so using the vast forces, which are much larger than any nations ever before kept armed in time of peace? American atomic power, which can counterattack with devastating effect their vast ground superiority cannot prevent. If they knew we would not use our atomic bombs they would know they could win a war of conquest and would be pretty sure to start it. So in terms of human life we would be barbaric to withhold the one weapon that protects the non-Communist world from attack.

The idea that atomic bombs are barbaric while other weapons aren't is a slick piece of Communist propaganda that does credit to their ingenuity but no credit to the mentality of those who accept it.

The Stock Market Probe

If Arkansas Senator J. W. Fulbright launched his stock market inquiry for partisan or personal publicity he laid an egg, as the publicity artists would say, but we don't think he had either purpose in view. We think this serious minded former university president undertook the project in good faith, to find out if anything needed legislative correction.

Nothing much has come out as yet, plenty of conflicting views and a sharp drop in the New York stock market, which some blame on the investigation, but which seems to have been overdue after a sharp rise in values in recent months. The relapse is said to be privately welcomed by financial leaders and to have convinced congressional leaders that the market can correct itself and doesn't need governmental measures.

In answer to critics who blamed the market reverses on Fulbright's investigation the Wall Street Journal remarked the other day that the market and the business situation it reflects are both pretty rugged creatures, that if a little thing like this could throw them into a tailspin they'd have been dead and buried long ago.

We welcome Fulbright's investigation. If it put the recent damper on the market, well and good. It was needed. If anything is seriously wrong, let's have it. If nothing is wrong we'll feel more sure that after a long and weary day of congressional investigation we can go to bed with a clear conscience and Fulbright's record to do.

THE 'ORDINARY' AMERICANS

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IN SPITE OF THE DIFFICULTIES, SOME OF THE MOST WONDERFUL ART IS BEING TURNED OUT BY THOSE SUPERB CRAFTSMEN OF BRUSH AND PEN.

POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

Hildebarde Rocketed to Fame From Wartime Fear

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP)—Hildebarde Neff, Broadway's latest toast, rocketed to fame from a background of fear.

Success isn't likely to turn this German-born girl's head.

She can still remember how she made her first stage hit in bombed-out Berlin wearing an evening gown made from a bed sheet, the only cloth available. Still fresh in her mind are the wartime years when she carried a knife . . . to take her own life if necessary.

Now co-starred with Don Ameche in "Silk Stockings," she plays the role of a Russian lady comissar, a role made famous by Greta Garbo in the film "Notchka."

"Silk Stockings," a musical, reached Times Square after a lengthy 15-week period of out-of-town trials and tribulations that had many Broadway gloom-leaders predicting it would be the season's outstanding flop. But it opened here with a \$750,000 advance ticket sale, and proved an instant hit.

The prospect of a long run of "Hilde" the best prospect of stability she has had since childhood.

"I lost 18 pounds during the tryouts, but it was worth it," she said. "I've lived in hotels for six years. I've been nothing but a night plane passenger all that time between Germany, France, England and America.

"Now I can stay in one place. I can have my own apartment, and feel settled for a while. You can have no idea what this means to me."

Hilde shook her long red-blond hair and looked cheerfully around her new four-room penthouse apartment on lower Fifth Avenue, as if her mind were feeling each piece of furniture to be sure it was in the right place. Hilde, now an American citizen, has been a picture star pilgrim since the war. She has made films in three languages—English, German, and French—and speaks each well.

Born in Ulm, Germany, Albert Einstein's home town, she was studying art in Berlin on a scholarship when a producer saw her and arranged a street test. Her first big picture, "Under the Bridges," made by UFA, the German film studio, was never released. It was destroyed during an Allied bombing. Hilde then became a stage actress.

Beneath her present security lie crowding memories of the terror of those years, when Allied bombs rained on Berlin by day and by night.

"Most of us carried knives in our boots," she said matter-of-factly. "The knives were to dig out of the rubble, or, if we were hopelessly trapped, to commit suicide.

"I remember one time when Propaganda Minister Gohbbels, inspired by pictures of the warm reception Churchill had received when touring London bombed areas, tried the same thing in Berlin. But his ear was stoned, and within two days an SS tank stood guard at every important street intersection."

Hilde said that as the Soviet armies encircled Berlin she herself donned a soldier's uniform and tried to escape to the River Elbe. She was caught by the Russians a few miles short of the American lines and thrown in a concentration camp.

"For three months I was the only woman in a camp of 40,000 soldiers," she recalled. "It wasn't as hilarious as it sounds." They found she was a girl during a medical inspection. A kind Polish doctor, who had lost his daughter during the battle of Warsaw, intervened with

the Russians and obtained her release. Today Hilde is untroubled by fears her present triumph will be short-lived. She has a quiet confidence in her talent and ability as an actress.

"The only thing I am afraid of is another war," she said. "One war is more than enough for a lifetime. I hate the way it divides friends as well as nations. "War is nothing but a blind panic . . . lonely individuals caught helplessly in a collective fate."

Ike Wins Again

Albany Democrat-Herald Those who are advocating hyper-partisanship on the part of the President as opposed to his own tendency toward "middle of the road" might observe that Mr. Eisenhower came out OK again on that \$20 tax premium the Democrats were hoping to offer the American voters. We think his moderation in foreign relations, with a minimum of sword-rattling but a determination not to be pushed too far, also will pay off.

SACRIFICE REWARDED

PHILADELPHIA (UP)—Mrs. Mary Gentile will receive \$100 next Thursday for recommending elimination of a job during the Air Force procurement district's campaign to save money. It was her job, Mrs. Gentile, a supervisor of a shipment control unit, was reassigned when the Air Force put her plan into effect.

Protestants and Catholics Even on Switching of Faiths

By GEORGE GALLUP

(Director, American Institute of Public Opinion) In the first attempt by means of the modern scientific sampling survey, to settle the controversy as to whether there are more Protestant-to-Catholic converts than Catholic-to-Protestant, the Institute finds the decision ending in a draw.

Questioning of a carefully-constructed cross-section of adults adults only, with each major population group represented in its true proportion to the total population, shows that a total of 2,800,000 adults have changed their religious faith from Protestant to Catholic, or vice versa, at some point in their lives.

Of this group, 1,400,000 Protestants have been converted to Catholics and 1,400,000 Catholics have switched to the Protestant faith.

Approximately one million other adults have made a religious switch other than from Protestant to Catholic or Catholic to Protestant. Some have turned atheist, some were atheists who later adopted a faith, some are Jews who have become Catholics or Protestants, and others.

The one million others do not include anyone who has changed from one Protestant denomination to another. Besides determining whether a person's present religious faith had always been the one of his preference, the American Institute of Public Opinion also sought to check the present church preference of American adults.

With all church statistics admittedly inaccurate, a committee is now at work to prevail on U. S. Census authorities to include a religious preference question in the next decennial census in 1960.

The Institute assigned its nationwide corps of reporters to first ask each adult in today's survey: "What is your religious preference—Protestant, Catholic or Jewish?" It must be borne in mind that the survey results, which have been translated into millions of ci-

Good News for Us

New York Daily News It looks as if the Kremlin palace fight which broke out after Stalin died is anything but over.

Lavrenti Beria was the first of the surviving top gangsters to bite the dust. Georgi Malenkov has been demoted and publicly humiliated, at the instance of Nikita Khrushchev, Communist party first secretary.

Now, it looks as if Khrushchev is opening up on a target well known in the West—none other than Vyacheslav M. (Old Stone Seat) Molotov, longtime Soviet Foreign Secretary whose job up to a few days ago looked pretty secure to most outsiders.

The kept Moscow "newspaper" Pravda day before yesterday printed long extracts from an attack made on Molotov Monday at Belgrade by anti-Moscow Red Dictator Tito of Yugoslavia. Tito was replying fiercely to an attack made one him by Molotov February 8. Khrushchev controls Pravda. The printing of the Tito blast is generally interpreted as a Khrushchev stab at Molotov. What else could it be—especially when you consider that Khrushchev has been passing snide remarks in public about Molotov for a month?

That's the way things go on the surface in Soviet Russia when the giants are maneuvering for grips on one another's throats. The news out of Moscow in the next few days promises to be interesting indeed.

Our feeling about it all: Any dimension in the Kremlin is fine for our side in the cold war, so we're cheering for both Khrushchev and Molotov with equal glee.

JEWELS NEED MORE ROOM LONDON (UP)—So many people want to peek at Britain's fabulous collection of crown jewels in the Tower of London that a bigger building is being planned to display them.

NATIONAL WHIRLIGIG

Demo Chiefs on Capitol Hill Vexed by Leftwing Tactics

By RAY TUCKER

WASHINGTON—Democratic leaders on Capitol Hill can hardly conceal their vexation over the pattern of attack upon the Eisenhower administration and family that has been fashioned by the liberal spokesmen of the party, who hold no responsible national office, but sound off with off-key solos at every opportunity.

This difference in political tastes and strategy promised a revival of the intraparty feuds which embittered the 1952 convention, when the congressional faction engaged in a head-on clash with the gubernatorial group that forced the nomination of Adlai E. Stevenson, then Governor of Illinois.

OFFENDING OFFICIALS

In addition to the state executives, the other objects of the so-called federal Democrats' irritation are the radical and vocal officials and orators of the Americans for Democratic Action and the Democratic National Committee. The A. D. A. is generally regarded as a Roosevelt family institution, while the Democratic National Committee is considered to be a pro-Stevenson outfit.

Both of these organizations tend to play up their favorite governors and congressional liberals—Harriman of New York, Meyner of New Jersey, Williams of Michigan, Lehman of New York, Ke-

lauer of Tennessee, Neuberger and Morse of Oregon—rather than the more conservative "honorable" who sit on the right side of the Senate and House chambers.

FEDERAL VS. STATE WINGS

There have always been traces of jealousy between the Federal and State wings of both major Parties. As men holding responsible, national offices, the former feel that they should shape policy and associate the dominant philosophy. They resent actions and statements by outsiders which embarrass or commit them on questions still in process of development.

The Capitol Hill crowd also believe that they should be consulted before governors or headline-making Party officials deliver their pronouncements on policies and personalities, especially as so many state executives are, in their own minds at least, 1956 Presidential possibilities.

BUTLER'S AWKWARD REMARK

National Chairman Paul M. Butler's amazing reference to Mrs. Eisenhower's health as a bar to Ike's running again is the immediate cause of current complaint, including suggestions that he resign. A man given to such awkward remarks, it is felt, can easily damage the Democrats' cause even more seriously.

With Capitol Hill Democrats so cautious about attacking Ike personally because of his popularity, and with so many on friendly terms with him, they were dumfounded when their nominal leader dragged the Chief Executive's wife into politics. The fact that "Mama" has not patterned her life after Eleanor Roosevelt's robust career only increased their discomfiture.

Butler inadvertently let an important political cat out of the bag. He voiced Party strategists' secret fear—namely, that they hope Eisenhower will retire after one term because they see no chance of defeating him.

POWPOW PLANNED

Butler had already antagonized the "Feds" by announcing that he planned to call a conference of Democratic governors to prepare for next year's campaign. At such a powwow, of course, the governors of the larger states enjoy the most publicity and hog the limelight, and it so happens that they are not especially popular or chummy with the House-Senate crowd.

The South Bend politician, however, is not the only man to have talked out of turn, in the Federal's opinion. Another Stevenson admirer, former National Chairman Stephen A. Mitchell, also indulged in anti-Eisenhower personalities. He charged that Ike favored the Dixon-Yates, TVA-AEC deal because "Bobby" Jones, the great golfer and Atlanta friend of the President, was a director of one of the companies involved.

Governor Averell Harriman has said that the automobile industry received an undue share of war contracts simply because Secretary Charles E. Wilson, Secretary Douglas McKay and Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield were feathering the nests of business friends. McKay and Summerfield, incidentally, are only dealers, not manufacturers.

Salem 43 Years Ago

By BEN MAXWELL

March 21, 1912 W. J. Ball had started suit against E. M. Croisan for \$1000 damages because Croisan's goats, the plaintiff alleged, had damaged his peach trees to that extent.

Railroad surveyors working out of Falls City were seeking a new route from Black Rock to the coast.

Capital Journal's X-Rayist had written: "It is said that Dr. Mary Walker sleeps in her trousers. That's all right even though no one else does."

Miss Lily Stege had advertised a small, two cylinder Maxwell runabout, model A, for sale cheap.

Polk County Gas & Oil Land Co. were starting operating again come Monday.

A representative of American Linseed Co. and H. A. Brewer of Portland had conferred with Eugene Bosse relative to securing a contract for growing 2000 acres of flax.

SOUND SLEEPER

DENVER (UP)—Alvin Vigil told police today he lay down on a bed at his home to watch television, dozed off and woke up to find both a neighbor, Mrs. Martha Kimble, the TV set and the bedspread gone. said she saw three men carrying a suspicious looking box down the street. A bedspread was draped over it, she added.

IT'S NOT A DUTY

Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes Continuity with the past is a necessity, not a duty.

OPEN FORUM

Says San Capistrano Swallow Story Myth

To the Editor: I notice that the wire services continue to carry news stories about the swallows returning to San Capistrano on March 19. This, too, in spite of the fact that this myth has long since been debunked by the California Audubon Society. It is nothing more or less than a good publicity gag that helps bring in hundreds of visitors to that little southern California city for the celebration of St. Joseph's Day, a Catholic holy day.

My wife and I were in Southern California last winter and made it a point to visit San Capistrano on March 19. Upon our arrival we found that hundreds of swallows were already nesting in the old Mission. Natives of the little village, including the priests in attendance at the Mission, readily admit that the story about the return of the swallows on March 19 is a myth. The swallows do return to Southern California generally in March, starting in the early part of the month and continuing to arrive over a period of three or four weeks. However, there is no mass migration of the birds on March 19 as the news stories would indicate. Nor are they especially partial to Capistrano but are to be found in just as large numbers throughout that entire southern California area.

A. L. LINDBECK, 1040 Pine street.

By-Passed Again

Stayton Mail

We note that Stayton was bypassed as a call station by a proposed helicopter service. Silverton, Independence, Sheridan, Lebanon and Sweet Home were listed. Fact that we do not have an airfield may be responsible. It might be well for our chamber of commerce to make inquiry into the matter.

WE ALREADY KNOW THIS

Oregon City Enterprise-Courier There is one kind of research the state strawberry commission need not undertake. That is to find the most luscious manner for serving fresh berries. There is no peer to home-made strawberry shortcake with cream, real cream, that is.

HOW TO SPOT HIM

Jonathan Swift When a true genius appears in the world, you may know him by this sign, that the dunces are all in confederacy against him.

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Advertisement for Capital Drug Store titled 'What is Immunity?'. Includes an illustration of a syringe and text explaining immunity and promoting immunizing agents. Text: 'Immunity is a state or condition of the body which exempts it from contracting contagious diseases or which enables it to resist infection effectively. It is sometimes called "resistance." The opposite condition is called "susceptibility." Your physician knows it is easier to prevent diseases than to cure them. See your physician before an illness strikes. We carry all the recognized immunizing agents which your physician might order. CAPITAL DRUG STORE Main Store: 405 State, Corner of Liberty Prescription Shop: 617 Chemeketa, Griffin Bldg. We Give 2 1/2% Green Stamps'.