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FOREIGN POLICY
 We wish this administration would change the foreign policy. There has been some improvement and now it appears that there may be a cessation of hostilities in Korea, although not on the kind of terms that will bring cheers. Syngman Rhee's protests move us not at all because he apparently expects us to win North Korea for him to dictate in the sad fashion he has ruled South Korea. They might as well be under the Communists.
 But Korea is only a part of it. The European countries are not following our lead, wherever that would take them. None of them have the money or the resources to prepare for war in the style we want them to. They are not so afraid of Russia as our leaders have made us Americans.
 Adenauer has barely enough following to stay in office in Germany which is the country that seems most appreciative of American aid although there is no assurance that West Germany will build an army for the purpose of aiding us defend Europe.
 France has no government. When it gets one it falls because the people will not pay taxes enough to support any but the most nationalistic program.
 Italy is going communistic, right in front of our eyes and with our dollars in their pockets. There are too many Italians on too small a peninsula. They are going communistic because they are so poor they follow any hope any promise.
 England is England. Long the leader and of no mind to abandon that position despite the lack of spirit to produce enough to remain in that place economically.
 Actually we haven't led anything. With all our money, all our effort, all our promises. Our allies are through fighting in Korea, are trading with Red China and anxious to recognize it so they can trade some more. They are not fat and sassy like us; they are poor and some are hungry.
 So our foreign policy has failed. The Truman plan of containment has permitted Russia to gain on the political front if not on the military, although that is not proven, either.
 What is discouraging is that this administration hasn't changed the policy more quickly. In domestic affairs there is a promise of change, such as taking steps to end inflation, cutting expenses, of developing a suitable farm program. On international affairs the progress has been slow if there has been any improvement at all.
 It is possible that a one-vote majority in congress—and some of those votes unreliable—the president cannot effect the changes necessary. This is assuming that he knows what to do. Maybe there isn't an answer; maybe there is no solution; maybe the handicap of the UN is too much. This we do not know.
 But a nation with all the material resources, with a natural position of leadership because of production should not be stopped by lack of mental and diplomatic ability forever. Eisenhower has a record of competence in that field which we would like to see him increase instead of lose.

BUTTONHOOKS
 Rummaging around in search of something recently lost we ran across an article that must have been lost a long time—a buttonhook. Remember, or for the young, have you read about them?
 Yes, once upon a time men and women wore shoes that were fastened by round buttons and eyelets and they needed a hook to fasten them with.
 Such shoes, as one may well imagine, were usually uncomfortable because at time of purchase the buttons were fastened on with a staple and could not be changed for thicker socks, swelling feet or the beneficial effect of dieting, however, dieting was not a fad in those days and plumpness was permissible. You see, children, times were much harder and well padded ribs indicated a nice relationship with the grocer instead of an unmastered desire for food.
 This particular buttonhook had once been decorated with a long handle, probably bone which

made it a ladies' buttonhook. They were longer, the idea being that the fair sex was not expected to reach so far to find their feet. That their hands had to describe a larger circle to hook the button was not considered.
 Women's shoes in those dark days of restrictive skirts and customs came high above the ankle and had as many as two dozen buttons on them. There was nothing like sandals or pumps which milady may slip off and on with a wiggle of the toe. No, indeed, when women in those days dressed they stayed dressed. These high buttoned shoes didn't look bad, either. That wasn't because of the shoes, but because the skirts were so long the shoes didn't show except now and then when the wind blew very hard or there was mud or dust to be crossed. To show an ankle was very bold, like say—well, perhaps there is no simile that fits. Styles change and the old-ones look weird just as the modern ones will in time. It is people that never change.

PEACE
 The war in Korea is over except for some formalities. Men who had been fighting desperately for a few yards of rocky hillside will see miles of it change hands at the wave of a politician's hand. The war was settled, it now appears, by the politicians of the UN, whose peoples didn't want to fight, whose businessmen wanted to trade with China, whose hungry were listening to the Communists.
 Actually there wasn't much change of winning the Korean war anyway, not since our troops were ordered to stay below the Yalu. It was an impossible situation brought on by imbecilic foreign policy. It is our first major defeat. Yet, it is our "diplomats" who have been defeated, not our soldiers.
 The United States has been trying to attract and hold allies with dollars. We hope that that policy is recognized as a major cause of the defeat.
 The truce in Korea is probably the simplest part of the change that will come. Red China will get into the UN; Formosa will be abandoned to the tender cares of the UN, a continuation of the policy of double crossing old friend Chiang Chi Shek; nations east and west will open up a lucrative trade with communistic countries instead of trying to deal with a rather arrogant and high tariff United States.
 So, our latest venture into international politics has been a failure. Worse than after World War I when some wise—and since berated—senators kept Uncle Sam from meddling with the League of Nations which was a simpler and less dangerous United Nations. How long does it take a nation to develop men capable of dealing in international affairs?

A nation that worries about food would be a hard tough nation; one that worried about too much food would be a soft one.

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WHISKERS
 This is the time of year—and the most inappropriate—when men in many American communities go to raising a beard under compulsion of civic enterprise and community advertising. At least that's what they say. It may be that men raise whiskers as a demonstration of virility despite the statements of medical men that whiskers have no connection therewith.
 Now a good thick stand of hair on a man's face doesn't look so bad and it often hides features that would look worse. A thin, scraggly face of whiskers resembles lodge pole pine on a rocky slope, which is not a crop to raise

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 As of May 11, 1953, the letter states, the CCC owned \$205,000,000 worth of cotton and cotton products and only \$186,000,000 of butter.
 Furthermore the dairymen quote the following figures about costs of various agricultural commodities and the cost of them:

Farm value (millions)	Gov't spent (millions)	% gov't purchase to total value
Wheat \$10,410	\$3,679	35.34%
Cotton 13,675	1,714	12.53%
Tobacco 5,186	483	9.32%
Dairy 20,660	345	1.67%

The weather was cold Thursday despite bright sunshine and the weatherman's promise of warmer days.

WANT ADS
 CALL FOR BIDS: Sherman county School District No. 7 is calling for bids for a one ton 20 passenger school bus, for specifications contact Jerry Barnett, Clerk, as Wasco. 32-3c
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ARTHUR LANGGUTH, Attorney
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON, FOR THE COUNTY OF SHERMAN DEPARTMENT OF PROBATE No. 572
 Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Irma C. Laffoon, has been appointed Executrix of the Estate of Clarence I. Laffoon, Dec'd., by the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County, and has qualified. All persons having claims against said Estate are hereby notified to present the same, duly verified, as by Law required, to the undersigned, at her home, near Kent, in Sherman County, Oregon, within six (6) months from the date hereof.
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