

Squabble of Atomic Weapons Example of Unification Failure

By LYLE C. WILSON
Washington—(U.P.)—The taxpayers would get an eye-full if they could read the secret records about the atomic artillery which the Army Department says it must have for national defense.

After the taxpayers read the

with the Solid South sewed up, has the Democratic edge."

SENATOR MABANK, of course, like the other professionals, is talking for effect. I don't think Senator Russell, Solid South or no Solid South, has the Democratic "edge." I think the fact that he is from the Deep South precludes the possibility of his nomination.

The Army got around the civilians by designing the guns to fire ordinary shells as well as atomic projectiles—assuming that they can actually fire atomic projectiles at all.

Weight Raises Question
But the guns are huge. They are costly. They weigh so much that the question has been raised whether they could be moved from place to place efficiently in or out of battle. Their weight has raised another question: Whether they could be moved across any but the very strongest bridges. A gun which cannot be moved across a bridge would be of limited service.

It is difficult for civilians to know for sure whether the generals are right or wrong. But the civilians' decision has been made and it was against the guns the Army says it must have and of which it has ordered a few at considerable expense.

The Army's determination to get some of the atomic pie is put down here by the best informed people in town to competition among the services. Each wants to be at least equal to the other.

The Army's anxiety to get in on the act is being cited here as another serious failure of armed services unification. The facts are that unification is not working as well as it should and the atomic weapon squabble is a sample of it.

The taxpayer may get a break, however. Congressional Atomic Energy Committee began Thursday to inquire further into the Army's atomic artillery plans.

By FRANK JENKINS

From Washington:
"Elated friends of Senator Taft and Senator Kefauver talked of them today as VICTORY BOUND candidates in the presidential nomination races, but opposition camps sounded counter-claims."

THESE POLITICAL FRIENDS of candidates are thinking in terms of GETTING THE REINS OF POWER INTO THEIR HANDS.

We grassrooters out in the sticks are thinking in terms of better and more efficient government, so that after paying our taxes we may have enough left over to pay our cost of living bills.

What they want is POWER. What we want is more to live on after the cost of government has been deducted.

IF YOU'LL keep that fundamental distinction clear in your mind, you'll be able to vote more intelligently when the time comes.

MORE from Washington:
"Representative Priest, Democrat, from Tennessee, called Kefauver's victories in the two primaries (Wisconsin and Nebraska) 'proof that the rank and file of the Democrats are going to insist that he be nominated.'"

THIS is a time for plain speaking. So here goes.

I hope Senator Kefauver isn't nominated by the Democrats—BECAUSE HE IS A NEW DEALER. He was elected as such—first to the House and later to the Senate. He is perfectly frank and honest about it. He has said frequently in his present campaign that he is opposed to President Truman personally but believes in what Truman believes in.

I admire Senator Kefauver personally. I concede his right to be a New Dealer if that is the way his beliefs run. I respect his frankness and I grant his sincerity.

But I fear his political philosophy. I hope we turn away from the concept of the welfare state BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE.

ONE more from Washington:
"Senator Maybank, Democrat, from South Carolina, told a reporter in Washington this morning that Senator Russell,

Matter of Fact

By Joseph and Stewart Alsop
situation, however, different sets of odds are likely to be quoted. Last August, Gallup gave the Ohio Senator a trial run against Chief Justice Fred Vinson. His great office has taken Vinson out of national politics for a long time, and he certainly has no personal following in most parts of the country. Yet Vinson led Taft by a comfortable margin of 43 to 37 per cent.

POLLS ought to be suspect in general, and this kind of trial heat between candidates who have not yet been nominated ought to be viewed with special suspicion. Yet it is very hard to imagine a Republican convention choosing a standard-bearer who is marked in advance as having less vote-appeal than any of the probable choices of the Democrats. And if the polls continue to be as unkind to Sen. Taft as they have been to date (except of course in the tests against Truman, which Taft has been winning for a year), the argument that "Taft can't win" is going to have a cruel force at Chicago.

In addition, the Taft forces have to get over another, more immediate hurdle, which almost everyone seems to have forgotten about. In the Massachusetts primary on April 29, full states of Taft and Eisenhower delegates have already been entered, and a preferential vote, on a write-in basis, is also provided by law. In other words, this will be something quite different from

GOP State Leader Quits in Seattle

Seattle—(U.P.)—W. Walter Williams Friday night announced his resignation as chairman of the Washington state Republican central committee for "the best interests of the party."

Williams, who recently accepted the post of national chairman of the Citizens for Eisenhower organization, made the announcement at a meeting of the executive committee of the GOP central committee here.

The Seattle financier had been under fire from some GOP quarters, notably those backing the Taft-for-President movement, for aligning himself with a Republican presidential possibility while chairman of the state committee.

the complicated voting in Wisconsin and Nebraska—a direct trial of strength between the two leaders, with both of them out in the open for the voters to see. If Gen. Eisenhower wins handsomely, as his backers confidently anticipate, it will be at least as hard a knock to Taft as his New Hampshire defeat.

Over all, therefore, the wisest observers are still calling it a hard race, but they are still giving better odds on Gen. Eisenhower than on Sen. Taft. The Michigan and Iowa state conventions will shortly show more clearly how matters really stand.

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A majority of the delegates to the Chicago convention will be unaware of it—but who knows—they might be.

Anything can happen in a political convention—and usually does.

In this direction we have found in the morning paper the following statement from Mr. Taft, regarding a recent Gallup poll, which showed that voters aged from 21 to 29, listed themselves as follows:

Democratic: 41 per cent.
Republican: 24 per cent.
Independent: 35 per cent.

Mr. Taft, quote:
"With all allowances for non-voters, this is not a poll to give Republicans any overconfidence. Only among those over 50 do the Republicans get a majority, and then it is by a narrow margin with still 23% considering themselves INDEPENDENT. This means that we Republicans have to do a first class job of public education if we expect to win any elections."

How right you are Mr. Taft!
This Mr. Taft does not happen to be Senator Taft of Ohio. He is the Senator's brother Charles—in our judgment a far more honest, enlightened, intelligent and liberal member of the Taft clan. Incidentally he is running for Governor of Ohio this year and his big brother, Senator "Bob"—what a pal!—is opposing him!

In other words there are almost as many voters in the country of all ages who call themselves "Independents," as there are orthodox 100% Republicans—and let anyone figure out how many classified Independents will EVER vote for the GOP party with "Mr. Republican" as spokesman and leader!

Add them up Jumbo and change your tactics before it is too late.

Quite a transformation since we came down on the Streamliner Washington's Birthday. Then everything was dull, dark, grim and snow-covered. Trees were bare, fields ditto, it was a forbidding world and now—

"Spring has CAME!" Everything is bright and green—all shades of green—the red-buds are out, probably the wild lilacs and the boxwood, all none of the latter, as yet, along the right-of-way. There is water everywhere, every creek is a torrent and the Sacramento and Pitt rivers are raging toward the sea, Mt. Shasta just coming into sight on the far northern horizon is a solid ice cream cone—not a bare spot!—sparkling in the brilliant sunshine. "God is in his Heaven," all's not only right with the world, but all is growing—the annual re-birth of perennial Youth has come!

And now on the Friendly S.P. AGAIN, the train has replaced the stricken and struck "Greyhound"—and WHAT a train! One coach (no cafe car), captured at the fall of Richmond, Va., and has just been dusted and repaired as it came from the Civil War museum, one engine—and 25 passengers on a train that was supposed to have no excuse for being.

However, the service is as good as ever—just one big family—including the engineer who operates his old wreck without a single bump, and the brakemen and conductor who arrange the seats for comfort and act as red caps without a suggestion it is against the rules of the R.R. brotherhood. And best of all, here we are in dear old Lithia Ashland with "Home Sweet Home" at the bottom of the hill!—R.W.R.

Eisenhower Report On Europe Situation Features Week's News

By PHIL NEWSOM
United Press Foreign Analyst
The week's balance sheet between the good and bad news in the hot and cold wars:

THE GOOD
1. Gen Dwight D. Eisenhower said in his first annual report on the status of his European command that the military tide now is flowing toward the West. European newspapers reacted well to the report which they regarded as a fact-of-life statement that the United States could not afford forever its present rate of spending for aid to Europe.

2. Britain, the United States and Italy began talks to give the Italians a greater voice in administration of the free territory of Trieste. Secretary of State Dean Acheson moved to quiet Yugoslav fears that the dispute was far from settled but at least the way seemed to be opening for eventual direct talks between Italy and Yugoslavia over the Trieste zone which Italy claims but Yugoslavia occupies.

3. London reported that the British government has managed to halt the disastrous drain on her gold and dollar resources which only recently threatened the sterling area with bankruptcy. At one time, gold and dollar reserves were flowing out at the rate of \$63,000,000 per week. With that halted, the trick now will be for the sterling area to sell more goods to the U.S. and Canada.

THE BAD
1. Nationalist ambitions and religious ties kept the North African trouble pot boiling. Moslem demonstrations broke out in Morocco and Algeria and continued in Tunisia as result of strong French action against the Tunisian Nationalists. Arab and African nations moved to get the dispute before the United Nations, over strong French objections.

Final Allocations Set For Washington Schools

Olympia—(U.P.)—The Washington State Board of Education Saturday made final allocations of state matching funds for school building projects to six more school districts.

The allocations included: \$60,453 to Spokane district for addition to Longfellow elementary school; \$254,747 to Bellevue district for new Enatai elementary school;

\$141,458 to Peninsula district for new elementary school; \$31,098 to Rochester district for addition to elementary school; \$42,177 to Naches Valley district for addition to Upper Naches elementary school; \$12,987 to Concomly district for new elementary school.

So long, then, as the professionals could look forward to a Taft-Truman race, the Republican gamble on Taft seemed very reasonable indeed. In the new

Editorial Correspondence

En route from SF to Medford via "Friendly SP," April 3—It's always the same.

When we get up early in the morning we wonder why we don't always.

This is especially true in a big city—ANY big city—and in the Summer or Spring. Everything then is so fresh, clean and cool, no crowds, no traffic, and here in SF—a nice ferry-boat trip, with a hot breakfast in prospect on the "Daylight" diner.

Yes, one of those "grand and glorious feelings" which become rarer and rarer as one jogs along—and along!

The "Shasta Daylight", as before remarked, is one of the few really praiseworthy achievements of the contemporary S.P. At the outset it cost a lot of money and involved some risk—not much, but SOME—more than the S.P. usually takes, or ever has taken in southwestern Oregon.

And as so often happens when courage is exercised, the investment paid out. A similar amount of courage displayed in giving Southern Oregon from Roseburg to Dunsmuir, California, the kind of rail service it DESERVES, would, we are convinced, also pay out. But it would be foolish for anyone who knows the "hardened-artery" outlook of the S.P. board of directors to expect any such demonstration in the present century.

More people got on at Oakland and Berkeley than at the Ferry Building in SF—many more.

The time is probably not far distant when the population "across-the-bay" will be far greater than in San Francisco proper. We don't know of a city in the country where there is such a marked difference in climate, within a few miles, as in this Golden Gate area. Why anyone with a car, lives in the city is difficult to understand, when they can enjoy the climatic advantages of Marin County and the Lower Peninsula, with more room, land, and health, at lower taxes and only a few minutes away. Perhaps it goes back to that strange trait in human nature, which accounts for the fact that the natives who lived and suffered through the centuries on the lava soaked slopes of Mt. Vesuvius, return and rebuild after each and every eruption. It's "Home Sweet Home."

More than the usual amount of news in the morning paper—mostly political. The final act of the "Comedy of Errors" which started far back when Mr. Truman was not as wise or as good a President, as he is today, has finally been played out and the curtain has come down. What a relief!

"Jim" McGrath, of course, should never have been named U.S. Attorney General in the first place. He was no more fitted to head the Justice Department of this country, than his predecessor Tom Clark was fitted to take a place on the U.S. Supreme Court—which is only another way of saying that when the history of the Truman administration is written, the one outstanding BLACK spot in the record will be in the direction of the Truman appointments. Recently an improvement has been noted, but as a whole, we grant they have been terrible. (And if anyone is interested they will find such condemnation in this column when the appointment of Tom Clark was announced.)

By the same token, of course, Newbold Morris, should never have been selected to head a moral crusade within the present administration. Not that Newbold is not, by nature, a moral "crusader." He definitely is — one of the most idealistic types—"sans peur et sans reproach."

But he definitely suffers from the faults of his virtues, and our belief is McGrath realizing this when he made the appointment, banked upon it. But he failed to perceive another quality in the Morris make-up, complete honesty and fearlessness.

The fact that Newbold Morris was the impractical, more or less naive "do-gooder" type, and at the same time a Republican, led McGrath undoubtedly, to conclude he would make an ideal "cats paw" to pull out some of the administration hot chestnuts. He assumed Mr. "Silk Stocking" would go through the motions of a moral uplift without really going beneath the surface, and at the same time be immune to the charge that the clean-up was conducted by Democrats—or friends of the administration.

It was a good idea from the McGrath viewpoint—that is the viewpoint of the typical, cynical ward-politician. But it failed to work with Morris—as anyone who knew the man would have known at the outset.

And it failed to work with President Truman—also, for Mr. Truman, in spite of his limitations and his mistaken and impulsive loyalties, is at heart a straight-shooter and a fair-dealer—particularly when the chips are down. It has not been recorded as yet, just what the President said to his "double-crossing" Attorney-General at the Washington airport, but we have a fair idea of the main thesis—and we doubt if "Jimmy" McGrath, derby-hat, striped pants, greeters-grin and all, will soon forget it!

The pity is that President Truman did not get wise to the Tom Clark, Jimmy McGrath, Bill O'Dwyer type of political mercenary in the first place—many years ago!

"Mr. Republican" this morning is executing a war-dance over his "ground-swell" victories in McCarthy's Wisconsin, and Senator Butler's Nebraska. And as far as we have thus far observed in the papers, only one pretty-well discredited figure in public life dares dispute it. His name is Stassen.

This seems strange in view of the obvious facts. For as an index as to how the members of the Republican party feel toward Senator Taft and his reactionary isolationism, the results in these states, clearly show a majority are against him. In fact, the Taft group failed to secure over 40% of the votes cast, and in many precincts, the total was nearer 30%—that is 70% were against him.

Well, in view of how Mr. Republican has been treated by the voters in the past, and his dismal record until last Tuesday, we can't blame him for being all cheered-up and making the most of it. As time goes on, we predict he will need all these rays of sunshine he can get, as far as his White House prospects in 1952 are concerned.

But in this instance the fact remains, former Governor Stassen is entirely right in declaring the results in Wisconsin and Nebraska add up to a Taft defeat, not a victory.

Taft did get more votes than either of his opponents, NOMINALLY. BUT ACTUALLY the votes that went to Warren and Stassen in Wisconsin, and to Eisenhower and Stassen in Nebraska were ALL ANTI-TAFT votes, and no fair minded objective analysis of the returns, can justify any other conclusion.

Of course, the Ohio Senator denies this. (He WOULD.) He claims those Republicans who refused to vote for him in the primaries, will be for him as their party's candidate in the July convention. Not a chance! But the unfortunate feature, from the standpoint of the Republican party and the country, is not many of them will be there in the convention to vote.

Well, it is all very interesting. And in one direction the results in Wisconsin and Nebraska could be considered Taft victories. That is, if Taft had not led the race in both states, he would have been out of it completely, no matter what might have happened subsequently. As it is, he will be a contender, and in view of the reactionary make-up of the convention, he might even get the nomination—although, if we were running Lloyds we would make the odds about 10 to one against it.

In the past five or six weeks, roaming around the Bay Area—box-fights, horse-races, ball-games, hotel corridors, parks, dentists, doctors—and now on a "streamliner" train; there is one comment we have heard repeatedly—and this is the literal, nonprejudicial TRUTH—the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

That remark has been this, quote:
"Well, if they nominate him they will lose AGAIN!"

The "him" refers to Taft, and the "they" to the Republican party.

We heard it in the smoking room of this car only a few hours ago. And it was couched in imperfect English, but there was no doubt of the speakers complete and unquestioning conviction.

Let anyone who favors "Mr. Republican" as their party candidate this year, climb down from the ivory tower—or the Waldorf Astoria Tower suite—and mix with the rank and file, anytime, anywhere. If from the standpoint of what is best for his own party, he doesn't proceed to get off the Taft bandwagon and climb on the EISENHOWER bandwagon—or at least stay off the Taft—he must be from a purely party standpoint in a desperate suicidal frame of mind. It makes little difference, from a practical political standpoint, whether this sentiment is well founded or isn't. IT IS THERE! It is all over California and we see no reason to doubt it is country-wide. Under such circumstances it is hard to believe

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Medford and Jackson County history from the files of the Mail Tribune 10, 20, 30 and 40 years ago.

10 YEARS AGO

April 6, 1942
(It was Monday)
Two small children killed in fire at their home on Pacific highway near Central Point.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: After June 30 there will be no new lawnmowers. This contraption has been cursed more than the weather and with less results.

20 YEARS AGO

April 6, 1922
(It was Wednesday)
Total of 50 candidates file for Jackson county offices by deadline; 11 candidates for sheriff listed.

Medford city council approves appointment of sanitation expert to make survey of city's sewage problems.

30 YEARS AGO

April 6, 1922
(It was Thursday)
Marshal Jacques Joffre, French "Hero of the Marne" during World War I, visits Medford on trip of Pacific Coast.

Automobile association officials believe hard times on Pacific Coast are over; predict 1922 will be biggest tourist year in history.

40 YEARS AGO

April 6, 1912
(It was Saturday)
Indignant local citizens demand action against IWW official who issues circular defaming Medford and the Rogue valley.

Medford high school graduating class announces that clothing for commencement exercises will be simple; girls plan to wear dresses costing less than \$7.50 and boys will wear flannel shirts and overalls.

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The Apology Is Accepted

To the Editor: Please refer to the Encyclopaedia Britannica, Volume 5, Castor to Cole—Pages 166 to 174, Subject—CETACEA. This article reads as follows: Cetacea, an order of mammals, divisible into three suborders: Archaeoceti, exclusively fossil; Mysticoceti, whalebone whales; and Odontoceti, toothed whales, comprising sperm whales, bottlenosed whales and dolphins. Etc., etc.

I doubt that your Zoology I Professor was a liar as you say, but I will bet that "some" of his students slept now and then during class, and of course I am not referring to you.

On the other hand the Encyclopaedia Britannica is no doubt wrong, like your professor and all three of us owe you an apology.

C. R. Nagel,
Talent, Ore.
Henryetta, Okla. — (U.P.) — A Henryetta man, whose ambition was to draw a pistol "just like Billy the Kid," ended up by being a Hopalong. Bob Barnett shot himself in the leg while practicing his "draw" with a .22 caliber pistol.

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