

Matter of Fact By Joseph Alsop

THE WHITE HOUSE DRAMA

Washington—In the secret drama that has been unfolding in the White House for many months, it is pretty clear that what may be called the faction of the antis has sustained a heavy setback.

In other words, President Eisenhower is acting much more like a candidate to succeed himself than he would be called upon to act, if he merely wished to control the Republican convention and to dictate the choice of his own successor. On this head, the goings-on in Denver speak for themselves.

Probably this outcome was always inevitable. The most experienced of all observers of the American political scene, Frank R. Kent, has long held that it was an immutable law of American politics that first-term Presidents cannot possibly resist the forces driving them to run again. But in this case, the problem was more interesting than it usually is, because of the character of the faction of the antis.

The leader of the antis, of course, has been Mrs. Eisenhower. It has often been rumored that the President's wife disliked the idea of his running again. It can now be stated on undoubted testimony that the rumors under-represented the real situation. Mrs. Eisenhower has not merely disliked the idea of a second term. She has strongly and consistently used her very great influence against it. Furthermore, it can also be revealed that the influence of Mrs. Eisenhower has been powerfully seconded by the influence of Major John Eisenhower, which is also very great.

The combination of a man's wife and only son would be pretty formidable in most families and it is especially formidable in the Eisenhower family. In addition—that the President was too heavy a burden to be taken on a second time at the President's time of life; that the President has done his duty and could gracefully retire; and that this was the moment for the President to escape to the Gettysburg life he loves.

The President was much affected by the pleas of his wife and son. His response was swift and sure, so to speak, at the famous press conference when he publicly repeated the argument that a man of his years should not seek another four years in the White House.

But the faction of the antis was tiny, while the faction in favor of an Eisenhower second term was enormous, comprising every member of his staff, every Republican politician of any consequence except Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, and virtually every one of the President's circle of close personal friends. Moreover, the Geneva meeting at the summit proved to be a heavy blow to the faction of the antis.

To the legions who have urged him to run again the President has always had a stock response—that the American political system did not recognize the existence of such a creature as "the indispensable man." But at Geneva, the President seemed to prove the contrary.

However transitory and even dangerously deceptive the other Geneva results may prove, there is no doubt whatever about one result. Single-handed, with no lever but his smile, the President raised the reputation of this country abroad from somewhere very near the depths to somewhere very close to the heights. In a single week, the rest of the world's opinion of America's aims and purposes was radically and happily transformed by Eisenhower alone.

The feat itself quite naturally exhilarated the President, giving him a sense of achievement that he has not always had in the White House. Furthermore, the very fact of this feat, at once gave a heaven-sent argument to those who wanted him to run again. In our domestic politics, they said, it may be that no man is indispensable; but it has now been proved that at this critical juncture, the President is the indispensable man on the world political scene. According to persuasive

reports, it was this new argument introduced by Geneva that rather decisively turned the White House debate in favor of a second term.

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The President's power of choice in this matter has been invisibly but rapidly diminished. He no longer has the option of saying that he will not run because he does not choose to. His moral commitment to the Republican party is now too great. He cannot possibly escape running, unless he is willing to shield himself squarely behind an opinion from his doctors that he ought not to do so. That is the only argument which is not sure to be shouted down.

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owned by Julian Perkins. The exporter was a New York broker who found a ready sale for Comice pears at highest prices in Paris. (He said among the demimonde). Perkins later sold Hillcrest to the late Reginald Parsons who continued fancy packed fruit.

Others Follow
Other pear orchard owners followed the Hillcrest initiative of fancy packs. World War I however, stopped fruit exports and worked other hardships on orchardists handicapped by labor shortage. After the war the fancy Christmas gift pear package was gradually developed.

Bear Creek orchard, under David, took the initiative in national advertising and erected a large plant to supply fancy fruit throughout the year. Other packers mostly confined themselves to Christmas gift pears.

It was not pears, but apples, however, that started the great fruit boom in the Rogue River Valley and in the Northwest states. In 1909 a carload of Red Spitzberg apples from the Tronson & Guthrie Eagle Point orchard, won first prize at the Spokane apple show as the world's finest apples over the Yakima, Wenatchee and other regions and the influx of would-be orchardists was on. Not only fruit but the orchard, and land sold at top prices.

Blight Hits
The boom lasted a few years, then "pear blight" hit the orchards caused by climatic conditions. The Spitzbergs were most susceptible to the blight. The Yellow Newtons and pears, surgically treated, survived. Planting of apples was largely discontinued but pear acreage continued to increase.

This year's pear pack is estimated at 3 1/4 million boxes, superior in quality and are being sold profitably. The remittance

How Medford Became 'Pear Capital' Told

(Editor's note: This is another in a series of articles by the editor emeritus of the Salem Capital Journal and former editor and publisher of the Mail Tribune discussing the early days of southern Oregon. It is reprinted from the Salem paper by permission.)

By GEORGE PUTNAM

Medford and the Rogue River Valley has always been known as a fine fruit growing section but it was not until near the turn of the century that large commercial apple and pear orchards were planted by experts and given scientific care. Most of the fruit grown had been in home orchards for family use.

The first large apple and pear orchards were the Otwell, at Central Point, the Hillcrest, Bear Creek and Stewart in the Medford area. The first fancy boxed pears, in individually wrapped tissues and laced paper for export trade were shipped from the Hillcrest orchard, then

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man orchardist has become a scientific fruit grower or has been replaced by one and his future is bright with promise the pioneer visioned.

Area Perfect
Most any region can grow apples, but few regions compare with the Northwest for perfect fruit. But the regions where the perfect pears can be grown even in the Northwest, are comparatively few—for climate, altitude, irrigation and soil must be right, and the Medford area supplies the answer and it has attracted well-educated groups.

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Great Changes
In recent years fruit packing in Medford has undergone as great an evolution as the canning industry in Salem has. Machines have replaced workers but at the same time increased the number of workers—one of the paradoxes of American industry due largely to the high cost of labor which stimulated machine invention to offset costs.

Through many conveyors and specially designed equipment the fruit is automatically sorted, graded, wrapped and packed, the box covers nailed on and the full box conveyed for refrigeration or placed in railroad refrigerated cars for shipment.

Visits Plant
In my recent brief visit to Medford I only had time to visit one fruit packing plant, that of Reter Packing Co., whose owner I had known since his youth. The three-story plant occupies about a quarter of a city block along the railroad switch in the fruit packing district. Fully 300 employees were at work and a score of conveyors delivering or passing along the fruit and a box was packed and the top mechanically nailed in record time compared to an assembly line in an auto factory. And this is but one of Medford's packing plants, which have helped make Medford the Pear Center of the nation.

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—FIVE

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Salem — (U.P.)— Walter Lee Maupin, sentenced from Deschutes county to three years on a charge of larceny by bailer, has obtained a writ of habeas corpus from Marion County Circuit Judge George R. Duncan.

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