

Ike's Signing of Senator George Proves He's No Political Amateur

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Washington — (U.P.) — Dwight David Eisenhower can pick up his card any time now in the ancient and honorable order of political operators.



Lyle C. Wilson
out of the Roosevelt-Truman book of tricks, a fat volume. He's signed Democratic Chairman Walter F. George of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee for the Eisenhower team.

At least, the retiring senator has indicated he will take the job, and it seems now that the senator will be in uniform when the presidential campaign begins. If so, the planned Democratic attack on Eisenhower foreign policy will be hampered in some areas.

Eyes and Ears
George's activities will be as the President's eyes and ears in the sphere of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. United States defenses and what President Eisenhower has or has not done about them rank high among the issues which Democrats are raising.

Former President Truman made a similar play for protection when he borrowed John Foster Dulles from the Republican brain trust as a top-level foreign policy adviser. FDR per-

formed the political trick of the generation, however, in 1940. He brought two notable Republicans into his cabinet in June of that year — the late Frank Knox as secretary of Navy and the late Henry L. Stimson as secretary of war.

Shortly after defeating Republican presidential candidate Wendell L. Willkie the following November, Mr. Roosevelt kidnapped him, too, and sent him roving around the world. There was a strong Republican flavor, at least, to the wartime Roosevelt administration. That was a substantial factor in Republican difficulties in the 1944 election in which former Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York made his first White House try.

Has Great Prestige
George's prestige in and out of his party is as great as that of any of the men borrowed by Mr. Truman or Mr. Roosevelt. He's the senator of longest service, his party's principal spokesman on foreign affairs. It is not

likely that George will be adversely critical of the President, who was quick to offer a hand when time combined with the ambitions of a younger man back home convinced George he probably could not be reelected.

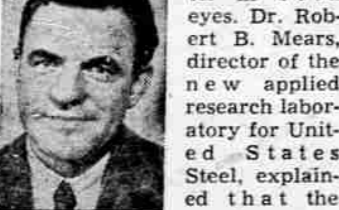
Getting George on the team was good politics from any angle. The President's batting average in the political league has been steadily improving. Take the farm issue. Congressional Democrats may or may not have played for a veto on the farm bill. There is no doubt, however, that Democratic leaders were convinced that Mr. Eisenhower's veto would hit the Republicans hard in the Midwest.

This week's presidential primary returns from Indiana do not appear to support that conviction. On the contrary, there is some evidence that Democratic farm subsidy strategy has backfired. In his third year of office, Mr. Eisenhower is showing that he understands the political game.

A Nichol's Worth of . . . Comment On This and That

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS
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Monroeville, Pa. — (U.P.) — It looked like a drinking fountain, for sure I turned it on and got a gush of water in both eyes. Dr. Robert B. Mears, director of the new applied research laboratory for United States Steel, explained that the gusher was part of the safety program.



Harman Nichols
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The eye-wash deal was located outside of a section where dangerous acid was being used in the experimental lab. In case a man, by accident, gets a dash of acid in his eyes, water is said to be the best flush. And where there is that danger, water is always handy.

In the same corridor, there are showers that come out of the ceilings, right in the aisle. In case a worker gets acid on his work-clothes there also are "fire blankets" cut loose from the walls by a handle device, in case flames have to be put out in a hurry.

This sort of business of preventing accidents goes on all the time at the multi-million dollar research center. It is a wooded 142-acre hilltop tract, which looks more like a college campus than a place where great minds of the steel industry test things for strength of fiber and aimed at leading men toward a more comfortable life.

Safety Carried Home
"We like to tell people," Dr. Mears said, "that our workers carry their safety learning home. And also we are proud of our many safety awards—as are other steel companies."
"We know, and there are statistics to prove it, that the steel workers are three times as safe at work as they are at home."
Dr. Mears gave some for instances, as far as USS is concerned.
"Our people," he said, "see

movies on safety in the shop. Also on safety on the highways to and from work."

If a man learns how to use a sturdy ladder in the shop, it is the belief that of the steel high command that he will carry it home in the form of a lecture to his little woman.

The well-trained worker buys his wife a ladder so that she won't risk life and limb mounting a wobbly chair to get a can of cocoa off the top shelf.

Other Things
Other things, too, like turning off the jet on a stove before turning your back on it for any length of time.

Dr. Mears also pointed to the fact that one of the most painful, but generally unserious casualties around a plant of any kind is the handling of paper.

"A paper cut," he said, "can be annoying. But it can be prevented. We teach our secretaries to wet a finger before handling bond paper like we use for important correspondence. A cut of that kind could put one of our young ladies on the 'sick list.' She has very little excuse, if she follows our rules."

The steel folks would like us to know that most of the safety devices like the eye-wash, the showers and the blankets seldom are used.

Prevention of accidents is peddled like the gospel.

Youth Injured Slightly In Bike, Auto Mishap

Andrew Ray Boyle, 11, 422 South Riverside ave., suffered minor bruises Tuesday when the bicycle he was riding collided with a car operated by Ernest Ingatius Flakus, 612 South J st., at the rear of an alley at 437 South Central ave., according to Medford police.
Boyle's injuries were not serious and he walked home with his mother, police said. No citations were issued.

Iowa Claims First In Chicken Production

Des Moines — (U.P.) — Iowa, for many years the nation's top corn state, now claims to be first in chicken production.
The Iowa Development Commission reported today that Iowa farmers produced 29,650,000 chickens during 1955, nearly 8 per cent of all the chickens in the United States.

Russia Warned On Aggression

Bonn, Germany — (U.P.) — Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther warned Russia today that aggression against any member of the Atlantic Pact would be met in a single shattering stroke by the tactical atomic weapons of the West.

"Our strategy is based intimately on atomic weapons to deter any active aggression," the supreme allied commander in Europe told a press conference here.
"Those tactical atomic weapons would definitely be used to repulse such an aggression by the Soviets if it ever came about . . . Those weapons will be delivered in the event of an aggression with a single stroke by air power, by guided missiles, by rockets and by artillery."

All of these means of delivering atomic warheads are known to be already in position on the West's front line in Germany. Gruenther refused to say whether the pact has any actual atomic weapons in this country.

The general warned Western Europe not to be deluded by Russia's current "campaign of smiles" into believing that vigilance and unity are any less necessary than they were when the pact was formed seven years ago.

Israel Intercepts British Aircraft

Jerusalem, (Israeli Sector) — (U.P.) — Israeli fighter aircraft forced a British passenger plane to land at Lydda Airport today. The British plane later was allowed to leave after Israeli officials questioned its crew.

Col. Nehemia Brosh, the Israeli military spokesman, said the British plane had violated Israeli airspace.
Brosh said the plane flew over Sodom, Beersheba, Nir Am Ashkelon and Tel Aviv, all within Israel.

An Israeli fighter plane intercepted the British aircraft off Caesaria and called several times for the plane to identify itself, he said.
After no replies were received from the British plane, the spokesman said, the Israeli fighter "gave the sign" to the passenger aircraft to land.

It set down at Lydda Airport near Tel Aviv and after the crew was questioned the pilot was granted permission to leave.
Full details of the incident were not available immediately.

Doctors, Lawyers Hold Joint Meeting

The first annual joint meeting of the Jackson County Medical Society and the Jackson County Bar Association was held Wednesday night at the Rogue Valley Country Club. Eighty-four members of the two professions attended.

Plans for establishment of a joint committee of members of the two societies were formulated and a physician-lawyer golf tournament was proposed to precede the next meeting.

Dr. Alvin Roberts, Central Point, president of the medical society, presided. Paul Haviland, president of the bar association, spoke on "Principles Governing Certain Physician-Lawyer Relationships," which was discussed by a panel of members of both groups. Otto Frohnmayer was moderator. Panelists were William McAllister, Dr. June Byers, Edward C. Kelly, Dr. M. L. Vorheis, Dr. Ralph Thompson, Haviland, Dr. Ralph Hibbs, Warren Lesseg and Robert Dickey.

Churchill Sees Russia Eventually In Spirit of NATO

Aachen, Germany — (U.P.) — Winston Churchill said today if the Kremlin's down-with-Stalin movement is sincere he sees no reason why Russia cannot eventually "join in the spirit" of the Atlantic pact.

The 81-year-old former Prime Minister, here to be honored for his own aid to European unity, said the West's best hope of achieving it lies in the pact's grand alliance of the European powers, linked with Canada and the United States.

Russians Must Have Part
He added that, although the United States has so far taken the lead in cementing the historically divided nations of Europe, Russia also "must have her part" in a real unification of the continent.

Churchill, told a blue ribbon audience that Europe's problems can be solved more easily by united East-West action than "by rival blocs confronting each other with suspicion and hostility."

The British veterans' unofficial proposal amounted to an endorsement of the Russian idea, rejected by the West at Geneva, that East and West should seek means of joining forces before they deal with the reunification of Germany.

Must Avoid Violence
"We must avoid violence," the victorious leader of World War II told the Germans on his first visit to Germany since the end of the war.

"The only unity there might be then is a unity of ashes and death."

The 81-year-old former Prime Minister came to this 12,000-year-old metropolis, first German city taken by the Allies, to receive a \$1190 award for his efforts to promote a "United States of Europe."

Truman Praises Averell Harriman

New York — (U.P.) — Former President Truman praised New York's Gov. Averell Harriman last night as a wise and skillful practitioner of foreign policy and a one-man package of the qualities which have made America great.

Mr. Truman, an avowed "neutral" made no mention of the race for the Democratic presidential nomination in which Harriman is an "inactive" candidate. But in presenting to Harriman the 1956 award of the Four Freedoms Foundation he gave an implicit 100 per cent endorsement to Harriman's qualifications for the job.

Harriman has been "right" about the Russians since at least 1945, Mr. Truman said, and "he is not taken in today, as so many of our leaders seem to be, by the smile on the face of the Kremlin."

Local FTA Members Plan Dillard Trip

Eight members of the Medford High school chapter of the Future Teachers association will attend an FTA regional meeting in Dillard at Douglas County High school Saturday, May 12. Clair Gurwell is advisor for the local group.

Those making the trip include Sharon Wymore, Sandra Buxton, who will be discussion leader for a sub-group, Walter Humphrey, Melva Gebhard, who will be recorder for a discussion group, Lois Myers, Sharon Zumwalt, Pat Calloway and Carolyn Carr.

A panel discussion on "What Is a Teacher?" will be followed by sub-group discussion on topics considered by the panel. Officers for region two, which comprises southwestern Oregon, will be elected for the coming year.

The students and advisor will make the trip in a car furnished by Courtesy Chevrolet.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday, 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days \$20 previous day.

14,918,353 Bibles Distributed by Society

New York — (U.P.) — The American Bible Society announced today it had distributed 14,918,353 Bibles in the United States and abroad in 1955.

The society, holding its 104th annual meeting, said it has distributed a total of 466,231,012 Bibles since it gave away its first volume in 1816.

Officers Cleared In Marine Deaths

Washington — (U.P.) — The commandant of the Marine Corps today absolved officers at the boot training camp at Parris Island, S.C., of any blame in the drowning of six Marines on a disciplinary night march last month.

Gen. Randolph McCall Pate, corps commandant, cleared the officers in a letter to Rep. Walter Norblad (R-Ore.). Norblad recently suggested that the Marines had gone too easy on the officers in "meting out punishment for the tragedy."

"All those connected with the matter were doing everything that might be expected of them, taking into account the time and place in question," Pate said in defense of the Parris Island officers.

Pate announced last week that S/Sgt. Matthew C. McKeon would be court martialed on four charges, including involuntary manslaughter, for leading the recruits to their deaths on the night of April 8. He said a Marine Court of Inquiry had found that McKeon had been "under the influence" of vodka at the time.

92 Cases of Polio Reported Last Week

Washington — (U.P.) — The Public Health Service said today that 92 cases of polio were reported in the nation last week. That compares with 149 cases during the comparable week last year and a five-year average of 109. Cases reported so far this year now total 1463 compared to 1599 in 1955.

There were 51 paralytic cases last week compared to 74 for the same week last year. So far there have been 803 paralytic cases this year compared to 703 for the same period in 1955.

Authorities said, however, that it is still too early to attach any significance to any of the figures in terms of probable incidence this year.

4-Year-Old Boy Saves Little Sister's Life

Worcester, Mass. — (U.P.) — four-year-old boy saved his little sister's life yesterday by putting his hand down her throat and removing an atomizer cap that had lodged there.

Susan Lande, 19-month-old, swallowed the cap of a hair spray atomizer yesterday. Her frightened mother tried to pull it out but her fingers were too big to get down the tiny throat. As the child began turning blue, the mother tried to telephone for help.

Hearing cries, four-year-old John Lande walked in. While his mother talked on the phone, John put his small hand in his sister's mouth, pushed his finger down her throat, and pulled out the cap.

Then he went out again to play.

Portland Grocery Clerks Schedule Negotiations

Portland — (U.P.) — Representatives of employees and grocers in Portland were scheduled to meet again this afternoon with a federal mediator in an attempt to head off the threatened walk-out of grocery clerks tomorrow.

The clerks are asking a pay increase of \$7.50 a week and a health and welfare program to cost \$2.50 a week. An offer of \$2.40 a week increase for journeyman clerks made by the employers has been turned down by the union.

Around Hollywood

Editor's note: Aline Mosby is on vacation. Guest columnist Bob Hope discusses his brand of humor.

By BOB HOPE
Written for the United Press

Hollywood — (U.P.) — People continually ask me what is meant by a sense of humor. If you'll forgive my being serious a moment, it's the knack of sitting back and being amused at the foibles of your fellow man.

But it can't be bitter. The best humor is loving, tolerant and understanding. And it's rapidly becoming all but essential for sane living in our complex world.

I've been in parts of the world where it'd be dangerous to laugh at a certain situation. People basically are the same everywhere, but customs vary. I've observed one big difference between American and British brands of humor. The English study people and point up their shortcomings by observation. I like to lampoon people.

Humor involves a lot more than detached amusement at the troubles of others. It is the ability to laugh at yourself that counts. But go easy if you start to use it to poke fun at others. It's no trick to get laughs by being cruel. Good-natured spoofing is a different matter.

I've always been partial to topical humor. Everyone gets a kick out of jokes about current events and people in the news. People laugh even harder about things that are going on in the world about them.

Recently I addressed the USO heads in Los Angeles. The papers were full of news about Grace Kelly and her entourage sailing for Monaco. Taking a leaf from the headlines I quipped: "there hasn't been a major troop movement in some years—just Grace Kelly's."

They also like being told "Harry Truman isn't losing a daughter—he's gaining a Democrat— and that 'Clifton Daniel must really be in love with Margaret. After all, he knows that her father is out of work."

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Probe Launched In Ship Explosion

Alameda, Calif. — (U.P.) — An investigation was launched today to determine the cause of an explosion and flash fire that killed one worker and injured seven others aboard a tanker in drydock at Todd Shipyards.

Todd officials said gas fumes in the forward pumpwell of the General Petroleum tanker Syoset may have been ignited from a spark, possibly caused by the dropping of a metal tool or the scuffing of a nail in a workman's shoe.

Leon Evans, 46, Oakland, was killed when the explosion blew him out of the well and slammed him against a warping winch. Some of the injured men were tossed about 15 feet into the air by the force of the blast.

The explosion occurred shortly after 11 a.m. yesterday and was felt and heard over a large part of Alameda and Oakland.

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