

By FRANK JENKINS
In Washington the other morning, President Eisenhower stepped up on a platform, smiled his irresistible smile and made one of his priceless informal talks. His talk was frankly political. It was addressed to a national campaign conference of the Citizens for Eisenhower Organization. He asked this group of citizens to work hard to continue what he called his administration's GREAT MIDDLE OF THE ROAD PHILOSOPHY OF GOVERNMENT.

WHAT is Ike's middle-of-the-road philosophy?
This, I think, is it:
It is steering a middle course between the twin evils of big government-do-everything and week government that is dominated by selfish interest.

In explaining this philosophy, I'm afraid I'll have to go high-brow for a moment.
Finding the safe middle course between menacing evils is one of mankind's oldest dreams. It is dramatized in the Greek myth of Jason and his search for the Golden Fleece. The Golden Fleece lay somewhere beyond a narrow strait. On a rock at one side of this strait dwelt Scylla, a monster with six heads, each on a long neck and each armed with three rows of sharp teeth. On a rock on the other side dwelt Charybdis, a monster that thrice every day swallowed up the waters of the sea and thrice threw them up again.

To gain the Golden Fleece Jason and his Argonauts had to steer a careful course between these monsters. They did it.

THERE are things that government, meaning ALL of us, can do better for the common good than free private enterprise individuals, competing with each other, can do for themselves. Roads, for example. Social security, for example. Disaster relief, for example.

We CRAVE these things, as

Dental Tradition

Says:

"Never Retire"

I have never done better work than now and I have no intention of retiring.

Dr. S. Ralph Dippel,
D.M.D.

For power-packed fury no other wind on earth, except perhaps the blast in front of a tremendous avalanche, rivals the tornado.

Striking swiftly and unpredictably, perhaps 100 tornadoes will leave their destructive wakes over the land this year and take the lives of about 250 people.

Although the entire life history of a tornado is usually compressed within 60 minutes—in any one of these 60 it can and has wreaked \$50,000,000 destruction.

Seldom is the path of a "twister" more than a quarter mile wide and ten miles long—much more often, it is nearer 25 yards wide and ten miles long. And as it advances, it may demolish this man's barn, rise and skip that man's home, and then descend to take away a third man's entire set of buildings.

Neither month of year nor state of the union is exempt from its visitation. However, the time of distribution is fairly predictable: of the 100 tornadoes to hit this year, an average of 21 strike in May, 18 in this month of June, 17 in April, 12 in March, eight in July, five in both August and September, three in January, February, October and November, and two in December. Of the hours of the day, it prefers the middle or latter part of the afternoon.

As for the areas in which it will strike, Kansas will get most. But the smug belief that one

may be safe from tornadoes outside of the "tornado belt," vaguely located within the great Mississippi Valley, somewhere around Kansas, Nebraska and Iowa, is an error—grievous error. True, in a 25-year period, Kansas had 177 twisters, Iowa 124, Nebraska 72, while Pennsylvania had only 42, New York 37

and Massachusetts 10. But when these frequencies are scanned in terms of states' relative sizes, then small Massachusetts with its 10 tornadoes has more per square mile than Nebraska which is 9 1/2 times larger and more than half as many as Kansas and Iowa! And as for Washington, D.C., that tiny 69-square mile area which has experienced 4 tornadoes in 34 years has set up a tornado expectancy almost 20 times that of a comparable spot in "cyclone-wracked" Kansas.

Two Air Masses
What produces this giant vacuum sweeper of the atmosphere, this destructive monster of winds?
To make one there must be two highly contrasted air masses—a warm layer from a mile to two miles thick underlying a cold air falls steeply and at the point where it makes contact, it sets up an eddy—much the same as an eddy is set up in water where two currents of different speeds converge.

As the gyration increases, a partial vacuum forms within this great eddy—adding immeasurably to its destructive power.

Every tiny whirlwind darting across a field, swirling up dust, picking up leaves, twisting tumbleweeds, however innocent-appearing, is in itself a miniature whirling tornado. And, too, something of the innocence of this little dust-devil seems inherent in a full-grown tornado. At a distance it appears so beguilingly fragile. Yet, as it comes on, that great writhing rope-colored black, greenish—or purple—be-



IS THAT SO?

comes more ominous, sinister. Slow Moving
A tornado's approach may be 60 miles an hour, but that is seldom. More often, it moves no faster than 20-30 miles an hour, permitting people to run out of its path, hurry to a storm cellar, or rush to the southwest side of the building which is safest, or seek safety by outspeeding it in a car. If not that, to lie flat in a depression.

As the revolving vortex spins in closer, its destructive power becomes increasingly apparent, and once caught in the center victims state that its force is appalling—exemplified by straws, sand, gravel, and splinters which whirl about in its heart with the speed of bullets. As it approaches a barn or house, the roof may lift and the walls flatten out from within, literally exploding.

Part of that lifting roof along with pieces of steel, wood, cattle, humans and chickens may be whirled high aloft like matchsticks in an updraft which it is estimated may attain a speed of 15,000 feet a minute!

Befitting the devastation, there is an unforgettable stentorian roar.

Prodigious deeds done—railway trains hurled from tracks, heavy steel bridges lifted from piers, entire roofs of frame buildings carried for miles, straws driven into oaks, chickens stripped naked—all done within seconds. A fresh breeze supplants the tornado when it has gone, never to retrace the exact route of its destruction.

What was the total power of that wind within the tornado? Because no instrument has yet measured that force, estimates vary. But by its very deeds, a tornado proclaims that its internal speeds must often exceed 375 miles an hour—but taking

Washington — (U.P.) — The Labor department reported Saturday that 185,000 auto workers were unemployed last week—an increase of 18,000 since the previous week.

There were 20,000 new layoffs in the week that ended May 26, the largest weekly layoff since March 1, the department said. However, 2000 employees laid off previously were recalled to their jobs.

The department said 107,000 of the unemployed were in Michigan, with 69,000 at Detroit. Indiana had the second largest number with 27,000 laid-off workers. Ohio was next with nearly 21,000.

that figure, when translated into "force" means that the tornado packs a wallop of 25 times the strength of a 75-mile-an-hour hurricane!

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Firms Report Rush From Eastern Market

Portland — (U.P.) — The plywood industry here reported a flood of orders from eastern and midwestern buyers hoping to take advantage of last week's price slump. Spokesmen for the trade said the new low price of \$76 for index ply grade may not last another week.

Mills already were refusing orders at the low prices for delivery past June. They predicted a price increase to about \$80 within a short time.

Lumbermen also reported a firm market and attributed the trend to federal court dismissal of a petition that would have sustained the "slow freight" practice of lumber marketing. The buyers had apparently been waiting for the court decision before deciding to buy from transit shippers while prices were low.

Transit shippers said they were adjusting to the Interstate Commerce Commission order against transit shipping and were going on a "firm order" basis.

Knoxville Firemen Answer Boy Alarm

Knoxville, Tenn. — (U.P.) — Firemen hurried to a downtown intersection but found no fire.

One of two youngsters standing beside the alarm box told fire Capt. Ott Wright, "I put my hand on it and something went round and round and made a lot of noise and then the fire trucks came."

Wright explained the operation of the box, gathered his equipment and men and left.

200 Exhibitors To Attend Stock Show

The Dalles — (U.P.) — Over 200 exhibitors will be at The Dalles Monday to take part in the Tenth Annual Mid-Columbia 4-H FFA stock show and sale from June 4 to June 7.

The youngsters will display 464 animals in a show that will

take in counties from all over Oregon.

Counties represented by 4-H entrants will be Benton, Deschutes, Gilliam, Grant, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla, Wheeler, Hood River, Jefferson and Wasco.

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