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Editorial Correspondence . . .

San Francisco, July 20—The delightfully cool weather continues with overcast mornings, but clear sunny afternoons and a bracing breeze from the sea. Speaking of the sea a young acquaintance of ours and ex-Mayor of Ross, won the first prize in the yacht race to Honolulu. This also is nice work if you can get it. But it is hard work too, and expensive. It will mean more, however, to the ex-Mayor of Ross (across the bay) than striking the million dollar jackpot at Las Vegas would to some other successful young men we know.

We note by that excellent daily paper, the Medford Mail Tribune, that Senator Neuberger considers the appointment of ex-Interior Secretary Douglas McKay to the International Joint Water Commission as "incredible." We can't go along with Richard on this.

It is, we believe, the most CREDIBLE, and from the G.O.P. standpoint the most expected, suitable and proper appointment that could be imagined.

Can it be that our able and progressive junior Senator has forgotten that President Eisenhower called TVA "creeping socialism"—and still BELIEVES it? Also that his entire administration is and always has been a bitter foe of public power and a concerted partisan of Big Business and PRIVATE Power.

Ex-Secretary McKay is the perfect appointment on this U.S.-Canadian commission for he can be depended upon, so long as he remains a member, to do everything in his power to destroy any public power development in the border areas between the two countries, and boost private power at every opportunity. That is what the Eisenhower regime WANTS.

We grant that from the standpoint of public power and the PUBLIC WELFARE this appointment is a "stab in the back." But we find it hard to believe that such a perceptive and well informed senator as Dick Neuberger, could have seriously expected from the present administration ANYTHING different.

Doug McKay worships the G.O.P. pachyderm and the G.O.P. pachyderm gets down on its creaking knees to worship and put and keep in power 100 per cent reactionaries like Doug McKay. So that's THAT.

The "Gay Ninety" cable cars that distinguished San Francisco so many years ago are almost extinct, but we are glad to say, not quite. The Powell Street cable is still rattling across Geary and to Fisherman's Wharf via the "Top O' the Mark." We climbed aboard at Market yesterday around noon to greet the Premier of Pakistan with the unpronounceable name. (It's at that time of day, you don't get on the car at the starting turntable you have to stand on the running board and take your chances of getting knocked off.)

As luck would have it we arrived at the "Mark" just as the police motorcycle escort with sirens screeching drove up with the Premier, escorted by Lt. Gen. Robert Young (not related to the movie star but who, candor compels us to state, was far better and more impressive looking than the foreign dignitary who was getting not only the "red carpet" but also an extremely noisy welcome).

That diversion reminds us of the late Mr. Howlett of the Eagle Point Eaglets and leaves us out of breath—

However, to resume— The Prime Minister of Pakistan, as he subsequently demonstrated, is a very smart man and an astute diplomat, but frankly he isn't much to LOOK at. He doesn't in the first place look at all like an East Indian, and as he strode aggressively into the "Peacock" room in spite of his very small feet, he impressed your correspondent as being a cross between Mickey Walker and the late Fiorella La Guardia, Mayor of New York.

But this was only an external estimate and therefore superficial. H. S. Suhrawardy lacks the personal charm and refinement of Nehru and his delicacy of feature, but in his public statements, and in his fencing with reporters he demonstrated a cleverness, adroitness and subtlety which left no doubt WHY he was chosen for the important post he occupies.

It was clear he had been carefully coached and followed the old adage of "while in Rome do as the Romans do." He stopped at Blums' new and ornate candy shop next to Maginn's on Geary, and chose as his "dish" a highly nauseous concoction consisting of Turkish coffee, ice cream, raspberry sauce, caramel trimmings and whipped cream, billed on the menu as "Scheherazade."

"Good heavens," his Highness exclaimed as he dipped his spoon in it, whereupon the alert and publicity-conscious manager promptly announced to the assembled press that this saccharine confection will drop its original name and hereafter be known to the trade as "Good Heavens."

Then with a single motorcycle cop for escort, Nehru's swarthy rival proceeded to Gumps to see their famous exhibit of oriental art and bric-a-brac. Whether his favorite American exclamation "Good Heavens" was employed on this tour or not is unclear, but as he returned to his Lincoln limousine there was no doubt he had enjoyed himself.

In fact no one who observed Mr. Suhrawardy on this brief stop would doubt his sincerity when he told a luncheon group that he was charmed and delighted by his warm welcome in San Francisco and only wished he could stay many days longer.

One of many examples of his skill in diplomacy was his answer to a question by a reporter—rather a silly one—as to whether his party in Pakistan more closely resembles the Republican or Democratic parties in this country.

Without a moment's hesitation and with just a shadowy flicker of a smile he answered: "It remains for me to discover what is the exact difference between the two major parties in your country." Pretty neat!

My Fair Lady's road company is playing here at the Memorial Opera House, and it is just as hard to get tickets as it was with the original company in New York. The price quoted by ticket brokers is perfectly ridiculous and the one we questioned was not sure he could get GOOD seats even then. No light opera, however popular, is worth putting a mortgage on the old homestead. Besides we have heard the best of it on "Hi-Fi" and with that we expect to remain content.—R.W.R.

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POISONING DEBATE

The rules of the House of Representatives clearly specify that any member who desires to speak "shall confine himself to the question under debate, avoiding personality." Rep. Brazilla Carroll Reece showed an arrogant contempt for this rule when he inserted a speech in the Congressional Record on Saturday containing a scurrilous personal attack on a fellow member, Rep. Charles O. Porter of Oregon, whom he accused of fomenting revolutions in Latin America. In British, Canadian and other parliamentary bodies, Mr. Reece would have been ejected from the floor unless he apologized for such remarks; the very least that the House can do is to expunge Mr. Reece's offensive and unparliamentary words from the Record.

If Congressman Porter has sinned, it is because he has shown more concern for the democratic ideals of this country than have some of his colleagues. One of his constituents was Gerald Lester Murphy, a young pilot presumed murdered by agents of Generalissimo Rafael Trujillo of the Dominican Republic. Since Mr. Porter was first drawn into the case of Murphy and Dr. Jesus de Galindez, another presumed victim of Dominican thuggery, he has become increasingly critical of this Government's sometimes tender policy toward Latin-American despots.

Men of good will may differ with Mr. Porter's views, but his belief that the United States should aid democratic regimes and show open disdain for tyranny is in conformity with an honorable American tradition. To say that he is fomenting revolution is a palpable distortion. Mr. Porter's vocal position has been a lonely one, and for that reason all the more valuable.

—Washington (D.C.) Post



"I WAS SHOWIN' RUFF YOUR BOWLIN' BALL AN' IT CAME DOWNSTAIRS."

Matter of Fact

By Stewart Alsop

Washington—The way the Eisenhower administration's defense budget has been handled suggests a simple question: Is somebody in the administration looney? For looniness seems the obvious explanation of what has happened. Consider this peculiar drama in seven acts:

Act one. The President submits to Congress a defense budget of \$38.5 billion. The budget revolt boils up. The President invites Congress to his budget. The House obliges, slicing the defense budget by a whopping \$2.6 billion.

Act two. The President decides to defend his budget after all. The defense budget, he says in effect, can take a cut of \$1.4 billion without doing any harm (which of course suggests that the budget as originally proposed was heavily inflated, as charged by the economists). But, he says, it is absolutely essential that at least \$1.2 billion of the House cut be restored.

Act three. As the budget battle reaches a climax, the President goes on the air with a passionate plea for his defense and foreign aid budgets. To fail to restore the minimum of \$1.2 billion would be, he warns, "a fearful gamble" with national security.

Act four. Like a couple of middle aged loonivars, Republican Sen. Leverett Saltonstall and Democratic Sen. Stuart Symington ride to the rescue, in response to the President's anguished plea. Breasting the economy tide, at considerable political risk to themselves, they fight and bleed to get as much as possible of the House cut restored in the Senate. They do well. The Senate passes a defense budget restoring almost a billion of the House cut.

Act five. House and Senate conferees meet, with blood in their eyes, for the decisive struggle to determine whether the House or Senate defense budgets shall prevail. The odds favor the Senate version emerging in substance.

Act six. Secretary of Defense Charles Wilson sends a letter to the Senate-House conference, which is seconded by a letter to the same effect from Budget Chief Brundage. It seems that the Defense Department does not need the \$1.2 billion, which the President had described as "the

dividing line between national danger and excessive spending," after all.

INDEED, the \$1 billion for which Symington and Saltonstall fought in response to the President's plea, is not needed either. Thanks to heavy reductions in defense (which do not— heaven forbid— represent a "fearful gamble") the Defense Department can get along fine if only about half that amount is restored.

Act seven is still being played out. But as this is written, the Senate-House conferees are busy noting "S.R."—for "Senate Recedes"—on item after item in the defense budget. The prospect is that the defense budget will end up at or near the level set by the House economists, which according to the President himself, would lead to "national danger."

Nor does the story end there. For this strange maneuver also makes it extremely probable that the heavy House cuts in the foreign aid program, for which the President also pleaded so passionately in his television speeches, will substantially stand. More than that, the sorry record of tergiversation has left the sourest possible taste in the mouths of those who fought on the President's side in the battle of the budget—above all the Democrats, who are, after all, in control of both Houses, and will remain so at least through the next session. "If Ike thinks we're going to stick our necks out for him again," one of them has remarked, "he's got another think coming."

THE question remains: How did it happen? Aside from the obvious explanation of simple looniness, the basic answer seems to be that the Administration has painted itself into a corner in its handling of defense financing. For more than four years it has lived on the fat of previous appropriations, and on "one-shot savings." Now there is no more fat, and no more fake economies to be made.

This time has come, moreover, at just the point where the missiles and other new weapons are coming into production and I must be paid for, if this country is not to lose the arms race with the Soviets. In this situation, the Administration could choose between heavier defense spending, or a balanced budget and a future tax cut. The strange drama recounted above means that the Administration has chosen the latter course, which does indeed represent a "fearful gamble."

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ORDEAL AT MEDFORD

Medford city councilmen and planners have had their "ordeal of fire," and have emerged only slightly scathed. They gave final approval Thursday evening to a proposal for annexing and re-zoning a tract of land adjoining Jackson street and Biddle road, in order that a \$1,500,000 shopping center may be located there. The approval did not come without considerable opposition, however.

We have followed progress of the proposal in news articles published by the Mail-Tribune. Even the guarded words of M-T reporters failed to hide the fact that a considerable number of downtown Medford businessmen were opposed to a big shopping center and super-market, at the outskirts of the city. Repeatedly the suggestion was made that the plan be deferred for "further study"—the polite way of killing an ordinance or planning commission report.

Medford city officials at least will have one source of satisfaction. People will not be able to point their way and charge that "they" kept out new business because "they" were afraid of competition.

Actually, all cities have found that when they have better stores and shopping areas, more business is available to everyone.—Grants Pass Courier.

Sack Commutation

Praised, Criticized

Portland — Gov. Robert D. Holmes was praised and criticized Monday night for commuting the death sentence of George F. Sack of Portland to life imprisonment. Sack was convicted of the slaying of his wife, Goldie.

Orval Thompson, Albany attorney and legal counsel to the governor, said the commutation resulted because Holmes had the courage of his conviction. "He believes that capital punishment is wrong on moral, ethical, religious and practical grounds."

Hugh Barze, Portland attorney who served as legal counsel to ex-Gov. Elmo Smith and Holmes violated his oath to uphold the state constitution by the commutation.

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Train Wreck in Spain

Injures 37 Persons

Villagarzia De Arosa, Spain—Thirty-seven persons were injured when two slow-moving trains collided in the station here Monday.

Investigators blamed the crash on a switchman's error.

Pendleton — Pendleton, Bend, Baker and Klamath Falls have been linked to the state police teletype network originating at headquarters in Salem.

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