

Washington Report

By WILLIAM S. WHITE

SOUR NOTE
Washington - A sour note must be raised amid the chorus of happy hurrahs surrounding President Eisenhower's "goodwill" trip to 11 nations scattered about the globe.

No doubt the general response here has been "golly, that's swell!" Most of the outer world seems to approve, too - but most of the outer world is not really familiar with the institution of the American Presidency and the curious limitations that go with its vast powers.

In plain fact, there are dangers in this extraordinary journey. More responsible people here than might be supposed are fully aware of it. They do not speak out for fear of being called pessimists or, maybe, "opposed to peace."

THOUGH every American wants it to go off beautifully, the public is entitled to know the serious objections to this kind of breathless, jet-airliner diplomacy. They are several.

1. The President is breaking with the spirit and practice of a century and three-quarters. This practice has been that the Presidency, the heart and mind of the whole American government, is not wisely "put on the road." It has been felt that such perambulations would lessen the dignity of the office and thus decrease its unique influence.

All previous Presidents who have gone abroad have gone for specific, clearly definable reasons. Usually they have gone only either in wartime for Allied talks or in early postwar periods for urgent Allied peace conferences. It is true that "the world has changed." But it does not automatically follow that the carefully reserved posture so long maintained for the office should now be cast aside for what is vaguely called "goodwill."

2. Once a President visits one country he will be under

unbearable pressure to visit more and more countries. (Already, two stops have had to be added, in a single day's time, to Mr. Eisenhower's schedule - Spain and Tunisia). It is quite as easy to promote goodwill as goodwill when country X is honored and country Y is snubbed.

A CASE can be made for Presidential visits to great powers, like those recently to Western Europe, for perfectly plain Allied objectives. It is not easy, however, to make any non-sentimental case for calls on little countries simply because they would like to be called on.

3. Any President's real and irreplaceable - place in Washington. This is true under the Constitution and it is true as a practical matter. The shop simply will not run as well while the boss is away. If it would, there would be less reason to have a boss.

4. Such crowded itineraries as President Eisenhower's - 11 countries in 19 days - are bound to be taxing. This, surely, is true of a President who, at 69, is happily in excellent health now but has twice been gravely ill in office. Moreover, it is hard to believe that in such a hurried journey a President can have time to reflect usefully on all the problems of his office plus the added problems posed in meeting so many people so quickly.

5. Even though formal diplomatic "negotiations" are no part of the President's purpose, certain "negotiations" will surely take place all the same. For example, foreign dispatches already show Mr. Eisenhower will be expected to mix himself into India's frontier troubles with Red China. One of the main reasons why our tradition has kept the office of the Presidency out of such matters is this:

A PRESIDENT calling on another head of state as his personal guest is unlikely, in human nature, to be able to take quite the no-nonsense line of two diplomats meeting strictly as professional negotiators.

When you go to a man's

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

REV. VANCE HAVNER says the man who always promises and never takes a firm stand, sometimes gets it in the neck. He cites as an example the Civil War soldier who figured to play it safe by dressing himself in a blue coat and gray pants. He tiptoed cautiously on to the field of battle—and got shot from both directions.



CAMPUS CUTUPS:

1. Lady Shopper: Isn't that mighty expensive for a pillow?
2. Clerk: Well, you see, ma'am, down is up.
3. Wife: I didn't like the looks of your new stenographer, so I fired her.
4. Husband: Without giving her a chance?
5. Wife: No. Without giving you a chance.
6. Prof: How can you tell whether a goldfish is male or female?
7. Frosh: Add a half an ounce of sulphuric acid to the bowl. If he comes floating to the top, he's a male. If she floats to the top, she's a female.

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Aminotriazole Not Cleared for Use on Fruit Trees, Group Told

The pure food and drug administration has not cleared aminotriazole for use on fruit trees either alone or in combination of chemicals, County Agent Don Berry told members of the Eighth Annual Oregon Weed Conference in Medford Friday.

The tree fruit experiment station in Wenatchee, Wash., makes a firm recommendation for using herbicides around young trees. But, with aminotriazole out of the picture from the food and drug administration standpoint this recommendation will have to be put aside for now.

If any chemical weed-killers are used in and around trees they should be used only on an experimental basis, Berry told the conference. This also applies to grass-killers.

home for the week end he can make it far harder for you to say no to his proposals than would be the case if your agent met his agent in a business office and without social obligations on either side.

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Cultivation has done a good job of controlling orchard weeds, Berry said. Weed control is also practiced by orchardists to some extent in ditches and along fence rows.

Controlling weeds around newly planted trees when establishing a new orchard is "must," the county agent pointed out. Weeds choke out little trees and rob them of moisture and nutrition. This may set them back a year or two years before they reach commercial production.

Eliminates Rodents
Orchard weed control is also necessary to eliminate orchard mice which live and work in the heavy orchard weed growth. These rodents kill and girdle trees.

Orchard weed control facilitates orchard operations; especially harvesting. Weed control is also needed to leave a surface cover to protect orchard soil from washout by summer irrigation or winter rains.

"For weeding around little trees even the best of equipment including rototators, mechanical hoes or tillers leave something to be desired," the county agent said. "Some hand weeding must be done close to the little trees."

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

In a recent issue of the Pendleton East Oregonian, its editor and publisher, J. W. Forrester, Jr., notes that there are two schools of thought on the subject of taxes. He says: "In one camp are those who would place government services FIRST. They would determine first the NEEDS of the citizens, and then build a tax program to finance those needs."

"The opposing school of thought would first determine the TAX LOAD THE CITIZENS CAN CARRY and then provide services within the anticipated income."

LET'S put it this way: Among our people, one group would have government spend whatever is necessary to give everybody everything he wants. This group has come to be known as the LIBERALS.

The other group would first decide wisely, thoughtfully and carefully what government services are unavoidably necessary to maintain our economy and then would levy only what taxes are needed to accomplish that purpose. This group has come to be known as the CONSERVATIVES.

WHICH way is best? In an effort to answer that question, let's take a look at families.

In some families, the parents believe children should have everything they want, regardless of cost. In other families, the parents decide what is BEST for the children, within the limits of the family income, and then do their best to provide it.

AGAIN— Which way is BEST?

That can only be decided by watching the children. It VERY often happens, though, that children who have been trained to expect everything they want grow up with habits of extravagance that sometimes ruin their lives, whereas children who have been taught how to make both ends meet are very often more successful in handling their affairs wisely - thus avoiding serious financial trouble.

Anyway, I'm personally grateful to Editor Forrester for putting this fundamental conflict between the liberals and the conservatives so succinctly and so clearly.

School Children Help Swallow Move South

Rotterdam—School children found a barn swallow grounded from exhaustion on its way south and decided to give nature an assist.

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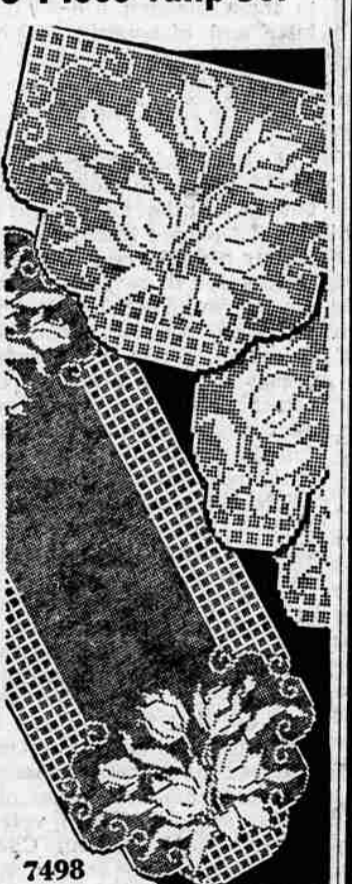


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