



"THE PAPER THAT HAS NO ENEMIES HAS NO FRIENDS."  
—George Putnam.

### How Do We Sleep?

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower has accepted the most difficult assignment that has ever been given a military man in U. S. history. General Eisenhower, as supreme commander of the military forces of the Atlantic Powers, has a position that will not only call for all of his skill as a military genius but tax his ability as a diplomat and economist.

The organizing of an effective force for the defense of Europe and the remainder of the world is not going to be an easy task. Besides the job of assembling and equipping an army a still greater problem lies in the overcoming of the petty jealousies and the gaining of the whole-hearted co-operation of the recognized leaders of the peculiar array of non-communist nations.

Whether this force, which must defend Europe, will ever be more than a dream is questionable. Russia has issued a warning that it will not stand by and allow the re-arming of the Germans. President Truman made the decision to include Germany in the military forces of the Atlantic Powers after receiving the advice of military men to the effect that unless West Germany was included in the plan Europe could not be defended.

Will Russia allow an army to rise ready for the field that will be able to offer more than token resistance?

Today the Red Army could occupy all Europe, with the exception of England, as fast as their supply lines could be established. The big question is—Does the threat of the atom bombs add up to a sufficient preventive for discouraging the fall of this rich plum into unfriendly hands?

Our position is more critical now than at anytime in 1940. There is none to shield us from the first onslaught. We must seek assistance wherever and whenever it can be found. There is an old Balkan Proverb, "In times of great peril, one can sleep with the Devil."

There is grave danger in re-arming our former enemies such as Japan, Germany, and Italy, but the Red menace is even greater. We must develop naval bases in Spain and supply Yugoslavia and Turkey. In doing this we gamble on the assumption that these nations fear Russia in the same measure as we.

For generations while Europe dominated the world, there was an attempt to maintain peace by a "balance of power". A balance of power does not prevent wars, but it does delay them. To develop this balance and thus gain time is the reason we are now establishing a European army.

Also it is for this reason, we must sleep with any nation that gives us reasonable assurance it will stand firm at our side should a final showdown come.

It is our deepest hope that we can create a balance of power of such a nature that it will delay war until there has been a change of leadership in Russia. Perhaps different leaders in the future of the world can chart a permanent course of conduct for peace among peoples of this Earth.

### Editor's Letter Box:

To the Editor:  
A half century ago in the year 1899 the USA by the announcement of Secretary of State John Hay established the Open Door policy in China, embodying the language that:

No nation should seek to establish in China "a sphere of influence" injurious to the interests of other nations. No nation or group of nations can, without the assent of the other nations concerned, rightfully endeavor to make conclusive its will in situations where there are involved the rights, the obligations and the legitimate interests of other sovereign states. The USA opposed the subjection of China by any imperialist power or group of powers.

The Open Door policy stood good in China and was respected by all nations until the end of the shooting war of World War II. Since then a nation went into China and organized a large part of its population politically and militarily. This was revealed when a wave of a half million Chinese communists swarmed into Korea within the past fortnight

and started chasing the U.N. armies out.

Since the establishment of the Open Door policy by the USA in China, the USA has given to China \$3 billion from time to time to help them through periods of extreme emergencies.

In this day China is adversely showing its gratitude for that generosity.—DICK TURPIN.

### LICENSEES MUST NOW RE-NEW

Licenses of the Oregon liquor control commission who do not have 1951 license certificates or written authority from the commission to operate after midnight, December 31, may not legally sell alcoholic beverages after that time, Administrator William H. Hammond said this week.

Wholesalers and breweries have been notified that delivery of alcoholic beverages to unlicensed premises is illegal, Hammond said, and licensees previously were warned that renewal applications should be made prior to mid-December to allow ample time for processing.

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## State Highway Snow Sponsor Drops Crews Cost Plenty Drew Pearson

Folks who ride the highways and put up the money to build and maintain them probably don't stop to realize that every time the snow piles up on roads and streets and whenever frost or sleet makes slick spots on curves or bridges it means fewer miles of new highways in the state. That is where Old Man Maintenance turns thumbs down on new miles of highway or an additional lane on one already existing.

Take Portland, for instance. Who sweeps the snow off the Steel and the Broadway bridges, and spreads sand on their decks to keep the traffic in line when frost or sleet turns them into skating rinks? It is the maintenance crews of the State Highway Commission, not Portland's Department of Public Works. And the same situation prevails on Barbur Boulevard, Harbor Drive, 82nd Street and all the other streets in the city over which state highway routes are run. State highway snow plows keep all such ways open to traffic when they are clogged with snow in the winter, and keep the slick spots sanded when frost and ice make traffic hazards. And the same relative procedure prevails in Salem, in Eugene and practically all other municipalities in the state.

Snow removal is getting to be one of the big jobs of the maintenance department of the Highway Commission. It is a major undertaking when the winter closes down on the Columbia highway and the high pass routes through the Cascade mountains, the newest chore being that of keeping the road to Timberline Lodge open through the winter skiing season, which will cost approximately \$40,000 from the highway junction to the Lodge. Snow and sleet boosted the aggregate 1949 maintenance cost of the department approximately \$1,081,545 of road-user funds which necessary outlay in turn subtracted that much from new highway construction.

Municipalities were required to finance the construction and maintenance of their streets under the laws in effect when the Highway Commission was created in 1917, but in 1921 the first of a series of statutes was enacted which provided in general effect that the Highway Commission could use highway funds for the construction and maintenance of city streets over which state highway traffic flowed as a link in the general system where it passed through the municipality, thus relieving the mu-

(The following editorial appeared in The Statesman, Tuesday, Dec. 26, 1950. The thought it carries we deem worthy of your readership.—The Editor.)

While the Adam Hat company, which has sponsored the broadcasts of Drew Pearson, says that its termination of the radio contract was decided on prior to Pearson's recent tilt with Sen. Joe McCarthy, the fact of its termination shows the precarious nature of columnist broadcasting under commercial sponsorship. We have no special interest or concern about Pearson and rarely have listened to his radio talks; but it is a threat to freedom of speech via the radio to have one with his willingness to talk cut off. The radio itself is there and is not denied to Pearson; but the time he used was commercial time bought and paid for by a commercial concern. When the sponsor stops writing the checks the radiator shuts up, unless he can find another sponsor.

McCarthy in attacking Pearson virtually called on his sponsor to turn the dial on Pearson. That followed and the result is the same whether in compliance with McCarthy's appeal or on the company's own motion.

It is different with newspaper advertising. The advertising appears in the papers, but there are many ads. No one advertiser is linked up with any particular article or column in the paper. He is buying space, and that gives him no censorship over what appears in the news and editorial columns of the paper. So there is wider latitude for newspaper comment than for radio columnists to broadcast.

This is not the first time that broadcasters have lost their sponsors. Some radio networks have their own reporters but usually they are somewhat circumscribed as to their use of independent opinion. The axe is most apt to fall on commentators with liberal views because heads of big business often are sensitive to propagation of such opinions. This leaves the field more and more to the conservatives (or others who are worse). Thus radio loses value as a medium of communication because it fails to present a variety of opinions for public consumption.

unicipal budgets for street construction and care in proportion to the added load put upon the highway funds for construction and maintenance.

## BROADWAY AND MAIN STREET Ineptness With an Equalizer Even Found Among Gangsters

By BILLY ROSE

Because I sometimes tote around more than two dollars, and because my house has demonstrated a tendency to get burgled, I have a licence to carry a revolver—and sometimes do.

But I certainly hope I never get into a spot where I have to use it, because I doubt whether I could hit the back wall of a brewery if I were 20 feet away.

And it isn't because I haven't practiced a-plenty. There's a makeshift pistol range back of my house up at Mt. Kisco, and over the years I guess I've used up enough ammunition to keep a small Balkan war going. But no matter how carefully I sight and squeeze the baby gun with the short nose, I've never been able to do much more to the bulls-eye than glare at it. And two will get you 20 that most of the Dead-eye Dicks you read about can't do much better.

The U. S. army evidently agrees with me about the difficulty in handling this tricky bit of mechanism effectively. Next time you see newsreel closeups of the kids who are doing the fighting in Korea, look closely and you'll see they're armed with rifles—Garands and Browning automatics—but about the only place you'll see a six-gun will be in the holster of a two-star general.

I FIRST LEARNED that expert shooting with a revolver is more bull than bulls-eye when I moseyed down to Ft. Worth 14 years ago to stage that city's centennial exposition. One of the whoopy-doo I put on "The Last Frontier," was a wild west show, and the cast included the best hoss hands in the business—Galahads in 10-gallon hats who had won prize money in every rodeo from Pendleton to Madison Square Garden. Naturally, I wanted to include an exhibition of pistol shooting, and as a charter member of the Zane Grey club I figured that almost any one of my bronco busters could pop a clay pipe out of a girl's mouth at 30 feet.

Well, I figured wrong. There was no one in the cast who could hit the pipe without taking the mouth with it, and I wound up having to import the national pistol champion—a skinny kid from Brooklyn who had learned marksmanship in a Coney Island shooting gallery.

This ineptness with what *Danman Runyon* used to call "the equalizer" is even more common among gangsters. Sure, the hoodlums of the 20's pistol-told many a citizen, but almost invariably the victim was in a motor car, and the range a couple of inches from the nape of his neck. Whenever the



Billy Rose

corpse-to-be figured to be more than a few feet away, the killer used sawed-off shotguns with a three-foot spread, or tommyguns which produced a spray like a garden hose.

A few years back, an ex-bootlegger—now vice president of a national whiskey company—told me a story about Al Capone which illustrates my point. It seems Al was tipped off that one of his bodyguards was playing footsie with a rival gang, so he threw a banquet for 200 of his hired help, and after the feed made some complimentary remarks about the double-crosser and asked him to get up on the table and take a bow. As the guest of honor was bowing, the 200 hoodlums reached for their rods and let him have it. But when Capone—always the good bookkeeper—counted the bullet holes, he found only 20 in the carcass—180 of the triggermen had missed.

YEARS AGO, I used to haunt the 42nd street shooting galleries, and got so handy with a .22 rifle that I could knock the dancing celluloid ball off the stream of water five times out of ten. And I was plenty cocky about my marksmanship until one day when I went up to see Ben Hecht at his place in Nyack.

Hecht, fed up with my big talk about small arms, suggested I shoot it out with Charlie Lederer, the screen writer, who was spending the weekend with him.

"I've got nothing against Lederer," I said modestly. "Let him live."

"The target will be a tomato can at 10 feet," said Ben, "and yo, and Charlie can take turns with my .22 automatic pistol."

We went out on the lawn and Lederer, sighting carefully, hit the can two out of three times. I didn't even nick it.

Last month while vacationing in Hollywood, I lunched with Hecht and reminded him of the debacle which ended my career as a marksman.

"I might as well have been shooting blanks," I said. "As a matter of fact," grinned Ben, "you were."

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## MILL CITY

Mr. and Mrs. James K. Harris spent Christmas week in Los Angeles visiting the B. B. Harris family. Before coming home they visited with friends and relatives in Modesto and Berkeley, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hedge had as their Christmas guests Mr. and Mrs. Charles Swan and son, Billy Swan of Newport.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. French and Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Harris visited Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gulley of Beaverton New Year's day.

Mr. and Mrs. George Veteto were hosts to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bell of Canby last weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Jones were holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dell Smith of Marion, who are proprietors of the Tip Top Grocery in Marion.

University of Oregon students again picking up the threads of college after the holidays are Lawrence and Eugene Thornley and David Karr. Mildred Toman of Lewis and Clark returned to finish out the term.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Kimmel had as their holiday guests Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Hoodenpyle and daughter, Donna, of Creswell.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Sheythe and sons spent part of the holiday season in Kings Valley visiting relatives.

Mill City school teachers, Miss Hope Baney of Yamhill and Miss Evangeline Shattuck of Gresham spent Christmas vacation in their respective homes visiting relatives and friends.

Dr. and Mrs. David J. Ferguson returned this week from a visit in California with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Palmer and daughter were Christmas guests of relatives in California.

The Fred Rugh spent part of the Christmas season in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Hautala, last weekend, enjoyed the hospitality of the Dave Alling home in Vancouver, Wash.

Arlo Tuers returned this week from Nebraska where he has been visiting his parents and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fencil had as guests in their home for Christmas and New Year's Miss Jenny Kazda from Portland. Also a New Year's guest in the Fencil home was Mrs. Fencil's niece, Mrs. Gordon Kay and family of Mill City.

Mrs. Ruth Lamphear fell and injured her ankle seriously recently and was confined to her home as a result of it.

Mill City Odd Fellows and Santiam Rebekahs hold a joint installation Saturday night, January 6. Installation ceremonies will be in charge of District Deputy Grand Master George Veteto and District Deputy President Wilma Stewart. The meeting is open to the public.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Peterson and son, Gary, drove to Corvallis this week to return their other son, Ramon, to his college work in Oregon State college.

Returned to college this week were Bill Howe, Leo, Lawrence, and Lester Poole to Corvallis.

Charlotte Kendle, sister of Mrs. Joe Clark, was a guest in the Joe Clark home during Christmas and New Year's. They and she, in turn, enjoyed the warm hospitality of the Jack Colburn home during part of the holiday season.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jackson and daughter, Judith, of Astoria; Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Thompson and son, Roger Dean, of Canyonville were guests in the F. Jackson home over the holiday.

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