



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

### Fourth of July

Fourth of July holiday started because a need existed for keeping alive the spirit that made possible a new nation intended as a haven for human hope. The steel-like nerve of those who showed a "shoot 'em up spirit" in defending the tiny nation little knew how great it might some day be. It is hoped that our nation will measure up to the bold strokes of men like Patrick Henry and Thomas Jefferson.

This Fourth thousands will take to the highways and by-ways in search of the inner calm that was a stout part of our founding-fathers' lives. That spirit will not be hunted down or scooped up. No photographs can be taken of it or its sound recorded. If it exists it must exist in our minds and, as it is sometimes sad, in our hearts.

Today the memory of those who made possible the Fourth of July and our nation shines forth when bright "Red, White and Blue" flags sparkle in the sunlight. One can look at the celebration of the Fourth as a saddening sign of worshipping tradition like the Chinese do, but the people of the United States will not let that be the way of things. We see in our flag ourselves.

Something of the spirit of those who carried the musket and the sword back in the Revolutionary days still prances forward when the "Stars and Stripes" flies defiantly. The care of the flag of the United States in the hands of its citizens is important. Through this care there is bred an understanding of our history. It means something that our flag is never allowed on the ground, that it is lowered with respect and folded as it is lowered. As true of all flags, our flag is a symbol. To us it is a symbol of everything that we all hold dear. No expression can define it. We can take comfort only when we know that it still lives and breathes among us.

### Fireworks

Like a kid with a new toy, we can't let the subject of the Republican convention alone. We know; and, they at the convention know, that there will be fire-works at Chicago. "Ike's" forces and those of "Steamroller" Taft are not trusting each other these days!

We had the pleasure of talking to one of those who will have a vital part in the coming Republican convention in Chicago July 7. This individual expressed the thought that Taft and his supporters were making a last ditch stand against the over-riding popularity of "Ike". This is an interesting observation and, of course, it comes from an "Ike" supporter. We hazard the guess, however, that there is more to the doings of those in Taft's camp than a last ditch stand against "Ike". It seems to us that Taft just has too much confidence and "Ike" too much inexperience in politics.

We are miffed that Oregon does not have television. We will be denied the privilege of seeing delegates sweat out a Republican nominee one way or another.



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## Editorial Comments

### 'VICTORY' TALK

This past Sunday delegates from Salem to the Republican national convention received air-mail special delivery letters from Taft headquarters in Chicago with "Victory News". There wasn't much in the way of "victory" material in the special dispatch. Instead, it actually amounted to another attack on the candidacy of Eisenhower. For that matter, those delegates and alternates have been receiving quantities of such material.

Seward Reese, one of the alternates from here, cited the error of this "victory" blast from Taft headquarters: Backers of the Ohio senator have been repeatedly making the error of attacking Ike for being drafted to run for president instead of hitting at the millions of Americans who have persistently demanded he run.

Where the politicians drafted Taft, the people have been trying to draft Ike.

The "victory" angle the Taft forces have been using since the Ohioan announced he would be a candidate should be weighing heavily on their minds. His supporters have constantly pushed the idea he was a cinch to get the GOP nomination.

Early this year after Senator Taft surveyed his prospects in the west his top command came out with a prediction that Taft would win on the first ballot at Chicago with over the needed 604 delegates' votes. Specifically, 653 delegate votes were figured as in the Taft camp. It is interesting to note that Oregon was one of the few states in which Taft claimed nothing in the way of delegates.

The news association polls show that as of now the Ohioan has over 500 delegates and Ike has slightly over 400. Perhaps Taft will get his hoped-for victory, but if he doesn't get it on the first ballot he will suffer from there on out. And Ike should benefit.

Considering the outlook for the Republican convention next week, there is no reason for pessimism on the part of the Eisenhower supporters and delegates from Oregon as they prepare to leave for the convention. The Taft political steamroller is already doing its job in the windy city, but "victory" for the Ohioan is still not in sight.—From Capital Journal.

### KOREA — OBJECT LESSON

June 27, 1950, does not today seem like a day to celebrate. Yet it may in time come to be observed as marking an important step on the road to world peace. For on that day a peace organization inaugurated effective measure to curb international outlawry. This was the United Nations declaration that aggression had been committed in Korea and calling on all members to help halt it.

The results have by no means been clear-cut and ideal. They have been mixed and incomplete. South Korea suffered vast damage. Members of the UN did not unanimously contribute forces to uphold its action. There was inadequate co-operation. The United States bore such a large part of the burden that it looked like an American war. Mistakes, a second aggression, and politics wrought confusion and disillusionment.

Yet a very great deal has been achieved. The aggressors were severely punished and thrown back to the starting place. The pattern of successful grabbing set by Japan in Manchuria, by Mussolini in Ethiopia, and by Hitler in Austria and Czechoslovakia was broken. A police action was supported by some 16 nations with armed contingents fighting under the UN flag. Much has been learned about organizing to deal with aggression.

In addition, the Communist timetable of conquest has been seriously upset. We have only to imagine what the state of world morale would have been, how many frightened nations would have been terrorized into submission, to realize how much the battle in Korea has saved.

History may well decide that Korea is worthy of special notice as a landmark on the road to peace. But progress on that road will depend in large measure on how well the experience there is utilized to improve peace-keeping efforts.

In addition to Korea's lessons for the UN, the United States' experience

there has taught certain things that should not have to be learned again. One certainly is that ends and means should be better matched.

American military power was not equal to the political task it undertook in Korea. When the postwar rush to "get the boys home" stripped the nation of adequate forces to support its worldwide commitments, withdrawal from some fronts became necessary. And when Russia got out of Korea, the case for keeping United States forces there became weak.

Even more important was the political and psychological failure. The United States failed to do as good a job in organizing a strong free state in South Korea as Russia did in organizing a strong police state in North Korea. Reforms were not effectively pressed; the people were not adequately won.

That failure is being continued. Korea must eventually be held by Koreans. Progress is being made in training South Korean armies. But what kind of government will control those armies? Will they be only a more efficient tool for maintaining a native dictatorship? That is the present prospect.

Of course, the task is tremendous. And we must recognize that difficulties are caused not merely by the mistakes of the free peoples but by the ruthless, unscrupulous pressure of world communism. Even so, it is time that Americans gave as much attention to ideas as to arms. Only so can they do the job that must finally be done in Korea. Only so can they begin to win the war for men's minds in Asia. Only so can they lead in developing the spirit of brotherhood which is essential to successful co-operation in any peace organization.—From Christian Science Monitor.

### ANIMAL ITEMS

Just last week a full-grown fox, from no one knows where, walked up the stairs, in the back door, and down the hall of a residence miles within the city limits of St. Louis—to the surprise, we are sure, of the lady of the house, who was busily scrubbing one of the family small fry in the bathtub.

Not too many months before, in this same metropolis of a million and a quarter, cruising policemen pursued and caught a lean gray timber wolf slinking silently along a midtown street in the cold light of dawn. And more recently an antlered deer was captured on a road dividing two old cemeteries far inside the city's bounds.

St. Louisans appear to be taking these happenings pretty much in their stride, murmuring a little, perhaps, but not over any fear of a returning wild—just over the hottest June in 3 years. (What's a fox or a wolf with the thermometer playing around 100?)

We might have some misgivings as to the effect of these adventure stories on travel and migration westward across the Hudson but for one thing: Those still-extant habitues of Fifth Avenue or Bacon Street to whom the United States remains one amorphous void from Bayonne and Great Barrington to Beverly Hills and Berkeley will likely never read such news items from nowhere. So the extra-ordinary mobility of the American people will probably continue unabated.—From Christian Science Monitor.

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