



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

Discobolus

Discobolus activity has stolen the publicity spot-light from the political arena. Who or what is tossing these "flying saucers" is giving us disc-itis. The Air Force says "saucers" ain't—the public says they are. The Air Force is broadminded so it gives the citizens of the United States the benefit of the doubt and orders a thorough investigation. In view of the fact that the Air Force has launched a campaign regarding "flying saucers", the results should prove interesting. The mere assertion that they do not exist has not been enough. If the Air Force determines that they do exist, what must it do then? It clearly must discover just what "flying saucers" are. The Air Force now is dealing with a problem that truly is unusual, bombs will not solve this one!

Sometime ago we advanced the idea that "flying saucers" were "conscience saucers", i.e., this peculiar air activity stems from space patrol activity of a higher order than is familiar to us. Much has been written about "Other Worlds Watching". The reason for the close attention we are getting, allegedly is our research into the mystic realm of the atom. If it is true, as some believe, that we are on the threshold of a wonderful new era of the atom, might not it be that friendly fellows from other planets are guiding our approach to this new life ever so gently? There comes to mind no report where "flying saucers" have done real damage.

Writers and observers are puzzled that both the Republicans and Democrats chose political "unknowns". Writers thought Taft had the nomination in the bag. Others thought Truman would run again. Taft did not get the nod. Truman pulled an unusual stunt and stepped aside for Stevenson. Having no better explanation we can blame "flying saucers" for all this breaking with tradition. If indeed this is a correct view of what did happen, what can we expect in the future? Will these elusive objects exercise their will over the November elections? Assuming they do, how will we know they did? The plain and simple reason we are writing this piece in this manner is that no one has a good logical basis for saying what "flying saucers" really are. We think it perfectly fair that "good" should be imputed to them and that they beckon us to a new way of life—a peaceful way of life. For how can we fight among ourselves when something seemingly far superior exercises such a great influence over our lives?

Rather than think of "saucers" as being evil, we prefer the idea that they bring tidings of peace and happiness for all mankind. The ancients looked skyward for inspiration. Might not we learn something of this art? Ideas are more powerful than physical things, the Air Force is now discovering this. The Air Force can do a wonderful job of selling to the world the idea of peace if it uses its present world position properly. We hope that the master-minds in Russia are having "flying saucer" trouble also. We think this intense siege of discobolus might well be the prophet of peace.

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Editorial Comments

OLD GUARD GOP BOYS NOT YET SHUCKED

It would be ironic, to say the least, if General Eisenhower were elected and carried a lot of Old Guard and extremist senators into or back to the nation's capital on his coat-tails.

Take some of the "Class of '46" senators, most of them fought him tooth and nail at Chicago. It just could be that if Eisenhower wins by a sizeable majority—if, we say—such

men as Senators McCarthy of Wisconsin, Kem of Missouri, Bricker of Ohio, Cain of Washington, Ecton of Montana, Martin of Pennsylvania and Malone of Nevada, now facing stiff fights for survival, might ride back in on Ike's popularity.

And in such a case, they would probably give him plenty of trouble as they are against most of the things he favors.

The U. S. News & World Report makes another telling point. It recalls that Old Guard members of the senate are tough and determined. And they're going to hold on to or may get many of the key chairmanships.

Taft would head the majority policy committee. He's still a No. 1 power in congress. Capehart would become chairman of banking and currency. McCarthy, if re-elected, would draw the chairmanship of the committee on government operations and he's already a member of a subcommittee that passes on appropriations for the state department. He could be almost as troublesome for Ike as he's been for Truman.

Senator Bridges is in line for the chairmanship of either armed services or appropriations in a Republican-controlled senate. Millikan, another Old Guard, would be slated for the top spot on the finance committee. Butler would head interior and insular affairs. Cain, if returned to the senate, might become public works chairman. Dirksen, Taft stalwart with another four years to go, and Jenner might be headaches to Ike.

Down-the-line supporters of the general, such as Lodge, Duff, Saltonstall and Morse, have no important chairmanships in sight.

Thus Eisenhower could have his troubles with the senate. If he cannot work out a reconciliation deal with Taft and his Old Guard supporters, let alone satisfy the Dixiecrats and the extremists in the Republican party, he's got troubles—if he becomes president.

Fortunately Eisenhower is noted for his ability to get along with people, no matter how diverse their views. Maybe he can repeat, if he makes it to the White House.

As the U. S. News suggests the Republican honeymoon period glimpsed at Chicago could be of short duration—if and when the scene changes to rough and tumble Washington.—From Oregon Journal.

STEVENSON'S CREED

The windbags of both parties who made bombastic, hate-filled or party-hack speeches at the Chicago convention.

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of congress. The measure will become law, taking effect Sept. 1. The increase is to be \$5, or 12½%, whichever is the greater. The basis of this increase is that of NEED. That this is the spirit and intent of congress is beyond question.

However, some weeks ago this writer heard that in the cases of those elderly citizens whose awards from social security are small and inadequate, and who are therefore receiving part of their allowance from the county in which they reside, this increase by congress will be deducted from that part of each pensioner's allowance that each county allows. The writer wrote to Governor McKay and to the state public welfare commission, and has been informed that such deduction will be made.

The recipients of any allotment by the public welfare commission, regardless of what part of their total subsistence is from social security, will get no increase. This action will be directly contrary to the intent of congress. Moreover, all persons who are receiving only a social security award will get the increase. This is a gross inequity if those who are getting a part of their total allowance from a county get nothing by the action of the counties in deducting the increase from their part of each person's allowance.

The governor and the state public welfare commission try to defend the impending action by stating that allowances for pensioners are on the basis of NEED. That is exactly the basis on which congress almost unanimously passed this legislation.—VICTOR H. PACQUET, Milwaukie.

Editor's Letter Box

WHICH IS THE BEST AND WHICH IS THE WORST?

The national political conventions are over: General Dwight D. Eisenhower received the Republican nomination and Governor Adlai E. Stevenson received the Democratic nomination, to carry their respective banners through the national election of 1952.

The electorate should reflect backward and examine the past records of both the major political parties, which will give you pause.

The Spanish American war broke-out in 1898, which lasted close to four years, before conquering the rebels in the Philippine Islands.

This war was followed by a semi-depression, which occurred during a Republican administration, William McKinley was president.

In 1907 came a drying-up of the money flow causing a downward spiral of business, terminating in which the government issued scrip for the medium of exchange to break the stagnation of business and low economy. The Republican party was still in power, and Theodore Roosevelt was president.

We made it along thereafter through a slow economy and much unemployment until 1916, when we were sucked in World War I which lasted until the autumn of 1918. The Democratic party was in power then, and Woodrow Wilson was president.

This war was followed by a semi-depression which lasted until 1923, during which we suffered much unemployment and low economy.

We got along from then, in a liveable economy until 1928. The Republicans were in power then, and Calvin Coolidge was president.

In 1929 the stock market crashed throwing our country into a very bad depression which lasted until 1942. The Republicans were in power the first four years of this depression period, and Herbert Hoover was president, and the Democrats were in power the last nine years of it, and Franklin D. Roosevelt was president. During this thirteen-year depression we suffered much unemployment and very hard times.

The Japanese air armada struck our fleet at Pearl Harbor in December 1941, and we were sucked in World War II. We have been in that war since the first of 1942, that war is still raging unsettled over in Korea.

The Democrats have been in power since 1932, and at present they are in their 20th year at the top of our government, and Franklin D. Roosevelt and Harry S. Truman have been our presidents. Our national deficit as of July 1, 1952 is 270 billion dollars, and too much spiraling inflation can curtail or destroy our established social reforms and since both of our major political parties' platforms have become almost identical.

Which is the best and which is the worst? The fore-going is a review since 1898, to say not a word about every war we entered into prior to that date, including the Civil war, which took the American tax payers 40 years to pay for.

If our major political parties can create a good economy and good times based on war, by the same token, why can't they do the same in time of peace? It can be done. Good times created by war is false prosperity.

We hate to feel like we are enjoying prosperity, established by our American brothers being slaughtered on the firing lines of the battle fronts in other parts of the world. Respectfully, DICK TURPIN, Mill City.

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UNFAIR DEDUCTION

To the Editor: Legislation to increase social security benefits has passed both branches



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