



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

Salary Cut for Solons

Senators and Congressmen of the United States receive salaries of \$15,000 per year. They receive annually \$60,000 per year to run their offices, making a total of \$75,000. In addition they are allowed expense money for investigations and junkets. They have the franking privilege for their mail, free lunches and barber's services.

It is too much; and should be cut to not to exceed \$20,000, \$10,000 salary, and \$10,000 for their offices.

They spend much of their time and most of the money allowed them making sure of their re-election, and thereby making impossible election of better-trained and more efficient citizens. Most of their doings should be eliminated, not only by law, but by a restriction of the funds that make such action possible.

The value of services of a member of Congress, either in the House or Senate, does not exceed that of an efficient teacher. The job requires no special training, while a chair in a university requires years of specialized training. Since the salary of a college professor commands the highest specialized training and intelligence, why will not the idea work with Congressmen. A much higher degree of preparation, adaptability and efficiency would result from the salary usually paid to great teachers.

If Congressmen's salaries were held at the level that would eliminate the propaganda, log-rolling and bunk now indulged in by the average Congressman, the level of Congressional work would rise. Being more specific, a Congressman should be re-elected on the work he has done in behalf of society rather than on his trotting about here and there at the pleasure of particular individuals, vested interests and high pressure groups. This parading before television and radio, without more service, is a mis-service to a Congressman's constituents.—By Roy R. Hewitt.

Editorial Comments

THE KOREAN WAR

One of the unforgivable deeds of the presidential campaign is making a political football of the Korean war, in which half a million young Americans are engaged.

It began at the Republican national convention with demagogic references to the "Truman war," the "useless war," the "war we don't want to win." One woman speaker literally screamed about the blood our troops are shedding "needlessly" in Korea. Then Senator Taft took it up, sneering at the term "police action," forgetting that he himself had approved our entry into Korea. So did Senator McCarthy and Fulton Lewis Jr., and Bill Cunningham and Senator Nixon.

The Truman and Acheson haters have had a field day over the Korean war.

Nor do they care, when they charge that the blood of American boys is being spilled uselessly, that their every word is a knife twisted in the hearts of countless thousands of mothers throughout the United States. Even General Eisenhower has joined in the chorus by charging that "terrible blunders" led us into the Korean impasse.

Nor does it seem important that not one of the critics has a solution—except the unthinkable expansion of the war or our total withdrawal from Korea and with that a complete writeoff of southeast Asia.

The whole thing is inexcusable. It makes one ashamed of some of his fellows.

Speaking of the Korean situation the other night, Governor Stevenson tried to bring some sanity into the situation. He told of the letters he receives from anxious mothers and fathers whose sons fight in Korea. Then he said:

"Everyone of us knows in his heart why we had to stand up and to fight in Korea. We all know that when the Communists attacked across the 38th parallel this was the testing point for freedom throughout the world. If they (the men in the Kremlin) had been allowed to conquer free people in Korea they could have picked away at the free world and engulfed more millions, piece by piece, one by one.

"Sooner or later we would have had to fight, and the later we made our stand the bigger and the harder the war would have been. Stopping the enemy in Korea, before Japan was threatened and before east Asia with all of its resources of manpower, rubber, tin and oil fell to the Communists, was received with enthusiastic shouts of approval by the overwhelming majority of the American people, and even by the Republican leadership.

"Now, however, they attempt to make you believe that it was almost an act of treason. But what do you think they would be saying now if we had not stopped the enemy in Korea, if Japan were threatened and if east Asia were falling bit by bit to the enemy?"

"A campaign addressed not to men's minds and to their best instincts, but to their passions, emotions and prejudices, is unworthy at best. Now with the fate of the nation at stake, it is unbearable. With the darkest evil, the mightiest force, ever gathered on earth arrayed against us and our friends, this is no time for such talk."

We, too, receive letters from anxious mothers and from their sons in Korea. One lad, a Michigan State graduate, recently wrote us:

"Now that I have seen what terrible things the Communists have done and are doing in Korea, I shall never again ask, 'why are we fighting here?' I know. We are fighting in Korea so that we shall not have to fight in Michigan."

Would that the noisy critics of the Korean war—those who attempt to make political capital out of American casualty lists—were as clear sighted as this lad! And as patriotic!

If they could forget politics for a moment and would think, they would

realize that the Korean war—costly and exhausting and frustrating as it is—marks a great turning point in history. It marks the spot at which members of the United Nations stood together and stopped Communist aggression—stopped it before it engulfed them.—From Oregon Journal.

WE'D LIKE TO LIKE IKE, BUT . . .

Dwight D. Eisenhower is a very personable man. He has great charm and warmth. He appeals to people because he is "just plain folks." And yet we are disenchanted.

The general says that he is on a crusade. He wants the people to join him. The general knows something of crusades. He led one in Europe. But he hasn't made that necessary transition from the military to the political arena.

The voter is not a battlefield soldier. He wants facts, not emotion. He wants solutions, not attacks. He wants reasons, not appeals.

Eisenhower is an intelligent man. He is president of a large university and acquainted with students and education. We are disappointed that he so under-estimates our intelligence.

The Republican presidential candidate speaks soberly of ideals—honesty, thrift, friendliness. This is good. But how will such ideals be implemented? The general speaks of implementation only in generalities. We wonder if he has the necessary grasp of the facts to make these ideals realities.

Eisenhower is not a good speaker. We discount this. What bothers us is his approach.

Politicians are expected to speak in glittering generalities. To make their appeal as broad as possible, they must not discuss details but rather present all-incompassing platforms. We have learned to expect this from politicians.

Eisenhower says he is not a politician. He has self-named himself a crusader. With such a title goes a responsibility. A crusader must be a step above the average. He must lead the way. The American is aware of the goals he is striving toward. He wants to know how to get there. Eisenhower doesn't tell him that.

We heard the general's speech Tuesday night. We met him on his train and shook his hand. We'd like to like Ike but we have doubts.

Eisenhower is a self-styled crusader. He has a goal. But the troops don't know how they are going to get there.—From Oregon Daily Emerald.

WHAT COLLEGE EDITORS FAIL TO FIND IN IKE

The student newspaper at Columbia university has come out against their president-on-leave, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower. It charges that he has forsaken "principal for expediency," and that he is a "plodding, orthodox, un-imaginative thinker."

It isn't often that the students give the teacher an examination and then flunk him, but that seems to be the case here.

The eight student editors contend that Eisenhower's speeches are on a "low level," not comparing with those of Stevenson, whom they endorsed.

We don't know how many votes this is going to affect, but it is an interesting sidelight to the campaign. And it does add to the growing feeling among so many young and independent voters that Eisenhower has deserted his great crusade on principles and has been captured by the reactionary Republican machine and the perennial angle shooters of dollars politics.

Eisenhower has the character and the ability to rise above the grubbiness of machine politics. Why he hasn't done so has been a surprise and a disappointment to thousands who will always greatly admire him for his magnificent record in war and diplomacy, regardless of what he does in the political field.

This seems to be the feeling of the student editors. To pass it off as "youthful idealism" is more an indictment of political morals than it is of college editors.—From Oregon Journal

Gates Teachers Entertains PTA

Members of the Gates Parent-Teachers association held the first meeting of the fall Thursday evening in the recreation rooms of the high school.

Mrs. Kenneth Martig presided at the business session. Other officers are Mrs. William Pennick, vice president; Mrs. Elmer Stewart, secretary, and Mrs. Charles Tucker, treasurer.

Don Miley, Mrs. Pennick and Mrs. Verner Evans who were on charge of the program read and discussed the five bills, pertaining to schools which will come before the people at the November election.

Hostesses for the evening were the teachers of the schools, who served refreshments at the close of the program. The next regular meeting of the association will be held the evening of the first Thursday in November, at the school.



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From where I sit ... by Joe Marsh
Our Town Wouldn't Take a "Back Seat"
Well, the "battle of the buses" has been settled! Our town is again friendly with Balesville.
Everything started when buses began going through our town with a big sign on them saying SHOP IN BALESVILLE. The bus line is owned in Balesville and operates over here on a franchise.
Windy Taylor was all for putting up barricades—he kept calling up the police and the bus company. Finally Judge Cunningham invited the Balesville Chamber of Commerce to meet with ours at Andy's Garden Tavern.
Over a good meal and glass of beer we all reached a compromise without any trouble. Those signs now read SHOP HERE IN TOWN. Everyone's happy.
From where I sit, it shows how problems disappear once both sides get together and try to work things out. Naturally we're all a little different. Some like soda pop, for instance, and some like beer. So what? We all have to ride along through life together. Why not make it a pleasant trip?
Joe Marsh

Our Farm Organization is a Democracy, Too
Yes, Uncle Sam, our farmer cooperatives and our government have a lot in common. We're both working for America. Our farmer cooperatives are founded on the principle of one man one vote. That's what you believe in and practice, too.
Our Pilgrim Fathers were the first to practice farmer cooperation. When they came to this country they worked together to build their homes, to plant their crops and to protect themselves from their enemies. Through our farmer cooperatives we're doing the same thing today. Our enemies are no longer savages, but we still have to lick the economic problems, production difficulties, unfair charges against us sometimes, and—like you—the threat of "isms" that, if left alone could destroy our whole system of free competitive enterprise.
It was a group of farmers who fired the shot heard round the world in Revolutionary Days, and we'll keep working—and firing, too, if necessary—to protect you and our homes and the American way of life.
Since Pilgrim Days, farmers have continued to work together in planting their crops, marketing their products and purchasing their supplies. Our country is big now, and we have to do our marketing and purchasing through our cooperative associations. But they're governed by the one man one vote principle and they're operated for the benefit of the folks who eat the food as well as the ones who grow it. Yes, Uncle Sam, we're proud to be a part . . . and to do our part.

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