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CAUGHT IN THE ROUNDS

By DEB ADDISON

The advice of Dr. Jim Hilton to read "The Case of Eisenhower" in the April 22 issue of Look magazine has been taken. It's an analysis by Walter Lippmann, the senior columnist.

Overly simplified and baldly put, this is what Lippmann has to say: "The Democrats are suffering from the disease of being in office too long; 'not being too careful or too scrupulous about how the public business is done.'"

The Republicans are suffering from the disease of being out of office too long; "there is no Republican Senator who has had the personal experience of looking at great issues from the inside, from the driver's seat, from the point of view of having to act and to take the consequences."

We realize we will have to do something to head off a nervous breakdown in Washington; "that this could best be done by turning the Democrats out and bringing the Republicans in... that it is easier to say this than to do it."

Lippmann points out the "fundamental arithmetic of our politics today." This is that a Republican candidate must get all the votes of all those who always vote Republican plus a large number of votes of those who have voted for Roosevelt and Truman.

He says that General Eisenhower is the only man since General Washington who is the preferred choice of the masses of voters of both parties. "Eisenhower has twice been offered the Democratic nomination" and now is a leading candidate for the GOP nomination. The reason he likes like a bolt

down to two main points: Ike has the better chance to win for the GOP and thus bring about the needed change.

Ike, having won, can unite the nation that has been so badly divided by partisan politics.

PET HATE: The person who picks out a snug two-place parking spot between two service driveways and leaves his car in the middle of same, thus killing two parking spots with one car, all day.

Try a little experiment with us. Get out a sheet of paper a couple of feet long. Wrapping paper will do. Get out a two-foot ruler, and a pencil.

Now draw one line an eighth of an inch long. Under it, lined up at the left, draw a line 1 1/4 inches long. Next, a line 1 1/2. Now, under that a line 2 1/4 inches long. Finally, a line 1 7/8 inches long.

You have just drawn a graph of the federal debt. The first little mark represents the \$2.2 billion debt in 1869 after the Civil War. Number two is the \$25.2 billion debt after World War I in 1919; three is the \$16.6 billion that it had been reduced to in 1929.

The next to the last line shows the \$39.9 billion that had been run up under FDR by 1939. And... That long, long last line shows the "Truman Debt" of today, \$259.0 billion. Your family's share is \$5660.

Go ahead. Make the drawing. Then you'll see what we're talking about. Better yet, get your school boy or girl to do it. They're the ones it will really affect.

Frank Tripp

Sage Sideglances

An old educator once told me that yarns about things with which people are familiar get twice the attention given to topics strange to them. That stories which in some way touch people's lives cause them to think with the writer and rouse a kindred story of their own.

A tale I wrote for Esquire and Reader's Digest, about bicycles, roused Thomas E. Bonar of New Milford, Conn., to tell that it was a boy of his who inspired an invention to which the modern bicycle, motor car and truck owe their existence. He wrote:

"I knew John Boyd Dunlop very well. At the time he invented the pneumatic tire I was employed by an Irish Linen Company. Our Belfast offices were across the street from Dunlop & Rees, veterinarians. Mr. Dunlop had a son of six, whom we could see daily riding his little three-wheeled tricycle around the yard.

"One day one of the solid rubber cushion tires, with which all bicycles then were fitted, broke and came off the wheel. I watched the boy trying to fix it on again but it was too badly worn. He found a short piece of old rubber hose and was trying to put this on the wheel when his father came out and saw him.

"Mr. Dunlop stood for quite a long time looking at the boy and his wheel. It was then, as Mr. Dunlop told us afterwards, that it came to him to have a similar tube made and filled with air. Until the day of his death he always said that the pneumatic tire was the work of his son."

DISAGREEMENT

There was a bit of disagreement between Esquire and Reader's Digest about the biggest bicycle ever built. Though the story in one was a condensation of the other, one caused me to say that it was a bicycle for five; the other for ten. This smoked out George W. Watt of Hot Springs, Arkansas, who in his day was a racing rider.

That ten is correct he vouches by these words: "It was the Orient. It carried ten men in a straight line and was made by the Orient Company. On its first speed trial on Tioga track in Philadelphia, it crashed through the fence and killed several people."

It is a fact however that the largest bicycle that approached the practical purpose was one built for five. Only the tandem and triplet reached any considerable production.

Before came either bicycle or pneumatic tire there had to be something lighter and less clumsy than the rigid wheel with wooden spokes of the "bone shaker" and hobby horse. These were propelled by the feet upon the ground, and date back to the ancient Egyptians, which followed them also were wooden-wheeled and heavy contraptions.

Strangely enough the principle of the wire wheel was conceived before the discovery of America; and by none other than Leonardo da Vinci. Yet it was not patented until 1826 and not put to popular use until it appeared on bicycles.

It is the now common suspension

They'll Do It Every Time



JACOBY on Canasta

"My husband and I play two-hand Canasta a lot, related an Iowa correspondent. He manages to go out concealed in nearly every hand. How does he manage to do this so often? Is there some trick to it? Is there any defense against it?"

There are various ways of playing two-hand Canasta, but I will assume that my correspondent plays the most popular form. In this variant, you draw two cards from the stock pile instead of only one (just as in the game of Sam-ba). Since you discard only one card at each turn, your hand tends to grow bigger all the time.

In any game of two-hand Canasta you have no partner to help or inform. Therefore you don't gain very much when you put a meld down on the table instead of keeping it in your hand where your opponent cannot see it.

That is, you don't gain very much as long as the hand continues. When the hand ends, of course, you are better off if your melds are on the table instead of in your hand.

A large part of the skill in two-hand Canasta consists in keeping melds in your hand as long as possible. If you put them down too quickly, your opponent knows too much about your hand. If you don't put your melds down quickly enough, your opponent may meld out and catch you.

If your opponent is not good at melding out quickly, you can keep your melds in your hand until you have all the advantage of concealing your melds and none of the risk that your opponent may meld out before you do.

I suspect that this is exactly what is happening in a certain Iowa home. The lady doesn't concentrate on melding out quickly, and the gentleman can safely keep his melds concealed until he is ready to meld out.

The best defense is to work hard towards melding out quickly. Don't keep old cards in your hand. Meld up melds. You cannot afford to discard "safely." If you do, your hand will become a junk pile and you will never get into out position.

Just catch your opponent with a full hand a few times and he will begin to meld instead of keeping everything in his hand.

James Marlow

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate is like a political delicatessen. It has a variety of men and opinions, garnished with dignity and overspiced with oratory. If there's a show of them, that's not surprising.

Tom Connally has been one of its main attractions for years, a man of wit and charm, and with many moods that he can use as he pleases for the effect he wants.

For years, ripples of laughter have washed over the galleries as he deliberately mined around the floor, mimicking an opponent, or poured wrath out of his flaming face, seeking the opposition.

He looks more like an actor than any man in the place, with his curiously white hair always curling over the back of his collar. And his clothes are as regular as a costume: dark blue suit, black bow tie, boiled shirt, glistening gold studs.

And as chairman of the Senate's Foreign Relations Committee he is one of the most important men in the country. It's through his committee that most of this country's foreign program must pass for a pat or a pastime.

CHALLENGE

He's been in congress 35 years and now he's 74, still active, still bright, and still wishing he could keep his job. But he was to come up for re-election in Texas this year and a younger man wants his seat.

Texas' attorney general, 41-year-old Price Daniel, has been campaigning for months. Monday the senator called a news conference. He tried to make what he said sound casual and matter-of-fact, like other conferences in the past. But he was different. He was in a new mood. He was sad, and he couldn't disguise it behind an occasional shaft of wit. He would not run for re-election, he said.

The job of Senator, he said, had become enormous, enough to wear any man down. And although his friends assured him he could think it was worth the price, he spoke his glasses were in their usual place, dangling off the end of his nose. He wears them for reading and because he must be farsighted he pushes them down to look over them when he's talking to people.

He may have been farsighted in deciding not to run again because reports from Texas said Daniel had a good chance of beating the old man if he tried for re-election.

Connally is one of three old senators who are like a bridge between the past and the present in the Senate. The other two, also Democrats like Connally, are McKellar of Tennessee and Hoey of North Carolina.

Like Connally, Hoey is 74. In length of service, when compared with Connally, he's only a boy. He's been in the Senate eight years. Since his term doesn't end until 1956, this year's elections don't endanger him.

He's an extremely gracious man. Witnesses at his hearings have

State Teachers Get Increase

SALEM (AP) — Teachers at the state schools for the blind and deaf in Salem were granted pay increases Tuesday by the State Board of Control.

The blind school teachers will get average increases of \$8.60 a month. Their salaries will remain about 10 per cent below the salaries paid to public school teachers here.

The teachers at the deaf school will get an extra \$10 a month on the average. Their pay is about the same as that of public school teachers.

The increases are effective next fall.

Jobs for Minors

SALEM (AP) — The State Labor Department has granted 1,526 permits to Oregon business firms in the first three months for employment of minors under 18 years of age. State Labor Commissioner W. E. Kimsey said Tuesday.

It is a 12 per cent increase over the total for the first quarter of 1951.

Pearson Asks State Cattle

SALEM (AP) — State Treasurer Walter J. Pearson proposed Tuesday that the state get into the cattle business by leasing State Land Board lands in the Warner Valley of Lake County.

The cattle would be used to provide meat for state institutions.

Pearson said several thousand acres of good grazing land in the valley are up for lease next month.

Gov. Douglas McKay said he is wary of putting the state in the cattle business. Secretary of State Earl F. Newberry said he is inclined to favor the proposal, but wants to study it thoroughly.

The Board of Control, which runs state institutions, would lease the land from the land board.

However, the membership of each board is the same—McKay, Newberry and Pearson.

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Bruce Blossat

By WADI JONES (For Blossat)

Looking for a steady job? They do not apply for a cabinet post in President Truman's administration. That sort of thing has proved to be just about the most insecure employment you could hold.

There was a time, not too long ago, when a fellow picked by a President for the cabinet had reasonable assurance of sticking in there throughout the President's term of office, whether it be four years or eight. It was, in fact, the rule rather than the exception.

Today all that is changed. Maybe it's the stress and strain of the times. Whatever it is, short-term service is standard. Cabinet members come and go like offensive and defensive football players.

Some get fired, some get worn out by it, some deliberately restrict their tenure to two years or three. In many quarters this kind of duty is looked upon as the most hazardous front-line combat. It's something you don't take too much of if you want to preserve life and limb.

FRESH FOCUS

The recent "resignation" of Attorney General McGrath puts the matter in fresh focus. James McGrath, McGrath's successor, will be the fourth attorney general under Mr. Truman—if he should manage to win confirmation from the Senate.

Remember Francis Biddle, President Roosevelt's last appointee to that job? Then there was Tom Clark, who served just long enough to be regarded as socially acceptable in the rarer atmosphere of the Supreme Court. McGrath was next in line.

Mr. Truman has had four secretaries of State—Stettinius, Byrnes, Marshall and Acheson. He's had the same number of Defense secretaries—Forrestal, Johnson, Marshall and Lovett.

The turnover pace isn't quite so swift in some of the quieter cabinet backwaters. There have been but three secretaries of Agriculture, three secretaries of Commerce, three secretaries of the Interior, three of Labor.

Of course, the President acted in accord with tradition when he ousted most of the Roosevelt cabinet. A chief executive is expected to surround himself with men of his own choosing.

TOUGH GAME

Yet, no one quite imagined when he did this that he was opening the gates to a flood. He's fixed it, but his full cabinet is about as tough a parlor game you can play.

When the Internal Revenue scandals were at their peak last year, there were a lot of demands for the resignation of Secretary of the Treasury John Snyder. But he wouldn't quit. If he had, he would have had to yield up his honors. For though he shares with Postmaster General Donaldson the rare distinction of having been the sole Truman appointee to his job, Snyder has more oak leaf clusters on his chest. He's manned his post almost from the start.

In later years, not only the historians but the psychologists may be keenly interested to learn what peculiar qualities Snyder possessed that enabled him to stay in there fighting while his colleagues were dropping like flies.

Death Ends Fine Health Record

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) — John A. Newberry, interviewed on his 85th birthday April 3 at the Iron Works he had operated here since 1900, said he couldn't remember ever having had to stay away from work because of illness.

He fell ill the next day, and was taken to a hospital.

He died Tuesday.

OSC HONOR

TUCSON (AP) — John Swarthout of Oregon State College, is the new vice president of the Western Political Science Association.

Truce Talks Still Bugged

MUNSAN (AP) — Korean truce supervision negotiators took only 20 seconds Wednesday to decide they had nothing to say on their double-barreled deadlock.

The delegates exchanged only 27 words. They agreed to meet again Thursday. In the past six sessions, they have met for a total of only four minutes and 20 seconds.

The two sides are locked over the nomination of Russia as a neutral truce observer and the Allied demand for a ban on the rebuilding of military airfields during an armistice.

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Bible Causes Bomb Fright

BERLIN (AP) — Bomb experts mysteriously unraveled Wednesday a mysterious package sent to the Allied war crimes prison at Spandau and found a two pound Bible inside.

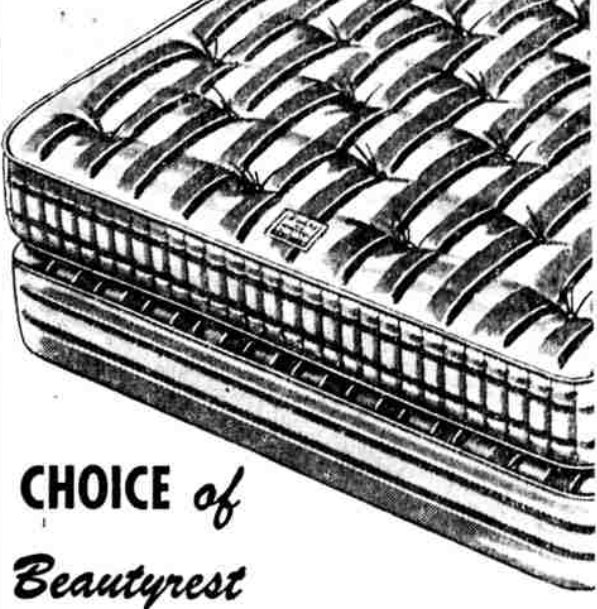
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