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Two Reasons, Both Vital

VICE PRESIDENT NIXON gave the mayors of our cities, meeting in convention in New York, a cue to the future they would be wise to accept. It is the same cue President Eisenhower gave the governors at the meeting in Williamsburg last June.

The Vice President gave two reasons, both valid: That the Government's spending for national security, "for many years to come," will have top priority on the Federal taxpayer's dollar. There won't be enough left for so many "grants-in-aid" to the states and municipalities.

And the public, as Mr. Nixon recognized, is increasingly hep to a simple fact in arithmetic: That every time Washington returns a dollar in so-called "aid" to a city, it is a dollar extracted from the same city's own taxpayers—less a handling charge for Washington's bureaucracy.

Footnote to Amerasia: MORE THAN 12 YEARS AGO, FBI agents raided an obscure office in New York and gathered evidence which led to the notorious and never fully resolved "Amerasia" case.

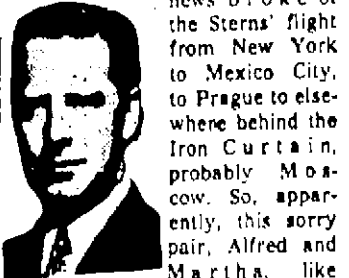
As Maine Goes---: MAINE VOTERS, BY NEARLY TWO TO ONE, have decided to abandon their custom of electing state officials and members of Congress in September, rather than on the standard election day the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

All Too True: AMONG AMERICANS, there is a clique which dotes on the British humor magazine, Punch. There are others who do not think the magazine is as funny as reputed—possibly because they don't cotton to British-style humor.

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Sorry Pair Had Nasty Red Links

By WESTBROOK PEGLER: NEW YORK. — Some Chicago friends of Alfred Stern exploded into print with expressions of shock and disbelief when the news broke of the Sterns' flight from New York to Mexico City, to Prague to elsewhere behind the Iron Curtain.



It is a professional habit, and a weakness of our journalism, to report spot news and neglect verified "background" material. Such material in this case would apprise the people of the nasty quality of a whole tangle of "ingrate renegades."

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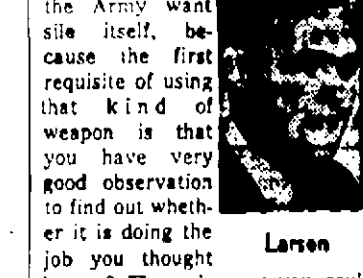
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The Great Missile Hassle

Even Ike's Word Isn't Final in This Wrangle: Third of a series. By DOUGLAS LARSEN: WASHINGTON. — At his press conference of May 8, 1952, President Eisenhower made the following statement: "Why would a 1500-mile missile itself, because the first requisite of using that kind of weapon is that you have very good observation to find out whether it is doing the job you thought it was? The only way you could find out would be with an Air Force that could penetrate at least 1500 miles into the enemy territory; and that puts you right business."



TELEMETRIC INSTRUMENTS, transmitting information from the missile in flight back to the launching site, would indicate the rocket was on course and reduce the need for post-strike observation. One nuclear-armed missile fired on course would equal one target scratched from the list.

AND THE ARMY would have the main job in taking or holding ground from which the IRBM would be launched—or so goes the Army argument. One side-issue to the Army-Air Force missile controversy has received little attention so far—but it may give the new Defense Secretary the most trouble of all. It revolves around the methods the two services use in developing and building missiles.

The Air Force relies on private industry—the large aircraft companies. The Army uses a combination of private industry and its own Ordnance Arsenal which for many years have developed most Army weapons and equipment.

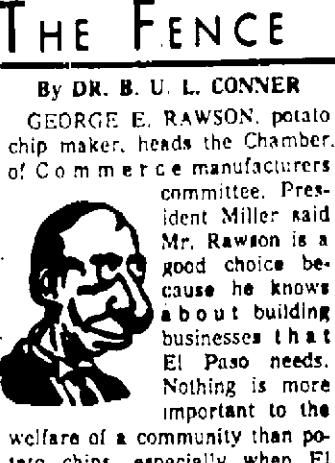
A "SPACE PLATFORM" would be the ideal observation post. Missile or space platform reconnaissance would be supplemented by intelligence agents and other G-2 methods. But the Army concedes it must make many improvements in battlefield reconnaissance and target acquisition.

Tomorrow: Can missiles kill bombers? The Foreign Scene: German Reunification Farther Off Than Ever. By LUDEWILL DENNY: Bonn. — The biggest issue in next Sunday's German election isphony. It is reunification of this nation, which Russia prevents by holding East Germany as a satellite. Opposition parties charge that, after eight years of Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's administration, reunification is farther away than ever. This is true. But it won't keep Adenauer from polling a plurality next Sunday.

2. Opposition parties are unable to explain to voters precisely what they would do to speed reunification. Indeed the socialists — the largest opposition party — discovered that their original proposal for withdrawing from Nato as demanded by Russia was so unpopular now that they had to back out. Socialist Leader Erich Ollenhauer now says West Germany should stay in Nato until after reunification on democratic terms. This is not much different from the Adenauer position.

3. West German voters are not really much interested in reunification despite the lip service they give to this patriotic demand. This does not jibe with the fierce Teutonic tradition or even with normal national pride. Nevertheless, it is a fact that most West Germans today, including many of the 11,000,000 refugees from the East, do not care enough to make personal sacrifices for reunification. Many actually prefer the present division.

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The feeling of lassitude that assailed me about 11:30 a. m. and again after lunch was overwhelming at first. But, as Messel promised, it is getting easier, though I doubt whether I can get my physiology tuned to less than five hours' sleep a night. Getting your sleep down is like getting your weight down. You need will power at first to overcome the "withdrawal symptoms." But both bring their reward in well-being and extra life.