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Freedom Not Inevitable

PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S OPENING address to the Nato conference was keyed to the right theme—the Soviet threat is "formidable but not irresistible."

The President took a position between the extremes of despair and foolish optimism. It was a good place to start, in trying to revive among the Nato nations the confidence which originally inspired their alliance.

He put major emphasis on the peaceful goals of the Free World, its demonstrated will for peace, and the resources available to meet the Soviet challenge.

"This peace we seek will not be had for nothing," the President said. "Indeed, its price will be high. But it need not dismay us. Our free people possess ample resources wherewith to meet every threat."

"The only question is, will we do so? Will we, in freedom, pay the price necessary to preserve freedom?"

Those questions have haunted the Free World ever since Sputnik awakened it not only to Soviet power but also to the Free World's shortcomings and complacency.

Maybe the most important nation of the President's address was his appeal to all Nato nations, including the United States, to rid themselves of "certain false habits of thought"—the wishful thinking of the past.

—That our free system is inherently more productive in all fields than Soviet totalitarianism.

—That time is always on our side regardless of how we waste it.

—That free sovereign nations "can each lead a separate, selfish national life" without regard for others.

—That the "triumph of freedom over despotism is inevitable."

The first job is to forget those false ideas and resolutely face the forces arrayed against us.

If freedom is to triumph—as it must—then, as the President warned, free men everywhere must recognize this truth:

"It takes a lot of hard work and sacrifice by a lot of people to bring about the inevitable."

Postal Subsidies

THE POST OFFICE DEFICIT IS "an intolerable burden," says Senator Carl Hayden of Arizona. Unlike some other members of Congress, he wants to do something about it. He wants to raise rates.

The Post Office deficit since 1946 is more than \$5 billion. It is borrowed money, of course, and costs the taxpayers \$150 million a year for interest.

The main revenues of Post Office subsidies are magazines, newspapers, advertisers by mail, and the "junk mail" of samples and circulars.

To illustrate what the subsidies amount to, one magazine publisher said the proposed higher rates would cost him \$1,231,000 a year. The rate for magazines, newspapers and other second class mail would be raised 15 per cent each year for four years.

Life magazine took two full pages to tell how it does its mailing, and how it really is an asset not a liability to the Post Office. Baloney!

Life delivers its copies to railroad cars, it says. Who doesn't? Virtually every magazine and newspaper does. In fact, people have been dropping their letters through the slot in the mail car for a century or more.

Life doesn't like subsidies, certainly for one for cotton farmers. "If enough Americans squawk something will be done to stop this silly business," editorialized Life.

Life has a circulation of 6 million. About 5 million of that goes through the mails. It costs the Post Office 16 cents to handle a copy. Postage is 5 1/2 cents. The net loss per copy is 10 1/2 cents. Those figures are for one of the smaller issues.

The loss to the Post Office and the subsidy to Life was \$500,000 that week.

"If enough Americans squawk, something will be done to stop this silly business," as Life said. It is silly.

Magazines and newspapers got postal subsidies of \$126 million last year.

So let's squawk, Americans. Let's get this load off the people's backs. Let magazines and newspapers pay their own way.

If they can't, they should die.

Who's Boss?

ANYONE WHO THOUGHT THAT the Soviet Sputniks would give the Armed Services second thoughts about their bitter rivalries has another guess coming.

More than a month ago Defense Secretary McElroy announced that he was creating a new advanced research project agency to handle development of such new weapons of the future as space ships, satellites, anti-missile missiles, etc. He said the science of astronautics will be taken out of the hands of the three services and placed with civilians in the Defense Department.

But Mr. McElroy is discovering that the Pentagon is hard of hearing.

The Air Force, without batting an eyelash and acting as though it had never heard of Mr. McElroy, announced creation of its own "director of astronautics" to "plan organization and manage the Air Force programs in astronautics."

Now Deputy Defense Secretary Quarles says the Air Force acted against his wishes and that it has been asked to delay its move. However the deputy chief of the Air Force, Lieut. Gen. Putter signed and issued the order.

When Secretary McElroy gets home from the Nato conference in Paris it will be his turn to speak up—and his chance to show who's boss at the Pentagon. Maybe some of our Air Force generals have been around too long.

Washington police report serious crime in the capital has risen 17 per cent and Congress doesn't reconvene until Jan. 7.

Progress report—Drafted scientists and engineers are going to get a break in the Army—no K. P.

Former Nazi General Has U. S. Friends

By ROBERT C. RUARK PALOMAS, Spain. — I did not care much for the Bund boys who ran their own Nazi operation in this country before we were confronted with the painful necessity of knocking off their prancy little idol Hitler. And I am prepared not to care very much for "The Federation of American Citizens of German Descent in the United States of America Inc." either.

I am also prepared not to be wildly enamoured of a Mr. Theodore C. Leuthauser, who describes himself as president on the letterhead and chairman under his signature on the letter I have at hand. This would apply equally to Mr. Harry J. Enk, who calls himself "Voice of the Federation" and any of the other gentlemen from Dr. Austin J. App to Erich Wiehl, who decorate the left-hand column of the letter.

Of the 19 officers who embroider the masthead of this piece of paper with which I have been honored only two come from outside New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Under the hybrid presentation of a flag which is half German, half American it would appear that these lads have started their own Ruhr.

Mein Herr Leuthauser, a New Jersey Jaeger, upholster me for a recent piece I wrote saying that the nomination of a Hitler General Spiedel as head of the Western Alliance Land Forces had aroused something less than enthusiasm in England, which took the bliz, and other countries which had to knock off work long enough to knock-off the Krauts. This was a simple statement of fact.

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But I would be rude enough to say that Von Braun works with his head buried in a bunsen burner, away from public attention, and hence is not a considerable eyesore to a people who lost many of their lives and nearly all of their economy in a battle against a megalomaniac Hitler, his depraved friends and his Jew-killing cohorts. (And I am Irish by the way, although I do not subscribe to the policies of the Irish Republican Army, belong to no Irish associations and have never attended a St. Patrick's Day parade in my life.)

But to put a defeated Nazi general in charge of the European Defense Army is about as sound a step in the face to everybody of any nation who fought Nazis as ever I saw, and it has been commented on bitterly day after day in the press and in private conversation. You don't need any general that bad, especially one that has a clear record of not winning a war.

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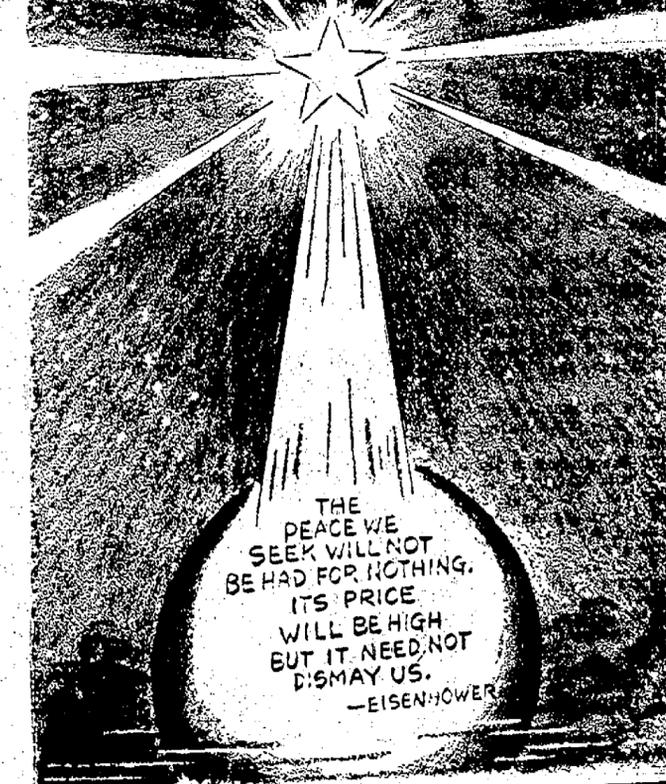
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Barbs

A Christmas Message for All of Us



Thinking Out Loud Let's Excel Soviets, Not Imitate Them

By E. R. GAINS I have just finished digesting "Back to the Three Rs." In the comparison made between the American school system the difference seemed to be that the Soviet system is much better and we should imitate it, even to the point of not allowing a student to choose his own subjects, whether he be 13 years or older.

There seems to be no point in trying to bring our schools up to the level of the Soviet schools at great expense of time, effort and money. All we have to do is wait a few more years and this system will be installed free of charge. If we cannot bring our schools to a higher level than the Soviet system, it would be pointless to change at this late stage of the game.

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THE FENCE

By DR. B. U. L. CONNER MRS. E. J. FRIE of 4114 Trowbridge street is a century plant decorated like a Christmas tree. Which leads us to wonder why we should all have trees from Oregon forests for our Christmas trees. Why not local cactus plants snuck with decorations to match the beauty of cactus flowers?



Such a tree would not wilt and could be left up and used for July 4 decoration by removing all but the red, white and blue.

eral trend of thought seems to be: 1. Let us get a satellite in the air. 2 Let us build an operational intercontinental ballistic missile. Then the field of missiles is closed, finished and completed. It should not require 30 years of schooling for an individual to realize that we are at the Kitty Hawk stage in missiles and rocket-propelled devices.

"I say 'to hell with imitating the Soviet Union, let us excel.'" P. O. Box 67, High Rolls, N. M.

WRITES ABOUT SCHOOLS By Mary Merrill The present day educational system needs a general overhaul job.

Any of today's businesses that had only one answer or solution for all its problems would soon go on the rocks.

Any time there is a problem, a system that isn't working, a method that brings bad results, the school turns to its old mod-eaten solution—more homework.

If a system or method is a complete failure, the school never even knows it. For instance, teaching children to read without teaching them their ABC's. The children don't learn to read that way. So the parents get busy and teach them their ABC's and how to make a word by spelling it.

The same is true of many of the school's other methods. But they go blissfully on, sunk in their ignorance and smugness. Because the kids do learn, they take the credit. But the blame always falls on "not enough homework."

Most parents teach their kids to read. They teach them a lot of their other subjects, too. Just what are we supporting schools and paying, teachers for, anyway?

If a school day isn't long enough to teach the kids in, why isn't it? What's the matter with the system? An adult can make a living for a whole family in an eight-hour day.

Why don't we have some practical people look our school system over? I hear plenty of parents griping to each other about having to teach their kids, themselves, at home. Come on, parents. While the issue is on the fire, air your gripes where they will do some good! If you have some good, constructive ideas, let's hear them.

623 North El Paso Street

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE PATTERSONS? By Louis Gonzalez What happened to Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Patterson of 3000 Piedmont avenue? They vanished from their home the night of March 5. They were due back Dec. 15.

Herald-Post readers are asking this question: "Is it possible for anyone to disappear?" The answer can be summed up in two words: almost impossible.

This answer comes from Daniel M. Eisenberg, president of the Tracers Company of America in New York, which has tracked down over half a million missing people since 1924. He said: "After 32 years of tracing people, I don't think you can get lost easily. The odds are almost impossible against you."

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Side Glances

Water department to enable the City Water Dept to keep abreast of El Paso's expanding water needs was recommended by Consulting Engineer Ashley Classen.

Mayor Dan Ponder said the City will be ready to deliver the third section of Paisano drive right-of-way to the State Highway Department by the Jan. 1 deadline.

Elias Malooly and Miss Anne Coury, operators of four apartment houses, paid a total of \$5688 in out-of-court settlement of a government suit alleging rental overcharges.

Gus Momsen, vice president of Momen-Dunnegan-Ryan Co., has been elected as a member of the Board of Directors of the Abilene & Southern Railway, a subsidiary of the Texas & Pacific.

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Nice thing about the Little Monsters is that you can save their cost in gasoline. El Paso gasoline wholesalers, with the price of regular grade 2.1 cents a gallon more than in any other Texas City, encourage the purchase of the little ones that suck in the gas sparingly.

Questions and Answers

Q—Are more colleges located east or west of the Mississippi River? A—Accredited colleges and universities east of the Mississippi River number twice as many as those to the west.

Q—What was the real name of Erik the Red? A—Eirik Thordarson.

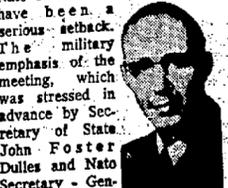
Q—What was the nationality of Rachmaninoff, the composer and pianist? A—Russian. He became an American citizen in the year of his death.

Q—Is there a man-eating tree? A—There is no species of tree that captures and devours human beings and large animals. There are, however, various poisonous trees and certain plants that trap and consume insects.

Q—Have any women ever ruled France? A—France has never had a sovereign queen.

The Foreign Scene Ike's Strategic Retreat Averts Revolt of Allies

By LUDWELL DENNY PARIS, Dec. 17. — President Eisenhower, by a last-minute reversal of strategy, has saved the Nato conference from what could have been a serious setback. The emphasis of the meeting, which was stressed in advance by Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and Nato Secretary General Paul Henri Spaak Saturday, now is being soft-pedaled so its peaceful purposes can be proclaimed.



Denny

The American nuclear defense "suggestions" were presented for discussion, but the President is not requesting a decision here or now.

This can not make the conference the kind of success which had been hoped for. But it at least will avert a revolt against American leadership of the Nato majority, which was threatened as late as Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Eisenhower's strategic retreat is the only way to preserve our reduced prestige and salvage the conference.

The original American plan was to get agreement on stationing atomic stockpiles and medium-range missiles in Europe. Two weeks ago this was modified when it became obvious many members were unwilling. As a compromise, the summit conference then was supposed to agree on new military strategy and weapons but postpone detailed decisions until the March meeting of foreign ministers.

But Washington was grossly underestimating Allied opposition to any firm military commitments now. Not until the President and Dulles had long talks with other major delegations here did they realize the impossibility of pushing through the American plan. Then, after overwhelming pressure to postpone military decisions and stress peaceful purposes, Mr. Eisenhower shifted.

Instead of being isolated, he's now trying to lead a new movement and apparently succeeding. Immediate effect of this is clearer than the final result. While it has "saved" the conference, it's anybody's guess whether it will facilitate later Nato acceptance of American policy. If developments of the past three months are a criterion, much can happen by March—better or worse.

Three developments forecast: postponement of the Nato agreement on nuclear defense—and 1. The split between France and the American-British group over North African and nuclear policy.

2. The Allies' reaction to the failure of the American Sputnik, which seemed to them to symbolize our final rocket inferiority to the Russians.

3. Russia's propaganda "peace" offensive and the flood of Bulganin blackmail notes.

TODAY IS A special day for the father of little girls. He went home from the hospital. He is thin and pale, but his family is rejoicing. They thought for a while he would die.

One day, eight months ago, as was his custom after he finished his regular work day, he rented a truck for a special weekend job to add to his income.

He was carrying a load of furniture when a drunken driver approached on the wrong side of the road. He attempted to pull out of the way on the right hand side, and his truck struck a soft shoulder and turned over once as it crashed into a ditch. The father's hip was broken and he had many other serious injuries. During the months that followed, his wife struggled to support the children. It's been difficult for the girls, too, especially the five older ones who are in school and who have had no new dresses since the accident. Every dress has been worn thin. When one child outgrows a garment, it is passed down the line.

The little girls are Luz, 14; Alicia, 10; Josefa, 8; Cecilia, 8; Anita, 6 and Juana, 3.

New dresses for these little girls will bring joy, not only to the children, but to their tired mother and sick father.

They are on our lists for new dresses. But they are depending on you, the readers of Side-Bar Remarks, for help.

Your checks or cash, sent to The Herald-Post Christmas Dress Fund, in care of the Herald-Post, will buy new dresses for the six little sisters and other poor girls like them.

We will buy the dresses with your money and see that Santa delivers them in time for Christmas.

Our fund rose by \$99 today, and Susan Payne, who was The Herald-Post's Southwestern Spelling Champion in 1955, and her brother Bill, also a good speller, picked out two pretty dresses for the poor little girls at Tot's Toggery where Owner Al Ramey keeps a list of poor little girls for us.

Mrs. D. E. Waters of 2221 North Stanton street, brought seven dresses and two pretty skirts which we made for our girls.

Thank you, kind readers.

Auto Boys Have Hard Month

By E. M. POOLEY THE AUTO BOYS had a hard time last month. They sold 585 new cars, but that was less than the 10-month average of 627. They were worth \$1,872,000.

The boys had quite a job. They had to get rid of 1957 models and introduce the 1958s. Maybe there have been years with as many leftovers as 1957, but I can't remember one. There are still some on hand, and they are good buys.

The sales for November brought the 11-month total to 6855 worth \$21,836,000. Maybe December will bring a year's total of 7500, a nice round figure, easy to remember.

One event of the month was the arrival of a Cadillac Brougham (pronounced broom) which was priced at a modest \$13,335. Many looked at it but none has bought as yet.

Ford kept its lead, but it was cut down because in November Chevrolet sold 176 to its 160. Totals for 11 months are 1847 and 1732.

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