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These Days



By **Sokolsky**

THE POSITION OF EISENHOWER

Mr. Deane Is Right

Ordinarily, The Record has very little use and very little respect for Representative C. B. Deane as a congressman.

He's a very likeable fellow, personally, a Christian gentleman, and no doubt is a well-meaning individual, but he's so liberal and leans so far to the left that he might be considered dangerous to the free, democratic processes of America.

We regard all liberals as dangerous and Mr. Deane, by every standard, is extremely liberal.

But Representative Deane is exactly right in opposing the location of a new \$30,000,000 Troop Carrier airport base between Raleigh and Durham.

Mr. Deane points out that the government already owns bases at Laurinburg-Maxton and at Goldsboro, valued at about \$20 million each. Neither of these fields are being used and could be put into use at only a fraction of the cost it will require to establish the new base.

He says to put the base at Raleigh would be utterly ridiculous and we agree with him.

Representative F. Ertle Carlyle of our own district has joined with Representative Deane in the fight, and we hope they're successful.

It seems that only those citizens in the Raleigh-Durham area think establishments of the airport in that location would be a good thing. Disinterested, unselfish citizens who have economy and the interest of their country and the taxpayer at heart agree that such a move would be foolish.

We hope that Congressman Deane and Congressman Carlyle will raise such a howl that the Air Force will retreat in great haste and locate the airport elsewhere.

But Jonathan Danjels' influence at the White House will no doubt win out and the taxpayers will lose.

It Says Here
by **Bob Hope**

Look who's talking!
Phone company engineers say it won't be long before they perfect a device which will enable people talking on the phone to see each other.

This will put an end to blind dates. . . . But will let us see who's been listening in on the party line all these years.

It may boost the sales of women's clothes and cosmetics. I can see a housewife getting all dolled up explaining: "I'm expecting a phone call."

And it'll make things tough for practical jokery who call up at three in the morning and say, "Guess who this is?"

When an employee calls his boss to tell him he's sick and won't be in to work that day, the boss will say: "Then why are you dressed up in golf togs?"

But most important of all it will help the phone company to keep its books in order. Picture the phone company auditor calling a delinquent subscriber and saying: "Now look me right in the eye and tell me why you still haven't paid last month's bill?"

This invention may even make for friendlier relations in Washington. It'll be the first time rival politicians will be able to see eye to eye.

Mister Breger



By **Sokolsky**

"I wish you'd stop tellin' people I'm a model husband—the dictionary says 'Model: small-sized imitation of the real thing . . .'"

Little Old NEW YORK
By **ED BULLIVAN**

COAST-TO-COAST
Colorado Gov. Dan Thornton planing top eastern newspapermen to Denver, June 30, for opening of the state's famed Central City opera festival. Plus a trout fishing trip to his ranch at Gunnison, topped off by a fish fry and buffalo barbecue, and then golf at Broadmoor Hotel (all part of the state's 75th anniversary) . . . Specialists trying to save famed artist-author Wyndham Lewis' eyesight. . . . Pat Knight filing for a Nevada divorce from Cornel Wilde . . . Brooklyn merchants already making World Series plans! . . . Kay Kysler into politics in North Carolina. . . . Paul Hartman to Paris for a month's vacation before Summer touring "Burlasco." . . . Mimi Benzell, pride of Bridgeport, Conn., challenging all Metropolitan Opera taboos, invaded the supper club and vaudeville circuit. Today, Mimi has her own radio show, just completed her first Decca album, is considering an MGM offer from Joe Pasternack, and has just completed a record date at the Roxy.

"A leader who listens only to those on whom he has bestowed favors will find he has fools for advisors," Jim Farley told the graduating class at St. Anselm's College, discussing the problems of any White House occupant. Explaining his opposition to a third term for FDR, Farley said he feared continuous power in any hands, believed that history had proved he was right. As a warning to Washington, he declared: "We cannot achieve peace and prosperity by spending more than we collect, by mortgaging our future by making citizens dependent upon the Government for livelihood and by pitting class against class." . . . He pictured FDR as a weary, overburdened man at Tehran and Yalta, "where the peace was lost while we were winning the war."

American Way: Elena Nikolaidi, Greek singer, arrived here two years ago, broke, with husband and son. As a result of her concerts, they've just bought an 18-room house in Westchester. . . . Judge Tom Fasso commenting on Ardsley Club's experiment with 6-inch golf cups, says Bowdoin College tried and rejected the idea years ago when Fasso was captain of the golf team. Gene Sarazen, always with an eye to headlines, persuaded Bowdoin to try it. . . . Nat "King" Cole's Capitol platter of "My Brother" comes out next month. Two weeks ago, the author, song plugger Ted Jacoby, died of a heart attack (royalties will go to his mother and dad). . . . London clubs offering top tough to U. S. performers to entertain July and August tourists.

Lionel Barrymore's capsule criticism: "We Barrymores," "I don't know which is the lower class of animal—audiences or critics!" . . . June Talbert and Belgium's Prince Regent Charles, serious. . . . Don Jacobs, advertising exec, trying to get Cottillion singer Jo Sullivan to name of the wedding date. . . . Erich von Stroheim's son, Erich Jr., member of the Signal Corps on Long Island. . . . Senator Kaufman showing an advance copy of his book "Crime in America," which hits the stalls July 15. . . . The Don Cornell's adopting an Italian war orphan. . . . Russell Nype and Didi Bouldin steady dating. . . . Dresden, Ontario, zapped by Canadian papers for practicing Jim Crow (town draws thousands of tourists each year, by advertising itself as "the last resting place of Uncle Tom").

President Truman to attend the VFW convention in New York, August. . . . Ronald Reagan and Nancy Davis serious. . . . The Jan Murray's Christmas present will be a visit from Sir Stork. . . . Mel Torme follows Gloria De Haven into the Versailles. . . . Comdr. Mill Torme flies in from Boston each week to see Jane Dulo at the Blue Angel. . . . "Point of No Return" (Henry Fonda) and "Point of Departure" (Dorothy McGuire), pointing for Broadway this Fall. . . . Zany Alice Pearce considered for the top comedy spot in "Curtain Going Up." . . . Marilyn Carter and Norman Wallace at the Little Club. . . . Car with license number 13-7F cruising along getting the Sumner night air houses Anthony Brady Farrell, the producer. . . . Tin Pan Alley studios, with windows open, adding brass to traffic noises.

Kirk Douglas in "Ace in the Hole" is tougher than Bogie, Windmark, Cagney, Raft and Lancaster put together. . . . Glynis Johns, British film actress, and producer Anthony Darnborough merging in August. . . . Metronome editor George Simon an expectant dad. . . . Ridge Bond of "Oklahoma!" being wooed by several major film firms. . . . Cute romance: 14-year-old Max Bear Jr. and 15-year-old Joan Dempsey, daughter of Jack Dempsey. . . . Bob Mitchum and his wife, Dorothy, may do "The Last Mile" at Cape Dennis this Summer. . . . Mack Sennett's autobiography, "Don't Step on My Dreams," due this Fall. . . . AAF christening bomber "Flyin' Home," Lionel Hampton theme song, at Mitchell Field as tribute to Hamp. . . . Hanson's drugstore, rendezvous for young stage hopefuls, emptying as youngsters leave for strawhat experience.

Stem jammed with pat-of-owners sporting convention badges, barged "delegate" or "guest," Faith Bacon starting a comeback trail. . . . Danny Davis, who threw a javelin against Errol Flynn in a French court, now here as a model. . . . Bob Joseph, producer son of Controller Lazarus Joseph and Nina Foch an item. . . . Judy Garland may star on Broadway in "Meet Me in Manhattan," a sequel to her film, "Meet Me in St. Louis." . . . Former dictator of Hungary, Admiral Nicholas Worthy, due here shortly for a Mayo Clinic check-up. . . . British poet Laureate John Massfield's only play, "Tragedy of Nan," to be exposed at Greenwich Village's Cherry Lane Theatre this Summer. . . . Mata and Hari being sought by Paula Stone for her Phil Silvers musical, "Top Banana."

ATOMIC ENERGY FURTHERS SOIL FERTILITY TESTS
PROSSER, Wash. (AP)—A method of testing soil fertility, so new it has no name, uses radioactive fertilizer in tests being made.

C. O. Stanberry, soil scientist of the Washington State Opllege experiment station, said the method combines the use of radioactivity to determine the amount of fertilizer that a plant can absorb.

Stanberry said the idea was not practical until atomic energy came along.

LADY LIBERTY WELCOME
PLYMOUTH, Ind. (AP)—"It's better than a cannon pointing at my house," was Russell Heider's reaction when told the city planned to install a replica of the Statue of Liberty on the Marshall County Courthouse lawn across the street from his home.

Frederick OTHMAN

WASHINGTON — Wayne Coy, chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, is a conscientious bureaucrat. He always does the best he can, but no matter what he decides he usually manages to make somebody sore.

That's just part of the job. He's been lambasted more than most, but then he's been making decisions about radio and television now for years, and he's used to the snarls. As for being called a bureaucrat, that word to him has no shameful connotations. He's proud of it.

So it was logical that the Senators looking into ethics of Federal officialdom should call upon the pink-faced and youngish Coy as an expert witness. The subject soon turned to food and drink, de luxe and free, for the Big Brass of government.

All over this town you see it; the luncheons with the flower-draped tables; the dinners in the private dining rooms, and the cocktaileroos with a heavy sprinkling of bigwigs. Free loaders, everyone.

Coy couldn't see anything wrong with this. "I have no hesitancy about going to lunch with those being regulated by the FCC," he said. "Nor do I hesitate to have a free drink with them at an appropriate place."

I can't say that the Senators were amazed. They've been known to lap up a little free refreshment, themselves, though a number of them have made speeches lately about the cocktail party being the capital's one great evil. The white-haired Senator Paul Douglas (D. Ill.), onetime university professor and long-time campaigner for cleaner government, had a little story to tell Coy.

"I once talked to an official of the Police Department of one of our big cities," the Senator said. "It was a department with a reputation none-too-illy-white. I asked him, where does the corruption of the police begin?"

"And he said: 'It generally begins with a cigar.'"

That caused Coy to do a little pondering aloud. He was sure his free feeds and free drinks from the radio moguls never influenced any of his decisions. "And yet," he said, "perhaps there is a serious problem here in the over-friendly atmosphere."

Perhaps there is. And let's leave out the perhaps. I'm not talking about Coy, or even his commission, but I'd feel a good deal easier as a taxpayer if all my public servants made a point of paying for their own food and—or whiskey.

One of the problems of the communications commission over the years has been that of many of its leading employees resigning to take jobs in the radio industry. So many of them did this that the Senate finally passed a bill to stop it; the legislation now is being considered by the House.

Coy said he didn't think this was fair. Why single out his agency alone? He also said if Congress wanted to do something about the ethical standards of the hired help, it might raise wages a little. Take his own case. "Until last December I was paid \$10,000 a year," he said. "I live and educate my children, I had to spend \$12,000 of my savings. Now I'm within \$8,000 of exhausting my own resources."

"Your pay now is what?" inquired Sen. Douglas.

"It is \$15,000 a year and it still does not meet my expenses," Coy replied. "And the law says I can have no other business. Ridiculous."

Maybe. Maybe not.

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BUIES CREEK NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. T. V. Davis of Jamesville are spending a while with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Wilkins and son Tommy of Lillington and Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Stewart and son Ed of Bule's Creek, spent the week end at Carolina Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Matthews and family spent the week end at Wrightsville beach. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Hotchis in Wilmington.

Mrs. Guy Hunin and small son Steve drove down from Rocky Mount Monday to attend the funeral of L. D. Forbes. They will stay over to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Farrell, for a few days.

Miss Nancy Marshbanks and Miss Sue Brown went to Atlantic

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