

LOOKING AT WASHINGTON

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Capper Wants Eisenhower For 1948 GOP Candidate

The political lid for the presidential race in 1948 was lifted, we presume, by the declaration of Senator Capper, Republican of Kansas, who proposed Gen. Eisenhower for the nomination of his party.

The European commander is pictured as "a statesman, a diplomat, a patriot, as well as a soldier" and termed "perhaps the closest to a George Washington we have ever produced in our national history."

While the political parties may turn to the leaders of the recent war for their candidates in the future, we think the suggestion of Senator Capper will prove embarrassing to Gen. Eisenhower, who has just taken office as Chief of Staff. We doubt if he desires to be precipitated into the political arena at this time.

As a general rule our military and naval leaders have not gone in for politics. The reason is not hard to find. The predominant idea of the American people is that they should serve the nation in a non-political capacity, setting themselves somewhat apart in order that their performance of duty may not be suspect because

of partisanship.

We have heard some speculation as to Gen. Marshall, former Chief of Staff, as a candidate for the Presidency but not much has been said about air or naval leaders. It may be readily admitted that both Gen. Eisenhower and Gen. Marshall possess unusual ability and that they have exhibited superior qualities of leadership but, so far, little is known of their views on political issues.

To Test Atomic Bombs On Obsolete U. S. Warships

The test of the newly discovered atomic bomb upon obsolete American naval vessels will give us an idea of the destructive power of the devastating force at sea.

It is a smart move to make such an experiment. Every nation will eagerly watch for the great event, destined to reveal the possibility that warships are outmoded by the powerful explosive and disintegrating power of the atomic bomb.

Obviously, the warships used will be subjected to direct hits, without any attempt to set up a defense or to employ evasive tactics. Consequently, the bombing will not be exactly like what would happen in real warfare, but there is a distinct chance that valuable information will be obtained.

Foreign Ministers Face Task Of Seeking Unity

It is very important that the foreign ministers of the three big nations get together, if possible, on world affairs but we must not lose sight of the fact that agreement can be blocked by one nation.

Admittedly the United States and Great Britain have pulled close together in recent months while the drift from Russia has been pronounced. This does not mean, in our opinion, that the English-speaking peoples should give up everything in order to have amity and kind words

from Russia.

We have always expressed our sympathy with the development of freedom inside the Soviet and the belief that the Russians will work for peace. However, it is possible that the way to a permanent understanding and a just settlement of vexatious questions requires that there be some differences of opinion at this time.

It may be, although we doubt it, that the Russians have decided upon a nationalistic, isolationist and imperialistic program. If so, there is nothing that the United States and Great Britain can do in the way of reconciling divergent views and it will be up to the Russians to show their hand. This might lead to a clash between the three powers, which would be bad, but not as bad as the abject surrender of democratic ideals to the Soviet.

U. S. Senators Deserve Thanks Of Americans

The United States Senate, by a 65-7 vote, passed legislation to authorize full active participation by the United States in the United Nations Organization.

It is interesting to observe that the San Francisco Charter was ratified 89-2 last July. The opposition, therefore, increased by five votes and the advocates of international cooperation dropped 24 votes. Just why only 72 Senators voted is not clear.

The final showdown came when the Senators defeated 65-9 an amendment to require the President to obtain specific Congressional authorization before he could use American armed forces to carry out a mandate of the Security Council in an effort to halt aggression or maintain peace.

The vote in the Senate indicates that opponents of international cooperation have not gained many adherents, although it appears that their attack has lessened the ardor of some Senators to support our participation in the United Nations Organization. Nothing else explains the 24 Senators who voted for the San Francisco Charter ratification but have failed to support the bill to implement our cooperation.

Leaders Expected Japan To Start War In 1941

The Congressional committee investigating the Pearl Harbor disaster has developed the fact that President Roosevelt, eleven days before the sneak attack, warned our High Commissioner to the Philippines that a Japanese aggressive movement was taking form and that it might "cause an outbreak of hostilities between the United States and Japan."

In addition, the committee has an affidavit from General MacArthur, dated May, 1945, stating that the War Department sent him "ample information" before December 7th for alerting his Philippine command on a "war basis." In addition, the Philippine commander stated that he received, through the Navy, some of the intercepted Japanese communications, which, as a matter of security, were not given to commanders in Hawaii.

Says U. S. Must Sell Its Objectives Abroad

While "Americans know that our international policy is based on the same democratic principles on which our country was founded and is neither one of economic or political imperialism," Ambassador Jefferson Caffery, now stationed at Paris, points out that this is not always recognized in foreign countries.

Mr. Caffery suggests that "we must not assume that other people take this for granted" and we must "work constantly to see that our real aims and objectives are understood." This is a timely utterance, indicating the basic task before the diplomats who represent this nation abroad.

In fact, it is the fundamental purpose of diplomacy, if nations want peace. Every nation's motives are suspected by the people of other lands, who can only judge policies by incidents and events which affect them. Therefore, in the interest of peace, it is essential that there be no failure to promulgate the principles upon which this nation depends.

If the effort is to succeed there must be evidence in facts and deeds to support the protestation of ideals and principles. Mere words will not accomplish the task.

Past Events Demonstrate Democracies Slow To Arm

Ernest Bevin, Foreign Minister of Great Britain, who recently advocated a world assembly of elected representatives from cooperating nations, now suggests that the "common man" be allowed to vote in the "world parliament" on whether he wanted to go to war.

The idea is theoretically sound and will become established at some future date but until world conditions change considerably it is dangerous. As we have repeatedly said, the peril of a democracy is not that it will make aggressive warfare but that its people will fail to sense approaching danger from aggressors.

Let us consider the United States and the course of this nation when the Axis powers were patently lining up for world conquest. It may be assumed, we think, that the average intelligence in this country will measure up to the average of the various constituencies that Mr. Bevin would let vote on whether to go to war.

What happened in this country? Well, the air was filled with the clamor of those who were against all preparedness because "nobody would attack the United States." The clamor of partisans of the various European factions drowned out the counsel of wise men who saw a threat to this nation. The situation was further mud-

died by well-meaning religious and educational leaders who were pacifists, first, last and all the time, and ready to disarm despite the increasing arming of others.

Would the people of the United States, prior to Pearl Harbor, have voted for adequate national defense, if it involved compulsory military training, higher taxes for armament and inconvenience as they gave up peace-time goods? Frankly, we have our doubts. The vote of Congress, one month before Pearl Harbor, when only one vote saved the draft act, illustrates the point.

No intelligent man who reads the stories that come from Nuernburg can doubt the intention of Hitler and his stooges as to world conquest, nor the brutality which they were willing to use upon helpless people to control the earth. That the program included an eventual attack upon this country is plain, as of today, but not many of our political leaders saw it clearly.

Let us consider what is going on in the world today. Having won a great war, the Allied powers face certain onerous duties in connection with making permanent the gains of their triumph. This requires the policing of enemy countries, the maintenance of order throughout the world and the erection of safeguards against new aggressions.

What is the attitude of the average American? It is to get his boy home, to have every peace-time convenience and to forget the responsibility that cannot be ignored without inviting another conflagration. If the people voted today on the question of drafting soldiers for service in Japan and Germany, how do you think the balloting would result?

SNOW HILL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Gregory of Woodville, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Moody Harrell on Tuesday.

Mrs. Wallie Knight and daughters of Norfolk spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wood here.

Mr. and Mrs. James W. Harrell and family spent a few days this week with Mr. and Mrs. Z. V. Harrell at Eure.

Pvt. Will H. Hoffer, Jr., of Kansas arrived on Sunday to spend some time with his wife, the former Ida Perry Mathews.

Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Earellift, Alton, and Westworth Earellift all of Nixonton spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Harrell.

Mrs. Bessie Nurney and Miss Elizabeth Nurney of Washington, D. C., are spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Benton.

WHITE HAT CLUB MEETS WITH MRS. JORDAN

The Snow Hill White Hat Home Demonstration Club met on Tuesday night with Mrs. George Jordan with Mrs. Ashley Jordan as assistant hostess.

Mrs. Jordan had charge of the business session during which time officers for 1946 were elected. President, Mrs. Elmer Wood, vice-president, Mrs. Raymond Eure, secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Edward Benton.

Miss Maness read a very interesting story "Why The Chimes Rang."

Several contests were then enjoyed by all. The hostess served ice cream, cake and candies to the following: Mesdames Marvin Benton, J. B. Eure, J. W. Overton, George Sutton, Elmer Wood, John Elmer Wood, Seth Long, Ralph Harrell, W. M. Mathews, Will Hoffer, Freeman Umphlett, Ashby Jordan, E. D. Mathews, Floyd Mathews, Edward Benton, Will Everett, George Jordan, and Miss Frances Maness.

The January meeting will be held with Mrs. Floyd Mathews.

MR. AND MRS. EURE ENTERTAIN GUEST

Mr. and Mrs. George Eure of Route Three entertained at a delicious turkey supper with all of the trimmings on Sunday evening at their home. Those enjoying the occasion were: Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wood and baby of Elizabeth City, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Winslow and son of Hertford, Mr. and Mrs. William Henry Cartwright and daughter of Woodville, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Harrell, Ronald Harrell, Mr. and Mrs. Moody Harrell, Carolyn Dean and Marion Harrell, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Cartwright, Lucille Cartwright, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cartwright, Mr. and Mrs. Odell Cartwright, Dottie Cartwright, Mr. and Mrs. Mason Sawyer, Bobbie, Martin and Peggy Sawyer, all of Route 3, and Miss Maxine Harrell of Norfolk.

BELVIDERE NEWS

Miss Pauline Smith, student at Louisburg College, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Smith.

The Rev. and Mrs. B. H. Millikan were dinner guests in the home of Dr. E. S. White Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Smith were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Smith, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Byrum and children, Don and Sandra of Norfolk were week-end guests of her father, E. L. Chappell.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Copeland are visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Copeland of Washington, D. C.

Misses Blanche and Dixie Chappell of Norfolk spent the holidays with their mother, Mrs. Maud Chappell.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. White and son, Joy of Norfolk, Mrs. H. P. White, Mrs. Ester Copeland and son, Ralford

and Miss Catherine White were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Winslow Christmas Day.

Mrs. Dorothy Hobbs of Jackson was the week-end guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. White.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Kendall, Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Smith of Washington, D. C., left Tuesday after a few days visit with Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Chappell, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Ward, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Rogerson, Jr., and daughter, Carolyn were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Rogerson Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Emory Rountree and children, Nancy and Novella of Sunbury, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Blanchard and daughter, Kathleen of Hertford spent Christmas day as guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. White.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Chappell and family were dinner guests in the home of E. L. Chappell Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Vivian White and family of Fayetteville, Mr. and Mrs. Lindsey Winslow and family of Hertford, Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Winslow and family, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin White and family were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. White Christmas day.

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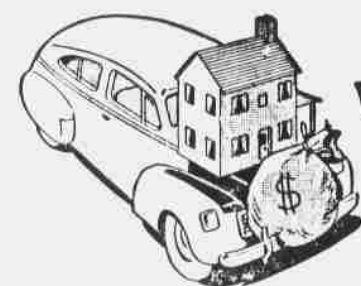
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